

September 2016



A Marvelous Night for a MoonBurn!



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 Nov 5-6 Governor's Cup Regatta
 Nov 26 Wild Turkey Regatta
 Dec 3 Annual Banquet

SAVE THE DATE!



October 1st

\$30 Registration

Volunteers needed!

(registration fee is waived for volunteers)

Contact: Susy Ortega @ 432-349-3553 or

sweetsusy007@aol.com



Following the 2016 AYC Fleet Challenge

Best Hawaiian dressed team
wins a free throw-out race!

More details on page 12

From The Commodore by Molly Lewis



So, since this is my article, I get to make it all about me if I want to . . . but bear with me, I'll get around to tying it back to you, the other non-me AYC members, eventually.

I began sailing at AYC (actually sailing at all) around '98 or so with **David Lewis** (who I later married, which is a whole different story – but the getting married part is related so, again, bear with me). I discovered that I really loved sailing and I loved our other crew members, and I enjoyed chatting a little bit with our competitors and a few other folks I'd met around the Club after races. In '04, I had the privilege of essentially "marrying into" membership at AYC. The Keel Fleet Telltale article even mentioned me in the next issue after we got married. I think the quote was something like "Congratulations to David Lewis who married his crew member." Seriously. I didn't have a name. I thought it was pretty funny. But it also said something about how engaged I was (wasn't) with AYC at the time.

After that, I continued to love sailing and racing and I got to know a few more people and made a big effort to tolerate the Annual Banquet (in case you don't know me, I'm not so great at those things . . . you try telling someone you're a statistician when they ask what you do besides sail). Then David decided he wanted to serve on the Board. I was supportive and in my supportive-ness, got pulled into a few things to help with here and there. And got to know more people and started enjoying hanging around a little bit more. But this was still not really a place I thought of as MY Club – mainly just a really cool place to sail with some fun and sort of quirky people.

But THEN. David was elected to be Commodore in 2009. I was all prepared to be fully supportive of him spending as much time as he needed to at the Club, because he was excited about this. Until he started looking for a Social Committee Chairperson. Then my supportive-ness took a big nosedive. Because he was having trouble finding someone for the job. And several people not-so-off-handedly mentioned that it was "tradition" for the Commodore's spouse (wife) to be the Social Chair. I found that a little bit offensive (and it turns out to not really be accurate to call it a tradition – it's just happened a few times). Plus, I'm not really all that sociable (I did mention that I'm a statistician outside the Club, right?). And, I knew I'd rather be on the water sailing than preparing for a party. So I kept saying no, and wished I hadn't told him that I'd be supportive of this Commodore thing. But, as it got closer and closer to his term, he got more and more desperate, and in a moment of weakness that I will never regret, I begrudgingly agreed to do it. And that's when I really became an AYC Member.

You see, that's when I learned what volunteering at AYC is really all about. It's about becoming a part of it all. You can't help but get to know more people when you volunteer – those who are grateful for your efforts and make a point of saying so, those who have done this same job many times before and are thankful that you've stepped up to give them a break and are willing to give you lots of much-appreciated advice and input, those who are willing to say "yeah I'll help you out – it'll be fun". And when you get to know more people, many of them turn into pretty great friends. Volunteering makes you quit noticing what some nebulous "they" need to take care of or

do differently, and start noticing, and appreciating, how many hours other members are spending to keep our facilities and docks maintained, put on and score series races and awesome regattas, keep our budgets balanced, offer beginning and advanced sail training, serve meals after regattas and host parties, and so on. Volunteering makes the racing and social events you take part in much more fun. Because you are invested in them and because there is nothing like enjoying something you've worked your tail off to make happen (yes, back on a personal note, once I started volunteering, I began genuinely enjoying the Annual Banquets).

And becoming a part of it all is one of the big reasons we have probationary periods and volunteer and participation requirements for new members. Sure, the probationary period is partly about making sure you are going to follow the house rules and are actually going to participate in sailboat racing, which is what the Club is all about. But it's also largely about becoming part of it all, and that's what volunteering does for you.

As I say all this, it's more than just a pitch for volunteers for upcoming events (although that's part of it – keep reading). It's also a thank you for everyone who has already done so much to make this a great year, from regatta chairs to social committee members, to initiators and organizers of fun new events like the MoonBurn series and the upcoming Single Handed Regatta and SIESA High School Regatta, to those who moved boats to higher ground ahead of impending floods (and back again) . . . and that's just to name a few. AYC members have really made 2016 a great year so far.

And there's more AYC greatness to come in 2016, all of which need even more volunteers (yes, here's the pitch). We have a lot of events lined up for the Fall – a New Member Social on September 11 (one time we do not expect the New Members to volunteer), the AYC Fund Annual Fleet Challenge and LUAU on October 1 (for which we need LOTS of volunteers and have LOTS of fun jobs), series races, numerous regattas (Centerboard, Gov Cup, SIESA HS Regatta, Keel Fleet Single Handed Regatta and Wild Turkey Regatta), **Linda McDavitt's Welcome Home Party**, and one of my (now) favorite social events of the year, the Annual Banquet. Details related to most of these events are in other articles in this month's Telltale – or just ask around about how you can get involved. Your efforts will make these events happen and will make it more fun for you to participate. I promise you will not regret it!

SAVE THE DATES!

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| September 11 | New Member Ice Cream Social |
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| October 1 | 2016 AYC Fleet Challenge |
| October 1 | Luuu Party |
| November 5-6 | Governor's Cup Regatta |
| November 26 | Wild Turkey Regatta |
| December 3 | Annual Banquet at the Oasis |

Vice Commodore Report by Wade Bingaman



The annual Centerboard Regatta is here Saturday, September 17 and Sunday, September 18. I hope you take this chance to participate in this great regatta. There should be lots of boats to race against as this is always a popular event. You will find yourself pitted against sailors of all ages, including many guests from out of town. With a full lake, **Dane Ohe**, the Regatta Chair is expecting a record turnout. Check out Dane's column about the Centerboard Regatta to the right,

and the full page flyer on the following page!

The regatta is a great deal – only a \$30 registration fee. This includes breakfast both mornings and an after-regatta meal of burgers and brats on Sunday. The Saturday evening dinner, chicken tetrazzini, is open to racers and non racers alike for \$10. A snazzy long sleeve shirt is only \$15 more.

