

AUSTIN YACHT CLUB

TELLTALE

November 2015



2015 Governor's Cup Regatta



Cover Photobomb by Bill Records (And Tony Slowik)

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Please join us
for the Austin Yacht Club 2015

Annual Banquet

December 5, 2015
6 PM - 10 PM

University of Texas Golf Club
2200 University Club Drive

\$50 per person

RSVP by November 27, 2015
512-266-1336 or austinyachtclub.net

Please Join us at the Annual Membership Meeting on Thursday, December 3, 2015
Meeting proxies have been mailed! Please let Jackie know if you're a Life, Senior or Young Adult AYC member and you did not receive your proxy. Your proxy should be returned to the AYC office by November 26, 2015!

Don't Miss the AYC Annual Banquet on Saturday, December 5, 2015

Be sure to RSVP via the AYC website by November 27, 2015. If you have special dietary restrictions, please email Jackie at gm@austinyachtclub.net and let her know what they are so we can work with the chef to accommodate your needs.

From The Commodore

by Barry Bowden



It certainly seems the weather gurus have accurately predicted the El Niño for 2015-2016. The other possibility just might be the Austin Yacht Club scheduling a major regatta. Beginning with Turnback which brought us a full lake, the Roadrunner which had weather delays, and the rescheduling of Governor's Cup to miss an all-day rain event, we certainly have had our share of wet weather.

Since racing sailboats sure is nicer with a bit more space, I am not complaining about any of these events. It has been fun having a bigger playing field, and the absence of powerboats when the weather is bad has made it even better.

The rescheduled Governor's Cup turned out to be a great decision, and all the hard work of **James Wilsford**, his numerous helpers, and race committee anchored by **Larry Ratliff**, **John Mandell** and **Bill Records** made it a fun regatta. The Roadrunner fleet finished the weekend with another great meal. The effort required to plan and execute a regatta is enormous and those of you who don't support the AYC regattas are truly missing a lot of what AYC has to offer.

The only downside to having a full lake and an El Niño weather pattern that promises to continue, is the possibility that we may get more than we have wished for in terms of a full lake. Our long time members can certainly recall the times we have had a lot more water than dry land.

Be sure and keep an eye on the weather and emails from AYC in case that happens again. This is particularly true for those of us who keep boats on trailers in the dry sail area. Boats will float, and trailers will not. Having your boat and trailer part company is not a good thing. You will be notified if it is time to move your boat and trailer. Be sure to keep it in operating condition, particularly if it has been a while since you have seen it. A trailer with flat tires is not easily moved.

There are only a few more events on the AYC calendar for 2015. The Fall Series concluded on November 22, and the Wild Turkey Regatta is scheduled for Saturday, November 28, so you can work off that extra pie you had on Thanksgiving.

Our AYC Annual Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 3. We will be presenting awards to thank those members who have given their time during the year to make everything work at our Club. And two nights later on Saturday, December 5 we will finish with an Annual Banquet at the UT Steiner Ranch Golf Club. This is a great place for a party and you will miss out on a great meal and a fun party if you do not send in a RSVP before the deadline.

This has been a great year to serve as your Commodore and I have truly enjoyed it. Having been a member for so long before taking my turn at the helm has made it even more worthwhile and memorable. I thank you all for allowing me this opportunity and I hope that I have served the Austin Yacht Club well.

Vice Commodore Report

by Molly Lewis



Thanks and kudos to **James Wilsford**, **Larry Ratliff**, **John Mandell**, **Bill Records**, **Chris Thompson**, and all the Governor's Cup race committee and other volunteers, who did a great job with the 2015 Governor's Cup regatta. James and his team made the right call, postponing from the originally scheduled weekend of Oct 24 and 25 to the

following weekend, due to heavy rain and thunderstorms! We had a total of 46 boats participating in the regatta, including 14 juniors sailing both Lasers and Optis. The post-race party on Saturday included delicious food and great music, as well as Halloween costume contest for the kids. Once again, thanks to Sun Hi Casey for her amazing customized art glass trophies (check out the trophy photo on the back cover of this issue) and to the Roadrunner fleet for serving delicious burgers after the Sunday races.

As we finish out the year, make plans to participate in the Wild Turkey Regatta on November 28, hosted by the Keel Fleet, the Annual Member's Meeting on Thursday evening, December 3, and the Annual Banquet on December 5!

Race Commander Report

by Ed Taylor



The Late Summer End of Series is complete. Thank you, **Stephanie Froelich**, for handling the awards. If you did not receive your flag, let me know and I will be happy to get it to you as quickly as possible.

The Fall Series had its first race Sunday, November 8. This was due to cancellation of the Governor's Cup and rescheduling. The short Fall Series continued thru November 15 and the End of Series will be on November 22.

The 2016 Race Calendar is currently being developed as dates are being announced by the January 1. Please prepare FURs for the beginning of the New Year so dates can be confirmed and submitted for approval to the Board.

Looking for 2016 Permanent Race Committee representatives to assist the Race Commander and PROs. Duties include PRC committee appointments, Race Management training and Race Committee training. Each new PRC rep will join an existing member in contacting Fleet captains during a series race and provide guidance for their RC responsibilities for a regatta. This may also include RC duties for major Club regattas.

Notes from Your GM

by Jackie Wheelless

You could be missing out on member-wide emails that are sent out!!! Please be sure to check your "Promotions" and "Spam" inboxes for the member wide emails that are sent out from AYC (MailChimp). Some email services deliver these emails into promotions or spam rather than into your inbox. For example ... did you receive the email below that was sent out last week pertaining to boats and trailers in the dry storage area??

THINGS WE KNOW

- The lake is full.
- The ground is saturated.
- The strong El Niño's fingerprints are all over this winter's outlook.
- The South will be cooler and wetter than average.
- We don't know when or where it could get ugly, but ... we know there's a pretty high likelihood that it will get ugly!

There are predictions for more rain! In order to be proactive, **Commodore Barry Bowden** has asked that everyone get a "refresher course" on what to do if your boat is in the Dry Storage Area and the lake comes up suddenly.

