

AUSTIN YACHT CLUB TELLTALE

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SUNFISH FLEET WINS 2015 FLEET CHALLENGE



Congratulations to Ravi Subramanian and Ethan Froelich Cover photo by Bill Records

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Photo by Bruce McDonald

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**2015
OCTOBER 24th & 25th
GOVERNOR'S CUP REGATTA**

From The Commodore

by Barry Bowden



What's Been Happening at AYC in 2015

I just returned from a meeting of the Sail Training Committee and the enthusiasm and cooperation of this group made me reflect on all that has happened so far this year.

Sail Training

Our new Optimist sailing group is going well and growing, we have an active group of younger sailors who are progressing, and we have a Roadrunner sailing group that has been active and successful all over Texas, the United States, and also in Europe.

There are plans being made to reach out to our adult members with the FJ clinics that have been very successful and also to the keel boat owners who are new to sailing and racing to help them improve their skills and enjoyment of our sport. Our coaches also have a nice new RIB coach's boat that will be far less likely to turn over, and give them a nice soft edge to put up against our sail training boats.

AYC Fleet Challenge

The AYC Fund Fleet Challenge was held August 29. Over \$25,000 in pledges were received. The **Sunfish fleet was the winner of the Bernstein/Brinkmann trophy** for the best fleet, and was followed closely by the Laser fleet and the A fleet.

The sailing competitors had a great time and there was a wonderful mix of crews from the most senior to the most junior, either sailing together or competing against each other. It is fantastic to see such a great mix of sailors in what is truly a unique lifetime sport. As with any good sailing competition, a great party followed the racing. Thanks to all who contributed and the AYC Fund board who planned this event. It was also great to have our new members join us and be recognized.

Beer Can Races

The Friday evening Keel Fleet-sponsored Beer Can races are winding down for the year this month and we have had a great turnout of racers each week. The food has been plentiful after the races thanks to **Hector Lujan and Chris Thompson** and all of the volunteers they have recruited to help with this task.

Sunfish/Laser Races

Our Wednesday night Sunfish/Laser races have been great this year. I do not remember a single evening lost to no wind and we have had from six to 12 Lasers and Sunfish racing almost every night. This has always been a midweek highlight for me through the years and this enthusiasm is shared by many of our members.

New Docks

We began the year with the delivery and installation of four new board boat docks for our junior sailors to use. These were the prototypes of at least nine replacement docks that we should be getting during next year's budget

cycle. The pitiful condition of the docks they will replace will be a memory that we will be glad to be rid of. Our last old pipe dock was replaced this year. That completes the purchase of all of the docks and components that make our dock area a much safer place for our members.

The Lake is Up

The best news of the year was the refilling of our lake, even if it has attracted a lot more power boats. Since this is Labor Day weekend as I write this, I hope that they will soon go away and leave Lake Travis to the sailors during the great Fall sailing season. Even though the docks now involve negotiating quite a few steps, we do have new stairs on order and we will have even steps, and hand rails, and a place for our dock access walkways to move up and down. This should be finished by the end of the sailing season this year. We will finally have satisfied the LCRA's efforts to get us to make our docks safer and more easily accessible.

All of this brings us to the best time of the year to sail at the Austin Yacht Club. We have the Centerboard Regatta this weekend, followed by two more series, Late Summer and Fall. We also have the Governors Cup Regatta in October, which will be able to accommodate out of town boats launching for the first time in several years. Be sure to join us for these events and come out to the lake and enjoy the cool weather, warm water, and good winds.



Pat Manning Receives ISCA Perpetual Award

AYC Commodore **Barry Bowden** presented **Pat Manning** with the International Sunfish Class Association (ISCA) perpetual award that has been awarded to the Austin Yacht Club to honor Pat for her many years as Class Treasurer. Pat received this award for her volunteer position as ISCA Treasurer 2002-2014.

ISCA also extends a big thank you to AYC for promoting the Sunfish Class within AYC. AYC has one of the largest Sunfish Class memberships of any Club in the country.

The "Beyond the Club Level" plaque is intended for AYC to honor other members who volunteer their time, energy and expertise to other national and international sailing organizations.

Vice Commodore Report

by Molly Lewis



As we enter September, we are right on the cusp of my favorite time of year to be on Lake Travis. Fall in Austin doesn't bring the amazing color changes they get in other parts of the country. But it does bring something even more welcome – a much needed relief from the hot dry summer days, in addition to the fact that the sailing is typically fantastic. Wind is usually great, temperatures are cooler but not cold, and the light on the lake in the late afternoon and early evening is amazing. AYC has many events lined up to keep you occupied, and for those who care, distracted from what promises to be a losing Longhorns season (sorry, that was for my Aggie husband who's been celebrating the Longhorn's season opening loss for the last two days).

First up at AYC is the Centerboard Regatta on September 12-13. Under the leadership of **Vic Manning and Dane Ohe**, this is shaping up to be another great AYC regatta focused on first class racing but complete with great meals and camaraderie before and after all the racing (and maybe a little bit of camaraderie during the races as well). Although the shorter days mean the unfortunate end of another year of great Friday night Beer

Can racing, the Series races continue on. The Late Summer Series starts on Sunday, September 20 and runs through October 11. Then Governor's Cup Regatta, always an AYC favorite, will be on October 24 and 25. **James Wilsford** and his volunteers are actively planning a great regatta, open to all classes of sailboats, with gourmet food and live music after Saturday's races. Don't miss out!

In addition to races and regattas, the Sail Training committee also has a lot of training opportunities lined up for the Fall, for adults as well as juniors. On the adult side, this will include another four-week adult FJ Sail Training Course, a Women's Sail Training Clinic, a Motorboat Training Course, a New Racer Clinic/Regatta, and a Basic Keelboat Clinic. Be on the lookout for details! On the junior side, the Fall training season for Optis, Lasers, and FJs is already in full gear and will run through December 19 (a few slots are still open)! The sail training committee is also cooking up something new this Fall – a High School Open House/School Face Off Regatta. This promises to be a lot of fun and a neat way to potentially attract some new high school sailors to the sport.

From one perspective, being on the verge of Fall means nearing the beginning of the end of the year. But at AYC, it doesn't feel that way at all – it's really the beginning of yet another season of great sailing on Lake Travis!

WELCOME SEPTEMBER NEW MEMBERS!



Max Laine
Junior Member



Donnell Fulwiler
Junior Member

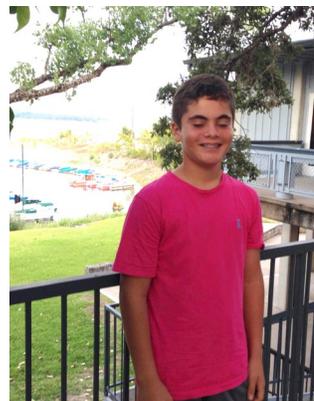


Aiden Krempez
Junior Member

Photos by Jackie Wheelless



Lucas Alcocer
Junior Member



Isaiah Ariza-Escala
Junior Member



John Hatch
Associate Probationary Member



Jeff Linn
Senior Probationary Member

Race Commander Report

by Ed Taylor



1st, 2nd and 3rd place flags for each series class were presented after the completion of the Dog Days Series. Many awards were not picked up during the awards presentation. If you did not receive yours, please let me know and I will make every effort to get the award out to you. Thanks to the Multihull Fleet for the excellent EOS meal and root beer floats!