There will be multiple courses and lots of boats. Last year there were over 60 entries. If you need a centerboard boat to race, there are a limited number that can be rented from the Club. Heck, even if you don't want to race, with the lake full, the view from the Club point of all these boats racing is amazing. Bring a lawn chair and a cooler and enjoy the day. You can even stay for the great evening meal.

Registration is open on-line now or you can register that Saturday morning. But don't get there too late, remember, a great breakfast is provided.

WELCOME SEPTEMBER NEW MEMBERS



You have been honing your skills on Wednesday nights, Saturday Free Sail and Sunday Laser and FJ Practice all summer. The lake is completely full, the water is warm, the wind has been blowing and you really want to test your skills against other Centerboard sailors!

The 2016 AYC Centerboard Regatta on September 17 and 18 will give you that chance. We are expecting a great turnout like we had last year, with over 60 competitors and fleets including Opti, Laser/Laser Radial, FJ, Sunfish, Beach Cats and Centerboard Handicap. There will be multiple course layouts available this year and again the Optis will sail on their own course.

The Entrance Fee is \$30 and the Notice of Regatta and Registration are available on the AYC website. Registration will also be accepted in person starting at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 17. Breakfast will be available both days and is included in registration, as are burgers and brats for lunch on Sunday. A home-cooked meal is available on Saturday evening for \$10/person and long sleeved wicking tee shirts are available for \$15.

If you don't have a Centerboard boat, don't worry. A limited number of boats are available to charter from AYC. Contact **Coleman** at the AYC office for information on chartering.

The Warning Signal for the first race is 11:30 a.m. Saturday and no race will start after 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, with trophies to follow the last race.

Hope to see you on the water!

Dane Ohe
2016 Centerboard Regatta Chair



Andre de la Reza, Associate Probationary

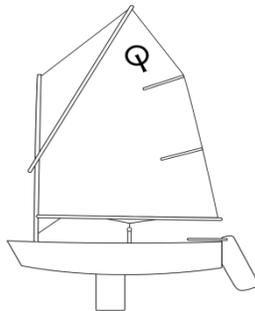
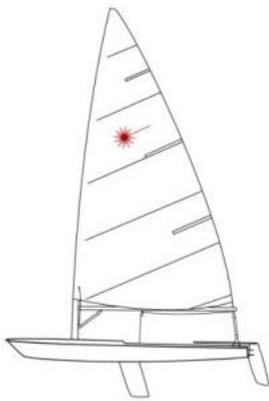


Theo Zourzouvillys, Associate Probationary



Will Gaston, Senior Probationary

2016 Centerboard Regatta September 17th and 18th Austin Yacht Club



Catamaran, Weta, Center Board Boats and Opti's Welcome!

**Early registration recommended. T-Shirt sizes limited.
NOR available on the Registration Page**

Austin Yacht Club

On-line Registration available soon at www.austinyachtclub.net

Harbor Report

by Joe Roddy



After seemingly endless weeks of no rain, watching lake levels drop six inches a week, we are now wondering if the rain will ever stop. The Lake Travis reporting station has shown around 15 inches since the recent rains have come back. Lake levels are once again approaching the full stage!

We encourage wet slip owners to check their dock lines as we have had some strong winds associated with the recent storms. The docks have had some

minor damage and we will be working on these issues throughout the Fall.

The new board boat docks have been delayed some, in part due to weather and part availability. The latest time frame looks to be mid September. This dock design is similar to the UT board docks. We are looking at whether there is a need for a cradle and carpeting and will advise in the near future.

We are continuing to whittle down the wet slip wait list and will be evaluating boat use and priorities as required by Harbor Rules. We would like to thank the folks who have recently made some adjustments in slip locations to allow more active participation.

Not using your wet slip lately? We do have some dry sail spots if you are interested in helping out the wet slip wait list racers. Please contact the office to make arrangements.

Cooler weather on the horizon ... lake levels great ... should make for a great turnout for coming events!

Secretary Report

by Annie Lancaster



I have been working on organizing a directory update information event and it's around the corner. So be on the lookout for ways you can be sure your information is current for the next AYC directory, due out in January 2017.

One easy way to update your information is to sign on to the AYC website and make changes there. If you have forgotten your password, never fear. There is an article by **John Grzinich** in this edition of the

Telltale that explains how to reset your password.

Thanks to Board members for getting me their monthly reports so I can get them out on the website for all to see.

Happy Sailing!

Race Commander Report

by Ed Taylor



The Dog Days series is now complete. Trophies are available in the Club office.

The MoonBurn Series was a great success. Thanks to **John Bartlett** for his End of Series Race Committee, Race Commander's trophy presentation to class winners and overall trophies for both Keelboat and Multihull, and **James Parsons** for his effort to put together a night series race.

The Late Summer series starts September 11 through October 9. This will be a 1:30 p.m. Sunday start.

DOG DAY SERIES RESULTS

A		
1	Speed Racer	J. Bartlett
2	Air Supply	E. Taylor
3	404	J. Brinkmann
B		
1	Zydeco	B. Goldsmith
2	Aphaia	D. Ohe
3	1927	J. Maddalozzo
C		
1	Slip Kid	K. Denebeim
2	Pirate Unicorn	J. Parsons
3	Three Hour Crewz	C. Thompson
J/22		
1	Bubbles	R. Ruais
2	Caledonia	G. Miller
3	401(J)	B. Mathison
J/24		
1	Superman	D. Broadway
2	Stray Dog	J. Martín-de-Nicolás
3	Vang Go	S. Juengst
Ensign		
1	Prickly Pear	B. Hawk
2	Styf Kop	G. Dahmen
3	Dos Locos	L. Price
Multihull 1		
1	Tritium	S. Frick
2	Abandoned Assets	B. Kersey
3	Swallow	J. Kuc
Multihull 2		
1	Neko	O. Crouse
2	Nacra 5.7	T. Purcell
3	Prindle 16	B. Froelich
Catalina 22		
1	6767	J. Roddy
South Coast 21		
1	WT	B. Musselman

Building and Grounds Report

by Chris Thompson



The bathroom remodel is proceeding, materials are being ordered and installation of the new ceiling will start next week.

An extreme thank you to the volunteers (and the invaluable **Tom Cunningham**) who helped dispose of the old sheetrock tiles, cleaned the ceiling, and primed and painted the existing grid. This was a nasty job, trying to keep from getting a face full of

bugs, dust and other stuff. Thank you to:

Chris Renner & lots of ladders! **John Maddalazzo** **Ed Taylor**
Tommy Gairloff **Robert Anderson**

The errant drawers in the kitchen were manipulated into staying closed by **John Grzinich and Carmine Iacono**. This was one of those pesky things that has bothered me and the Social Committee volunteers for some time! **Jim Tillinghast** repaired a broken ceiling fan blade. Kudos guys!