Prior to any imminent flooding, develop a detailed plan of action to remove your boat from the dry storage area to a previously identified safe haven to secure your vessel. Specifically identify and assemble needed equipment and supplies. Keep them together and test your plan to see if it works before any flooding actually occurs.

Arrange for a friend to carry out your plans if you are out of town during a flood.

PLEASE DO NOT move your boat out of Dry Storage to another location within AYC until you receive email notification that flooding is imminent and instructions on where to relocate your boat.

Know your responsibilities and liabilities.

Determine the requirements to load and haul your boat to a safe area. Be sure your tow vehicle is capable of properly and adequately moving the boat. Check your trailer – tires, bearings and axles should be in good condition. Too often a flat tire, frozen bearings or a broken axle prevents a boat from being safely and quickly moved.

Make sure fire locks and/or ball locks are removed from your tires/trailer hitch.

In case of emergency, necessary steps may be taken in the owner's interest, without notification, and he/she shall have no recourse against the Austin Yacht Club, its officers, employees, or anyone taking such emergency action.

Speaking of dry storage, we're very close to being FULL in dry storage; therefore, please remember that all boats stored in dry storage must stay within their assigned space (not extending into the adjacent space), boats should not be parked on the grass or extend out into the drive beyond one trailer length. If more than one boat is stored in the dry storage area and exceeds the requirements, a second space must be requested.

Please take time now to evaluate your dry storage space. Be sure you're not encroaching into another space, your boat and trailer are ready if they need to be moved at a moment's notice, and that you don't have trash and loose items in the space.

Governor's Cup Regatta Leftovers

T-shirts: The only sizes on hand are Adult Large and Youth Medium, these shirts are \$5 each!! Hat keepers are \$2 each!!

HURRY while supplies last!

Holiday Workday

Our annual "Get Ready for the Holidays" Work Day is to be held on Saturday, November 21... please plan to come out and help get the grounds beautified.

WELCOME NOVEMBER NEW MEMBERS!

Photos by Jackie Wheelless



Eric and Jami Nordquist
Associate Probationary



Jerome and Laurence Denis
Associate Probationary



John (and Laura) Abrams
Senior Probationary

Sail Training Report

by Eric Rochard



We are now well into Fall and Sail Training is still very active. This year has been very successful with a strategy of focused clinics and practices.

Junior Sail Training

Between the weekend clinics and the yearlong practices, the Optimist fleet has grown in size and level. There are now 10+ sailors participating in the TSA circuit and so far five AYC Roadrunners have

qualified for US team trials in 2016 (and **Tony Slovik** has won the 2015 RWB TSA Circuit!).

We have still a limited group of sailors after the Optis, but we are promoting High School Sailing to grow this segment.

On the Fall/Winter Agenda: High School Open Day and Regatta, full day Opti clinics before the end of the year.

Adult Sail Training

FJ clinic series are doing well. We are adding a series on Sunday mornings. The Women's Fall Clinic was a success. We have several requests for Keel Boat Sail Training.

On the Fall/Winter Agenda: New Racer/RC Boat Clinic in November.

WOMEN'S SAILING CLINIC OCTOBER 16, 2015

Photos by Cheryl Pervier



Sailing Director Report

by Kate Noble



Where has the Fall gone!!

Most of our activity for the 2015 season is winding down. As the season wraps up, we are turning our focus to 2016. If you have a suggestion on a clinic or training program you'd like to see next year, please let me know! You can reach me at kate@austinyachtclub.net, (512) 266-1336, or swing by the office. I

welcome your feedback and ideas on how Sail Training can better serve the membership in 2016.

Adult Sailing Programs

The Women's Sailing Clinic was held on Saturday, October 18. It was a BEAUTIFUL sunny day with perfect teaching wind. Feedback from participants and volunteers has been outstanding. Women's Clinics always require an enormous volunteer effort and many thank yous are in order! To our volunteer sailors: **Rosanne Butera, Terry Schertz, Renee Ruais, Laura Miller, Ann Kitzmiller, Brigitte Rochard, Chris Ehlers, Molly Lewis, Cheryl Pavier and Jenny Loehlin**. Also a big thank you to some of our regular WSC sailors turned chefs: **Carolyn Wilstford, Carol Frick, and Sun-Hi Casey** took over in the kitchen, preparing a wonderful spread for breakfast and lunch, and cooking up a fantastic dinner! Many thanks to them and their team of servers! Last but certainly not least, thank you to the AYC Club members who let us use their boats: **Wade Bingaman and Chuck Strehli**. We have a fantastic group of female sailors at AYC and it's a blast to get them all together. We already have a list of potential students waiting for the Spring 2016 clinic!

Our first-ever Intermediate FJ Training Series launched November 8. Our class is made up of students who took our beginner-level FJ Training Series in May, August or September of 2015. **Coach Coleman Terrell** and I are looking forward to working with this group on Sunday mornings in November and early December from 10:30-12:30. We hope to offer more series-style training courses next year.

Junior Sailing Program

We are off to a bit of a late start to the Late Fall Season due to the rescheduling of the Governor's Cup Regatta. However, enrollment is good and we are planning to sail through December 19. Practice times have moved up due to Daylight Savings. Please note that Opti II/III practice has moved from 1:00 pm to 12:00 pm and Laser & FJ practice has moved from 4:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Junior Racing News

Congratulations to **Tony Slowik III** who has been selected for his second international Optimist regatta! Tony qualified after placing 56th overall out of 250+ boats at the USODA Spring Team Qualifier held at Sail Newport in Newport, RI October 10-12. Tony will be



Photo by Kate Noble
Tony Slowik and Jeff Brock

representing USA at the 2016 International Palamos Optimist Trophy in Catalonia, Spain February 18-21, 2016. GO TONY!!

