



WILD TURKEY WILD RIDE!



Wild Turkey Regatta Photo Bruce McDonald

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**Tony Slowik Winner of Roadrunner Regatta
and Number One Opti Sailor in Texas**

Photo by Bill Records

From The Commodore by Wade Bingaman



With the year coming to an end, here are a few odds and ends:

The Annual Membership Meeting and the Annual Banquet will be covered in detail in next month's issue, but I thought you should know the line up for next year's Board. It's a great group:

Bill Records – Commodore

Annie Lancaster – Vice Commodore

Wade Bingaman – Past Commodore

Jim Casto – Race Commander

Dane Ohe – Harbor Commander

Karen Bogisch – Secretary

Diane Covert – Building and Grounds

Carolyn Wilsford – Sail Training Commander

David Morley – Treasurer

Many thanks to the volunteers who have covered the office in Jackie's absence – **Doug Laws, Carolyn Wilsford, Fred Ford, Annie Lancaster, Candace Miller, Linda McDavitt, Steve Ward, Kelly Hawk, John Grzinich, Molly Lewis, and Carolyn Howard.** (My apologies if I have forgotten someone.) These members have performed a very important job in the Club's time of need. They all have learned more and more about running the office, so that now, in the role, they serve the membership very well. Thanks again.

Sailing is still going strong at the Club. The Roadrunner Regatta was successful and gigantic as usual. Wild Turkey Regatta was also a lot of fun with strong winds. You can read the details of these events in this issue of the Telltale. I'll just say thanks to the Regatta Chairs and the sailors who participated for keeping the Club a happening place.

I am once again asking all members to keep an eye out for non-members on our Club grounds without a member accompanying them. We want to stay a friendly place to enjoy the lake, but reoccurring incidents of vandalism and trespassing have necessitated all of us being on the alert.

Vice Commodore Report by Bill Records



At the beginning of 2017, we set lofty goals for regattas at AYC. The idea was to make them more fun by paying attention to the essentials, i.e. good race committee work, good food and entertainment, quality trophies and affordable costs (lowered registration fee of Governor's Cup).

Starting the planning early really helped, as all of the chairs were appointed in January. The regatta chairs did a fabulous job, resulting in very successful regattas.

Governor's Cup Regatta

Karen Bogisch, regatta chair, put together a great team of volunteers. A decision was made to move the event to April (cooler, better wind than September) We had three fleets piggyback their circuits on our regatta (J70, Sunfish, and Centerboard). Food service was brought in house. **Bill Benker** cooked great barbecue and entertainment was provided by multiple bands for a small fee. A group of volunteers assembled trophies featuring Texas flags. We were blessed with wind, 15 to 30 knots, resulting in a very successful and profitable regatta.

Turnback Canyon Regatta

Diane Covert chaired for the second year and pulled off another success. This was the second year in awhile that we made the complete sail to Lago Vista and what a weekend it was. The anchorage was fine and the food and entertainment were first class. Trophies were soft sided coolers which everyone loved.

Centerboard Regatta

Kevin Reynolds, regatta chair, ran a great event, which had a lot of out-of-town yacht clubs represented. Again we went in-house for food, prepared by the Roadrunners under the direction of **Constance Heitkoetter**. The wind was a little light, but everyone had a good time. For next year we are considering late October for the regatta.

Roadrunner Regatta

Mary Carew and Jeff Brock served as regatta co-chairs along with a huge number of volunteers. This regatta is always a TSA youth circuit regatta and over a hundred kids descend on AYC. As such, this takes an immense effort to pull off and the Roadrunners always meet the challenge. Great job Roadrunners for another winner!

My year serving as your vice commodore was very rewarding and I was amazed at the amount of selfless volunteerism that makes our Club special. I hope that I can thank everyone personally who helped make our regattas successful.

Race Commander Report by Ed Taylor



The following are results for the Fall Series and Wild Turkey Regatta.

Both events were successful, with the Fall Series better attended than the Wild Turkey Regatta due to high winds and a lesser than usual number of intrepid skippers participating in the latter.