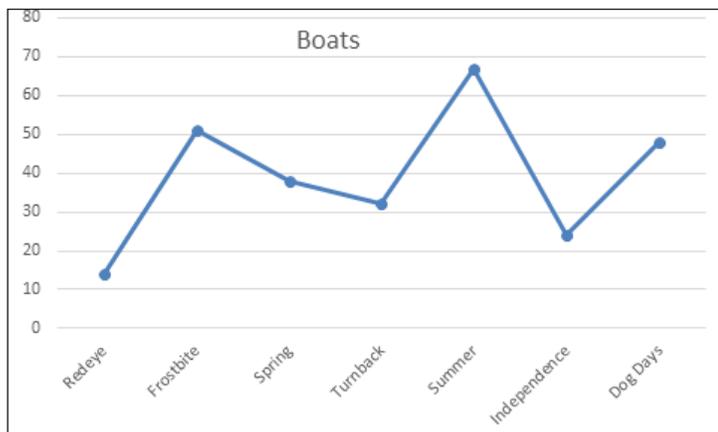
The "B" mark has moved and sank again after replacing for the 3rd time and has now found a permanent home back to the location it should be. Thanks to **Vic and Tom** for their support and preparing the mark and support out on the water.

Race Logistics

Brad hosted a Racing 101 seminar last week with about 25 members. Participants showed lots of interest while the quality and enjoyment of racing should be improved. Sold a bunch of RRS and laminated course cards. Big thanks to **Bill** for getting the word out to C Fleet.

The iPad and iYachtCalc program has some great news from the author, a new release of the program is now available on the app store. Thanks, **Steve**.

A review of all RC boats' first aid kits has been completed. Kits are in good order and only require minimum replacement of bandaids, tape and ointments. All fire extinguishers are up to date.



RC boat maintenance continues with updated inflators and 12V plugs. Thanks, **Tom**. Will need to review the handheld radios and determine which ones need repair or replacement. Also looking into rescue/swim ladders.

Please do your part to make sure RC and chase boats are put back and ready to go for the next Regatta. Ensure boats are clean and all garbage is disposed of correctly. Lines, flags and signs ready to go. All electrical equipment shut off, fuel removed and motors stored in the correct position.

See you out on the water, be on time and the more practice, the better. Crossing the finish makes it all worth it.

Harbor Report

by Wade Bingaman



Labor Day Reflections

While enjoying this Labor Day weekend I noticed our country's flags fluttering in my neighborhood. I was thinking that in spite of all the disagreements you see and hear about our country, we still live in a pretty great place. If you have any doubt, just ask the billion or so people who would gladly move here on a moment's notice. Great country, not perfect, but great.

It's much like that here at Austin Yacht Club. This holiday weekend **Cathy and I** had just finished a wonderful evening sailing with some friends. One of them, not a Club member, said "I think AYC is the best place on Lake Travis." I had to pause and think about that a moment. Sometimes being on the Board, I get caught up in the discussions over dock locations, bathroom remodeling, slip assignment or innumerable other issues and lose sight of what we have at this Club – a great place.

I think the most important thing that makes AYC great is the membership. This Club is run by volunteer members. Not only Board members, but fleet captains, regatta chairs, committee members, work crews and many others. All of us owe a great debt to the Club members of the past who created this great Club and maintained it over the years. We also need to thank all our current volunteer members who keep up this tradition. But our Club can only stay the "best place on Lake Travis" if we realize the responsibility we have. Our younger members should understand that it is now their time to start taking on this challenge.

So yes, a great country and a great Club. Let's keep it that way.

HOLIDAYS SAVE THE DATE

Wild Turkey Regatta

November 28

Annual Membership Meeting

December 3

Annual Banquet

December 5

Roadrunner Holiday Party

December 13

Sail Training Report

by Eric Rochard



Junior Sail Training

The AYC Sail Training program has been built around the Optimist. It is extremely successful with 10+ sailors on the TSA circuit, five sailors qualified for USODA 2016 Team Trials. The challenges for Fall and Winter season are:

#1 Build momentum in **quality**, provide high level coaching for AYC Roadrunners and enable them to progress through our mild Texas Winter.

#2 Build momentum in **quantity**, the Spring attendance to Opti level 1 was low with high attrition, the Fall enrollment looks promising but the Green Fleeters need a lot of attention to keep them motivated and engaged.

AYC will organize a two-day advanced Optimist clinic during the Fall/Winter of 2015. That will be the opportunity to not only prepare our experienced sailors for next year but also mix our new Green Fleeters and beginners.

Beyond Optimist, I want to promote High School Sailing. This has always been a challenge but we will try again this year. We will organize a "High School" Saturday to promote the visibility of high school sailing the last weekend of October.

Adult Sail Training

The Adult FJ Clinic is back by popular demand. Thursday, August 6 was the beginning of the 2nd series. We are slowly reviving Centerboard sailing at AYC, we need to extend this success beyond the FJ Fleet. We are also looking at having a Keelboat Clinic series this Winter. One idea is to get a keelboat with an instructor for the Frostbite series.

We are scheduling Powerboat training for the first weekend of November, followed by a "New Racer" Saturday.

Sailing Director Report

by Kate Noble



Adult Sailing Programs

Our third offering of the FJ Training Series kicks off September 10 with another full class! Thank you once again to the Long Range Planning and Sail Training Committee for their vision and role in making this Training Series a reality. We will be running out of post-work daylight during the week fairly soon. We hope to move the Training Series to weekend mornings later this Fall so



Coach Coleman Terrell leads a rigging demonstration during the September FJ Training Series

that we can continue offering this training. Stay posted for dates, times and registration!

Our Women's Sailing Clinic is scheduled for October 17 and registration is now open. We are looking forward to another fantastic day of sailing and female bonding! This clinic is a great introduction to sailing for beginners as well as a great way for seasoned sailors to develop their skills among their peers. See the flyer in this edition of the Telltale and please tell your wives, daughters, sister and friends!

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SEA SCOUTS



Be on the lookout later this Fall for a Powerboat Training Day, a Basic Keelboat Clinic and more!

As always, if you are interested in any of our training programs or would like to volunteer, please contact me at kate@austinyachtclub.net or give me a call at the AYC office.

Junior Sailing Program

School has started and we are seeing steady numbers at Junior Sailing Program practices now that Summer vacations are over. We have great enrollment across the board with nine sailors enrolled in our beginner level Opti I class, 18 in our intermediate/advanced Opti II/III classes, 10 Laser sailors, and 10 FJ sailors. 15 of those sailors are brand new program participants, joining the Club and enrolling for the Junior Sailing Program after summer fun in PB&J and Junior Sailing Camp.



AYC Green Fleeters L-R Aidan Krempetz, August Bohmer, Jake Miller, Lucas Romo-Loomis, Adrian Romo-Loomis, Eric Jayawant and Lucas Alcocer

Junior Racing News

Our Roadrunner junior sailors continued to impress around the state and beyond! See articles by Roadrunner contributors in this edition of the Telltale for news on the latest TSA regattas and more! To keep up to date with the Roadrunner Fleet Racing Team, check out their website at: <https://aycroadrunner.wordpress.com/>.

Spotlight on Free Sail Sunday

For those interested in checking out AYC Sail Training boats, come on out on Sunday afternoons for Free Sail! Once limited to our Junior Sailing Program participants, Free Sail Sunday is now open to ALL AYC members and their families. All AYC Optis, Picos, Lasers, Sunfish and FJs are available for members to check out between 1:00 and 4:00 on most Sunday afternoons (weather and club schedule permitting). While no formal instruction is offered during Free Sail, the AYC coaching staff is on hand to supervise, assist with rigging launching, and troubleshooting as needed. Free Sail Sunday is open-house style – feel free to come and go as you please throughout the afternoon but please plan on arriving by 3:00 to ensure enough time for rigging, sailing, and derigging. All boats will be called back to the dock to derig at 3:45. Check the AYC calendar for dates. Cancellations

due to weather will be posted to the AYC website no later than two hours prior to Free Sail so be sure to check the site before making the trip.