The TSA season has come to a close with the final regatta being held this past weekend at FWBC. It's been another fantastic year for our traveling AYC sailors. Eight of our sailors were awarded the Road Warrior Award for attending all 15 TSA events for the year. **Ben Froelich** was voted TSA sportsman of the year by his peers, receiving the TSA Friendship Award. A very well deserved recognition for an outstanding sailor! AYC was also voted Regatta of the Year for the 2015 Roadrunner Regatta. Austin Yacht Club sailors finished out the year strong. Final 2015 standings are as follows (taken from the Roadrunner Fleet's website. (Visit txsail.org for full results)

Laser Radial (approx. 55 sailors)

Alexandra Mares 1st place

Ben Froelich 3rd place

Spencer LeGrande 4th place

Optimist Green Fleet (approx. 60 sailors)

Katie Froelich 4th place

Optimist Championship (RWB) Fleet (approx. 100 sailors)

Tony Slowik 1st place

Ethan Froelich 7th place

Jamie Brock 10th place

Lucy Brock 19th place

Julius Heitkoetter 20th place

Fiona Froelich 23rd place

Wendi Froelich 26th place

Nicholas Carew 27th place

Lucas Tenrerrio (split of Green and Championship fleets)

Eric Jayawant (split of Green and Championship fleets)

Congratulations to all of the sailors and parents for a fantastic season on the road! AYC is proud to be represented by such a talented and enthusiastic group. For more on the traveling AYC Roadrunners, check out their website at <https://aycroadrunner.wordpress.com/>.

We had a great group of junior sailors out for Governor's Cup Regatta. Many thanks to the regatta team who worked extremely hard to pull things together around the weather. Check out the article from our junior course **PRO Bill Records** for a full report!



Photo by Bill Records

Lucas Tenrerrio racing at Governor's Cup

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Richie Amato joined AYC as a Junior Member in September 2015. After spending three summers sailing the Highland Lakes in New Jersey, Richie is excited about sailing (almost) year-round here in Austin. Richie has done extremely well in the Junior Sailing Program Opti I class, both single-handing Optis and skippering Picos on windier days. He is extremely bright and enthusiastic, always eager to learn more and improve his sailing.

Richie attends Free Sail Sunday every week to get in some extra practice and/or sail his favorite boat, the Sunfish. Richie participated in his first AYC regatta, Governor's Cup, and sailed an Opti against some of AYC's top competitors. Richie stuck with it, finishing every race and improving dramatically over the course of the weekend. **Coach Coleman** and I are excited to continue working with Richie – we know he'll go far!

Roadrunners at Governor's Cup

by Bill Records



There were some new faces on the Roadrunner course for Governor's Cup. A lot of the experienced skippers were either taking a break from a long year of racing or sailing with the adults. **Ethan Froelich** and **Julius Heitkoetter** sailed the Prindle and took third overall in the Multihull fleet, winning the first race.

Five Lasers and nine Optis showed up to race on the junior line. **Ben Froelich** dominated the Lasers, proving that there is no substitute for practice. **Andrew Butler** sailed well to beat Ben in race one and finished in second. New member **Isaiah Ariza-Escala** from St. Martin sailed consistently, taking third. **Reece Butler** and new member, **Charles Packard**, missed Saturday's racing but raced on Sunday. In the Opti class, **Tony Slowik** put on another clinic, winning all but one race. He showed why he is ranked number one in Texas, sailing flawlessly all weekend to take first place. Tony had such an insurmountable lead, that he did not need to sail the last race. So he and **Ben Froelich**, who also had first wrapped up in Laser class, swapped boats. For Tony, it was like nothing changed. He nailed the start and lead the race wire to wire! **James Brock** sailed consistently to finish second, winning the last race. He is really challenging Tony. **Eric Jayawant** has steadily improved with each race and is now competing in the top portion of the fleet. He won race four and took third overall. **Nicholas Carew** took fourth, while **Jake Miller** and **Keira Loseke** tied for fifth, Jake winning the tie breaker. **Lucas Tenrerrio** missed Saturday's racing but sailed very well on Sunday, getting a second in the last race. **Aidan Krempez** sailed in his second regatta and new member **Richie Amato** sailed every race. It was encouraging to see the new kids racing, since the success of the program depends on a pipeline of new kids moving up. It begins with encouraging the kids in PB&J to continue in the program. The hard work of **Sailing Director Kate Noble** and **Racing Coach Coleman Terrell** is really paying off.



Tony #1!



Ben leads Lasers



James Brock



Kate and Coleman

Photos by Bill Records

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Governor's Cup Regatta



Keira Loseke in front



Port Starboard



Nick Carew



Happy Jake



Eric Jayawant



Aidan Krempez

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Buoy Boat



Charles Packard



Tony Slowik



Tony on Laser



Masked Jake



Lucas Tenrerio

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Governor's Cup Regatta



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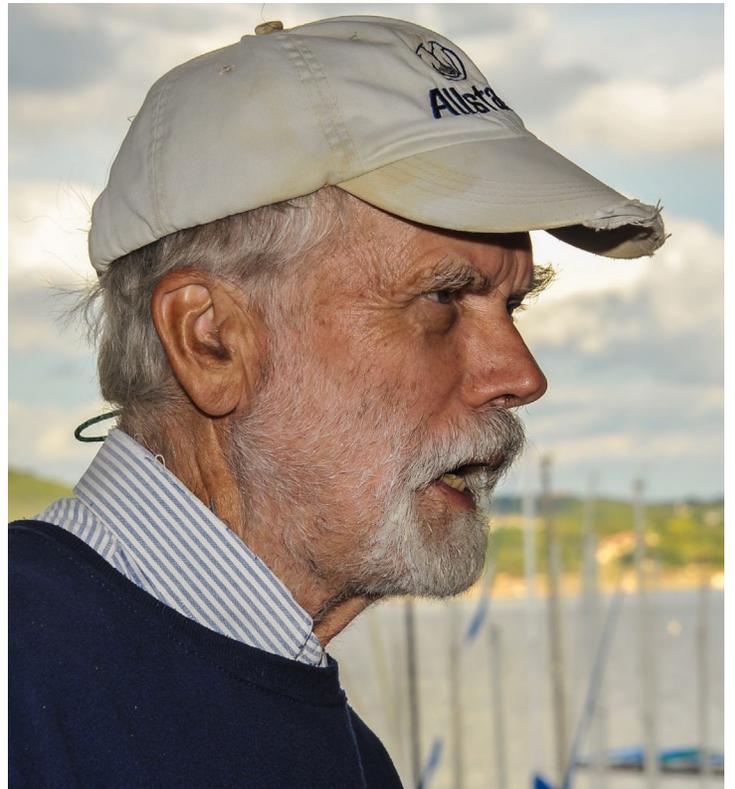
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Wurstfest Regatta

by Kate Noble

Austin Yacht Club was well represented at Lake Canyon Yacht Club's annual Wurstfest Regatta. Weekend 1 for board boats was held November 7 & 8.