Susy Ortega and Robin Drummond spearheaded a major cleaning of the



Clubhouse cleaning crew Photo courtesy Chris Thompson

clubhouse to include the trophy cases, kitchen drawers and cabinets, ceiling fans, etc. The spotless windows only lasted a short time but they looked good while it lasted. They were assisted by:

Molly Lewis **Ben Miller** **Julie Ross**
Mark Atkinson **Lanelle Montgomery** **Jane Scott**
Max Ross **Etienne Denis** **Mark O'Brien**
Laurence Denis

Work on the bathhouse will be accelerating and any closures will be announced on the website and via member email. We will be coordinating some small work parties as tasks arise during the remodel. Volunteering is a vital component at AYC as it helps to extend our budgets, which helps keep our operating costs under control, so say a Thanks to these folks next time you see them.

A reminder on the new RV space(s): Reservations will be required on a first come first serve basis. After a trial run the fees will be modified to make the accounting easier:

- 25-30 amp, 120V electrical connection and water hookup
- Use of cleanout station for dumping only
- 2 night minimum, 1 week maximum stay
- Daily Rental fee: \$15/night (AYC member) \$20/night (non-member)
- A non-refundable \$20 registration fee that will be credited to your rental
- For standard 15-20 amp, 120 V electrical hookup (via standard grounded extension cord) the charges will be half of the above with the same water and cleanout privileges and a non-refundable \$10 reservation fee. This is for the other locations around the Club that have electrical service connections used for RVs.

Sail Training Report

by Bill Records



We just had the largest sign-up for Fall Opti I and the credit goes to our coaching staff. Both summer camps and PB&J have produced kids wanting to continue their sailing development. **Coach Coleman and Assistant Coach Gracie** have hit the deck running with what should be a great fall season.

The Roadrunners just finished the Endless Summer Series for Optis. After

10 weeks of competitive racing, **Jamie Brock** is the 2016 Austin Yacht Club Opti Champion. **Eric Jayawant** took second and **Fiona Froelich** third. Four junior Laser and three junior Sunfish sailors participated in the Wednesday Laser/Sunfish races. The hard work of these young sailors has paid off in spades!

The Club's FJ Series has just started and the turnout is good. This has become the most popular sail training program, attracting sailors of all skill levels.



James, Endless Summer



New Roadrunner, Colin, and his Mom

Registration is open for the September 10 Learn To Sail class and planning is under way for the Women's Clinic. **Linda McDavitt** will be back and share her experiences. The date of the Women's Clinic has been changed to October 29. This has become one of Sail Training's most popular events.

One thing that we probably don't publicize enough is the availability of private and semi-private lessons from certified instructors. There are a wide variety of options for you to learn the basics, hone your skills or work on advanced racing techniques, in dinghies or keelboats. **John Bartlett** recently agreed to teach sail handling and sail trim. Contact Sailing Director, **Coleman Terrell**, for costs and scheduling.



Endless Summer

Photos by Bill Records

Notes from Your GM

by Jackie Wheelless



It's been a hectic summer and looks to be a very busy Fall!! Here are just a few highlights from this past month:

The top story of the month/year is that the codes to ALL automatic gate clickers were deactivated on August 31. A new code went into effect. The instructions for re-programming your gate openers is on the AYC website in the GATE CODE section (at the bottom of the MEMBER MENU). You WILL need to

have your website sign on credentials in order to get to the re-programming instructions. Please refer to **John Grzinich's** article, below, for information regarding sign-in and password reset.

There are boats on the AYC grounds that are registered to someone other than an AYC member. Please be sure that your boat registration is up to date!! Parks and Wildlife is patrolling and gearing up to check registrations. The fine for invalid registrations is about \$180.

The new RV Space by shelter 2 has already been very popular! Members will need to make reservations through the AYC office for use of the site. There's an RV-specific 30 amp outlet, water hookups and a sewer cleanout port.

The cabins continue to fill up for long weekends so please call well in advance of the timeframe you would like to reserve!!

There are lots and lots of activities approaching, so please do not be shy about volunteering to help out and meet some new friends!

Forget Your Password? Need Help Logging In?

by John Grzinich



Your first step should be to click on "Forgot Password!" and follow the menu and instructions. Wordpress will take you through some menus with email responses to reset your password.

If that does not work:

Contact the AYC Webmaster. Click on the "Contact Us" bar on the AYC Home Page. You will get a screen that enables you to send emails to the AYC staff. In the

"Send Message To" box, select "Webmaster" from the drop down menu. Fill in all the information and explain your problem. Please include your member number and send your message from the email you intend to use for AYC. The Webmaster will reset your password and send it to you in a reply message.

Sailing Director Report

by Coleman Terrell



The fall season just started, and we have a ton of new faces joining our year round program! Out of our total of 54 sailors, 21 are new to the program! We have a giant Opti I class of 14, and **Coach Gracie** is doing an awesome job with them!

The Wednesday night races are still going strong with a solid showing from our youth sailors racing in both the sunfish and laser fleets. I think it is awesome that these kids find every opportunity they can to get out and sail and their results definitely show it.

Speaking of results, we had 15 sailors racing at Palacios on the 27th and 28th of August and they did great!

This fall, we are excited to introduce high school sailing to our youth sailors. Working with **Jeff Brock**, we've come up with an easy practice schedule that we hope will encourage our high schoolers to bring out their friends and share the fun sport of sailing!

Social Committee Update

by Susy Ortega



Social Committee is where all the fun is! This August we have been dreaming and scheming about our upcoming events!

On September 11 we have the annual New Member Ice Cream Social and our First Late Summer Series Race! Come and join us for a day filled with racing, good food (Chicken Enchiladas Verdes), sweet treats and games. This is a great way to get to know both

new and existing AYC members!

If you've ever wondered what the life of an Ice Cream Man looks like, we can make your dreams come true! Volunteer for this year's Ice Cream Man (or Woman) position! It pays in ice cream.

Save the date for October 1, we are bringing back the Luau!! We are planning a spectacular blow out party and there are plenty of ways you can help in this event...

- If you can make a mean drink, we've got a place for you!
- If you've got an eye for decorating, we've got a place for you!
- If you can make delicious food, we've got a place for you!
- If you like organizing, we've got a place for you!
- If you don't know what you can help with, but want to help, we've got a place for you!!!
- If you'd like to come to the Luau for free, we've got a place for you!
- Above all, if you want to have fun, we've got a place for you!

