

October 2016



Fall Sailing Every Weekend!

Ensign Region IV Championship Trophy Winners



Photo Bill Records

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The team of **Fiona Froelich, Katie Froelich and Maggie McElmurry** took a bullet in the first race of the AYC Fleet Challenge!

Photo *Bill Records*

From The Commodore

by Molly Lewis



This is my favorite time of year in Austin. The days are getting a little cooler, the light on the lake, particularly in the late afternoon, is amazing, the wind is usually pretty nice, and there are sailing opportunities at AYC every weekend. The Fall Series begins on October 23rd and will be accompanied by the Chaparral de Mar Regatta, hosted by the Ensign Fleet. On the weekend of the 29th and 30th, AYC is hosting a Women's Sailing Clinic, the SEISA High

School Regatta (with huge props to **Jeff Brock and Coleman Terrell** for having the vision and skills to make this happen), and the 2nd Fall Series race. The Governor's Cup Regatta will be on November 5th and 6th, followed by more series races on the next two weekends leading up to Thanksgiving, and then the Wild Turkey Regatta hosted by the Keel Fleet will be held on November 26th. Something every weekend.

And in the midst of all of this, our Annual Meeting will be held on November 17th, where we will elect the 2017 Board, review the 2016 activities and accomplishments, and recognize the efforts of our many volunteers. And then we have our Annual Banquet on December 3, at the Oasis Starlight Terrace. We will enjoy a great meal, drinks, dancing and most importantly, will present our Perpetual Awards to celebrate the major accomplishments and contributions of our members. Among the more serious and hard-earned awards, this is also the time that we will nominate and vote on the far-less-serious but often as hard-earned 2016 Blue Duck award. Don't miss the opportunity to shine the spotlight on your favorite sailing/Club-related bloopers enacted by your fellow sailors. Make plans to attend, and please consider sponsoring a UTST or UTSC member to attend as well.

Secretary Report

by Annie Lancaster



Well DAM... that's **Directory Awareness Month!** In an effort to make the AYC Directory current and accurate, we are asking for your help. In October there will be a pdf directory of members' address, phone, and email on the website. This pdf file is secure under the Member Login so you will need your password. The second button on the Member Menu is the Printable Member Listing where you can find this pdf file created from the AYC office

Quickbooks database. You do not have to print the listing but you can find your name to verify your information.

Right under the Printable Member Listing link is the Directory Awareness Month Form that you need to use to indicate that your information is correct or make changes. Please be sure to click the SUBMIT button at the bottom of the form to update your current information (email, address, phones, and boats). The first 50 members that use this form will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 gift card from West Marine.

I plan to be available at the Club with my laptop computer at most of the October events. Come find me and I can help you through this process. The schedule is to have the directory out in January. Thanks for your help.

Race Commander Report

by Ed Taylor



The Dog Days of summer have blown through September for some challenging conditions for competitors and Race Committees volunteers. After some false starts and a few postponements, one race was held prior to the final End of Series race for the Late Summer Series regatta. Awards and dinner were held after racing.

The Fall Series will continue through October 23, November 6, 13 and 20. Starts will begin with the first signal at 1:30 PM. For those conducting Race Committee, please provide any written notice of lost, damaged or location of any equipment including flags, boat and mark anchors, line and paddles, compass, wind instruments... Please have any Race Committee scorers available to identify discrepancies with finish documentation.

The 2017 Permanent Race Committee will be looking for members to join and learn everything there is to conduct a race. Training and advice will be offered.

New Year, New Rules

Every four years following the Olympic regatta, revised racing rules published by World Sailing take effect. In Part 2, the rules that apply when boats meet. Two changes include Rule 21 – Exoneration. The rule was moved from Section C, "At Marks and obstructions," to Section D, "Other Rules," and the words "under a rule of Section C" were deleted from it.

New Rule 21: Exoneration

When a boat sailing within the room or mark-room to which she is entitled, she shall be exonerated if, in an indecent with a boat required to give her that room or mark-room, (a) she breaks a rule of Section A, rule 15 or rule 16, or (b) she is compelled to break rule 31.

Revise Rule 21 will apply whenever a boat is "sailing within the room or mark-room to which she is entitled." The new Rule is easier to remember because you enjoy the rule's protection when any rule entitles you to room or mark-room, regardless of where that rule is located in the rule book.

19.1 When Rule 19 Applies

Rule 19 applies between two boats at an obstruction except... (b) when rule 18 applies between the boats and the obstruction is another boat overlapped with each of them.

The new Rule 19.1(b) will allow you to continue rounding leeward marks just as you have been doing since 2009. Just as you have been doing all along.

Excerpts from Dick Rose

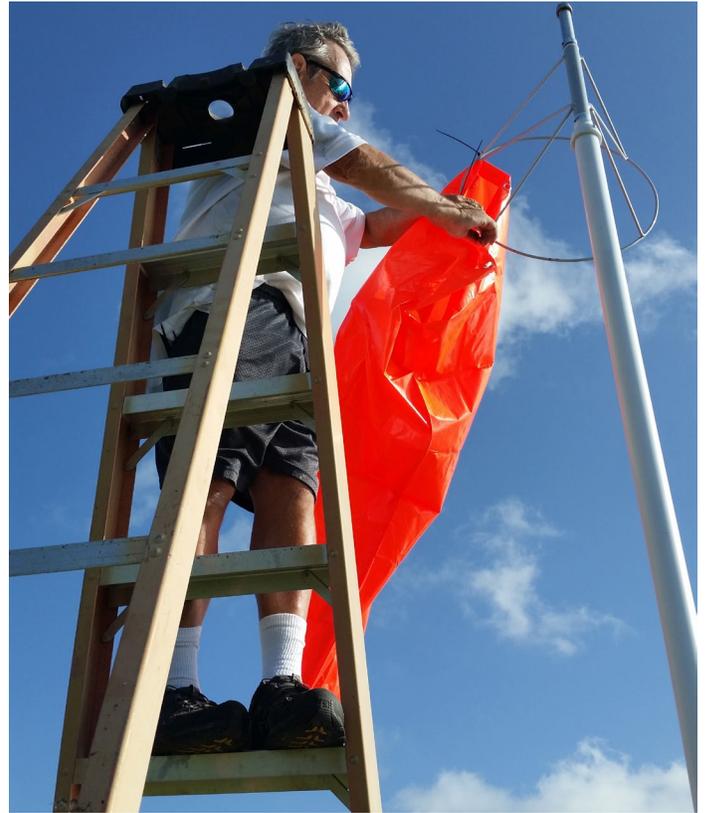
Building and Grounds Report by Chris Thompson



Some of the projects you may have seen underway around the Club this month:

- New wind sock on the point – Thanks **John Kuc** for doing the ladder work
- Siding repair under the office window – The rotted wood was replaced with hardi board and an insect infestation was discovered and taken care of
- Bath House water heater (circa 1990) was replaced with On Demand LP units
- Dead tree removal at the gate and stairs to upper parking as well as trimming of the low hanging branches around the clubhouse
- Field mow for large open areas around the Club
- The point sign repairs will be completed soon
- Water line layout for trenching (than you **Tom Groll**). We will rocksaw new trenches to replace the aging water lines
- Pool light replaced with new LED fixture

Remember – if you see something broken, unsafe, or that can be improved upon, please drop me and/or **Jackie** a note or email. Keep an eye out for upcoming work days – it will be a busy end of year.