Free Sail Sunday Rules

- Sign in and out on the sign-in clipboard
- Free Sail Sunday is open to AYC members only and their guests, however guests MUST complete a liability waiver before sailing
- Lifejackets must be worn by all sailors (adults included!)
- Boats MUST be checked by a coach for safety before launching
- Double-handed boats must be sailed by a minimum of two people
- No swimming off of the boats
- No intentional capsizes, "pirating" of boat parts, or general horseplay
- No switching between boats on the water. If sailors would like to switch boats, they may do so at the dock by checking in with the coaches and updating the sign-in clipboard. In the event of damage, damages will be apportioned to whomever the boat is signed out to on the sign-in clipboard.



Opti Practice



Photos by Kate Noble

August FJ Training

Roadrunner Fleet News

by Stefan Froelich



Photo by Doug Kern

Sailing News

Sometimes Island was visited by 14 renegade AYC pirates. Treasures were actually found on the island! aycroadrunner.wordpress.com



Photo by Sarah Jayawant

Prindle 16

Thanks to Jim Casto the RoadRunner Fleet has a new-to-them boat! The orange hulls look weathered, but it has excellent condition Smyth racing sails, and it goes fast. It has double trapezes! The water is warm, and Fall is a great time for Catamaran sailing on Lake Travis. If you have any questions or concerns, want to be trained or if it needs upgrade/repair/explanation, please let **Jim Casto** know.

5th Annual AYC Fleet Challenge

Thank you Roadrunner Fleet for donating over \$2,000 to help support the efforts of the AYC Fund. Across all boats there were nine Roadrunners on the water. Way to represent!

Team Hats

Would you like a team hat? We are ordering more silver Gill hats, with the AYC Roadrunner Racing Team logo on the front and for a few extra dollars you can add a boat name or sailor name on the back. Approximate cost \$25, depending on the final quantity ordered. If interested, please email stephanie@hasystems.com with the quantity you want and any customized text.



Photo by Stefan Froelich



Sunfish Fleet Dominates 2015 Fleet Challenge



Bartletts Win Race 1



Photos by Bill Records

FJ Start

5th Annual Fleet Challenge

SUNFISH FLEET DOMINATES 5TH ANNUAL FLEET CHALLENGE

by Johannes Brinkmann, AYC Fund Chair

Like the previous four, this year's fifth annual Fleet Challenge was a resounding success with over \$25,500 raised! The results suggest we've found a winning recipe for this event by combining a great leader (**Scott Young**), a great Cause (the AYC Fund), the competitive spirit of AYC's fleets and sailors, and the hard working dedication of the AYC Fund board members and event volunteers. This year the Sunfish Fleet etched their name into the **Bernstein-Brinkmann Trophy**, leading the fund raising and number of donations secured, and cleaning up on the water with a dominating performance by **Ravi Subramanian and his skillful crew Ethan Froelich! Congratulations Sunfish Fleet!**

On behalf of the AYC Fund board and the causes the Fund supports, I want to thank each and every one of you who helped host the event and who participated by donating or racing. Your efforts are truly shaping a bright future for competitive sailing in Central Texas. At a breakfast meeting six years ago, **Doug Kern, John Morran and Scott Young** laid out a vision for key areas of improvement to sail training at AYC. With targeted financial assistance from the AYC Fund and a lot of elbow grease from everyone involved, much of that vision is now blossoming into reality. It can be seen in the number of participants and programs, the quality of the coaching staff, the involvement and enthusiasm of parents, the results Central Texas Junior sailors are achieving at regattas across the country (and the world!), and in key improvements to training facilities and equipment. With your help, the AYC Fund will continue to nurture and grow competitive sailing here in Central Texas for the generations to come.

I'd especially like to thank AYC Fund board members **JoAnn Welles, Bonnie Lackey, Deb Rackley, Kelly Hawk and David Grogono** for their efforts and dedication in planning and hosting this year's Fleet Challenge, and **Scott Young** for leading the fundraiser and racing.

Johannes Brinkmann – AYC Fund Chair

FINAL RESULTS	FLEET	NET POINTS	FUNDS RAISED
1	Sunfish - 1	13	\$4,910
2	Laser - 2	18	
3	A-Fleet	21	\$3,000
4	Sunfish - 2	32	
5	Laser - 1	43	\$3,850
6	420	52	\$500
7	Catalina 22	53	\$2,550
8	Roadrunner - 1	54	\$2,150
9	Multi-Hull	55	\$2,452
10	UTST - 2	68	
11	Ensign	70	\$1,740
12	J 24	75	\$1,001
13	Roadrunner - 2	79	
14	UTST - 1	87	\$400
15	C-Fleet	92	\$600
	J-22	n/a	\$1,365
	B Fleet	n/a	\$550
	SC 21	n/a	\$400
	UT Sailing Club	n/a	\$100
	TOTAL		\$25,568

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5th Annual Fleet Challenge



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New Member Social



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Ensign Fleet Update

by David Morley

Ensign Nationals

Bravo to **George Dahmen, Ann Kitzmiller and Rick Jones** for doing a great job crewing for **Eric Jones** on Teamwork, and representing our fleet at Ensign Nationals at Niantic Bay in Connecticut, as they finished 6th out of 40 boats! Nationals were held on Sunday, August 9 through Thursday, August 13, except for Tuesday, when the weather turned and races were cancelled. The rest of the time the weather was gorgeous.

Thanks to **George** for providing a colorful description of their experience at Nationals: "Niantic Bay has currents like a toilet bowl, with a river flowing out and flood and ebb tides dramatically affecting the river currents about every six hours. In short, navigating Niantic Bay is oh so very tricky! The sailing instructions provided the schedule of flood and ebb tides, so we strategized our course based on wind, river current, and tides. 40 boats competed in eight races plus a practice race. We won the practice race. The tide was going out so they went left to benefit from the river and the ebbing tidal flow. We had a great start in the middle, went left and picked up some lucky wind shifts to boot. After that things went downhill. Never win the practice race right? Our finishes in the real races were 8, 12, 16, 5, 22, 11, 4, and 5. In the 12th and 16th place finishes, we had horrible starts but were able to climb back by doing jibe sets around the windward mark, which kept us out of unfavorable currents while taking advantage of the local wind direction. On our 22nd place finish, we had a good start but chose the wrong direction twice (go figure), so we fought the tide. The last two races we put it all together and were right behind the pros. It was an awesome time! There were two other Texas representatives at Nationals. **Dick Baxter** of Ensign Fleet 2 at Houston Yacht Club trailered Crusader to Niantic Bay to compete, and he and his crew placed 15th. **John Cutler** also made the trip from Texas. The Lone Star State was well represented! Quite a few competitors mentioned that they would like the AYC Ensign fleet to host a midwinter regatta! (Next year the nationals are in Mattapoisett, MA, which is between Boston and Cape Cod. Our friend **Rachel** who sailed with **Elliot, Doug and "G-- damn Deke"** [her words not mine, although very funny indeed] lives there, and she might be willing to lend her boat out to a qualified Austin competitor. We should try to make that one. The winds are usually honking up there!")"