We're excited to share these upcoming festivities and as always, we look forward to seeing and enjoying a warm meal with you!

Questions? sweetsusy007@aol.com 432-349-3553 (call or text)

NEW MEMBER



Ice Cream Social

Join us September 11th in welcoming our newest members to AYC! Delicious food, games and ice cream await! We will begin after the Late Summer Series #1 Race dinner!!

Roadrunner Notes from the Road

Canonball Run!

by Julius Heitkoetter



The Roadrunner Sailing Team made a stop at Palacios, Texas. A small little town in between Houston and Corpus on the gulf, with usually big winds and killer waves PYC is the place to sail.

Hotels

One of the things that Palacios is most famous for is the Luther Hotel. Next to its hauntings and ancient construction it is quite the landmark. Some people love its "traditional" style, while others would rather sleep on the sand than that "piece of trash".

On Saturday night of the regatta the owner of the hotel shows the sailors, coaches, and parents around the spooky hotel. He even unveils mysterious closets and rooms where people have been murdered. The owner explains stories how guests have reported seeing spirits and how he has heard screaming in the night. The tour takes this turn and that turn, ever more collapsing into more ghost stories. Some people believe in these stories, while other people claim that they know that there are no ghosts. What do you believe in?

There aren't many other alternates for the Luther Hotel. There are a couple other hotels but they are much farther away and way more expensive.

Conditions

This year, Palacios' usually ruthless conditions were very moderate. Because of a storm system up north over the land and another one in the gulf the winds were slowly coming out of the north, instead of brutally out of the south. Normally something called a sea breeze comes in, which you can read about in an article that we will post later in the year. This sea breeze blows heavy winds and brings big waves. During the regatta itself it was partly cloudy to cloudy all except the last couple hours of the last day where it started raining. It also wasn't too hot in Palacios. Some sailors of the Roadrunner Sailing Team long for the heavy wind and brutal conditions, while others cherished the light conditions. Which one would you favor?

Placings

The Roadrunner Sailing Team was the second biggest team at the regatta and had astonishing results. With the most number of top 10 Red, White, and Blue sailors, a top 2 finish in green fleet, a top 3 finish in laser 4.7, and a top 2 finish in the C 420 class, AYC did a great job. A congrats to all the sailors and the parents and coaches!!!

Ruff Rider Regatta, South Padre Island

And now the RoadRunners are crossing over to the dark side and racing with the multihull sailors. This month Ethan Froelich entered the RuffRider two day, 80 mile ocean race in the Gulf off of South Padre with Multihull sailor Evan Walters. At the end of Saturday, AYC's Evan and Ethan were in first place ocean racing off of South Padre Island. Read what happened on Sunday... (From the Ruff Rider website, http://www.ruffrider.net/Home_Page.php)

Ruff Rider Day 2 was exciting! All boats are accounted for and all sailors are safe. 2.5hrs into the race the fleet was decimated by 30 minutes of 40kts+ wind and hard driving rain. Most capsized and were washed onto the beach. Tomko/Billings, Galway/Atwood, and Rohrer/Holt managed to ride it out upright and continue the race. The rest of the day was light and variable. A few relaunched from the beach, but all except McDaniel/Webb threw in the towel.



Evan and Ethan waiting for the launch at Ruff Rider Regatta Photo by Stephanie Froelich

The three remaining boats out of 18 finished after 7pm. Non-spin 1st-McDaniel/Webb, 2nd-Walters/Froelich, 3rd-Cooley/Cooley. Spin -- 1st-Tomko/Billings, 2nd-Galway/Atwood, 3rd-Rohrer/Holt.

Optimist British Nationals, Largs Scotland

by Ethan Froelich

My sister and I had a crazy 6 weeks of sailing this summer. It started out with Texas Youth Race Week, immediately followed by Team Race Nationals, and then off the next day for Scotland!



Team Froelich Photo by Stephanie Froelich

It was an anxious-ridden start when we arrived to the venue. Our boats were not there. The excuse given was the boat delivery man started his trip to Largs from Italy hauling boats back from 420 Worlds and his trailer broke down. So, that took a night to fix. Then, because of the delay he got caught up in the political turmoil entering Britain from Calais. He ended up delivering 2 days

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late, but in time for the regatta. Shockingly, we had to totally rig the boats from the most basic level. Usually, when we have chartered they are ready to sail. This time we had to assemble halyards, attach boom vang, etc. It was the craziest 45 minutes of rigging in order to make our one and only time to practice before the event started. My older brother Ben came, too, and he helped us rig really fast.

There were 260 boats total at this regatta. 90 boats were on my start line, and 123 optimists on my sister Fiona's start line. Ben volunteered on Race Committee and got to work with a guy who was RC for the London Olympics. We sailed on an international team with sailors from Australia, Ireland, and Hong Kong. In the 6 day long regatta there were 14 countries represented. The event started off with a parade led by the bagpipes played by event sailors. Fiona was happy to carry one of the American flags. I ended up 45th overall. In one race Fiona finished 21/123 and was super stoked.

One racing afternoon a fishing trawler was going up and down in the race course dragging its nets. (I had to avoid it in a race.) The Race Committee requested the boat to move out of the course and so he moved off to the side. Not long after, it was discovered he had caught a WWII bomb in our course. The RNLI (Royal National Lifeboat Institution) came over and escorted the boat to deeper water where they detonated the mine.



Isle of Bute Sailing Club burgee exchange Photo by Stephanie Froelich

After the event, we visited the Isle of Bute where my grandmother is from. We stayed at a bed and breakfast operated by the Isle of Bute Sailing Club secretary so I was invited to sail with the local kids, coached by their Commodore, on a Topper which is a simplified Laser. The gusts in Rothesay Bay come over the highlands and slam onto the water creating gusty conditions. It was fun to meet the local sailors.

We had such a great time and it was a great conclusion to my Optimist career and am excited to start focusing on Laser and Catamaran events. Fiona has increased her skill and has a new best friend from Hong Kong. We thank the AYC Fund for supporting us and the ability to represent Austin Yacht Club internationally.

A Blown Out Tire, a Team Meeting, a Rice Farmer and a Race Car Pit Crew

by Julius Heitkoetter

Wonder what a blow out on a highway, a team meeting, and a race car pit crew have in common? Read more to find out about this incredible and really funny story.