FALL SERIES RESULTS

PHRF A	1st 2nd 3rd	Speed Racer Flyer Poncho & Lefty	John Bartlett Ray Shull Pat Hitchins
PHRF B	1st 2nd 3rd	81 1927 Aphaia	Andrea Lesh John Maddalozzo Dane Ohe
PHRF C	1st 2nd 3rd	Etheos Café au Lait Three Hour Crewz	Jim Pearce Bill Records Chris Thompson
J/22	1st 2nd 3rd	Project Mayhem Caledonia Bonfire	John Halter Gordon Miller Linda McDavitt
J/24	1st 2nd 3rd	Vang Go 2380 Blue Jay	Stuart Juengst David Broadway Doichin Tzolov
Ensign	1st 2nd 3rd	Styf Kop Dos Locos 1770	George Dahmen Lewis Price Randolph Bertin
South Coast 21	1st 2nd 3rd	Gone Coastal WT 149	Tom Meyer Bob Musselman Heath Phillips
Multihull 1	1st 2nd 3rd	Blind Squirrel Swallow 461	Felipe Payet J Kuc Jim Casto
Catalina 22	1st 2nd 3rd	Dry Heave Coyoacan Arrgh!	John Grzinich James Denny Brian Grothues

Awards are available for pickup at the Club.



Fall Series Photos *Bill Records*

WILD TURKEY REGATTA RESULTS

PHRF A	1st 2nd 3rd	Speed Racer Chupacabra Ornery	John Bartlett John Parker John Maddalozzo
PHRF B	1st 2nd 3rd	Caveat Café au Lait 1022	Dave Wahlberg Bill Records Jeff Avant

Building and Grounds Report

by Chris Thompson



Another event-packed year has sped by. It was my goal in this position to leave things better than when I arrived. Although a dramatic increase in my "real job" work projects this year (a very good thing) pulled me away from AYC more than I would have liked, we still made some excellent improvements this year as well as many necessary repairs. One thing you take away from this position is that there will always be more to do and unknown repairs or

improvements that can (or must) be done. While there are a few items still in progress, I am pleased with the state of the Club's infrastructure I pass on to my predecessor.

I've put together a table of the projects completed, pending or planned

to use as a road map to help keep track of these projects. I'm sure I've overlooked something so send me an email so we can get it on the list for future attention. I look forward to assisting the new B&G Commander in maintaining the momentum that we have built in both repairing our aging facility and implementing capital improvements to make our Club an even nicer place than it already is. We have already met to begin the handoff and have lined up some very capable volunteers to assist on the committee for next year.

Thanks to all the volunteers, staff (we have a pretty awesome staff so tell them Thanks), and Board for your support and assistance. I'd especially like to thank **Danny Lien**, **Tom Groll** for dealing with the oak wilt issue; **Frans Dahmen** for assisting with the office remodel; **Ed Taylor** and his trusty assistant **Tom** for the excellent work on the front sign; my committee members **Diane Covert** (who is taking the reins after a great job on the office remodel), **Mark Zion**, and **Harry Polly**. I'd also like to thank the volunteers for the six volunteer "work parties" we conducted this year (see below).

STATUS	ITEM	DESCRIPTION
Complete	Office remodel	New layout replaced carpet, repainted, new furniture
Complete	Oak wilt remediation	Removal of trees, trenching and treatment
Complete	Replace LP gas line	Replace LP gas line to provide pressure for new water heaters - pending trench work
Complete	Cabin, office and barn roofs	All shingle roofs replaced plus barn with partial insurance funding
Complete	New IP based phone system	Programming and conversion underway
Complete	Point sign	Install aluminum sign on existing sign
Complete	Front sign	Multi-layer lighted metal sign - LED lighting installation pending
Complete	Bath house paint walls	Paint walls and install new hangers
Complete	Bath house tile showers	Fully tiled showers and major drain re-plumbing
Complete	Bath house ceiling tiles	New waterproof durable plastic
Complete	Bath house replace fixtures	New counters and plumbing fixtures, add full length mirror for women's shower, estimate for urinals and plumbing available for budgeting
Complete	Bath house replace partitions	Urinal partitions to be installed soon. Added magnetic white message boards
Complete	Major appliance and equipment replacements, general infrastructure maintenance	New backflow preventer for the water system, AC compressor for clubhouse, refrigerator for social committee, ceiling in cabin, pool pump and light, general electrical and plumbing repairs, new ladders and 12 ft stairs for work area, tree trimming and removal, shoreline and ground cleanup
Pending	Replace lighting in bath house	Replace with LED, fixtures in storage
Pending	Message boards and old front sign	Install new message boards and AYC legacy sign on clubhouse wall
Estimated	Water fountain and sink for downstairs	KHF has agreed to help fund hardware
Estimated	Pool and stair railing repairs and modifications	Pool railing will be incorporated with the new shade cover, estimates for hand rails and fencing are available for future budgeting
Estimated	Clubhouse siding	Repair over siding damage from woodpecker on east wall
Planning	Paint sail training pavilion	Future volunteer project
Planning	Pavement maintenance	Long range plan for repairs and ongoing maintenance
Planning	Replace water line on west side of property	Lines are mapped, major trenching required
Planning	Lighting for playground and south parking areas	Install pole and trench for wiring or use solar

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Volunteers for 2017 Work Sessions – please thank these people for helping keep AYC the great place it is. This list (36 people) is less than 10% of AYC membership. Special thanks to the members who attended more than one session, new members getting your service points, and apologies to anyone forgotten.