WELCOME OCTOBER NEW MEMBERS

Clockwise from left:

Anna Jayawant and Eric Jayawant – Students

Kevin Duhovich – Student

James Bland – Senior Probationary

Steve and Sonya McLelland – Reinstated Associate Probationary

Sail Training Report

by Bill Records



The September Learn to Sail Clinic was a big success. 21 people signed up, all but four were non-members. We had a great group of instructors including **John Grzinich, Vic Manning, Fred Ford, Chris Thompson, and Dane Ohe**. During the follow up Q&A, Vic Manning explained membership options and many of the students expressed interest in joining.



Learn to Sail Clinic

Several of the Roadrunners participated in the Centerboard Regatta. **Sharva Paralkar, Kynse Cabrera, and Keen Cabrera** battled it out in the Opti class. **James Brock** with crew **Nic Carew** took first in the FJ class. **Lucy Brock** with crew **Julius Heitkoetter** took second in Portsmouth, **Ethan Foelich** and **Taylor Snyder** sailed a Prindle, **Ben Foelich** and **Andrw Butler** sailed a Nacra, **Sam Hollenbeck** sailed a Laser, and **Richie Amato** sailed a Sunfish. Be sure to check out **Dane Ohe's** photos of the Centerboard Regatta in this issue.



Opti Winners

The Fall FJ Training Series is under way and there are spots open, so sign ups are still accepted. I think this program is the best for learning to sail or improving your skills. A suggestion was made to have a women's FJ class next year. Anyone interested, should let **Coleman** know so we can schedule it.

On October 29th, we will have the Fall Women's Clinic featuring **Linda McDavitt** fresh back from her round the world race. This has become a special event in recent years and this year won't disappoint.

As the year winds down, we are emphasizing private and semi-private lessons for all skill levels. Contact **Sailing Director Coleman** for information/scheduling.

Notes from Your GM

by Jackie Wheelless



I'd like to scream out my thanks to those members who've contacted me about issues that needed to be tended to!! THANK YOU! I know AYC isn't as huge as other clubs but with a staff of 3 it certainly does seem that huge at times! Just in the past few weeks it was very helpful that members who were using different areas of the Club contacted me quickly about the pool light being out, the weather station not working, a dock walkway pin coming loose, the lack of hot water in the bathhouses or the kitchen drain plugging. The extra eyes are very welcome and appreciated! Thank you to **Tom Cunningham** for his expedient attention to these matters!!!!

It's that time of year again when **Tom** takes the pool cover out and wraps the pool up for the winter. The projected time for the pool to officially close is the week of November 7th (after Governor's Cup Regatta).

Please remember that the Work Area is AYC's designated area for washing your boat (so that the water can be contained). Please do not wash your boat in any other area on AYC grounds. Make sure that only environmentally friendly products are used during washing procedures.

Recently there have been 3 sightings in 2 different yards of a lone mountain lion in the Lakeland Hills Section 1 neighborhood (Rittenhouse and Lakeside View). Mountain lion attacks are rare; however, Texas Parks and Wildlife urge citizens to NOT RUN OR TURN YOUR BACK from any lion, maintain calm and eye contact.

I plan to be on vacation November 9-15!! In my absence the office hours will be cut back as follows:

Wednesday (11/09) through Friday (11/11)	12:00 – 4:30
Saturday (11/12)	CLOSED
Sunday (11/13)	9:00 – 12:30
Wednesday (11/16)	BACK TO NORMAL

October is the final Membership Committee meeting to be chaired by **Immediate Past Commodore Barry Bowden**. He's certainly brought some newfound enlightenment to the membership discussions! While I'm sure he won't miss the Thursday meetings, I think the entire committee will join me in saying it's been a true pleasure to serve on the committee under his leadership!

SAVE THE DATES!

October 23

Fall Series #1

October 23

Chaparral de Mar

October 29-30

High School Regatta

November 5-6

Governor's Cup Regatta

November 17

AYC Annual Meeting

November 26

Wild Turkey Regatta

December 3

Annual Banquet at the Oasis

CHANGES TO AYC MEMBER HANDBOOK

At the September 22nd Board Meeting, the Board approved the following clarification to the AYC Member Handbook (House Rules – Guests – Rule 10)

10. An AYC member may not have more than 12 guests at the Club at one time without Club Managers Board of Director's approval. Approval for 13 or more guests is obtained by submitting a Facilities Usage Request (form available in the AYC office or online) to be considered at the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting. Members are encouraged to attend Board Meetings at which submitted FURs will be considered in order to address any questions or points of clarification.

Approval of any special function will be considered as long as it does not inconvenience the Club membership. Non-AYC events may not be held on AYC property on Friday, Saturday or Sunday. Large off-site business meetings at AYC are discouraged.

Approval for special functions of 13 to 29 guests, whether hosted by a single member or co-hosted by other members, is required and may be obtained by getting approval signatures from three Board members on a Facilities Usage Request form available in the AYC office.

For special functions of 30 or more guests, full Board approval is required and presentation to the Board by the requesting member is mandatory. Prior to Board approval the requesting member must fill out a Facilities Usage Request form, ask the AYC Manager to be put on the agenda for the next Board meeting, and present his/her request to the Board at that meeting. A deposit may be required upon approval. All or part of that deposit will be refunded by the Club Manager after the event depending on how clean the facilities are left and how many extra utilities are used at that event.

For 12 or fewer guests, although a FUR is not required, if a member intends wishes to utilize Club resources not general available (kitchen appliances, projector, etc.), Club Manager notification and approval is required.

Guest privileges, regardless of the number, do not extend to Junior Members. A junior member may be accompanied by family members on AYC grounds only while sailing or participating in a junior activity or at AYC social functions.

Background/Purpose of Motion

Some elements of the previous language were confusing and not consistent with practice. The purpose of this motion is to clarify the process for guests and FURs.