Team Meeting

After the awards ceremony was over at Palacios, Texas, the Roadrunners pull out in train formation. Later one of the team parents sees the Froelich RV pulled over at the side of the road. One by one the entire team pulls over to see if they can help the Froelichs. Kids piled out of cars, and ran around, adults crowded over the tire and muttered inputs on how to fix it.



Blown Out Tire

It turns out the Froelichs had a blown out tire. This is because some of the Roadrunners travel 10s of thousands of miles and at some point the tires can't take it anymore and blow out, leaving a trail of rubber behind.

Rice Farmer

A rice farmer mowing his lawn suddenly wonders why there are one RV, two enclosed trailers, a couple boats, a couple cars, and A LOT of kids in his front yard. He wants it known that he helped some people from Lake Travis.

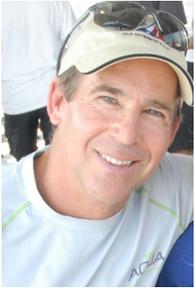


Race Car Pit Crew

As the team sees that not much can be done to help they pull out and let the Froelichs repair their tire. Not long after they left, a derby race car pit crew pulls over at the side of the road. In no time they had the job done. The Froelichs thank the driver and pull away on their course back home.

This story shows the amazing teamwork of the Roadrunners, always willing to help each other. The friendly Texan attitude to, in some cases, let a racing team park on your front lawn, and in others pull over to fix a flat.

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



The **6th Annual AYC Fleet Challenge** will be held **Saturday, October 1** at the **Rylander Pavilion at AYC**. The **AYC Fund** will again host the Fleet Challenge, and we are excited to announce that this year, the **Fleet Challenge** will be run in conjunction with the **AYC Luau**. We will be using a similar format as past years with a few wrinkles thrown in to keep things interesting.

Each fleet is encouraged to have least one skipper and crew and we will have a skippers meet at **1:00** at the

Rylander Pavilion. We will work to have as many short, inter-collegiate style races as possible until **5:00 PM** at which time we will move the party to the **AYC Club House** for the **Luau**.

The minimum contribution amount from each fleet to participate will be **\$200.00**. It is our goal to use all **18 FJs** with established **AYC Fleets** receiving first priority ... and possible "at-large" berths if we have slots available.

As we did last year, the fleet that raises the most money for the **AYC Fund** up until **1:00** on race day will be awarded a **1st place in the "1st race"**. The team that raises the 2nd highest amount will receive a 2nd, etc. Additionally, the fleet that has the **most number of contributions in excess of \$50.00** will also be rewarded its placing in the "2nd race" Fleets will also be allowed to purchase "throw outs" to allow their worst finish to be dropped from their gross scoring.

This year, in keeping with the **Hawaiian theme for the Luau**, all teams are encouraged to wear their **best Hawaiian outfits** and the team voted "**best dressed**" will receive a free throw-out race.

As you may know, the **Sunfish Fleet won last year** with a combination of excellent on the water performance but also topped all of the fleets in total funds raised and total of individual contributions. Which **AYC Fleet** will get their name on the **Brinkmann / Bernstein AYC Fleet Challenge Perpetual Trophy for 2016?**

The **AYC Fund** has successfully raised over **\$25,000** each of the first **five years** of the fleet challenge and this event is the main fund raising opportunity for the **AYC Fund** each year. With the generous support of the **AYC Fleets** over the past **5 years**, the **AYC Fund** has been able to:

- Provide seed money to hire a full-time director of sailing
- Construction of the **AYC play scape**
- Assistance in purchasing the **AYC RIB**
- Assistance to the **UT Sailing Team** to purchase new sails for the **FJ Fleet**
- The annual escrow of funds for the eventual **FJ fleet replacement costs**
- Numerous travel grants for sailors representing **AYC** in national and international events

This year, the **AYC Fund** would like to dedicate a portion of the proceeds from the **AYC Fleet Challenge** towards improving the **AYC Adult Sail Training** facilities and initiatives at **AYC**.

Please communicate with your fleet members and let's start the bidding! Please direct your pledges to your fleet captain or to me directly at scott@scotlyoungprop.com. Fleet Captains ... please keep me regularly updated with the pledges that you have received.

Contributions can be made two ways: A check payable to the **AYC Fund** with the fleet noted in the memo section of the check with and mailed to the **AYC Office at 5906 Beacon Drive Austin, TX 78734** ... or through the **Austin Community Foundation Website at www.austincommunityfoundation.org/** Click on "**Donate Now**" and then scroll down to the **Austin Yacht Club Fund**. Please be sure to indicate which **AYC Fleet** deserves the credit for the donation.

I will send out periodic updates over the month to keep everyone apprised as to how the pledges are going. Please keep communicating with your fellow fleet members and keep each other regularly updated with how your fleet is doing.

Even if you don't plan to sail, come out and cheer on your fleet and stick around for the **Luau!**



Thank you all and I look forward to your help in making the 6th Annual Fleet Challenge a huge success!

Michael and John Morran competing in the 2013 Fleet Challenge *Photo by Bill Records*



Hello Austin Yacht Club!

It's great to be home and to see the lake FULL!!! Wow!

I have managed to see a few of you since getting back (not even been here a month yet with all my trips out of town) and hope to keep running into more of you as time passes.

I will be doing a presentation about the journey that I have been on October 15. In putting this together, I would like your help. Please send me questions that you would like to ask so hopefully I can cover all aspects of the Journey. Yes, it was exciting and I am glad that I had the opportunity to do it!

Now, I really want your input for the presentation so here are the ways to help me:

1. Email the questions to me at bandboat@hotmail.com
2. Jackie will have a clipboard in the office if you would prefer to jot them down there.
3. If you see me and tell me then, no guarantee they will make it back to my notebook, so best is to do one of the above.

Thank you and looking forward to enjoying your company soon!

SAVE THE DATES!

September 11	New Member Ice Cream Social
September 17-18	Centerboard Regatta
October 1	2016 AYC Fleet Challenge
October 1	Luau Party
November 5-6	Governor's Cup Regatta
November 26	Wild Turkey Regatta
December 3	Annual Banquet at the Oasis

BLASTS FROM THE PAST

By the AYC Preservation Committee. Contact treasurer@austinyachtclub.net.



This Month's Photos

Anyone know her?



This couple shows up quite often in the 70s. This photo is from the 1977 Annual Banquet.

Who are they?

We are starting to digitize old photos to preserve the memories. If you have any AYC-related photos, please contact John Howard at treasurer@austinyachtclub.net. And we need your help in recognizing the people in the photos. Thanks!