January

Molly Lewis
 Julie Chicoine
 James Bland
 Jeff Avant
 John Madalazzo
 Wendy Froelich
 Ben Froelich
 Harry Polly
 Diane Covert
 Mark Zion

February

Julius Heitkoetter
 Molly Lewis
 Wade Bingaman
 John Maddalazzo
 Ed Taylor
 Diane Covert
 Mark Zion
 Harry Polly
 Ravi Subramanian
 Keith Denebeim
 Philippe Bettler
 Chrissy Amato
 Jim Pearce
 Linda McDavitt
 Robert Anderson
 John Grzinich

March

Sea Scouts

June

James Bland
 Charlie Lancaster
 Chris Renner (and his work truck!)
 Lance Stairs
 Ed Taylor
 Keith & Susie Edmiston
 Willis Thorstad
 Debi Haskins
 Brian Wann
 Jeff Avant
 Pete Swallow
 Mark Atkinson

July/August

Seas Scouts
 Boy Scouts

November

James Bland
 Charlie Lancaster
 Lance Stairs
 John Maddalazzo
 Diane Covert
 Mark Zion
 Ravi Subramanian
 Keith Denebeim
 D. Owen Crouse
 Joe Peacock
 Jeremy Peters
 Dallas Grant
 Marcello Pando

Harbor Report

by Joe Roddy



As the sailing season is winding down, so too are our newest stair extensions leading to the wet slip walkway. Lake levels have dropped allowing for more concrete stairs to the docks. Temporary hand rails are in place until the permanent ones are back from the galvanizing process. Please be cautious when using the ramps.

The past year has brought improvements with the new Dock 6 replacement as well as additional improvements in anchoring in the main cove. There will be continued work in the anchoring plan in order to provide safer and more adjustable dock system.

Work continues in the South Cove to reconfigure the Junior Pavilion and south ramp for better access with lowering water levels.

As a reminder, the "Dry out" areas are limited and not meant for long term dry storage. There are dry sail storage spots available on request to the office.

The wait list for wet slips is reasonably short as of this writing. We will continue to be asking for the last six months of participation in order to better establish the priority of these requests.