Five Austin Yacht Club junior sailors raced Laser Radials: **Will Abrams, Andrew Butler, Ben Froelich, Michael Morran, and Spencer LeGrande.** Congrats to Michael who placed 3rd and Spencer who finished 2nd in the fleet!

In the Sunfish fleet, **Annie Lancaster** finished in 4th and AYC's Assistant Coach **Coleman Terrell** finished 1st.



Special congratulations to **Annie Lancaster** who captured the 2015 Texas Sunfish Circuit Earl Geroff award, the first woman to do so!

Congrats to all the AYC sailors who made the trip and good luck to those heading down for Weekend 2!



Photos courtesy of Charlie Arnold

Coach Coleman finishes 2nd in Sunfish Fleet



Annie Lancaster finishes 4th in Sunfish Fleet



State's New Water Plan Favors Urban Residents

by Marty Toohey mfoohy@statesman.com

NEW DETAILS LCRA

Management plan lets LCRA hold back Austin-area water in droughts

Texas' top environmental regulators sealed a major victory Wednesday for Austin and other Central Texas lakeside communities in their ongoing water tug-of-war with South Texas farmers.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality approved a new water-management plan for the Colorado River. The new plan gives greater weight to the effects of drought on Central Texas' water supply and is, its authors say, a more nuanced way to decide how much water is kept in Central Texas reservoirs along the Colorado River and how much is sent downstream to rice farmers.

Ultimately, the new plan gives the Lower Colorado River Authority, the agency that manages the river, greater authority to keep water in Central Texas.

"It allows us better tools to manage the water for the entire basin," said John Hofmann, who oversees water matters for the LCRA.

The new water plan, though years in the making and part of a complicated political struggle, has its roots in the 2011 debacle in which 141 billion gallons of water were released from lakes Travis and Buchanan downstream to farmers just as a record-breaking drought took hold. The amount of water released was equivalent to about 22 percent of what the lakes can hold when full.

As that drought set in, the lakes dropped to one-third full, creating stark visuals: dry banks along Lake Travis that had for decades been underwater, and a north end of Lake Buchanan so parched that it was possible to walk from one bank to the other.

The decision to release that water downstream was the result of policies that enabled the LCRA to create a "managerial drought, just by following the plan," said Austin's state Sen. Kirk Watson, one of the most vocal proponents of reforming how the LCRA handles its water supply.

That drought is over, and the lakes are now 78 percent full, according to the LCRA, with forecasts for a rainy winter and spring.

With Central Texas now in good shape water-wise, the rice farmers and other downstream interests will probably get a significant amount of water released to them this spring, Hofmann said. But the LCRA's new water management plan would essentially enshrine the LCRA's power to cut off big downstream releases during the dry conditions that scientists say are increasingly likely to plague Central Texas.

For years, the rice farmers had the political clout to ensure they weren't cut off. The farmers argued they had played a major role in getting the dams built in the late 1930s, the '40s and early '50s, and should benefit. Their clout has been evident in the water prices the farmers

secured decades ago and have preserved: They pay less than \$50 per acre-foot for their LCRA water, while city and industrial customers pay \$175 per acre-foot of water they use.

In exchange, however, cities are considered "firm" customers, while the farmers are classified as "interruptible" customers — a distinction Austin-area interests complained the LCRA hadn't taken seriously enough by not more aggressively interrupting downstream releases.

Downriver, farmers, fishermen and environmental groups appeared resigned to the new water management plan. All but a handful ultimately signed off on the new plan during negotiations, albeit reluctantly.

Contact Marty Toohey at 512-445-3673.

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Keel Fleet Update

by Chris Thompson

Our sailing season is drawing to a close as the holidays approach – seemingly quicker every year. The foreshortened three-race Fall Series will end on November 22. But, leave your gear ready as Wild Turkey follows on Saturday, 11/28. The conventional prizes will be that brown nectar which shares the name of the event. Registration should be online shortly, if not by the time this posts.

Make sure your 2015 Keel Fleet dues (see the link on the Keel Fleet page) are paid so you have a vote at the Annual Meeting and a discount on Wild Turkey registration. The meeting will commence following Wild Turkey Regatta (about 5-6ish – look for an announcement prior to then). The Frequent Sailor raffle prizes and the Fleet Championship will be awarded in addition to the election of Fleet officers for the coming year. This is a great chance for newer members to get involved and learn about the various behind the scenes activities that keep AYC the great place that it is, without getting overwhelmed.

C Fleet has Race Committee next week and I'm sure there will be volunteer opportunities for Wild Turkey if you can't get on a boat to race. A and C fleet turnout this year has been decent for most of the series races and regattas, we need you B fleet boats to come and play, too. Mark your calendars for the Red Eye Regatta tradition on New Year's Day. It's a Friday so a good reason to continue the party.

I had my first chance to use the revised iPad scoring app for Gov Cup and it is a very nice tool for on-the-water capturing of start and finish data. Great job by **Steve Vaughan** on shepherding the UK developers of the iOS application to tweak the original version to our liking. Look for an upcoming Race Committee training session where we will add this to our scoring bag of tricks.

I have included my adapted recipe for the very popular lettuce soup that was served at **Linda M.'s** Bon Voyage Beer Can. Feel free to adjust the recipe to your tastes and creativity (I did). I think cooking is a lot like sailing – there are many different ways to get to the end result; innovating, enjoying and sharing the journey is what makes it fun and worthwhile.

I've had a very rewarding year serving as Keel Fleet Secretary, along with the few other duties I've taken on, and the spirit and gratitude expressed from my fellow volunteers and the active members at AYC is something special that I am proud to be a part of. Most sincere and humblest THANKS!!