Last Month's Photos

Thanks to Lanelle Montgomery for her help with last month's photos.

Who are these folks? –
Claude Welles, John and Jill Jones White and JoAnn Welles



Fine looking gentlemen in 1986 –
L to R. Unknown, Ray Lott, Steve Vaughan and Unknown



Save the Date!

AYC Annual Banquet

December 3, 2016

The Oasis - Starlight Terrace



2016 Perpetual Award Nominations



Recognize those that 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: This Award honors the Club senior member new to the sport and recognizes 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 & Why: _____

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

Nominee & Why: _____

Jessie McIlroy Smith Bowl: This Award honors the Club junior or senior sailor who has made an outstanding contribution or achievement in yachting or racing beyond the club level or normal club activities such as significant application of sailing skills in a rescue, ocean crossing, yacht construction, etc.

Nominee & Why: _____

Corinthian Woman Sailor Trophy: This Award honors the woman sailor who exhibits the Corinthian traits of exhibiting good sportsmanship, enthusiasm, & participation, thereby making an overall contribution to the enhancement of the sport of competitive sailing.

Nominee & Why: _____

Liz Bauman Memorial Trophy: This Award honors the 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 & Why: _____

Ron W. Harden Memorial Trophy: This Award honors the 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 & Why: _____

OI' Salt of the Austin Yacht Club: This Award honors the club senior sailor 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 & Why: _____

Bill Records RoadRunner Fleet Trophy: This award honors 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 & Why: _____

YOUR NAME: _____ CONTACT EMAIL OR PHONE _____

MoonBurn Series Recap

by James Parsons



It started with a simple idea: get more people sailing at night. I want to thank everyone that took part, helped out, gave guidance, gave input, and enjoyed that simple idea coming to fruition.

In a way, I suppose the idea really started when I was doing Transatlantics in 2012 (I spent just 13 weeks on land). Other than watching fireworks from sailboats, I had not sailed at night before. The memories of the stars out in full force, the moon rises, the Southern Cross appearing over the horizon, the bioluminescent plankton, and looking at the horizon and seeing two different shades of black that were clearly different, but both individually looking black in isolation.

Those were memories that will stick with me forever. I have no hesitation in saying that sailing at night was one of the coolest experiences I had ever experienced, and I wanted to do it as much as possible in the future.

There was just one problem, I thought I was giving up sailing not long after, when I moved to Austin (March 2014). I didn't know there was a yacht club, much less a lake. Oh how life had a nice surprise for me in store when I heard of AYC my first day in Austin. Within a year I was a skipper for the first time, introduced ~200 people to sailing, and got to do two night sails.

The next year, blew all of those numbers out of the water. I bought the boat I had skippered, and could go sailing at night as much as I wanted. 100 times at a conservative estimate. Aboard the *Pirate Unicorn* we also saw numerous shooting stars, and a super blood full moon eclipse.

Which brings us to MoonBurn. **Chris Thompson** helped assure me that I was onto a good thing when I mentioned the idea. Essentially, if it was built, they would come.

Initially I hoped for 1 race and 15 boats. That too, was surpassed. In the end, we had 3 races, and 25 boats compete. There were 12 boats that made every race. If you are one of these boats, see the last paragraph for a special surprise (though, if you were at the awards/party, you probably know about it already).

The course happened to be the same for every race, but it was variable depending on the wind forecast and the actual wind at sunset. The courses were: Start at 6, keep 9 to port, round 11 to port, keep 9 to starboard, and finish at the lit up Beer Can buoys.

Someone from each and every fleet had helped out or shared some insights that helped to form MoonBurn into what it was. Thank you all.

Now, onto the results:

Air Supply, Ed Taylor's J80, dominated the proceedings, winning the overall standings all three races. He also got a trophy for winning A Fleet. **John Burke's Amazing Grace** finished 2nd overall in every race, losing out on first by 10 seconds in the last race, and **Matthew Romberg's Imagine** was 3rd in A fleet (4, 3, 5 for each overall race).

B Fleet saw **John Maddalozzo** win the last race, to clinch first (and finishing 6th overall). **Patrick Hutchins J24** was 2nd, and **Rosanne Butera's J22, Crash Course**, got 3rd.

C Fleet had the most competitors, with 9 boats, and 4 of them Pearson 26s. The podium finishes were all different boats however. I was honored to have won my first race ever, and get the first series win for the **Pirate Unicorn**, a Pearson 26 (12th overall). **Pat Caughey on his Catalina 27, Prime Plus**, never finished near the back, and got a 2nd to put an exclamation mark on a great series. **Chris Thompson and his Ericson 27, Three Hour Crewz** finished 3rd. I was disappointed for him, as he was in the running for 2nd, and did a bottom job on his boat to get it ready for the race. Unfortunately, there was a technical difficulty that kept THC from racing in the last race, so he helped fill out the RC boat and did the scoring.

D Fleet was dominated by **Gone Coastal, Tommy Meyer's Southcoast 21**, winning all 3 races, and coming in 5th in the overall standings (including an overall 3rd in the last race). 2 Catalina 22's were next: **Brian Grothues** was 2nd, and a non AYC sailor, **Benjamin Block** got 3rd, all the way from Emerald Point (around the bend).

MH Fleet was headed up by **Steve Frick's Tritium**, who was also 4th overall (3,4,8). The **Casey's Tribology** was 2nd, and **Bo Kersey's Abandoned Assets** was 3rd.

Next year, I'd like to have MoonBurn in the spring, a Shooting Star Series in the summer (the best time to view shooting stars is during the summer, without a moon), and a yet to be named series in autumn as well. The return of the overnight race to Lago Vista is also totally on the radar (spring or autumn). Having sailed a ton at night on the lake, the only real difference with sailing with a moon and without is that you can see more stars at night. Navigation wise, it isn't much different. I'll admit it is harder to see gusts without a moon, which could really help those of us that are more by the feel sailors.

Thank you to the following people for helping make it a very special series:

The **Pirate Unicorn crew** for going sailing so much at night. **Andrea R** for the art. **Keith D** for helping get the shirts made. **Chris T** for all he does (scoring, race length calculations, RC), and especially for the encouragement to make the series. **Karen B** for all she does (registration, cooking, facilitating).

RC – Tonight - **Bartletts, Johnstone, Horn, Thompson**. Previously: **Shermers, CT, KB**.