At the September 22nd Board Meeting, the Board approved the following addition to the AYC Member Handbook (House Rules, General):

Aircraft, including drones of all sizes, are not permitted to be operated on AYC grounds or off of AYC property, including docks and any Club-owned boats.

Background/Purpose of Motion

AYC's insurance coverage explicitly excludes any damage or injury resulting from the operation of aircraft on Club property. This rule is intended to protect the financial interests of AYC.

Additionally, a revised Sail Training Policy was approved at the September 22nd meeting. Please visit the AYC website to access the revised handbook.

Sailing Director Report

by Coleman Terrell



This month has flown by. The Fleet Challenge was a great success, in terms of fundraising, that is. The wind was mostly non-existent but I think everyone had fun. Shout out to the team of **Fiona Froelich, Katie Froelich and Maggie McElmurry** that took a bullet in the first race! Thank you to everyone who donated!!

Centerboard Regatta was also plagued by extremely light and shifty conditions. However, we had a large number of Junior sailors represented across every single fleet!

Our new High School Sailing Program is off to a good start, with 12 additional sailors recruited by our Junior Program sailors! We have a High School Regatta taking place on October 29/30 and we expect a large turnout so I'm really hoping we have some wind.

This past weekend, our Roadrunner Fleet went to Dallas and competed in a TSA circuit stop there. The results are awesome, we had top finishing sailors in every fleet!! Great job guys! For full results please check the TSA website.

Looking ahead, we have Governor's Cup coming up as well as Wurstfest down at LCYC. I will be sailing my Sunfish down at Wurstfest along with most of our Laser Fleet, while **Coach Gracie** will be here at Governor's Cup to support the Opti Sailors racing here.

Road Runner Racer's Site Update

by Julius Heitkoetter

Endless Summer Coming to An End



What is Endless Summer?

The Endless Summer Series is a junior racing series in which the Opti Sailors race with on Wednesday nights. **Jeff Brock, Charlie Pitkin and Bill Records** did a great job of running the series. Neck and neck the sailors raced and played around on the water. Then, after the racing is done they sail in and play in the pool or have a potluck dinner, discussing how the evening racing went. The discussions could be about the weather, or a race that went rather well. Sometimes, there were huge gusts of wind, or barely a breeze running across the sails.

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The end of the Endless Summer

Sadly, like all good series, the Endless Summer had to end. When it did, it was great fun! After Free Sail sailors went to the clubhouse and played in the pool, chatted, or ran around. After they finished playing, they gathered and sat down, waiting for the awards to start.

Awards

The trophies were sitting on the table in front of everyone as they stared at them, trying to figure out what they were. Strange bottles were laying there with sand from Houston, Texas, where Nationals was this year. Also, inside of them was a message in a bottle. Finally, Sailors proudly went up one by one to get their awards.



Photo by Bill Records

Message in the bottle

The sailors crowd around as they learn about a strange man who is stuck on Sterns Island and has been watching them race every week! He points out the things that makes every person special but sometimes he seems in distress. At the end of the message it says "SEND HELP". What do you think the Roadrunners should do?

Roadrunners Dominate in Fort Worth

The Roadrunners have made it back from yet another regatta. When they showed up in Fort Worth, it was very clear who would dominate. In Fort Worth, the sailors encountered a huge storm gusting up to 40 knots, they brought back the floating rocks and many more adventures with Roadrunner Sailing in Fort Worth.



The Eye of the Storm

Late on the first day of the Fort Worth Sailing Regatta, sailors were exhausted and tired. They had been racing for hours when the storm came in.

It blew over Eagle Mountain, dumping on the lake. Out of nowhere it seemed the wind came, tons of it. Gusts of up to forty knots blew on the lake. Optimist sailors were flipping left and right, while coach boats and safety boat were trying to bring everyone ashore safely. Luckily, it was not long 'til Green Fleet (the beginners) made it in and then soon after the rest of the Optimist Fleet. On the 420/Laser line it was a mad house. Lasers were flipping on each other but with grins on their faces at the amazing winds. The 420s lifted up on a plane and with grins from ear to ear made record speed before losing control and flipping. Thankfully, everyone made it ashore safely due to amazing team work and regatta management.

On the second day, the backend of the storm caused much rain. Due to heavy

downpours and little to no wind, the sailors were not able to race at all of day two of the regatta. As they took their gear off and packed up to go home, there was a mix of emotions among the sailors. Some felt happy and proud of what they had done the previous day. Some felt tired and just wanted food which was being served at the clubhouse, while others had determination to do better next regatta to make the end of year standings.

Floating Rocks!

At the end of their team meeting on day 1 of the regatta, out came a cry from all the Roadrunners. "We're not marshmallows, we're floating rocks!!!" Many people wondered about this strange chant and now you will learn what it means. On a starting line in sailboat racing, some people target sailors who are not that good at sailing yet or look like they're not that good at sailing. These people are called marshmallows. If you get targeted as a marshmallow, it usually brings down your score a lot in the way that your start gets messed up.

One year ago, the Roadrunners decided that they didn't want to be marshmallows any more. So they thought of something that can't be pushed around much. Quickly the sailors decided on rocks. There's only one problem with rocks, they don't float. So, inspired by a type of rock that actually floats, made from magma from volcanoes, the Roadrunners decided that they wanted to be floating rocks. Their chant "We're not marshmallows, we're floating rocks" has served them proud over the past year.

Another One Bites the Dust

The Roadrunners have pulled off another regatta. This time they were the top placing team in Texas.



Congratulations to:

Lucy and Julius – 1st 420s

Tony – 1st Overall Opti and 1st Blue Fleet

Eric – 2nd Blue Fleet and 4th Overall Opti

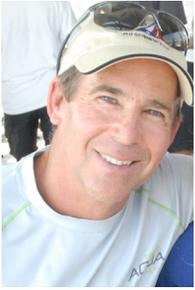
Jamie- 2nd White Fleet Opti and the Friendship/Sportsmanship award!

Andrew- 3rd Laser Radial

A big thanks to parents, coaches, and sailors for making the Roadrunners who we are!

Want to read more? Go to <http://rrrsailing.com>

6th Annual AYC Fleet Challenge by Scott Young and the AYC Fund



The **6th Annual Fleet Challenge** was held Saturday, October 1st. The wind gods did not cooperate but this did not deter the enthusiasm for this great annual event. The **Fleet Challenge** is the primary fundraiser for the **AYC Fund**, and once again, **AYC members** delivered with over **\$27,000** raised for the Fund. Over the course of the last 6 Fleet Challenges, the **AYC Fleet Challenge** has raised over **\$150,000** for the **AYC Fund**.

The **Laser Fleet** made a great pre-race showing in the fundraising department and **A-Fleet** led the way in the total number of contributions of over \$50, resulting in first place finishes for both in the first two "off the water" races.