Beer Can Lettuce Soup (This recipe serves four so scale up as needed)

Ingredients

2 tablespoons olive oil
1 cup sliced onion
1 teaspoon chopped garlic
1 tablespoon chopped parsley (**I used cilantro**), plus more for garnishing
1 tablespoon chopped chives, plus more for garnishing
2 teaspoons chopped tarragon leaves, plus more for garnishing
2 heads Boston lettuce, leaves torn (**iceberg & endive lettuce also works**)
3 cups chicken stock
1/2 cup heavy cream or evaporated milk (**I used sour cream**)
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
Chive blossoms, for garnishing, optional

Directions

Heat olive oil over medium-low heat in a large saucepan. When hot, add the onions and garlic and cook until the onion is translucent, about four minutes. Add the parsley (**cilantro**), chives, tarragon and lettuce and stir until the lettuce is completely wilted, about three minutes. Add the chicken stock and simmer, uncovered, for 20 minutes. When ready to serve, process the soup, in batches, taking care since the soup is hot, **then strain and return to a clean saucepan.**

Stir in the heavy cream or evaporated milk (**sour cream**) and the salt and pepper and simmer for another five minutes, or until heated through. Adjust seasoning, if necessary, and serve immediately, (**I chilled it and stirred it well before serving**) garnished with fresh herbs and chive blossoms, if desired.

Recipe courtesy of Emeril Lagasse, *Emeril's Food of Love Productions, 2008* (adaptations by Chris Thompson in bold, 2015 Beer Cans AYC)



J/24 Fleet Update

by David Broadway

The J/24 racing is red hot sailing down the stretch to the 2015 J/24 Texas Circuit Regatta finale at Lake Canyon YC. At the recent Lakewood YC JFest event, **Natalie Penner/Bob Harden's** team Giggles for the second year in a row won the Kenyon Cup, the J/24 Texas State Championship trophy in honor of past AYC J/24 Fleet Captain **Dave Kenyon**. **Stu Juengst's** team Vang Go added some new UK Sails to the program and with a 2nd place finish in the last race edged out team Superman by one point for 5th place overall!



Giggles 2015 JFest Kenyon Cup



Vang Go 2015 JFest 5th Place

Due to the drought, the last time the Kenyon Cup was hoisted at AYC was in 2011 by **Ryan Harden's** Running on Empty team. With the recent rise in lake level, the Kenyon Cup will be coming home to AYC next March for the opening 2016 J/24 TX Circuit Regatta stop!

For the AYC Governor's Cup Regatta, the J/24 Fleet sailed WL courses. From Corpus Christi, **Doug Weakly/Tom Kane's** Kobra led the way with five bullets while **Dave Broadway's** Superman team edged out **Pat Hitchin's** Mothership Connection by one point for second place.

Wurstfest Regatta at Lake Canyon YC has traditionally been the feeder regatta for the Circus, the final J/24 TX Circuit Regatta stop of the season. For Wurstfest this year, once again **Pat Caughey** has put together a tough Kryptonite team looking for a repeat of their 1st place finish last year. Six of the seven AYC-based J/24 TX Circuit boats will be on the Wurstfest line with some helm/crew musical chairs fun as the fleet continues the tradition of tight racing followed by campfires and camaraderie.

As has occurred many times in the past, the 2015 J/24 TX Circuit Regatta final standings will come down to the LCYC Circus stop results. With the

recent JFest/Kenyon Cup win, the Giggles team moves into first place overall by one point. With a LCYC Circus regatta win, they will secure first place for the season! Meanwhile, Superman is in 4th place overall. **John/Meiling Parker's** ChupaCabra is only one point out of 5th overall for the season, and with a strong finish could put three AYC J/24s in the top five. All seven AYC-based Road Warriors are in the Circuit top 10 with an opportunity to jockey for position in the final standings!

A recent addition to the J/24 Fleet is Corona purchased by **Doug and Sun Hi Casey**. The platform will provide some added one design fun when not racing their aircraft carrier Tribology. It seems there is already some trash talking within the Casey family as Doug/Sun Hi will be racing soon against **Amanda Casey** on Momentous! Buying a used J/24 for less than the cost of a new Laser provides great bang for the buck in well-attended, competitive one design racing! The AYC J/24 Fleet continues to grow due to the efforts of Fleet Captain **John Parker** and **Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás**!

Catalina 22 Fleet Update

by Steve Pervier

Late autumn is well underway, with a strong El Niño providing more water for our lake. It's a big change from early October, when we enjoyed warm to hot days but struggled with little wind for racing. Then, just in time for the end of the Late Summer Series, the wind came back.

In mid-October it was looking good for Governor's Cup, but a weak Pacific hurricane suddenly intensified, made a hard right turn, and crossed Mexico on a heading right for the Texas coast. So our leadership made a good choice and postponed the regatta.

A week later, on Halloween, we had three race committees operating all at once – including one for a previously scheduled collegiate event. It was a little tight on ground tackle for marks, but we managed to send our fast boats up to Lakeway, B-Fleet to Arkansas Bend, J/24 and J/22 classes on their favored windward-leeward courses, and centerboards on shorter distance courses.



Would you believe the Governor's Cup B-Fleet included a Catalina 22? Yes! **John Grzinich** raced "Be-Bop-A-Lula" against boats as fast as PHRF 183, a spread of 87 seconds per mile. After a strong second place on Saturday, his C22 was second again in the first Sunday race. Griz edged his nearest

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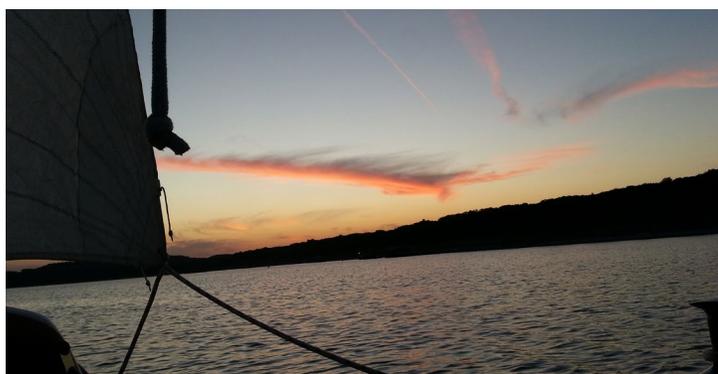
competitor by 49 seconds corrected time to win the final race. It was good enough for a Governor's Cup second place, a mere tiebreaker out of first – well done!