Fleet Challenge

Thank you to the Ensign team, skipper **Jonathan Baker** and crew **Anne Riggs**, who exhibited our fleet spirit in good-natured competition. Overall the Ensign Fleet scored 5th place in the race, including our 7th place finish in number of donors. Great job! The day of the Fleet Challenge Regatta was sunny with little wind and hot. Thank you to **Kelly and Bill Hawk** for working race committee. **Elliot Bray, Garrett Kates and Fred Ford** set "sail" for the course site to cheer our racers, but with no winds had to ultimately accept a tow back to the club from **Brad Davis**. **David and Anne Morley, and daughter Kristin**, were also on the water at the course to cheer on our team.

Full Moon Sail and Party

Full Moon Sail and Party will be Saturday, September 26. Come well armed. **Fred Ford** has been in negotiations with **Secretary John Kerry**, and we are not allowed to use nuclear weapons. **Fred** needs a Team Leader for the Full Moon party. Anyone volunteering will benefit greatly by having a good sense of humor.

Ensign Raft Up

The Ensign Raft Up, hosted by **David and Anne Morley**, has been rescheduled for Saturday, October 17. Mark your calendars to travel to the raft up by lake or land and enjoy a fun afternoon and evening!



Jonathan Baker and Anne Riggs representing the Ensign Fleet in the Fleet Challenge

Catalina 22 Fleet Update

by Steve Pervier

Hello, Fleet 69! By the calendar, Summer should be over, but not at Austin Yacht Club! Just when public pools are closing, boat traffic is shrinking, and for many it's back to school – we're planning for more racing!

Thanks to all of you who helped with AYC's 5th annual Fleet Challenge, for your generosity and individual efforts. Our FJ racing team consisted of **Ted Owens**, a frequent C22 victor in "Mojo", and **Xander Judd**, 2015 Captain of the UT Sailing Team. **Xander** stepped in when an outside conflict limited the time of our other C22 team member, **Preston Bezanit**.

Ted and Xander, thanks to you for enduring the nearly hour-long, single-



Photos by Cheryl Pervier

Position is everything! Notice crew placement, heel, sail trim for light air, all on #12 – C22 Fleet team

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leg first race, then improving steadily. You beat 11 of the other 14 teams in at least one of six races, and all but one of the other keelboat fleet teams in a majority of races! Hats off to the only teams we didn't beat overall – those from A-Fleet, Laser #2, and Sunfish #1, who placed 3rd, 2nd, and 1st – the same as their fundraising rankings. It was amazing to watch the Laser, Sunfish, 420 (UT) and Roadrunner teams showing the skills developed in dinghy racing.

Our Catalina 22 Fleet fundraising was also strong, ranking 4th – thanks to contributions from nearly every C22 active in racing this year! We raised \$2,350 before the event, leading the fundraising until the last days. Perhaps our early lead inspired other fleets? Thanks to these Catalina 22



Leeward boat! That is, if you know where the wind is. C22 Fleet team on #12 approaches UTST on #10.

Fleet donors: John Grzinich, Ted and Barb Owens, Paul Jensen, Steve and Cheryl Pervier, Brett and Cindy Wilson, Peter Broberg, and Steve and Meri Shepardson!

We'll give the biggest thanks to **Johannes Brinkmann**, who not only matched all our individual pledges and corporate matches, but also purchased our throwout race. **Johannes** may have left sailing the family C22 to his son **Peter**, but he's still a loyal supporter of the Catalina 22 Fleet, and of course Austin Yacht Club and the AYC Fund. Thank You from all of us, **Johannes!**

We have a lots of warm water, moderating temperatures, milder sunshine, and some great racing on our calendar. Come out to play with us! Even if you're not racing, don't miss this fine time to get your C22 on the water, and enjoy being with your fellow sailors at AYC.

Late Summer Series starts September 20, and Governor's Cup is on tap for October 24. See me at AYC or send email to steve.c22.ayc@gmail.com if you want to find or be crew, or just to talk all things sailing!

J/24 Fleet Update

by David Broadway

Bob Harden/Natalie Penner's Giggles team is in Portland, ME for the J/24 North American Championships to be held September 10-13. Meanwhile **Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás** and **Adolfo Bernal** enjoyed the May J/24 US Nationals in Berkeley CA so much that they headed back to the West Coast (Santa Barbara) to pick up **Jorge's** 3rd and newest addition (3 Stray Dogs) to his stable of J/24s.

A regatta without Race Committee or chase boats? Well an Informal Regatta is what **John Parker** put together for the J/24 and J/22 fleets on Labor Day Weekend at AYC, when there was no club-wide racing scheduled.

With a hand from **Doug and Sun Hi Casey** along with **Steve and Carol Frick**, things went smoothly. On Saturday, **Doug and Steve** set up three temporary marks in conjunction with LCRA permanent mark #4. The offset mark at the weather #4 mark also served as the finish line. A start line of two tetrahedrons also served as a leeward gate. With a VHF announcement to the competitors as to the race start times, the races ran flawlessly. The racing was very close with only one over early noted.

Three non-AYC entries included **Tim Johnson's** Gray Wolf, **James Freedman's** Miss Conduct (both from Dallas Corinthian YC), and **Jeff Jones** on JB1. After four races on Saturday, **James Freedman's** Miss Conduct led the regatta with six points. Despite being the heavy favorites to win the regatta at this point, the Miss Conduct team only raced on Saturday and headed home after dinner. Former AYC members **Jeff/Carrie/Owen Jones** and their team aboard the borrowed JB1, earned 3rd place. Despite not racing on Sunday and with a throwout, the Miss Conduct team finished in 2nd place. This allowed the Superman team of **Kurt Carson, Linda Donovan, Jonathan Broadway** (on Saturday), **Laura Miller, Capt'n Bligh, and Charlie Singstad** (on Sunday), to sneak in for the regatta win. The racing was so close that there was only one point between each of places 3 through 6.

2015 AYC Informal Regatta

Race #	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Broadway	2	1	1	3	TO	1	8
Freedman	1	2	2	1	TO	8	14
Jones	3	5	TO	2	4	4	18
Hammel	5	6	4	TO	2	2	19
Juengst	TO	4	7	5	1	3	20
Parker	TO	3	3	4	5	6	21
Johnson	4	TO	6	6	6	5	27

Many thanks to **Doug Casey and Steve Frick** for setting marks on Saturday morning and handling the grill in the evening. **Cathy Parker, Candace Miller, Sun Hi Casey, Carol Frick, Laura Miller** and many others put together the Informal Regatta dinner. One of the festivity highlights was **Meiling Parker's** well-received Bushwackers!!

Thank you to **Pedro Gianoffi and Reed Cleckler** at UK Sails for additional awards!

The Informal Regatta kick starts the Fall J/24 racing with J/24 TX Circuit Regatta events on September 19-20 (HYC HOOD Regatta), October 10-11 (Lakewood YC JFest), and the November 21-22 (Lake Canyon YC Circus). Other J/24 race events include the AYC Gov Cup October 24-25 and LCYC Wurstfest November 14-15.

The current seven AYC-based J/24 Road Warriors may be increased to eight AYC-based J/24 TX Circuit entries with the new fleet addition of 3 Stray Dogs!

Bye Bye Beer Can ...

URBAN LEGEND HAS IT

Beer Can Racing earned its name because most of the participants didn't know how to read the race rules and couldn't tell a windward mark from the starting line; they simply followed the empty beer cans tossed overboard by the leading boats.

AYC LEGEND HAS IT

We can thank **John and Cathy Mandell** for introducing Beer Can Racing to AYC:

"So, Cathy and I spent three delightful years in Santa Cruz, CA in the early 1990s. It's a big sailing town and Wednesday Beer Can Races were a city-wide event. If you weren't on a boat, you were at the Crows Nest with an adult beverage, watching. It was always a Rabbit-Start, different courses, short, friendly, and no scores were ever kept (that was a new concept!). Competitors ranged from Santana 20s to Santa Cruz 70 sleds. Burgers were cooked outside at the club afterwards. It was great fun & Thursdays at work were often a little difficult!