At the skippers meeting, the **Sunfish Fleet** won the "free throw-out" competition by being by far the best dressed "Polynesians". **A-Fleet** and the **Laser Fleet** wisely "invested" in additional throw-outs that later proved to be a money well spent.

Once we got on the water, our fearless race committee led by **Bill Hawk** and **Barry Bowden** set up a short, windward-leeward course just off of the **Rylander Pavilion** and the **15 FJ teams** could easily hear their fellow fleet members cheers.

The easterly wind never quite filled in but we still managed 4 decent races over the course of the afternoon. **A-Fleet** fielded two very strong teams with the husband-wife combinations of **John and Claudia Bartlett** and **Justin and Chris Wolfe** leading the way with 1st and 2nd overall. The **Laser Fleet** also fielded two teams with **Doug Kern** and crew finishing 3rd followed by a very consistent **Ethan Froelich** representing the **Multihull Fleet** in 4th place with four, 3rd place finishes on the water.

Following the sailing, **Fleet Challenge** competitors were able to stay and enjoy the great food, drink and festivities of the **Luau**.

Thank you to **AYC** and the incredible generosity of its membership for another successful **Fleet Challenge**. Also, a big thanks to **Jackie Wheeless** for all of the work she did behind the scenes in taking in pledges, checks and helping me keep track of everything. Much thanks to **Gail and David Bernstein**, **John and Claudia Bartlett**, **Johannes Brinkmann**, **JoAnn and Claude Welles**, **Linda McDavitt** and **Harry Polly** for their continued generous support of the **AYC Fund** and its mission. Big kudos to **Bill Records** for his tireless support of sail training and the **AYC Roadrunner** program.

Also, much thanks to those members who stepped up and offered challenge matches to their fleets to help with fund raising. They include **Commodore Molly and David Lewis**, **David and Gail Bernstein**, **John and Amy Morran** and **Johannes Brinkmann**.

Finally, a big thank you to the great work of the **AYC Fund Board** comprised of **Johannes Brinkmann**, **Bonnie Lackey**, **Terry Schertz**, **JoAnn Welles**, **Dave Grogono**, **Debbie Rackley**, **Kelly Hawk** and **Ravi Subramanian**.



AYC Fleet Challenge



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AYC Fleet Challenge



Photos by Bruce McDonald



Photos by Bill Records



LUAU!

by Susy Ortega



Aloha!

Thanks everybody for making this year's Luau a HUGE success! This year's Luau had it all – fire dancers, a smoked pig, men in coconut bras, break dancing, pirates, a merengue, parrots on shoulders, dance lessons, delicious food, excellent drinks and right-side-up pineapple cake, all on a cool summer night. Let's not forget the camaraderie and all around cheer

that was happening too!

Before the party even started, we were busy building the dream. It was a pleasure to plan and work with such enthusiastic volunteers. AYC Social Committee extends a wholehearted thank you to:

- Molly Lewis, Pat Manning, Tom Cunningham, Jackie Wheelless for their endless wisdom and generously helpful direction.
- John Grzinich, for all of his help setting up registration and other website details.
- Amanda Zourzouvilys, Will Gaston, Robin Drummond, and Lisa Porta for helping with decorations and bartending.
- Steve and Carol Frick for working their BBQ magic and smoking a whole pig!
- Chris Bataille, Evan Walters, Michael Moran, JD Martinez, Stefan Froelich, David Baanhoff, James Parsons, Jane Loehlin, Annette and David Voetter for their kitchen talents, serving skills and endless laughs.
- Linda, for helping with registration!
- Bruce McDonald, for carving the pig and photography.
- Ed Taylor, Andre DeLaReza and his twin girls for making clean up duty a breeze.

Truly teamwork makes the dream work! We look forward to getting together and celebrating BIG again with our AYC family!

Daylight Savings Time Ends
November 6
FALL BACK!



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LUAU!



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Centerboard Regatta

by Dane Ohe



The 2016 AYC Centerboard Regatta was held the weekend of September 17th and 18th at the Club. Wind conditions were light to non-existent for most of the weekend. This resulted in a very late start on Saturday, around 4pm, and an early end to racing on Sunday at noon, allowing for a total of only 3 races for all classes. Classes this year consisted of Opti with 3 boats, Portsmouth with 7 boats, Laser with 3 boats, FJ with 7 boats, Beach Cat with 4 boats and Sunfish with

15 boats registered, for a total of 39 boats registered for the regatta. The Sunfish Southwest Regional Championship #2 was run as part of the Regatta and the winner of the Sunfish Class, **Stewart Draheim**, will be offered a bid to the Sunfish Worlds in 2017. **Jim Casto** took home first place in the Beach Cat class while **Nick Carew** and his crew put up three straight bullets to take first place in the FJ class, coming in ahead of Mom and Dad (**Mary and Paul**). **Josh Rubin** led the Laser Fleet and **Darin Keever** took home first place in the Portsmouth fleet sailing a Weta 4.4. The Optis sailed on their own course with **Sharva Paralkar**, **Kynse Cabrera** and **Keens Cabrera** taking first, second and third.

It is said that there are three components to a regatta, and having two of them ensures a successful regatta, Wind, Food and Beverages. While we were lacking in wind, the abundant and great food and the kegs being open when the competitors finally got back from sailing made sure that the competitors were happy while they were ashore. No complaints were registered by the competitors about the regatta and several competitors were very complimentary, even with the lack of wind.

Outside of the Wind, Food and Beverages, the reality is that it takes a lot of effort and teamwork to pull off a successful regatta. The Staff and the Volunteers for the regatta did a wonderful job in providing facilities, meals and beverages as well as expert Race Committee. On the water, **Principle Race Officer Vic Manning** and his race committee did a superb job in the hardest conditions, pulling 3 good races out of the "thin" air. Assisting Vic on the water were **Ray Schull**, **Ed Taylor**, **Jeff Brock**, **Chris Thompson**, **Steve McLelland**, **Dave Butler**, and **Nick Dawe**. On the Opti course, **Bill Records** served as PRO with the assistance of **Larry Haig**, **Robert Cabrera** and **Fiona Froelich**. Special thanks to **Stephanie Froelich** for the loan of the power boat to allow some pictures to be taken of the racing.

Pat Manning lead the Food Team with Planning and Procurement, while also doing initial food prep on Thursday with **Chris Bataille**, **Krissy Amato** and **Nan Taylor**. Pat made sure the Breakfast Tacos were delivered each morning, and Krissy and Nan handled the setup and prep for lunch sandwiches, dinner on Saturday and lunch on Sunday, where Nan acted as Grill Mistress, allowing Pat to go racing!