Meanwhile **Steve and Cheryl** worked on race committee, enjoying perspectives on wind and course conditions not seen aboard racing boats underway. While tracking the fast boats I enjoyed watching some great sailing by two of our Roadrunners on a Prindle 16, who took third place vs five big multihulls!

Now it's time to sign up for our AYC Annual Banquet on December 5, and our Catalina Fleet Party on December 12. We'll talk about the year's racing and plan for 2016. All of this is coming soon – so let's get together and discuss all things C22 and sailing. See you on the water!

Ensign Fleet Update

by Lewis Price



Sunset on Lake Travis by Steve Hawk

The "Late Summer Series" should have been called the "light air series". Two of the scheduled four Sundays saw winds of five knots or less develop, one, the races were cancelled altogether, and the last one had winds in the 10-15 knot range. Obviously knowing how to make "the pig" move in light air was a must along with a premium on good starts. Guessing right on where the "new air" was going to come from was also crucial. It seemed that the lingering dry and hot summer just didn't want to let go as high pressure dominated and sunny and hot conditions continued to stick around through late September and early October. Kudos to the race committees, who had to try to set up adequate courses in some very difficult to read conditions.

Personally, I was just glad to be back out sailing after my cycling accident and resulting broken clavicle kept me off the boat for a couple of months. The sailing gods must have been looking down on my crew and I in Dos Locos as we were blessed with some good fortune throughout most the series. In race one we jumped out to an early lead only to have the winds die at the windward mark and were promptly passed by two boats. **Randolph Bertin** in "Festina Lente" won that race with **Fred Ford's** "September" steered by **George Dahman** in second and Dos Locos managed a third. Our luck changed in race two when we nailed a port start at the pin and led wire to wire.

After the second weekend saw the total cancellation, the following weekend started slow with a long postponement, but when we finally

were able to get a race off it ended up being one of the most exciting and memorable races that I've ever been a part of. **Fred Ford's** September (this time steered by **Anne Riggs with George and Fred** crewing) as well as **Tom Groll** in his boat and yours truly all got good starts and battled it out the whole way. Anne and company on September held us off by less than half a boat length for the win and I managed to do the same to a hard charging **Tom Groll**. Literally, all three Ensigns were separated by maybe 20 feet at the finish. Race two that weekend saw **Tom Groll** again get a great start and an early lead, but in the dying easterly I managed to "guess right" on what was left of the breeze on the down wind leg and cruised to a victory.

The final weekend of the LSS saw a shifty, gusty (10-15) southerly develop. Even though we didn't have a full contingent of the usual five to six Ensigns, the day was not without it's fireworks. The day started with a beauty making her debut on the water when **Bill and Kelly Hawk** rolled their new and improved, and I must say, gorgeous "Prickly Pair." The fireworks started within five minutes of the first gun when a C22 decided to play bumper cars with **Elliot Bray and Doug Laws** in "Prime Time", apparently not hearing Elliot's repeated shouts of "STARBOARD!!!". Unfortunately, the **Hawks** in "Prickly Pair" also had an issue with their jib halyard and had to also drop out. With the absence of our main competition in this series that day and with the two aforementioned boats having issues, I was able to steer Dos Locos to two bullets thanks primarily to the outstanding work of my "All Star" crew, **Hazel Sanchez and Mike Atkins**.

Socially, the Ensign fleet was very active in both September and October with our Full Moon Cruise on 9/26 and The Raft Up event at the **Morely's** house on Lake Travis. See the article, below, for more details.

Full Moon Cruise and Ensign Raft Up

by Fred Ford

Full Moon Cruise

Full Moon was a fun filled evening. Prime Time, J. Seagull, Chula and September jibed and tacked in fierce battle on the high seas of Lake Travis. It got wet, very wet but that did not dampen the spirits of the sailors wielding the water cannons ... can we say buckets of fun? The moon shined brightly over the pavilion for the post race party. It was a great night.

A special thank you to **Tom Groll and Bill Hawk** for the lighting, **Norma and Danny Lien and Kelly Hawk** for the set up.

Jonathan and Tamara Baker won the Full Moon with a boat filled with laughing children ... it was a giggle to watch them have fun. **Tom and Kelly Groll** won the prize for last boat in the harbor.

The Full Moon Cruise was held on the last full moon of September. The sail begins in the late evening and lasts until maritime sunset. A simple course is set. As in Beer Can, marks can be rounded in any manner and order. The 3rd boat to finish wins and the last boat to finish before sunset is second. All boats are armed with water cannons, buckets, slapping paddles ... anything that throws water. It is a wet event. The post race

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party is held under the full moon at the pavilion. It is a lot of fun for children and adults alike.

Raft Up

The Ensigns sailed to a Raft Up and picnic at **Anne and David Morley's** home on Sandy Creek. Due to light winds the "drive there" option was offered. Two boats did sail. **Tom Groll** in Chula with crew **Bill Hawk** and **Danny Lien**. **Fred Ford** sailed September with crew **Anne Riggs**. It was a pleasant sail with some shifty winds, but still a perfect day on the water.



200+ steps lead to the **Morley's** home atop a steep bank ... it was well worth the climb. By the time the sailors arrived, most of the drivers were there and it was a fun picnic on the balcony and patio.