So, when we got back to Austin in 1993, we decided to try something like that at AYC. Wednesdays were pretty much booked up (!), so we picked Friday. It began in 1994. Cathy and I arranged for burgers and sausages on a charcoal fire for the first two years and the momentum was established. The course we chose: B/E/K, any order became a surprisingly interesting course, depending on wind direction. Ray Shull engineered a "secret spreadsheet" that worked amazingly well! The rest is a delightful history of fun racing/sailing at a great club. But, most important: it's a wonderful way to introduce non-racers/non-sailors to the sport."

BEER CAN RUMINATIONS 9/4/15

Steve Pervier: "As a good start to Labor Day weekend, we had maybe 80 to 90 people for burgers after the Beer Can Race. We all got to eat, thanks to a good job by our new member volunteers and special volunteer chef **J.D. Martinez**, as well as **Chris Thompson** who kept the food coming as long as possible. Many of us would like these Friday evenings to continue, but next week has long been planned as the last Beer Can cookout for the year.

As we finished our burgers, **Hector Lujan** assembled the cooks and took the microphone to thank them; then he read a poem:"

BEER CAN POEM

by Hector Lujan

Sometimes life is wonderful!
all things fall in place
Sailing to far horizons
Fair winds on our face

From that far horizon
As you come to shore
a beer can burger waits for you
With fixings a galore

I tell myself this could be it
I want another week
And if I win the next race
Cold wine I will seek

But ... all things end, and
journeys fail
to reach their destination
Your path is toward the world
of work
Ours toward resignation

When hopes are dashed
And sailboats crash
On distant rocky shores;
It's time to set new goals!
Regroup and start once more.

Wishing you the best of best!
That beer cans come again
We'll be waiting, at the grill
For you and all your friends.

THE LAST BEER CAN 9/11/15



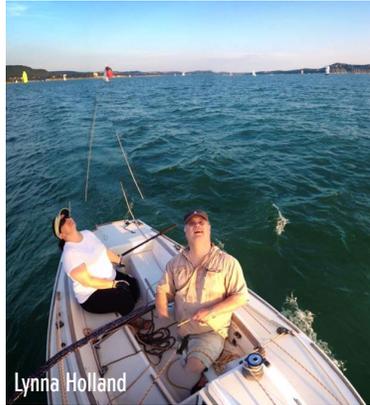
Photos by Lynna Holland

See you next summer!

THANK YOU BEER CAN PHOTOGRAPHERS!



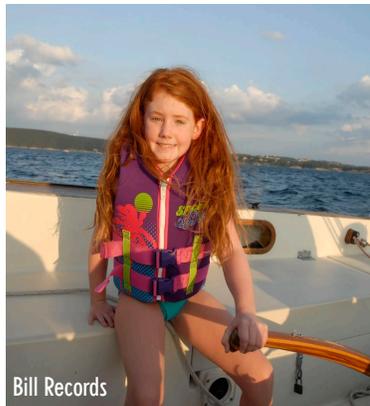
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The 10 Commandments of Beer Can Racing

I. Thou shalt not take anything other than safety seriously. Relax, have fun and keep it light. Late to the start? So what. Over early? Big deal. Too windy? Quit. Not enough wind? Break out the beer.

II. Thou shalt honor the racing rules if thou knowest them. Few sailors have actually studied the rules cover to cover. For Beer Can Racing, just remember some of the biggies: Port tack boats shall avoid starboard ones, windward boats shall avoid leeward ones, outside boats shall give room at the mark. Stay out of the way of bigger boats, pay your insurance premiums and keep a low profile unless you're sure you know what you're doing.

III. Thou shalt not run out of beer. Just why beer is so closely associated with this kind of racing escapes us at the moment, but it's a tradition we're happy to go along with.

IV. Thou shalt not covet thy competitor's boat, sails, equipment, crew or PHRF rating. No excuses or whining. You don't need the latest in zircon-encrusted widgetry or unobtainium sailcloth to have a great time. Even if your boat's a heaving pig, make modest goals and work toward improvement from week to week. Or don't.

V. Thou shalt not amp out. No screaming, swearing or overly aggressive tactics. If you lose it in a Friday-nighter, you're going to run out of crew – not to mention friends – in a big hurry.

VI. Thou shalt not protest thy neighbor. This is extremely tacky at this level of competition. Tossing a red flag is the height of bad taste in something as relatively inconsequential as a Beer Canner. Don't do it – it's bad karma.

VII. Thou shalt not mess up thy boat. It's not worth risking your boat and gear in such casual competition; like the song says, you got to know when to hold 'em, and know when to fold 'em.

VIII. Thou shalt always go to the yacht club afterwards. Part of the gestalt of Beer Can Races is burgers after the race. Etiquette demands you congratulate the winners. Besides, the clubhouse is a logical place to see old friends and make new ones.

IX. Thou shalt bring thy spouse, kids friends and whoever else wants to go. Twilight races are great for introducing new folks to sailing. Always bring your significant other and don't make newcomers watch – give them a job on the boat.

X. Thou shalt not worry; thou shalt be happy. Leave the cell phone in the car; bring the ghetto blaster. Lighten up, it's not the Big Boat Series. Have fun!

Thank you to the monks at Spinnaker Sailing of Redwood City. From the original texts by Latitude 38.

THANK YOU KEEL FLEET! SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

How to Add a Family Member to the AYC Online Member Directory and Email Distribution

by John Grzinich

When we brought up the new AYC website, the online member directory was populated with what we call the primary members. Even though AYC has a "Family Membership", family dynamics and privacy concerns led us to the approach of starting up the new online Member Directory with only the primary member (the person who gets the monthly bill), leaving the addition of other family members to be optional, at the discretion of the primary member. To support this approach we have an online form that allows the primary member to log on the AYC Website, fill out a simple form with a family member's information, and once submitted, that family member will get a member number (it will be the primary member's number plus a suffix), and a password so they can log on the AYC website, plus they will get added to AYC's email distribution list.

To get started, go to the AYC Website home page, click on the "Member Login" orange bar. This will bring up the "Log In" screen. Sign in using your member number or email address, and of course, your password. After logging in, click on the "Add a Family Member Bar".

About Austin Yacht Club

Since its founding in 1951, AUSTIN YACHT CLUB is the place in Central Texas where members and guests can find a fun, uniquely Austin version of what a "Yacht Club" should be:

A great community of sailing enthusiasts with excellence in sailing skills, racing, and training

AYC's facilities offers its members fabulous access to the main basin of Lake Travis. We are located on over 30 acres and offer wet and dry slip storage, an inviting pool and a cozy clubhouse.

AYC's programs and events include junior sail training for our youth and adult sail training led by a full-time Sailing Director. Camps and clinics offer a wide range of choices from Learn-To-Sail classes to Racing Seminars. Many of these programs are free or discounted for AYC members, and open to non-members. They typically are taught by members who have world class cruising and racing experience.

AYC's annual racing calendar is full of choices and takes seriously our club tradition of being a year-round sport - starting with the first event, The Red Eye Regatta, held on January 1st. Whether it is the Friday Night Beer Can, Wednesday Night Laser/Sunfish, Regular Weekend Series or the annual Club Regattas - like Turnback Canyon or Governor's Cup - everyone, from new racers to national champions, enjoys testing their sailing skill on beautiful Lake Travis.