Cooks – **Bill Hawk** for volunteering forever ago, the **Bartletts, John Thurston**.

Mike W – Picking up the catering the night of the awards/party, and serving it with his girlfriend **Sheila**.

Pat Caughey – For being so enthusiastic, and encouraging me to do more than 1 night race.

The 12 boats that competed every race: the Keel Fleet Handicap Board has deemed your participation worthy of free t-shirts for the skippers and crew. Here's a shortened version of the link: tinyurl.com/moonburnshirts

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MoonBurn Series



Photos Cheryl Pervier



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MoonBurn Series



Beer Can Races



Beer Can Races



Laser/Sunfish Races



J/24 Fleet Update

by David Broadway



The J/24 fleet has been playing in the Beer Can and Moon Burn series. **Paf Caughey** brought **Stu Juengst and the Vang Go team** aboard his Catalina 27 for a 2nd place finish in the MoonBurn series.

While **Doichin Tzolov and Erich Meiske** have had some vacation time abroad mixed with deck repair fun, they are gearing up for the start of the Late Summer Series.

The fleet welcomes returning AYC members **Tommy Pullen and Larry Parks**. They will be lining up crew to participate locally. This is a good opportunity to line up a J/24 ride! Give them a call.



Nighttime Birthday Party
Courtesy Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás

Adolfo Bernal's birthday party has become an annual gala affair on a certain well-lit Catalina 30. Many fleets were represented at the party, complete with a lightning show while enjoying lots of painkillers! A great time was had by all, followed by some cruising into the wee hours.

Natalie/Bob Harden's Giggles team along with **John/Meiling Parker's Chupa Cabra team** are headed to Port Credit, Ontario, Canada for the 2016 J/24 North American Championships. With 46 boats entered, including some World Champions, it will be a hot, competitive fleet on the big stage near Toronto!



Courtesy Reed Cleckler, UK Sails Kemah

Upon the return from Canada, the teams will join the complement of AYC Road Warriors for the relatively short hop to the Houston YC the following weekend September 17-18. This will be 2016 J/24 Circuit stop #5 at the Houston YC HOOD Regatta. Stop #6 will be at Lakewood YC for JFest on October 29-30. The Lake Canyon YC Wurstfest will be held Nov. 12-13, with the season finale TX Circus Regatta on Nov. 19-20, also at LCYC.

C Fleet Update

by James Parsons



Dog Days Recap

Shakespeare once said "All the Series a Stage." I think it began something like this: "All the men and women, merely racers." The first 4 races set the tone for the last race.

Slip Kid, with **Keith Denebeim and Coleman Terrell** and a band of merry misfits onboard had missed one race, and entered the last race 1 point behind first.

Pirate Unicorn, with **James Parsons** and his band of merry pirates and mean

unicorns, made every race, and was 1 point ahead. **Chris Thompson** was solidly in 3rd, with the **Crewz** of the Three Hour variety. **Mack Warner on Warley**, with his trusty, slightly on the stoic side, co-pilot auto, was solidly in 4th.

In the last race, all of the C Fleet boats were on the line, and timing their starts as best as possible. **Slip Kid** started out front, however the **Pirate Unicorn** crossed in front after the 2nd tack. The crew let out a big "YARRR" to let them know ... there was no danger of a collision, shall we say.

Another few tacks, and the **Pirate Unicorn** were still in front. Coming up to the windward mark at mile marker 4, the **Pirate Unicorn** needed to tack a little early so they could stay in the wind, and needed the help of a lift to make the mark. **Slip Kid** then _____

_____, and just rounded the mark in first. The exact events were contested, and heard in the protest room. I shall not bore you with the details, as I was not just a bystander. I will say that **John Bartlett** was thrilled to that C Fleet had a protest. Also, that I need to make a little poster with "Next Time" in large pirate like letters above a **Pirate Unicorn** piercing a target that looks like The Who logo, and sneak it onto **Slip Kid**.

This was the closest the two boats got. Just how close, well, I think I'll quote Shakespeare's Sailer: "To touch, or not to touch: that is the question."

After the contested part, the **Pirate Unicorn** was slow in deploying her spinnaker, while **Slip Kid** was prancing along the western shore.



The race finished with the same order as the series: 1. **Slip Kid** with 7 points, 2. **Pirate Unicorn** with 7 points, 3. **Three Hour Crewz** with 13 points, 4. **Warley** with 18 points.

Not in the last race, but having competed in prior races were: 5. **Jeff Avant's Columbia 26**, 6. **Lady Love**, **Ted Scardamalia's Columbia 8.7** (rumor is he bought a Pearson 26), 7. **Dave Weeks Orange Pearson**, 8. **Victor Gotay's San Juan 24**, **Caribbean Star** (rumor is he also bought a Pearson 26).



In the end, as the representatives were in the protest room, both skippers (**Keith and James**) were sharing a drink, and having a good time.



There were no hard feelings, and no fiberglass or tears were shed. The drama was up there, but not of Shakespearean levels. The best I could do was quote Shakespeare during his little known sailing years.

Catalina 22 Update

by Steve Pervier



As September begins, so does meteorological autumn, and again we have a full lake! Now is the perfect time to enjoy more moderate temperatures, decent winds, warm water, and the start of Late Summer Series on September 11. Just after the first race of this series is our New Member Ice Cream Social. You should attend to meet AYC's newest members – and remember to put "Catalina 22" on your nametag.

It may look like a one-weekend gap on 9/17-18, but this is really an opportunity to race your dinghy or beach cat in Centerboard Regatta! Late Summer Series resumes on 9/25, then it ends on 10/9, after our third 2016 race committee date on 10/2. C22 and SC21 Fleets will share this combined RC duty, an arrangement that has worked well this year. Join us to serve AYC, and to get that special perspective on racing best seen from our RC and chase boats.

There's another reason to race this Late Summer Series. Thanks to **John Grzinich**, a Catalina 22 Region 8 regatta is scheduled as part of Governor's Cup 2016. This is billed as a Spinnaker Championship, so let's take advantage of Late Summer Series to practice our skills ahead of time. We want to give our visitors some good competition to go with our great AYC hospitality – and without letting them take all the silver home.

See you on the water!