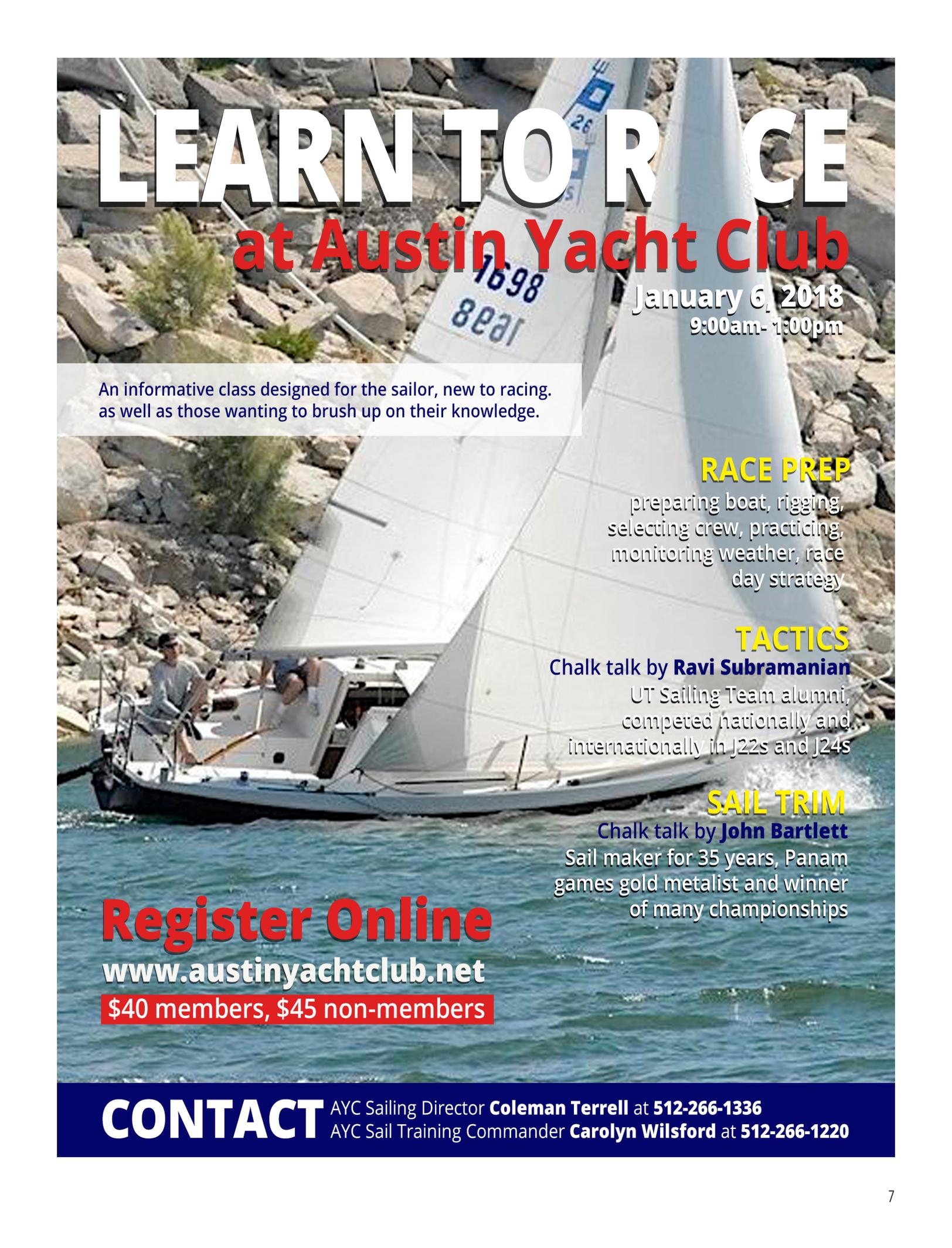
As my tenure comes to a close, I would like to welcome **Dane Ohe** as the new Harbor Commander for 2018/2019.

I would like to thank my fellow AYC members for their support and continued patience through the last few years.

In addition, I would like to thank **John Saunders, Fred Ford, Keith Denebeim, Leon Lance, Wade Bingaman, Tom Groll, Jim Casto, Vic Manning and Rand Forest and the AYC Board** for their advice, council and efforts in the success of the Austin Yacht Club.

I cannot overstate how much I appreciate the AYC staff, **Jackie, Tom and Coleman!** You guys rock!

I am looking forward to seeing you all on the water!



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TACTICS

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UT Sailing Team alumni, competed nationally and internationally in J22s and J24s

SAIL TRIM

Chalk talk by **John Bartlett**

Sail maker for 35 years, Panam games gold medalist and winner of many championships

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CONTACT

AYC Sailing Director **Coleman Terrell** at 512-266-1336

AYC Sail Training Commander **Carolyn Wilsford** at 512-266-1220

Roadrunner Regatta



Jeff Brock and I would like to thank everyone who helped with the Roadrunner Regatta on October 21 and 22. With over 100 competitors in 99 boats, it took a village to ensure that everyone was safe and enjoyed racing. AYC did not disappoint. There were many compliments for the amazing food that was produced all weekend by a team of volunteers led by **Constanze Heitkoetter**. Special thanks go to **Markus Heitkoetter**, **Nan Taylor** and **Krissy Amato** as well as

Andrea Garcia who gave up their entire weekend to ensure everyone had enough healthy and delicious food.

As for racing, after a series of low-wind races, it was so much fun to finish the TSA year with some great wind. Thank you **Jim Casto**, **Vic Manning**, **Barry Bowden** and their **Race Committee** teams for running lots of great races.

Another big thanks to **Stephanie Froelich** for the behind-the-scenes work as well as helping run registration with the help of **Gael Slowik**.

The "patience" award went to **Renee Ruais** who battled technical issues to ensure scoring was complete and accurate. Great job!

Last, but certainly not least we would like to thank for **2017 AYC Board** and **AYC staff** for all their support; we couldn't have done it without you!

The kids did amazing too! **Lucy Brock** and **Julius Heitkoetter** took 1st place in the c420, while **Paige Fowler** and **Taylor Snyder** took 3rd place.

Ethan Froelich finished 1st in Laser Radial with **Andrew Butler** in 6th place and **Eli Ortiz** in 14th.

In Laser 4.7 **Wendi Froelich** finished 4th, **Marcus Tita** was 5th and **Richie Amato** was 9th.