Members of AYC are our biggest asset and have a long tradition of volunteerism - this spirit strengthens the sense of community and keeps our cost structure affordable. Whether it is a club work party or one of the Club's numerous social gatherings - our members are always willing to pitch in to make sure all feel welcome and leave with great memories.

MEMBER MENU

Online Member Directory

Printable Member Listing

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Member Info Change Form

Add a Family Member

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Then you will see the following screen with the form to fill out.

Add a Family Member

Use this Form the Add a Family Member to the AYC Online (on this website only) Member Directory, and to the AYC Email Distribution List to have them receive blast emails from AYC. The Family Member will receive an email with a confirmation and a password to enable log in the this AYC website.

Add a Family Member

Use this form to add a family member to the online AYC Member Directory and the AYC Member Email distribution list to receive blast emails from the club.

Primary Member AYC Member Number *

Please enter a value greater than or equal to 0

Enter the Primary Member's AYC Member Number

Name of Primary AYC Member *

Enter the Primary AYC Member Name

Name of Family Member *

Enter the Name of the Family Member to be added to the Online Member Directory and AYC Email Distribution List

Email of Family Member to be Added *

Enter the email address of the Family Member to be added.

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Fill in the menu boxes. Make sure the email address is spelled correctly. Click the "Submit" button on the bottom.

After that, within a few days, myself or Jackie will add this person to our AYC Website's Online Member Directory, plus that person's email address will get added to our AYC Email distribution list, and they will start getting the emails send from the AYC Staff, Board Members, and Volunteer Leaders. If that person does not want to get those AYC Emails, there will be an "Unsubscribe" option at the bottom of those emails. Any questions about this process email the 'Webmaster' from the "Contact Us" screen on the AYC website.

Fred's Slightly Edited Warmhearted Yet Seriously Threatening Rant

by Fred Schroth

Fred's Rants should be read in the same manner as the Statesman Letters to the Editor. Your Telltale editorial staff suggests you use the Nikita Krushchev bang-the-shoe-on-the-podium delivery. Imagine you are on the clubhouse balcony and the entire membership is assembled in front of you. Stand up. Take a big breath and shout it out!

Everybody else has a nice boat and the other fleets are made up of great people.

Yeah sure!?!?! Who has ever heard THAT at AYC?? According to a fellow who came back to my shop after a brief visit, nobody says anything of the kind. In fact according to him, "Whoever talked to me said the same thing. 'Our boats are great and you don't want any of the other boats.' They don't even seem to like each other much. My impression is the people down there aren't very nice."

Wow!! That was a slap in the face. I consider 100% of the people at AYC to be my friends. In fact, I see membership as including an obligation to treat every other member as a friend no matter how much I can't stand the weirdo. (If we threw out all the strange and eccentric folks here the place would be empty.)

So what is going on here, how are we driving away interested sailors, and how do we cut it out?

For starters, we need to recognize the audience and speak appropriately for that audience. It is one thing to stand under the porch with Vic and tell him Sunfish sailors are on evening furlough from the Austin Home for the Terminally Bewildered, and it is OK for Deke to tell me he doesn't sail J/24 anymore because he has already accumulated his lifetime quota of black and blue marks. You simply can't tell new visitors things like Southcoasts are garbage and A fleet owners bought big boats to compensate for the extra room in the front of their pants.

Realize what happens if everybody who meets a newbie continues to trash the other fleets. The very largest fleets in the Club are made up of boats owned by a minority of members. At least 90% of the time, your precious

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fleet is being trashed by 90% of the members. I don't much like the odds somebody will say nice things about my fleet.

Perhaps we should consider the positive possibilities. If we interview the newbie and actually try to be friendly and useful, we can make our best guess where the sailor fits. If the person smells bad, has a scruffy furry head, and can't seem to form a complete sentence without use of the F word, you know the guy belongs in the Electra fleet. If the guy is built like a gymnast, moves like a cat, and seems thrilled about everything modern and technical, he might belong in the foiler fleet. If the visitor wants a floating RV with a fleet for racing, introduce him to the Pearson 26 fleet.

Every fleet at the Club has a huge positive side. We would each rather sail in any of the fleets than do something else on Sunday afternoon. Introduce your new acquaintance to an appropriate fleet, not running away from the unfriendly stupid yacht club.

Summary: It's my rant so I don't have to mince words. Every single boat at AYC belongs to somebody who bought the boat on purpose and has reasons for doing so. Every fleet has great people with whom somebody on the planet wants to associate. We can all try to help newbies find a great home or we can be a bunch of unfriendly jerks.

HULL CLEANING

**Is Your Boat Dirty?
Are You Too Busy To Clean It?**

The Froelich and Brock Roadrunners are working to earn money to race in the upcoming Texas Sailing Association Circuit. We clean boat hulls, and scrub and polish decks.

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AFTER

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Linda McDavitt's Race Around the World

Linda McDavitt is sailing around the world as part of the 2015-16 Clipper Race. On August 30, Linda and her ClipperTelemed+ teammates depart on a 40,000 mile journey across six continents. Here's an update.



RACE 1 DAY 9: Through the Canaries SEPTEMBER 9, 2015

It's Day 9 on the way from London to Rio, with the fleet hugging the African coast for better breeze and current, passing through the Canaries and into the Doldrums. The teams found some great downwind breeze mid week, with gusts over 40 knots, sustained winds overnight of 30-35 knots and 20 knots boat speed surfing. This was

followed by some light air as teams split the route around the Canaries. The fleet should arrive in Rio in about three weeks, around September 30.

Here are highlights so far.

Kitemare

ClipperTelemed's medium kite blew up at the start, leaving a bit of a "project" for the crew to repair. After days below at the sewing machine, "Our Long National Kitemare" is over.

Happy Hour

The time when the entire crew eats lunch together (sans vino), the watches swap, and the team spends time on any boat-wide discussions like "please don't hang your underwear above my head as I sleep."

Wildlife

Turtles, Dolphins, Squid and the glitter of the green phosphorescences on the black night water.

Food!

ClipperTelemed's cooks are inventive. Tuna/Pasta Wraps, Alaskan Moose Sausages, Chicken Panang Curry, and Toffee Cake.

For Andy

The fleet was shocked and saddened by the death of crew member Andy Ashman on Saturday (Day 5). Andy, a paramedic and a watch leader aboard Team IchorCoal, was involved in reefing the main sail just after midnight local time in a strong breeze and was knocked unconscious by the mainsheet and possibly the boom. Despite immediate medical assistance onboard and via satellite phone, Andy failed to regain consciousness and the boat diverted to Portugal, 120 miles away. On Wednesday (Day 9), IchorCoal officially resumed the race after the team's unanimous decision, which had the full support of Andy's brother Keith.