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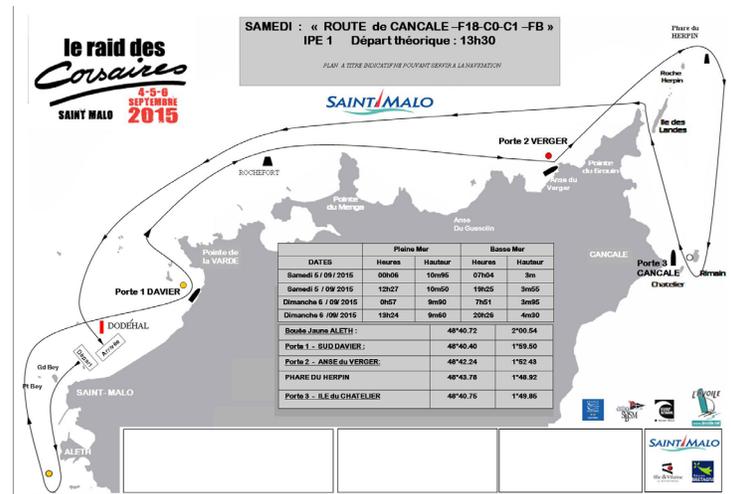
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Raid des Corsaires Part 1, Day 1

by Mike Beuerlein



I've been sailing with a bunch of French people for a while now and I've learned, I've just got to tell you, you can't believe a word of anything a French person tells you. Now, a Texan would never b.s. you but when **Philippe**, my long-time sailing partner, and **Brigitte**, my Parisian-born wife, tried to tell me that sailing in Brittany was beyond anything I had ever experienced, I was understandably skeptical. Never mind that they'd both been raised in the area, French people are like the Texans of Europe. Anything French to a Frenchman is the "ne plus ultra" of anything in the world; the food is better, the scenery is more beautiful, the weather is more extreme, the tides are higher, the current is stronger, the sailing and the sailors are better, yada, yada, yada ... It's just like a Texan saying "Everything is bigger in Texas!" Yeah, yeah, right. Sure. I get it.

But, after having been there, maybe, just maybe, those darn Frenchies are onto something.

We'd planned a trip to Dinard & St. Malo for several months, for **Brigitte** to attend the christening of her goddaughter, before I noticed that the famous French Raid des Corsaires was happening in St. Malo the same weekend. I thought it would be cool to go down there, hang out, maybe try to get a T-shirt but Brigitte encouraged me to see if I could find a way to sail the race. Right away, for a spouse's family to recognize that a sailboat race might be more attractive than a christening, was a cultural awakening. **Jasper van Staveren**, a renowned Dutch photographer whom I had met at the 2014 F-18 Nationals, suggested the best way to find a ride was to post a notice to Facebook of my availability and resume. So, I did and I got a response from an **Eric de Parscau** which said (according to Google translate) "I have a NACRA Infusion and I make the raid privateers, my Basile moved over the shoulder and cannot do the raid. I seek a skipper for this race. If you're okay, thank you to tell me quickly if you're interested, because I have other people if you cannot. I do not speak English but we'll get by." Well, I do not speak French but I have sailed a NACRA Infusion, so I replied (quickly) "Oui, je serais très désireux

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de skipper le bateau mais je suis un peu inquiet que je ne suis pas familier avec la navigation dans cette zone. Je peux faire le bateau aller vite mais je peux le faire aller vite sur les rochers! Pouvez-vous me aider à la navigation?" (I've sailed a NACRA Infusion before and I can make it go very fast but I will make it go very fast into the rocks unless you are able to assist me in the navigation.") After that, I did not hear again from Mr. de Parscau. I assumed he thought better of the whole thing and turned to his "other people".



St. Servan

My hopes, though briefly elevated but not completely dampened by no reply, remained sufficiently high for me to pack all of my distance sailing gear and we caught the first high speed train out of Paris' Charles de Gaulle airport for Brittany after our arrival. Those trains are really nice by the way! We got into St. Malo Friday afternoon and Brigitte's nephew and wife picked us up with her goddaughter. We decided to avail ourselves of the fabulous crepes at a creperie overlooking the St. Servan anchorage where we watched the 40 ft. tide go out and I offered my opinion that Americans would've long since dynamited all those troublesome rocks that jutted out of the water at low tide. My French hosts sagely considered that wisdom and, when we were finished with our meal, gamely indulged me when I saw a trailered C2 and wanted to follow it to the launch site. We had no sooner disembarked from the car when a cry of "Mike!" went up from one of the sailors rigging their boats at the beach access. It was indeed Eric de Parscau and he seemed wounded that I had not replied. This was to be just the start of numerous international communications SNAFUs, fortunately, his son Basile, he of the moved over shoulder, spoke passable English and Brigitte, who speaks perfect French, took over the negotiations.

Eric quickly ushered me through the registration formalities. The race committee tried to issue me a medium regatta T-shirt (because, they insisted, in France you do as the French do) but Brigitte was able to successfully argue that in Texas, where I would be wearing the shirt, an XL would be more appropriate. Eric & I agreed upon an arrival time of 8:00 which was no problem to make due to the jet lag and my excitement to do the race.

I realize it's easy to over-estimate how perfect the venue is when you are ready early and the boat is completely rigged and ready. Still, Basille and



Set-up in St. Malo

his father were clearly no beginners and the boat was as well rigged as any I had ever sailed. I got there at 8:00, uncovered the boat, put on few tell tales, cleaned up a little sailing stuff but basically just put on my sailing gear then wandered around and took photos like a tourist. The narrow and cramped streets of a century's old port are not designed to be the rigging yard for a modern 200 boat catamaran race but somehow everyone in town seemed ready to race. The

anticipation in the air on the beach before the start of a big catamaran race is the same whether you are on a South Texas beach or in the shadow of a medieval European fortress. I was relaxed and in vacation mode as I chatted with some pleasant English chaps from the Jersey islands who were setting up next to us (Andy Hart & Michael Kinross). Eric & Basile showed up and introduced me to the top flying Phantom and F-20 teams. Next thing you know, it's time to race since the tide has retreated enough that we can get our boats onto the beach beyond the ancient seawall. We're fortunate, due to Eric's VHF, that we can hear the countdown to the start. Not surprisingly, given the size of the 200+ boat fleet all eagerly champing at the start, it's a black flag. So, we back off a bit and get a safe start. We get a nice (top 10%) spot on the line but by the first mark we are very nearly DFL. We round the mark next to the Hart & Kinross and we look at one another as we bring up the very back of the huge pack and shrug. "This is a fine kettle of fish" shouts one of them. So now we've got to work all the way through a monster pack of very fast Frenchmen. These guys are relentless! We're sailing through some of the most beautiful waters in the world and I am so focused on trying to catch the next boat, I barely notice the scenery. The variety of crews is amazing. I may be the only pick-up crew but there are old guys, young men, teenagers and not a few female teams. Maddeningly, they are all sailing at a pace I haven't seen since the last Nationals.