Also, thanks to **Jackie, Tom and Coleman**, with their help everything went like clockwork.

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Centerboard Regatta



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Centerboard Regatta



Photos by Krissy Amato



Ensign Region IV Championship Regatta

by Randolph Bertin

Day One: Never Give Up

The opening day of the 2016 Ensign Region IV Championship Regatta brought light and fickle winds. It was the kind of day that frustrated even race winners. You might have an early lead of half a leg over the rest of the competition and end up finishing buried halfway down the fleet. Or you might follow a promising finger of wind only to be left standing still when that little wind died and a new breeze, such as it was, filled in for your competitors. Two or three boats that were seemingly well to leeward might overtake you in the final fifty yards to the finish. Even a lead of 50 boat lengths simply was not safe. So, boats well back of the fleet could work and struggle and hope and keep their cool and find themselves in the improbable position of making a late run for victory. When all was said and done, we had completed three races – at least they would count as such in the final standings – and we had three different winners: **Tom Groll, Frans Dahmen and Bill Hawk**. And all three boats did well enough in the other races to claim the top three spots at the end of the day, separated by one point each.

Day Two: Tom Groll

Although early forecasts for the day had suggested the potential for some strong winds out of the north, those had successively weakened until the prediction was for a more modest 8 knots out of the northeast. At least it would be an improvement over the previous day. Given those expectations, sailors headed out to the course area to begin getting a sense of actual conditions on the course, which was a mild breeze out of the east, with some dark clouds looming over the hills to the north. As the official start time for the first race began to draw close, however, the wind shifted about 70 degrees and a glance up the lake showed dark water with apparent white capping. Sure enough, a minute or two later it was gusting over 25 and most competitors dropped their genoas and headed towards the nearest sheltered cove. After mulling over the situation, race committee raised AP over H, hoping the edge of the front would soon clear and provide a little better conditions for racing. That turned out to be a sound call, and before long, the fleet was again under way, this time with gusty conditions in a 15 knot prevailing breeze out of the northeast.

It was a day dominated by one boat that could seemingly do no wrong. After a bad start in the first race, and having to go the “wrong” way, all seemed lost. But fortune smiled and they found themselves benefiting from a big shift that lifted them up to the weather mark right back in contention. And for the rest of the day, if there was a lifted tack, they seemed to be on it, if the wind shifted to the left side of the course, there they were. Excellent boat handling and excellent decision making were a potent combination that was simply unbeatable on this day, and so they picked up three straight wins. With their nearest competitors struggling and almost everyone having at least one hard luck race on the day, the gulf between first and the rest of the fleet widened considerably. **Tom Groll and his crew of John Bartlett and Reed Kleckler**, had all but claimed victory with one day to go.

Day Three: The Battle for Second

Although technically speaking, there was a small possibility for one or two other skippers to unseat the regatta leader, it would have taken a small

miracle (getting two firsts on the final day while having **Tom Groll** abducted by space aliens). Nevertheless, there was a real battle in play for second with **Frans Dahmen** one point ahead of **Jonathan Baker** going into the final race day. And **Bill Hawk** was a handful of points further back; with a strong finish and some help, he could potentially sneak in as well.

The wind was still coming from the northeast, but much more mild than the previous day, averaging only around five knots. While **Bill Hawk** did what he needed to do, starting with a bullet (his second of the regatta), **Jonathan Baker** finished right behind. As luck would have it, (good or bad, depending on your perspective) **Dave Gamble** slipped in ahead of **Frans Dahmen**, effecting a swap of 2nd and 3rd. **Tom Groll** was not abducted and his conservative mid-fleet finish secured the Championship.

After an adjustment of the race course, competitors were again underway, but moments later the fleet was becalmed. A few sporadic patches of wind were not enough to continue the race, which was abandoned. And so the final standings stood: **Tom Groll, first; Jonathan Baker, second; Frans Dahmen, third; Bill Hawk, fourth**.

Also competing were skippers **Dick Baxter, Lewis Price, Elliot Bray, Anne Morley, Dave Gamble, Fred Ford and Eric Creamer and their respective crews**.

The regatta provided a little bit of everything, but mostly what it provided was good competition up and down the fleet, as well as enjoyable social time off the water.

Special thanks to **Tom Groll** for serving as regatta chair and to **Brad Davis** who served as PRO. Thanks also to the many volunteers (including RC team of **Claude Welles, Vic Manning, Danny Lien, Barry Bowden and others**) who helped out in one way or another to make the regatta a success.



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Ensign Region IV Championship Regatta



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Governor's Cup

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2016 Governor's Cup Regatta – Austin Yacht Club

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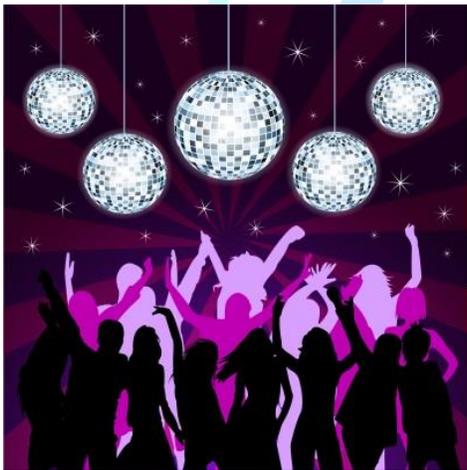
The Austin Yacht Club cordially invites you to participate in the annual Governor's Cup Regatta. We want to put your sailboat racing skills to the test during the weekend of November 5th and 6th. Bring your best Multihull, Centerboard, or Keelboat to compete with friends new and old on Lake Travis. The junior sailors will be competing concurrently with their Opti's, and Lasers.

In addition to the two days of competitive racing, there will be food provided by the Roadrunner fleet throughout the regatta (with wristband purchase) including not only homemade breakfasts and after-race snacks, but a gourmet dinner on Saturday.

On the Sunday after racing, the Roadrunners will be serving an optional post-race meal as well.



Loaded Buffalo Chicken Potato Casserole



Our Saturday evening activities include a Dance Party where competitors may choose their favorite dance and party songs as well as enjoy Latin jams by local artists.

Early registration closes at midnight on Wednesday, November 2nd. Late registration will be available on Friday evening and Saturday morning before the competitor's briefing. For more details, visit the 2016 Governor's Cup website: www.austinyachtclub.net/events/governors-cup

Fair Winds and Happy Sailing!