It was great to see some new AYC sailors on the Opti green line including **Alfred Aimard**, **Abbey Amato**, **Sofia Pando** and **Jeremy Sutton**. **Jack Grant** took 2nd place in a large green fleet: an amazing accomplishment!

In Opti RWB, **Tony Slowik** continued his dominance taking 1st overall and in red fleet, **Lucas Tenreiro** took 4th overall (3rd in Blue) while **James Brock** took 7th overall (5th in Blue). Other results in the RWB line included **Fiona Froelich** who was 7th in the Red fleet. **Aidan Krempitz** and **Nicholas Carew** were 11th and 12th respectively in Blue fleet. In the White fleet **Kynes Cabrera** finished 8th; **Katie Froelich** was 11th and **Keen Cabrera** (in his first RWB race) finished 14th.

Great job everyone; you did your home club proud!



Opti Fleet Photos *Bill Records*

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Opti Green Photos Bruce McDonald

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2017 AYC Roadrunners Photo *Bill Records*



Roadrunner Regatta Award Photos *Bruce McDonald*



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Roadrunner Regatta



Roadrunner Regatta Award Photos Bruce McDonald

Wild Turkey Regatta



The forecast for Wild Turkey Regatta appeared to be perfect a few days before the event. A cool front was forecast on Wednesday to arrive late Friday evening, or early Saturday morning, and bring with it north winds between 15 to 20 mph with gusts to 25. The temperature was predicted to remain mild, with highs in the seventies. This appeared to be ideal conditions to end the 2017 racing season on a high note. By Friday around noon, the preregistrations had

approached thirty boats, with several more anticipated to sign up during the Saturday morning registration period.

On Saturday morning, the winds were out of the northwest at about 10-15 mph at 11:00, so the weather looked ideal when registration opened. Within 30 minutes, approximately ten additional boats had signed up due to the great conditions that were present on the lake. Then the main part of the front arrived and the winds quickly built to around 20 with gusts approaching the high 20's. As the wind was building, it was apparent that skippers and crew were nervously watching the surface of the lake. As the white caps built, a couple of skippers decided that it might be too windy for them to sail. We all watched an Ensign sail out of the harbor, enter the main body of the lake, heel over quickly, and then continue to be buffeted by the strong winds. The forecast was for the winds to build and then diminish as the afternoon progressed, but the peak winds caused several more of the boats to reconsider whether they were planning to sail. The pucker factor was apparently increasing for the sailors that were milling about. As the registration period closed, the five Ensigns that were registered, and all of the multihulls except for the Weta decided to cancel sailing in those conditions.

At the skippers meeting, it was announced that yes it was windy, that the winds were forecast to be in the 20-25 mph range, but it appeared that they were within the range where it was appropriate to sail. The planned start time of 1:30 pm was still a go and everyone was encouraged to be safe, sail smart, and enjoy the high wind conditions that we don't experience very often in our racing on Lake Travis.

Once out on the lake we monitored the winds and saw a maximum gust of 27 mph. The winds were steadily in the 15-22 mph range, but no gusts over 30 mph were observed. The boats that were sailing around the start line were managing the winds well, no one appeared to be too much out of control, and the competitors were set to test their high wind skills in the breezy conditions. The starts went off well, with the only casualty being a video camera on the Ranger 23 which went swimming when they decided to call starboard on the committee boat. The selfie stick that held the camera didn't stand a chance against the metal committee boat and lost its camera as it untangled itself from the framework on the back of the boat.



Ranger 23 just before calling starboard on the RC boat

As the boats sailed up toward the first mark, "D" mark, crews were drenched,



J80s heading upwind after the start

the vang, these boats created a massive bow wave and spray shot from each side of the boats as they planed down the lake. Speed Racer reported that they hit a top speed of 17 knots on this wild ride down the lake. Poncho and Lefty stayed with them until unfortunately they had a failure of their spinnaker tack line in the highly loaded conditions and were forced to drop out of the race.

After the A Fleet boats rounded D mark, the C and D fleet boats, which had all decided to race non-spinnaker, approached, rounded the mark, and with small jibs and some reefed mains set course for a fast trip downwind to LCRA Mark 4. Caveat and Cafe au Lait led the fleet down the lake with the others following. Jibes were done carefully, and the boats rolled from side to side as they were blown quickly down toward the dam.



Reefed mains and small jibs

The one multihull that started the race, the Weta, successfully sailed to D mark, but capsized about half way down the lake. With a chase standing by, they began the process of righting the boat and successfully returned it to its proper orientation. However, they were thoroughly soaked by this time and decided that the proper course from that point was a direct sail back to the warmth and dryness of AYC.