But, sailing is sailing, the boat is well set up and Eric is an incredible crew. He is all over the boat like a spider monkey and we slowly work our way back through the fleet. Though St. Malo is open to the English Channel, the breeze is as variable as if it were a lake; so Eric is constantly moving. The tide and the currents turn out to be our allies given Eric's local knowledge. We fight and claw all the way to Cancale and back but we finish no better than mid-fleet despite sailing through the full gamut of conditions, light variable breeze to thunderstorm and back again. I'm disappointed with myself but there's nothing I can blame our results on other than the fact that our competition just sailed faster.

To be continued in the December issue of AYC Telltale...

Linda McDavitt's Race Around the World by Doug Kern

Linda McDavitt is sailing around the world as part of the 2015-16 Clipper Race. On August 30, Linda and her ClipperTelemed+ teammates departed on a 40,000 mile journey across six continents. Here's an update from Doug Kern while Linda is off the grid. Don't forget to [donate!](#)



Happy Birthday Linda!

I can't think of a better way to celebrate the day than in the Roaring Forties, filled with 300 mile days, Dolphins, Albatrosses, and steering the 70-footer to a very impressive 20.6 knots surfing through the Southern Ocean. Way to go! I'm thinking you could do without the wet and cold, though.

For me, it's an extra special day. You see, 25 years ago today Linda had the foresight and kindness to play Cupid and introduce me to my wife! At a J24 regatta, of course.

Cape Town to Australia – Day 17

Linda's ClipperTelemed+ team is now two-thirds of the way through the 5,575 mile leg from Cape Town to the southwestern tip of Australia, the third leg in the eight leg round-the-world race.

The 12-boat fleet is starting to curve back north after nearing the desolate Port Aux Francais in the Kerguelen Islands and is expected to finish in Albany Australia around Nov 24-26. Check out the live Race Viewer for the latest.

Here are a few recent highlights from the skipper and crew logs on the Telemed web page: (Go to <https://www.clipperroundtheworld.com/team/clipper-telemed/news>) for full text of skipper and crew logs)

The spinnaker drop was our best yet in 30 knots of wind so it looks like the training talks, as well as the hard work of the crew, have really paid off. This front should be a relatively punchy one and there is expected to be wind speeds of up to 80 knots ahead of it... (Race 3 Day 17 Skipper Report)

Just never seen such raw beauty. It is as if earth is out of control and we are witnessing it first-hand. As a crew we can't decide what is more scary, night or day...the other night we were hammering along heeled over and just screaming...the waves would pick the stern up and swing us to windward the boat would seem to giggle as the helmer drove the boat and

sails back on course...you could not see the waves...but you sure could HEAR them...WHOOSH...CRASH.. (Race 3 Day 17 Crew Report)

Night sailing...still cannot ever describe what it is like at night...we can see the sea spray as we move along at speeds exceeding 20 knots... (Race 3 Day 17 Crew Report)

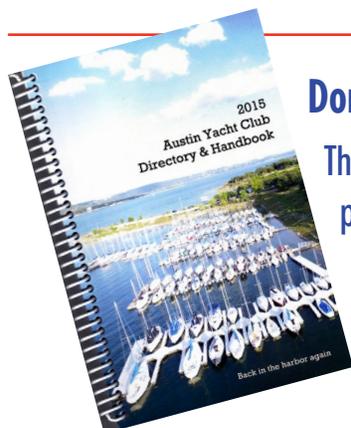
The wind had continued to build and we were sailing with a deep reefed main and Yankee 3 in 50 to 60 knots of wind with a very large swell, at times tipping the 8 to 10 metre mark. The crew handled the conditions admirably and kept the good ship ClipperTelemed+ pointing in the right direction while surfing at speeds in excess of 20 knots pretty much every wave... (Race 3 Day 15 Skipper Report)

Linda has been a very busy bee these last few days and she is in no doubt the strop queen. She hasn't been moody you understand, she has been making lots of strops! We have changed the configuration of how we attach our headsails onto the bow to a way much more to my liking so she has been very busy helping to do that... (Race 3 Day 14 Skipper Report)

This evening tells a much different story and as I write at 0200 boat time there is a heavy cloud layer and a constant wind of 35 to 45 knots. We are absolutely smoking along with one reef in the main and our Yankee 3. She is a bit of a handful and the boom is making some creaking sounds in the gusts so once I close this I think I will put the second reef in... (Race 3 Day 14 Skipper Report)

Breakfast got off to a bit of a rough start when Stefano [from Italy] could not locate the espresso machine to whip us all up a shot and lattes. He was flabbergasted all we had was this contraption called a French press, I think he refused to use it for that reason... (Race 3 Day 13 Crew Diary)

...if you want to experience what we did last night in 40-50kts of wind on deck...have someone you trust with your life, tie you to the hood of a car and get behind the wheel, then go down a steep full of curves no sides mtn road in darkness and rain with someone throwing buckets of cold sea water on your face...fun...the race of your life... (Race 3 Day 11 Crew Diary)



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Nov 21 - 22	ASA 101 Basic Keelboat Course	8:30a - 5:30p
Nov 28	Keel Fleet Annual Meeting (Clubhouse)	5:00p - 7:00p
Nov 28	Opti II and III Practice	12:00p - 2:30p
Nov 28	FJ and Laser Practice	3:00p - 5:30p
Dec 2, 9, 16	Opti II and III Practice	4:00p - 6:30p
Dec 3	Annual Membership Meeting	7:00p - 10:00p
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Dec 5, 12, 19	FJ and Laser Practice	3:00p - 5:30p
Dec 5	Annual Banquet (UT Golf Club)	6:00p - 10:00p
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