Late Summer Series



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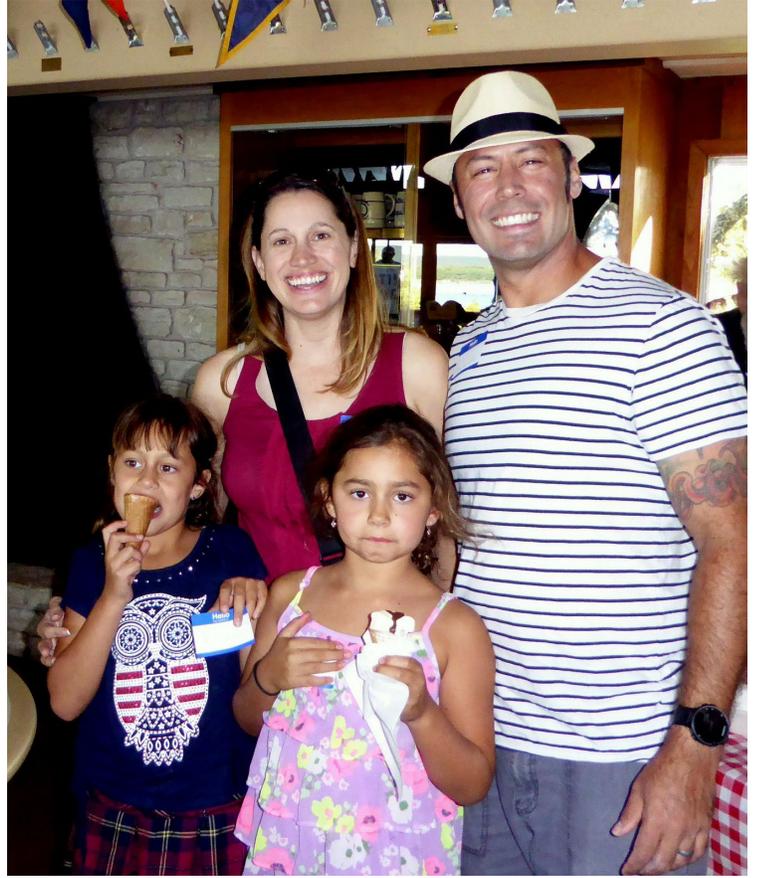
Ice Cream Social



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Ice Cream Social



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2016 Resolute Cup Report by Scott Young



John Morran, Doug Kern and I recently had the honor of representing AYC in the **2016 Resolute Cup** held at the **New York Yacht Club** in **Newport, RI**. We competed against 28 other Yacht Clubs from around the country in an all-amateur event that served as the US selection process for the **Rolex NYYC International Cup** to be held next September in Newport in Swan 42's.

This year's **Resolute Cup** was held in Sonar's and Melges 20's. The event format called for the **28 teams** to be randomly split in half into the "Red" and "Blue" fleets with one fleet racing Sonars and the other Melges 20's on the first day.

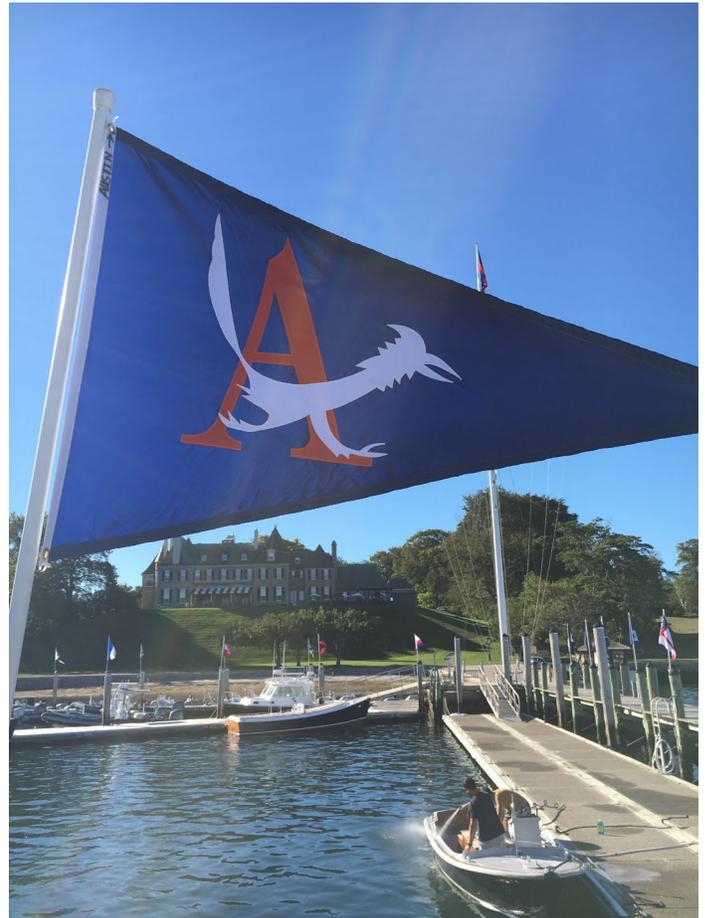


Our division drew the Sonar for the first day of racing and we managed a pretty good day in moderate to strong breeze. It was a long grueling day on the water with 7 races held. We came on strong with a 3-1 in our last two races and after the first day of racing we were in the top 3 in our fleet.

Our division raced the Melges 20 on the second day in much lighter, shifter breeze and we were able to hold on to our top three position that allowed us to qualify for the 10-boat "Gold Fleet" or Championship division to be sailed over the remaining two days in the Melges 20.

The first day of the Gold Fleet races was met with a lengthy postponement on shore waiting for wind. A little before noon, we finally got out on the water and the race committee set up a course further out towards the ocean in the hopes of better breeze. We felt like we had sailed well enough in the first two races to have a shot at winning both but had to settle for a 3-7 after losing several places after being on the unlucky side of a couple of big wind shifts while near the front.

After two races, the race committee moved us back into the bay and remaining Gold Fleet races were predominately held in fairly light to moderate, shifty breezes with a lot of tricky current flowing across the race course. I didn't do an especially good job of getting us off of the starting line and we just never found very good upwind speed and we had to settle for an 8th place finish in the Gold Fleet.



Marcus Eagan and his team representing the **Southern Yacht Club** out of **New Orleans** dominated the Gold Fleet. Their experience racing Melges 20's was obvious and they trounced the Gold Fleet in a very impressive manner.

Overall, our **Resolute Cup** experience was exceptional. The **New York Yacht Club** went above and beyond and hosted an incredible event. The competition was unbelievably tough on the water but the competitors were very friendly and good sportsmanship was the norm.

The **Resolute Cup** appears to be on a path to becoming an annual championship that could be held as a stand-alone event. I think it will eventually become the premier event in amateur sailing.

Thank you to **AYC** for allowing us to represent the Club in this prestigious regatta.