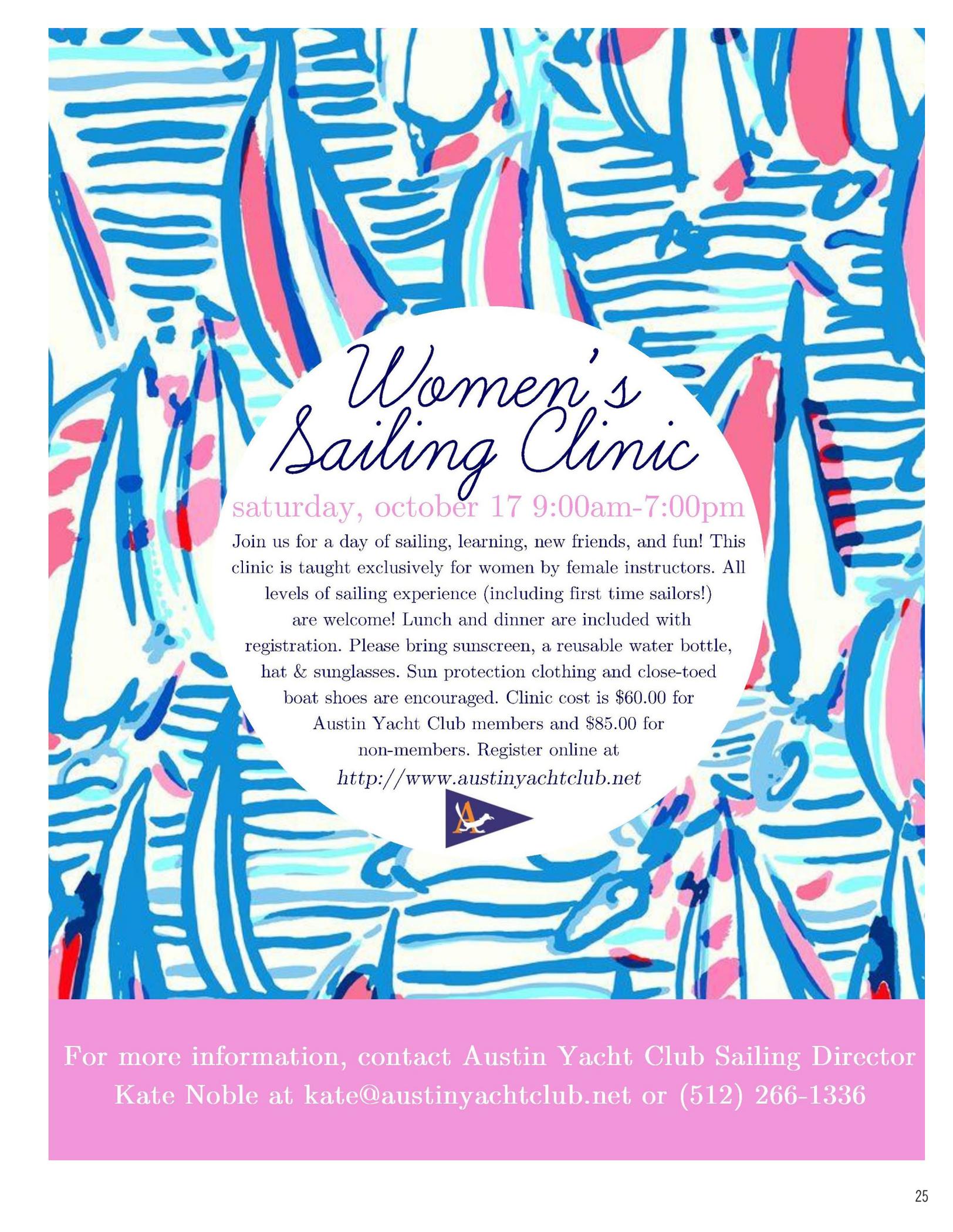
Clipper 2015-16 Race Leg Dates

Leg	Start Port	Finish Port	Crew Changeover Date*	Estimated Start Date/Time	Estimated Arrival Window	Berth Location	Route Comments
1	London	Rio, Brazil	*26 Aug 15	Sun 30 Aug 15	26 to 30 Sept 15	Marina De Gloria	Leg 1
2	Rio, Brazil	Cape Town, S.A.	*3 Oct 15	Wed 7 Oct 15	21 to 25 Oct 15	Victoria & Alfred Waterfront	Leg 2
3	Cape Town, S.A.	Albany, W.A.	*27 Oct 15	Sat 31 Oct 15	22 to 26 Nov 15	Albany Waterfront Marina	Leg 3
4	Albany, W.A.	Sydney, N.S.W.	*27 Nov 15	Tue 1 Dec 15	12 to 15 Dec 15	Cruising Yacht Club of Australia	Leg 4, boat lifts
5	Sydney, N.S.W.	Hobart, TAS.	N/A	Sat 26 Dec 15	30 to 31 Dec 15	King's Pier Marina	Leg 4
6	Hobart, TAS.	Airlie Beach, QLD	N/A	Sat 2 Jan 16	13 to 14 Jan 16	Abell Point Marina	Leg 4
7	Airlie Beach, QLD.	Da Nang, Vietnam	*15 Jan 16	Mon 18 Jan 16	17 to 21 Feb 16	TBC	Leg 5
8	Da Nang, Vietnam	Qingdao, China	N/A	Sat 27 Feb 16	10 to 13 March 16	Olympic Sailing Harbour	Leg 5
9	Qingdao, China	Seattle, USA	*16 March 16	Sun 20 March 16	15 to 20 April 16	Bell Harbor Marina	Leg 6
10	Seattle, USA	Panama (Pacific)	*24 April 16	Thur 28 April 16	25 to 27 May 16	Flamenco Island Marina	Leg 7
	Panama (Pacific)	Panama (Atlantic)	N/A			Shelter Bay Marina	
11	Panama (Atlantic)	New York, USA	N/A	Mon 30 May 16**	12 to 14 June 16	TBC	Leg 7
12	New York, USA	Derry-Londonderry, N.I.	*17 June 16	Mon 20 June 16	7 to 11 July 16	Foyle Marina	Leg 8
13	Derry-Londonderry, N.I.	Den Helder, ND	N/A	Sun 17 July 16	23 to 24 July 16	Oude Rikjswerf, Willemsoord	Leg 8
14	Den Helder, ND	London	N/A	Thurs 28 July 16	Sat 30 July 16	St. Katharine Docks	Leg 8

*The crew changeover date is the contractual date on which the departing crew are free to leave the yachts and crew joining the boat must report. Joining crew can arrive before this date but accommodation on board the yachts cannot be guaranteed.

** This date is our best estimated date as Clipper Ventures PLC is not in control of the Panama Canal scheduling. The race shall start as soon as all of the boats are through the Canal and on the Caribbean side.

Please be aware the dates are our best estimate based upon collecting data from previous races. Due to the nature of sailing Clipper Ventures PLC can in no way guarantee that these arrival dates will be achieved. Always remember that sailing yachts have destination ports and NOT arrival times. Clipper Ventures PLC reserves the right to change dates to ensure the overall aim of the race is achieved. We strongly advise that crew only book flexible flights as these dates could alter in case of unplanned changes to the schedule. Flexible flights can be purchased through our recommended travel agent The Marine Travel Company.



Women's Sailing Clinic

saturday, october 17 9:00am-7:00pm

Join us for a day of sailing, learning, new friends, and fun! This clinic is taught exclusively for women by female instructors. All

levels of sailing experience (including first time sailors!) are welcome! Lunch and dinner are included with registration. Please bring sunscreen, a reusable water bottle, hat & sunglasses. Sun protection clothing and close-toed boat shoes are encouraged. Clinic cost is \$60.00 for

Austin Yacht Club members and \$85.00 for non-members. Register online at

<http://www.austinyachtclub.net>



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New Year's Day	January 1
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Independence Day	July 4
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Shopping Day	November 27
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AYC 2015 RACE CALENDAR

Sep 16, 23, 30	Sunfish/Laser Races 6:00p
Sep 20	Late Summer Series #1 First Signal 1:30p RC: PHRF B
Sep 27	Late Summer Series #2 First Signal 1:30p RC: J/24
Oct 4	Late Summer Series #3 First Signal 1:30p RC: PHRF A
Oct 11	Late Summer Series EOS First Signal 1:30p RC: SC21
Oct 24 - 25	Governor's Cup Regatta
Nov 28	Wild Turkey Regatta

