

Roadrunner Regatta 2018 (credit Jeff Brock and Mary Carew as Regatta chairs)

There was a lot of excitement at AYC on the weekend of June 1 – 3 as 97 junior sailors arrived in Austin for the Roadrunner regatta. It was great to see our friends from other Texas clubs start to arrive on Friday night as well as having the opportunity to welcome new friends from clubs as far away as the Cayman Islands, Florida and California. This was a multi-event regatta since it was the USODA Mid America Championship, The Texas Laser State Championship, and the Area F Singlehanded Championship so it was great to get a head start on registration on Friday night. A huge “thank you” goes to **Stephanie Froelich** and **Annie Lancaster** for all their help on Registration.

A regatta of this size and complexity does not happen easily. It would be impossible to carry this out safely and successfully if it was not for the support of the AYC board, staff and our wonderful volunteers. Thanks also to our AYC members for the use of their motor boats to ensure we had enough support on the water. Speaking of safety, thanks to **Nan Taylor** for being our Safety officer, ensuring our Opti kids checked in and out, and were accounted for.

Thanks to **Jim Casto**, our PRO on the green line for running some fun races for the beginner sailors. **Ray Schull** did an equally amazing job with the Opti RWB sailors – the largest fleet with 43 boats. Thanks also to **James Bland** for running the Laser/420 races. I think the only thing we could have wished for was for wind on Sunday but thankfully our PROs ran lots of races on Saturday, ensuring a competitive and fun regatta. Thank you to all of the RC teams who ensured racing went smoothly.

Providing tasty and healthy food is so important for the junior sailors and again this year, **Constanze Heitkoetter** and her team did an amazing job in the kitchen, preparing 5 meals for juniors and their families. A special thanks goes to **Markus Heitkoetter** who grilled his gourmet burgers on Saturday in excruciating heat, as well as to **Andrea, Nan, Stefan, Cheryl** and **Robert** for serving them.

Thank you to our judges on the water: **Mark Smith, Tony Nunes** and **Yolanda Mares** and also to **Renee Ruais** for scoring the races and **Amy Brock** for keeping social media updated on the USODA channel. Thank you **Jackie, Coleman** and **Tom** for all your support throughout the weekend. And last but not least, thanks to our Commodore **Bill Records**, for taking the photos that will leave us with a lasting memory of the event.

Roadrunner Fleet Update:

Another Roadrunner regatta is complete and we were happy to have 17 sailors participating from AYC. **Zachery Romberg** participated in his first green fleet regatta and did really well. Eight sailors were on the RWB course, including **Tony Slowik** who was 2nd overall, **Lucas Tenreiro, James Brock, Catherine Froelich, Kynes Cabrera, Nicholas Carew, Keen Cabrera** and **Jack Grant**. This was the USODA Mid America Championship and a team trials qualifier event. AYC members who qualified for Team Trials were **Tony Slowik, Lucas Tenreiro** and **James Brock**. Four sailors competed in Laser Radial: **Ethan**

Froelich finished 2nd in the Symthe Cup(Single-Handed) and qualified to represent AYC in the Area F championship. Also sailing Laser Radial were **Andrew Butler, Eli Ortiz** and **Wendi Froelich** while **Fiona Froelich** sailed Laser 4.7. In C420, **Lucy Brock** and **Julius Heitkoetter** took first place while **Taylor Snyder** took 2nd, sailing with **Hannah Progelhof** from Rush Creek. Thanks again to all the volunteers that made this regatta possible. You and our sailors made AYC proud.

On the road this month **Lucy Brock, Julius Heitkoetter** and **Taylor Snyder** have been successful two weekends in a row. They became Flying Scott Junior Champions on June 10 while on June 16, they qualified to represent Area F at the 2018 US Sailing triple-Handed National Championship (the Sears Cup). With 4 bullets in 4 races, it was quite a decisive victory! They will be heading to Michigan in August.

Meanwhile **Ethan Froielich** is in Kiel, Germany getting ready to participate in the largest regatta in the world and we wish him well.

At home, Endless Summer is happening on Wednesday nights. This is a fun, casual event and so far we have had 12 opti sailors participating. It is nice to see our newest sailors like **Kevin, Zachery, Jack** and **Sharva** participating as well as welcoming back **Keira**. We look forward to continuing Endless Summer throughout July and August and would appreciate some volunteers to make it happen. Let me know if you can help out: my email is marycarew8@gmail.com. For extra fun, stay afterwards and have dinner with the other Roadrunner families or enjoy pool time! Hope to see you there.