Sea Scout Ship 681 Report

by Chris Schuttger



Ship 681 attended the 27th annual Minto Rendezvous at the Bastrop Lost Pines Scout Reservation earlier this month. Out of 23 attending Ships, we came in 4th overall. Also, of those 23 Ships, 3 of the top 5 were from our own Capital Area Council which has only 5 Ships. Our Council continues year after year to score well even against much larger Councils based on the Texas coast. Of the 22 competitive events, we scored 1st in Heaving Line and Mariners Quiz, 2nd in Shooting Sports, Clove Hitch on a Tree, First Aid challenge and sailing. The sailing competition is time based and was held in Snarks in VERY light wind highlighting our Ships excellent sailing skills. We had 6 youth participating this year with 3 brand new members! All of these new members had learned to sail here at AYC! As reported last month the 'highlight' event is the Flotsam Flotilla. This year all "boats" were to be constructed of balloons, twine and trash bags. We were one of the multiple ships that vied for the "disintegrated fastest" award. A GOOD time WAS had by all!



Blind Man Rigging

Our next activity is the weekend of October 22nd. We will be joining Ship 911 which sails on Lake Georgetown for their annual "Spooky Sail". This is a weekend campout/sailing event that we've never participated in before but are looking forward to.

C Fleet Update

by James Parsons



C Fleet has been pretty active lately. Late Summer Series – most boats, MoonBurn Series – most boats, AYC Fleet Challenge – most fun per pound.

The Late Summer Series – We have had the most competitors, somewhat by chance, but we'd be up there regardless. Each of the first 3 races encountered minimal amounts of wind in the middle of the day. The 2nd race was cancelled from it, and the 1st race all

fleets except ours did not get a race off. Some may call it luck, some may call it torture, but by golly we raced. 2 miles in 3.5 hours. NASCAR has nothing on us when it comes to competition and sheer will.

We also have a very packed group heading into the last race. After **Chris Thompson's** Ericson finished behind all the Pearson's (and **Mack's Ranger**) during Race 1, the Vikings on a Three Hour Crewz reversed their fortunes and pillaged the Pearson's in the next race. We have 5 boats within 3 points of each other now.

Bill Records with 5 points (single handing to a 2nd in the latest race), **Chris and Mack** tied with 7 points (and a win each), then at 8 points are the Pearson's of **Durfor, Denebeim, and Parsons**. Kind of sounds like a law firm. Or the beginning of a walking into a bar joke.



AYC Fleet Challenge – A **Denebeim** and a **Parsons** sailed up to a bar called the Rylander Pavilion after the races. Denebeim, by the way, rhymes with time, I have discovered after spending the day with Keith. Here's a time joke to help you remember: We are all time travelers moving at the speed of exactly 60 minutes per hour.

So, sailed up to that bar may be a strong phrase. It was more like glided gracefully back to the docks after a tow (and making sure we weren't too far away, just in case), to finish a fun day after the wind died out. Having what was possibly the heaviest team in the Fleet Challenge was going to be an uphill battle (not a critique on mine or Keith's weight at all). We also had 2 days between us on FJs (this may be rounding up). But was still fun regardless, and I think we definitely had the most fun per pound, and learned the most per pound too.

The AYC Fund Board is looking for two new board members. I chatted with them at the Luau, and they seem like a great group. It is a three year commitment, with about 4 meetings a year if you are interested.

MoonBurn – Thanks again to everyone that took part. Being the creator and having the most boats from your fleet really means a lot. Looking forward to more night racing next year.

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New boats and a missing skipper – There are two new Pearson's in the fleet. **Victor Gotay** has landed himself a Pearson and has done quite a bit of work to it. **Ted Scardamalia** just got one himself, but is recovering from a runaway outboard accident. Another long standing C Fleeter has been missing from action lately, thanks to a bout with cancer. He is recovering, and I am sending the fleet more info over e-mail. Feel free to reach out to me if you want to know who it is if you want to get in touch with him.



Luau – The AYC Luau returned, and the autumn evening breeze sure was refreshing after the nearly windless day for the AYC Fleet Challenge earlier. The traditional (I am not sure what to call them) Hawaiian pigs with coconut bras, got the dinner started by carrying in the roasted pig. We also had some awesome brisket that the multihull guys prepared for at least a day. Thanks to all that came, it was an awesome night.

Catalina 22 Update

by Steve Pervier



Thanks to our Race Committee members for their good work on Late Summer Series #3. With just a little wind, ours was the first committee this series to run completed races for all fleets! Our committee consisted of Southcoast 21 sailors **Tom Meyer (PRO) and Bob Musselman**, Catalina 22 sailors **Paul Jensen, John Grzinich, Cheryl and Steve Pervier**, and crew members **Trixi, Dan, and Carmine**. We would have had **Brett**

Wilson too, but he was kept busy after blowing a trailer fire on the north ramp.

Our 2016 experiment of combined race committee between SC21 and C22 Fleets was quite successful. We have discussed continuing this arrangement next year. Clearly we also had a good time getting to know members of each others' fleets as we worked together. RC duty can be interesting, challenging, and rewarding! Thanks to each of you who volunteered and served with us this year.

On 10/2, we set up the course in a promising 4 knot southerly, but the wind evaporated and it looked like yet another day of drifting and no race. The wind filled in again, so **Tom** wasted no time in running starts. Soon our Multihull fleet accelerated on a close reach to the line. On the wind towards LCRA Buoy 4, they looked fast to our C22 and SC21 sailors!

Chase 3 sat outside the pin buoy, ready to report boats over early. Almost no one got close – not to avoid getting caught "on course side", but since close-hauled was such slow going. This wouldn't be a good time to be a premature starter. Then we saw the big Pearson 31, with C22 owner **Dane Ohe** and his purple crew, crossing the line with surprising speed. But it was

a full minute before their start signal. About 20 seconds later they made a quick bear-away towards the pin, rounding it onto port and only a little behind. Pretty impressive for such a heavy boat!

Four J/80s led a closely-packed A-Fleet of seven boats off the line. Seven Ensigns looked nearly as tight as they set off – way to go, one-design sailors! Then the wind became spotty, with the lucky or skillful easing ahead. J/70 skipper **Bruce McDonald** said they got 2nd place with a strategy of sailing to where the wind was blowing. "Air Supply" was far ahead when they ran out of wind, but they had picked a good lane and they were patient. Their wind returned in time for them to escape a passing attempt by two boats on the windward shore, and they held on for first place!

In mid-afternoon it looked pretty slow upwind of the temporary W mark, so **Tom** took Chase 3 for a spin. He found the lead tris still moving well, now on their second leg. B and C boats were going very slowly, and only halfway along the beat, so Chase 1 set up to shorten at LCRA 4. This one-leg-only race took about two hours for most. Meanwhile **Chris Thompson** (another C22 owner) aboard his Ericson 27 took just half the time stated in his boat's name – First Place, "Three Hour Crewz" !