AYC 2015 NON-RACING EVENTS

Sep 16, 23, 30	Opti II and III Practice	4:00p - 6:30p
Sep 17, 24	FJ Training Series	6:00p - 8:00p
Sep 17	AYC Membership Committee Meeting	7:00p - 9:00p
Sep 18, 25	Opti I Practice	4:00p - 6:30p
Sep 19, 26	Opti II and III Practice	1:00p - 3:30p
Sep 19 - 20	ASA 101 Basic Keelboat Course	8:30a - 5:30p
Sep 19, 26	FJ and Laser Practice	4:00p - 6:30p
Sep 20, 27	Free Sail Sunday	1:00p - 4:00p
Sep 24	AYC Board Meeting	7:30p - 10:00p
Oct 1	FJ Training Series	6:00p - 8:00p
Oct 2, 9, 16, 23	Opti I Practice	4:00p - 6:30p
Oct 3, 10, 17	Opti II and III Practice	1:00p - 3:30p
Oct 3, 10, 17	FJ and Laser Practice	4:00p - 6:30p
Oct 4, 11, 18	Free Sail Sunday	1:00p - 4:00p
Oct 7, 14, 21, 28	Opti II and III Practice	4:00p - 6:30p
Oct 15	AYC Membership Committee Meeting	7:00p - 9:00p
Oct 17	Women's Sailing Clinic	9:00a - 7:00p
Oct 17 - 18	ASA 101 Basic Keelboat Course	8:30a - 5:30p
Oct 22	AYC Board Meeting	7:30p - 10:00p

AYC VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Sunfish/Laser Race Committee	Contact Kevin Reynolds at kevreyno@prodigy.net
Series Post Meals Organization, preparation, serving and clean up	Contact Jackie Wheeless at gm@austinyachtclub.com
Junior Program Practices "Practice Parents" needed for Wednesdays, Opti I, II, 4:00PM; Fridays, Opti I, 4:00PM; Saturdays, Laser & FJ, 4:00PM. "Practice parents" do not have to be parent of a child in the practice session.	Contact Kate Noble at kate@austinyachtclub.net
Governor's Cup, Oct 24-25 Race Committee, Registration, Meals, Photography	Contact James Wilsford at cjwilsford@gmail.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN FOR THE 2015 AYC PERPETUAL AWARDS

Recognize your outstanding sailors and fellow AYC members! Who do you want to nominate for the 2015 Perpetual Awards? Nominations are now open through October 15. Complete and tear off the next page (or use your own paper) and drop it into any of the ballot boxes in the AYC Clubhouse. You can also mail your nominations to the Club Office or scan and email to the awards committee at nominations@austinyachtclub.net.





2015 Perpetual Award Nominations



Recognize those who have made a difference this year at AYC!

Drop your nominations into any of the ballot boxes in the AYC Clubhouse or office, or by mail, or by emailing the awards committee at nominations@austinyachtclub.net. Deadline is October 15.

Jimmy B. Card Memorial Trophy: To the club sailor, new to the sport. This trophy is to recognize the beginning sailor who enthusiastically, bravely and with a real zest and enjoyment for life becomes a reasonably competitive sailor in their first or second year of sailing.

Nominee: _____

Max White Memorial Trophy: To the club senior member for outstanding service to the club in the past year. This trophy should be awarded to the individual who has given freely and unselfishly of their time and/or talents over and above what might otherwise have been necessary or expected of them.

Nominee: _____

Jessie McIlroy Smith Bowl: To the club junior or senior sailor who has made an outstanding contribution of achievement in yachting beyond the club level or normal club activities. This award is intended to recognize a club member for outstanding service to yachting or racing achievement beyond the club level or to recognize an individual's accomplishments that are not within the normal scheduled activities of the Austin Yacht Club such as significant application of sailing skills in a rescue, ocean crossing, yacht construction, etc.

Nominee: _____

Corinthian Woman Sailor Trophy: To a woman sailor exhibiting traditional Corinthian traits. This trophy is to be given annually to a woman who has exhibited good sportsmanship, enthusiasm and participation, thereby making an overall contribution to the enhancement of the sport of competitive sailing.

Nominee: _____

Liz Bauman Memorial Trophy: To the most improved female junior sailor. This trophy is to be given annually to a young woman who, though not necessarily the most accomplished, demonstrates those traits of cooperation, discipline, willingness to learn, and good sportsmanship that are the goals of the junior sailing program.

Nominee: _____

Ron W. Harden Memorial Trophy: To the most improved male junior sailor. This trophy is to be given annually to a young man who, though not necessarily the most accomplished, demonstrates those traits of cooperation, discipline, willingness to learn, and good sportsmanship that are the goals of the junior sailing program.

Nominee: _____

Ol' Salt of the Austin Yacht Club: To the club senior who has exhibited enthusiasm, sportsmanship, and a competitive zeal over a period of time, and has a quality of life that can be admired by all.

Nominee: _____

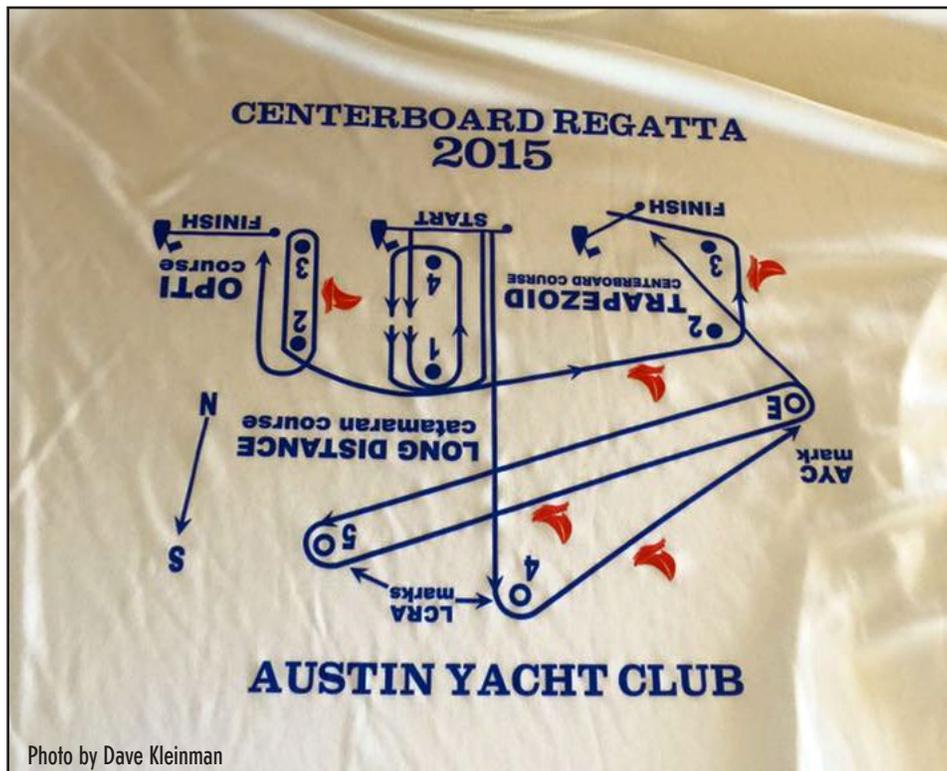
Bill Records Roadrunner Fleet Trophy: To the club member who has gone beyond expectations to serve and volunteer on behalf of the Roadrunner Fleet. This trophy is to be given to the club member who consistently, and over a long period of time, acts as a pivotal leader and contributor, furthering the advancement of the program development.

Nominee: _____

YOUR NAME: _____

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