On their second downwind leg, Speed Racer sailed near the AYC point on a full plane, jibed to port to return to the center of the lake and immediately jumped back onto high speed full-on plane. **John Bartlett** said after the race that he saw how many spectators were parked on the AYC point watching the race on his first downwind leg, and that he wanted to show them how much fun they were missing on their second time in these great downwind conditions.

The trophies that were presented to the winning boats were slightly modified from the traditional bottles of Wild Turkey bourbon to the more sailor-like bottles of various rums. I heard suggestions that the regatta should be renamed the Wild Turrumkin, Wild Rumkey, or the Wild Pirate Regatta. We'll see if any of these names catch on for next year.

Special thanks to all the volunteers that helped with this event. **Pete and Cathy Swallow** on registration and race committee; and **Pat Feagan, Mike Parker, Tommy Gairloff, and the crews of Lickety Split and Air Supply** on race committee.

Wild Turkey Regatta



Wild Turkey spectators on the point Photo *Molly Lewis*



Wild Turkey Regatta Photos *Bruce McDonald*

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Wild Turkey Regatta Photos Bruce McDonald

Sunfish Fleet

by Keith Denebeim



Austin YC Dominates Sunfish Wurstfest Regatta

The 49th Annual Wurstfest Regatta hosted by the Lake Canyon Y.C. turned out to be a dominant performance by the ten Austin Y.C. Sunfish sailors who were on the starting line. Not only was there superiority by our fellow members, our very own Sailing Director, **Coleman Terrell** plus **Ed Hill**, will both be representing the Sunfish Southwest Region in the 2018 Sunfish World Championships.

Additionally, having this regatta being the last of the 2017 Texas Sunfish Circuit stops, it was **Annie Lancaster**, our next year's Vice Commodore, triumphant as the overall Season Champion!

LCYC runs one of the best regattas held in Texas on the beautiful Canyon Lake and this edition was held on November 4th and 5th. The winds were relatively light with overcast skies for both days and there were 18 total Sunfish sailors from this region and beyond.

Day 1 and the puffy winds brought no more than 6 knots but did not stop the AYC sailors with incredible performances. **Annie** opened up the series with the 2nd place and turned the very next race with a 1st. This put her in excellent standings after Day 1. Also on top of the leaderboard going into Sunday was **Coleman Terrell** and last year's overall Wurstfest winner, **Ravi Subramanian**. Saturday also had some amazing performances by **Vic Manning** and young **Wendi Froelich**.

Day 2 brought a slightly stronger breeze which definitely helped our "heavier" sailors. AYC continued the spectacular performances especially with **Ed Hill** grabbing a 2nd place in race #6, **Annie** taking a 3rd, **Ravi** 4th, and **Coleman** rounding up the top five. This set the final results for the weekend.

We need to complement young **Stewart Draheim** from the Rush Lake YC with the commanding overall victory with either a 1st or 2nd place in every race. **Stewart** won the AYC Centerboard Regatta last year and was 10th in the Sunfish Worlds in 2017; he truly proved to be the top Sunfish sailor in Texas.

From there, **Annie** brought home the overall 2nd Place trophy along with **Coleman Terrell** taking 3rd. **Ed and Ravi** ended up tied for 4th with **Ed** getting the nod on the tie breaker from his excellent final race.

What a Wurstfest Regatta; AYC took 4 out of 5 of the top spots with **Annie** crowned Season Champion and both **Coleman and Ed** qualifying for the 2018 Sunfish Worlds being held Wrightsville Beach, NC. (Carolina YC) Needless to say, the Austin Yacht Club was awarded the top visiting yacht club trophy that is now on display in the clubhouse.

Wurstfest Regatta AYC Members Results

Annie Lancaster 2nd	Vic Manning 11th
Coleman Terrell* 3rd	Keith Denebeim 12th
Ed Hill* 4th	Rich Amato 13th
Ravi Subramanian 5th	Pat Manning 16th
Wendi Froelich 9th	Dallas Grant 17th

**Based on International Sunfish Class Association rules and other qualifications, the two open qualifying spots were awarded to Coleman and Ed. Congratulations to them both as well as to all our entire AYC Sunfish crew.*



Ensign Fleet Update

by Elliott Bray



Fall Series

The Fall Series spilled over into November with six Ensigns participating through the middle of the month. **Randolph Bertin, Tom Groll, and George Dahmen** were tied at the end of Oct. 29th race day Race 2 leaving **George** well in the lead. The last race day of the Fall Series was cancelled due to lack of wind.