Wind conditions looked dicey for a second race so the RTB boats were sent in. Chase 3 picked up the start pin and the L mark as RC considered shortening Multis at LCRA 7. The big tris were still moving fairly well at that time – but soon even they slowed as the wind died off again, making for a very challenging last beat. The fleet compressed, eating up enough of the original leader's advantage so that all the others corrected ahead.

Such are the mixed fortunes of light air racing on Lake Travis!

Ensign Fleet Update

by Randolph Bertin

Late Summer Series

Race Day 1: There was a little bit of wind on the east side of the lake. At least if you squinted hard enough you could make out a few ripples of breath on the water. Unfortunately, there was no wind at all between the AYC and the "race" area. A handful of boats had apparently crossed the chasm earlier, perhaps assisted by motor. **Eric Creamer** had somehow got over there at any rate. The **Dahmens** as well as **Randolph Bertin** rigged their boats and meandered in that direction as best they could, but most other Ensign sailors thought better and left their boats in the slip. Some horns sounded. Surely the race was being postponed?! Or not. More signals, and some boats drifting toward the "windward" mark. It was only about 100 meters away, but it would take seemingly forever to get there. More signals and more boats starting, officially at any rate, even if they were struggling to get across the line. **Randolph** gave up the attempt to reach the race area while the **Dahmens** continued on, eventually arriving in the vicinity just as the races were abandoned for the day.

Race Day 2: Although it was another light air day, this time there was enough wind to get out to the start area. A few Ensigns made an appearance. But come race time the breeze was spent, and at the official 1:30 start, nothing. The AP was hoisted. After waiting half an hour, race committee decided they would not attempt to start. All boats were mercifully towed back to the harbor.

Race Day 3: Yet another light air day (are you sensing a pattern yet)? This time there was just enough wind to get to the course area, drift around a

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little bit, and then with a delayed start, complete a single race. In the middle of the race, the fleet was becalmed. If you were on the south side of the course (**Jonathan Baker, the Dahmens, Elliott Bray**), you picked up the new wind first and rode it to a top finish. If you found yourself more toward the west side, tough luck. All in all, not much practice going into the Regional Championship Regatta.

Race Day 4: The Ensign fleet had the honor of serving as Race Committee for the conclusion of the Late Summer Series. Conditions were challenging with winds ranging over about three quarters of the compass. For the most part, though, there was just enough more-or-less east wind to get in a couple of short races for those sailing 'round the buoys and a moderate long distance race for the remaining sailors. Special thanks to the fleet volunteers who came out to AYC to organize the races after having already been at the club for the preceding four days: **Bill Hawk, Fred Ford, Doug Laws, Anne and David Morley, Jonathan and Caroline Baker, Anne Riggs, George Dahmen, Elliot Bray and Randolph Bertin.**

Final Results: One race completed, so that was the series. Congratulations to **Jonathan Baker** on J Seagull for the race/series win and the **Dahmens** on 588 as runner up.



AYC Fund Fleet Challenge

Sarah Faust and Anne Riggs signed up to represent the Ensign fleet on the water in the 6th annual AYC Fund Fleet Challenge. Although our Fleet really kickstarted the fund raising in the first ever AYC Fund Fleet Challenge a number of years back, more recently we have been upstaged by a greater number of bigger donors in other fleets. Unfortunately, our fleet did NOT stake our team to an early lead through fund raising; in fact, the dynamic duo was handicapped by some fairly high fundraising scores. Just as with all the other race days over the past month, there was very little wind. Although **Anne Riggs** was perhaps a little tall for the boat, she was a great sport and managed to fold herself into some very yogi-like positions as light-air FJ crew roll tacking and heeling to leeward (and at least they did not capsize roll tacking, like last year's crew reportedly did). After a few times around the course, they were towed back to the club by a kayak (yes, it really was that calm). There was a throw out awarded for dressing in the best costume, a detail about which our team apparently was not aware. Otherwise, throw outs cost \$250. Maybe next year we can set up a throw out fund to help our sailors improve their standing, and more importantly, help the AYC fund in

their support of sailing.

Thank you **Anne and Sarah** for representing the Ensign Fleet admirably on the water. All told, it was a very fun day. Scott Young did a great job organizing as usual. The AYC Fund is a great asset to the Club and we should strive to support it.

Ensign Region IV Championship Regatta

Final standings: **Tom Groll, first place; Jonathan Baker, second; Frans Dahmen, third and Bill Hawk, fourth.**

For more details, check out the story and photos on page 22.

Chaparral de Mar Regatta

The Ensign Fleet will host the annual Chaparral de Mar Regatta on Sunday, October 23. The regatta honors our Senior Sailors age 70 and older, and consists of a long distance non-spinnaker race serving in place of Fall Series Race day #1. Our fleet will provide a fully crewed Ensign to all competitors. Skippers will race in one of two categories: Juniors (70-74) compete for bragging rights and a bottle of wine; and Seniors (75 and older) compete for wine and the perpetual trophy. Awards will be presented at the post race meal in the clubhouse. To register, contact Danny Lien, event chairman, at dannylien@gmail.com.



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AYC 2016 RACE CALENDAR

Oct 22-23 Kathryn Hammond Memorial Regatta- UTST
Oct 23 Chaparral de Mar 11:30a - 5:00p
Oct 23 Fall Series #1 1:30p start J22 RC
Oct 29-30 SEISA High School Regatta 9:00a - 4:00p
Oct 30 Fall Series #2 1:30p start A Fleet RC

Nov 5-6 Governor's Cup Regatta
Nov 13 Fall Series #3 1:30p start C Fleet RC
Nov 20 Fall Series #4 EOS 1:30p start Multihull RC
Nov 26 Wild Turkey Regatta

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Oct 21, 28 FJ Training Series 6:00 - 8:00p
Oct 22 ASA 101 Basic Keelboat Certification 8:30a - 5:30p
Oct 23, 30 Free Sail Sunday 1:00 - 4:00p
Oct 27 AYC Board Meeting 7:30p
Oct 29 Fall Women's Sailing Clinic 9:00a - 7:00p

Nov 6, 13, 20, 27 Free Sail Sunday 1:00 - 4:00p
Nov 17 AYC Annual Meeting

Dec 3 Annual Banquet at the Oasis
Dec 4, 11, 18 Free Sail Sunday 1:00 - 4:00p
Dec 9 J24 Christmas Party
Dec 10 Catalina Fleet Holiday Party
Dec 11 Roadrunner Holiday Party



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