Wild Turkey Regatta

As of the end of online registration once again the Ensign Fleet led the Club with the most participants (6) followed by the Pearson 26 fleet with four.

James Bland, George Dahmen, Fred Ford, David Gamble, Tom Groll, Bill Hawk and Lewis Price all registered for the event.

The wind held true to forecast and began to fill rapidly a little before noon. The Ensign fleet sailors gathered on dock two and the discussion began about what sails to use and quickly went to...do we want to race with this wind... as the white grew more plentiful and taller. Meanwhile, **Tom Groll** decided to go out and to see how an Ensign would handle the winds (now gusting into the mid 30's) under main and blade...our smallest sail. Soon we were gathered on the dock to watch **Tom** imitate "Mr. Toad's wild ride." We had an immediate consensus and we decided to withdraw as a fleet. A wet **Tom** got back in with some help from fleet members. The Ensign proved tough but the blade was torn on the return. Some of us stayed to watch the regatta. It was disappointing not to be big enough to sail but it was still a good day to be among friends and sailboats.

During July and August we had a lot of Ensigns out of the water for maintenance, repairs and rigging mods. We expect all the boats to be back in the water for the 2018 season.

The Ensign fleet will hold their annual potluck dinner and elections in January.

C Fleet Update

by Chris Thompson



Bill/James asked me to step in for the Fall Series recap. The short two race series was hotly contested with new racer **Jim Pearce** and the **Entheos** crew holding off the always dogged **Bill Records** Café Au Lait for the overall series win. The horizon job on the fleet in the first race showed that **Jim** has got things tuned well and **Entheos** grabbed the light west/southwest wind and took it with him, a second place in Race 2 cinched the series. My Three Hour Crewz baffled our way to a third place tie with **Ed Pierce's** Broken Arrow and took third by virtue of a second place in Race 1, beating **Ed** by 7 seconds corrected. (Both of us sailing non-spin in this series.) Broken Arrow took us for fourth in Race 2 by 1 SECOND corrected! A zero wind day

showed up for our Race Committee duty so the series racing for the year went out on a whimper.

The uncommon west to southwesterly winds for Race 1 made for a lot of beam reaching which rendered most of the spinnakers useless based on the course. We had 8 boats on the starting line for Race 1 and 10 for Race 2. Aside from **Jim**, Race 1 had 2nd through 5th place within 2 minutes corrected. Race 2 was a more typical south wind and the first three spin boats of **Bill's** Pearson (26) Posse pulled away from the rest of the fleet. Finishers 4 through 7 were once again grouped in a 2 minute spread. There was quite a bit of close racing on the starting line and at the marks.

I can't recall this much competition in C fleet with such a broad base of highly capable crews. On any given day almost any boat on the line can take the bullet. C fleeters have won overall honors against the other AYC fleets in the Moonburn series and the Keel Fleet Championship this year and comprised 10 of the 13 boats that finished the rough and tumble Wild Rumkey. Great job to all the skippers and crews. I look forward to another great year of racing at AYC. See you at RED EYE!

Catalina 22 Update

by Steve Pervier



We have a new skipper in the C22 Fleet! He's **James Denny**, skipper of Coyoacan, the best cruise-equipped C22 we've seen in a long time, maybe ever. **James** spent two years taking this boat apart, then making her solid. You have to see this boat, with her newly painted black hull that looks like new. She carries two anchors on the bow, and a lifering on the stern, along with bimini, solar panels, fishing chairs beside the helm, and a cockpit shower

system that only waits for the running water to be installed! **James** also wants to race. That's the beauty of the Catalina 22, a trailerable racer-cruiser with potential to enjoy both pursuits.



James started this year with some days as crew on other C22s, and now that Coyoacan is ready, he skippered his first races in Fall Series. His intense interest is helping him learn rapidly despite an initial unfamiliarity with things like – how close the boats get, timing and signals at the start, wind shifts,

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etc. Just a few things to get started, then many more to continue. That first race went as it often does for a first time, except that RC sounded the horn as we finished in last place. Thanks! This was a great way to welcome a new racer, and should continue as an AYC tradition.

Race two was even more fun, as we started and sailed better. We fell into a hole before the first W mark, but made it up somewhat by the second L mark. Still rounding minutes behind, we hardened up on port tack, then found we were lifted 45 degrees and going right to the finish! A series of C22s, SC21s, and Ensigns had rounded and held to port tack. They were far to the right, sitting in no wind. We caught up and passed, even crossing ahead of incoming Race Commander **Jim Casto** in his Nacra, sitting there motionless on starboard. This time it was a first place horn, so congratulations, **James**. It was like hitting the jackpot at a slot machine! You just want more.

A racer was made that day, one who called me up to discuss taking weight off of his cruising boat before we went to race again. Maybe that day we also created a monster? Leaving a stack of tools, parts, and equipment on the dock, we were able to catch **Griz** on a downwind leg, but passing will have to be left for another time. We did show that Coyoacan has a turn of speed if things are well adjusted. Meanwhile, **Griz and Brian** split the two races. I shouldn't tell you who didn't cover and win both, but conditions may have discouraged that classic tactic -- or was it thinking about buying a boat, perhaps?

For the third race date **Griz** couldn't be there. He had a triple conflict including not going to Wurstfest either. I tallied the points and found that if we could somehow beat **Brian and Margarito** in either race, we'd win the series. Good luck with that, they're fast with even old sails! We were likely to lose both match races for third place. Then something else happened -- we had a day with no wind at all. So it was a surprise second place in a first ever series of racing. Congratulations, **James**, and welcome to the fleet! We also congratulate **John Grzinich and his crew Clay Leben** for their first place, as well as **Brian Grothues and Margarito Morales** for their third.

C22s, we're looking for you to join in this fun in 2018! The Red Eye Regatta on 1/1 is followed soon by the Frostbite Series, which in Central Texas could be anything from snow to fog to sunny and hot to cold and wet. We've seen all of these! Anyway, I hope you have time planned to enjoy the holidays with family and friends, but also to get those boats ready for a new year of racing.

See you 12/9 for AYC's Annual Banquet and 12/16 for the Catalina Holiday Party at AYC!

A Fleet Update

by Ray Shull



Since the last update, A Fleet has participated in the Fall Series and Wild Turkey. We had Race Committee duty the first race day of the series. Special thanks to **Alan Stanard, David DeSalvo and his crewmember Vincent, Bob Gross, Bob Leonard, Kurt Carson, Johannes Brinkman, Karen Bogisch, and Claude Welles**. The weather however was very uncooperative and provided us a light westerly wind at race time approached. Since the long direction of our part of

Lake Travis is southeast to northwest, this made it difficult to set a very long weather leg. We set a weather buoy near the shore off Travis Landing and the leeward mark near Windy point. We sent the long distance racers to Mark 5, and then reaching up and down the lake. This seemed to be the best options with the conditions and resulted in reasonable races for the day.

The next race day, Nov 5, saw eight (yes eight) J 80's, the **Romberg J 70**, the Tripp 26 - Rush, and the Extreme 23 - Dutch Comfort. For the J 80's it was easier to determine the three that did not come out and sail, i.e. Wild Hare, Restless, and Jack Rabbit. We hope that in the near future that we see ten J 80's in a start line for one of the races. Our newest fleet members, **Bob Goldsmith and Karen Bogisch** sailed their new (to AYC) boat, Jazz Tacks, and finished very well. The racing was some of the closest racing of the year. At every mark boats were overlapped, boats passed other boats frequently upwind by picking the correct tack, and downwind tactics of staying with the puffs were crucial and rewarding. The first race was won by Flyer with Speed Racer right behind. In the second race this positioning reversed with Speed Racer winning and Flyer right behind them. Poncho and Lefty finished third in both races. In the first race, the first six boats finished within three minutes of each other.

With the shortened race series, it was looking like the placing in the series would be decided on the final day on November 12, with every place up for grabs if the turnout for the first race day was repeated. Unfortunately, the one component of the racing that didn't show up at all for this final day was the wind. The wind was gusting to 1 mph, with a steady 0.1 (or less). The race committee wisely postponed and then abandoned the racing after waiting unsuccessfully for even a hint of wind to arrive. This gave the series win to Speed Racer on the tie breaker of which boat beat the other boat in the last race. Congratulations to **Claudia and John Bartlett**.

The Red Eye Regatta is next on the schedule. We look forward to continuing 2018 the close competitive racing that was the hallmark of A Fleet this year.

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Jan 1	Red Eye Regatta
Jan 13 - 2/10	Frostbite Series

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Dec 9	Annual Banquet at the Oasis 6:00 - 11:00p
Dec 10	Free Sail Sunday 1:00 - 4:00p
Dec 15	J24, J22, Multihull Holiday Party 5:00p
Dec 16	Catalina Fleet Holiday Party 6:00 - 11:00p
Jan 6	Learn to Race Seminar 9:00a - 5:00p
Jan 14	RC Training Seminar 9:00a - 1:00p
Jan 23	Watercraft Inspection and Decontamination Training 8:00a - 5:00p

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