Ensign Fleet Update

by Lewis Price

During this summer of 2016, Ensign Fleet 30 continued to evolve with some changes in our top leadership, newly refurbished Ensigns finally returning to the starting line, and other long active racers deciding to sell their boats. We also kept up our reputation of being one of the most active one-design fleets at AYC with solid participation numbers in the series races and other events. Those who did make the trip to the Club this summer were rewarded with a beautifully full Lake Travis despite the typical hot temperatures. After just experiencing a recent week of steady rains (very unusual this time of year) the lake is now seeing its highest August levels since 2007!! Even though August was somewhat inactive in regards to series racing several fleet members still brought out their Ensigns to participate in the Friday night Beer Can races. In a way, it was probably good to have a little break because starting in September and lasting well into October our fleet is going to be extremely busy with several different racing and social events along with a committee duty assignment.

A special thanks needs to go out to **Anne Morley** for stepping up to finish out **Kelly Hawk's** term as this year's fleet captain. Way to go Anne! Also, thank you **Fred Ford** for moving in as secretary/treasurer for the remainder of the year. It never ceases to amaze me how much this group of sailors always supports each other and steps in to help when asked to do so. That covers everything from sharing racing tips, borrowing or lending equipment, event planning and execution as well as volunteering for leadership positions and race committee. It makes me proud to say I am a member of Ensign Fleet 30 at AYC. Kudos to everyone involved.

My father, **Cliff Price** and myself were personally elated when we were finally able to splash our beloved Dos Locos, (#929) in late June. She had been out of the water since March. **Fred Schroth** and his team at Schroth Fiberglass completely refurbished the deck and hull, as well as did a bottom job. I also need to thank **Tom Groll** for helping us out with some coring material and halyard repair. Please go look at the boat, **Fred and Alphonso** did a wonderful job. The boat not only looks great but it is very solid (no more soft spots). I feel like I'm sailing a brand new Ensign even though she is 51 years old. **Schroth Fiberglass** also worked on and completed similar excellent hull work on **Dave Gamble's, One with the Wind**, and she was splashed back June. Another recently refurbished Ensign, (#1414) **Prickly Pair**, skippered by **Bill Hawk**, along with various crew aboard, showed consistently good boat speed in winning the Dog Day Series. Way to go Bill! During that series the fleet averaged about 5 boats on the line even though we were sailing in the hottest temperatures of the year. One boat that was noticeably absent from the line during Dog Days was **Tom Groll's** (#578), another fairly recently refurbished Ensign. He has it out doing some repair work on the rudder. Other Ensigns recently pulled for various work include **Carl Wiseman's** and **Josh Davidson's**. Josh, can we say you are a sure nominee for the Blue Duck Award for the way your boat ended up on the trailer. Believe me, I've been there. Lastly, I'm sad to announce that long time Ensign owner and active racer, **Elliott Bray** has decided to sell his most recent Ensign, **Sundance**. It is my understanding that Elliott fortunately still plans on remaining an active member of our fleet just not in a boat owning capacity. Other goings on in August included the Ensign National Championship Regatta in Mattapoisett, Mass. on 8/14 - 18. As far as I know, our only fleet member to participate (as a crew member) was **George Dahmen**. George also needs to be recognized for winning "C" fleet at the Independence Cup Regatta held on July 2.

As mentioned earlier, starting in September and especially in October things are going to get very busy for the Ensign fleet. The following is a list of the various racing and social events along with the contact person(s). We will have three series races on 9/11, 9/25 and 10/2 (last tune up opportunity before regionals). The fleet Challenge (annual Club fundraiser) is 10/1, chaired by **Scott Young**. Region IV Championships is 10/5-8 at AYC, chaired by **Tom Groll**. We have RC duty on 10/9, contact **Anne Morley** to volunteer. Fleet Full Moon Sail on 10/15, which this year will be a destination sail to Nik's on the Lake for drinks and dinner, chaired by **George Dahmen**. Then on 10/23 the Ensign fleet is hosting the Chaparral de Mar long distance race honoring the Club's senior sailors, co-chaired by **Fred Ford and Danny Lien**, contact either one of them for more information on that event. We would love to see everyone at all these events. Happy Ensign Sailing!!

Multihull Fleet Update

Blog by Mike Beuerlein



Big Brothers/Big Sisters 2016

The first Saturday of August every year for the last 40 years has been marked on the calendars of hundreds of kids; it's the day when the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Central Texas have eagerly gathered at Windy Point for a tradition that has been passed from generation to generation, the Annual AustinCats Take a Kid Sailing Day.

Travis County Parks has traditionally waived the daily entrance fee for all BB/BS participants and volunteers so the turn-out on what is always one of the hottest days of the year has grown year by year (this year over 200 bigs and littles went sailing) but the real draw is the Multihulls. The kids love to go fast and, with the thrill of speed, even the most fearful of the water are soon clamoring to get out on the wire.

The date has been carefully chosen so as to likely be a warm, light air day in the morning building to respectable breeze for the last rides with the volunteers and helpers. Still, one little girl I took out was adamant she was not going to get out on the trapeze but, after she did, she refused to come in. I had to tack despite her and drag her in the water for a little while to get her to come over to the high side and convince her that it would be just as much fun going the other direction. BB/BS reports that this is one of their most popular annual events with many coming back year after year seeking out their favorite boats and several passing on the tradition by bringing back their matches to the event after enjoying it themselves as kids.

I'd like to pass along a few of my favorite stories. **Michael and John Moran** were two of the first to make it over to Windy Point on their F-18 Saturday morning after winning the Beer Can race the previous Friday night. Thereafter, John turned the boat over to Michael and spent the entire day catching and loading cats in shoulder-deep water. Michael, who is no slouch at the helm, spent the entire day giving rides to kids not much younger than himself, convincing them that they could do the very thing he was doing.

Terri Reuwsaat and Brigitte Benquet took on the challenging job of vetting the pairs of bigs and littles to the appropriate boat, balancing the delicate situation of skippers who wanted minimum weight with kids who wanted to bring their entire family.

Eric and Brigitte Rochard spent all day catching and loading boats and then spent most of the evening helping with the cooking and entertaining. So did **Dub and Lisa Dublin**, without whom the party would not have come off, despite my dumping him in the water and sailing off without him on a particularly sporty final ride home.

Jim Casto, Steve and Tessie Piche, Jim Rehage, Dale Crouse, Mike Rohrer, Mark Biscotto, Philippe, Jules and Brun Bettler, Mike and Janet Hardy, Rick and Terri Nelson have all helped for many years and were instrumental in once again making this year's event go as smoothly as it did.

John Howard, John Kuc and Russ Shermer all showed up with their trimarans but there was no safe approach to the beach for the bigger boats. We ended up ferrying the kids out to and from Russ's trimaran on beachcats (we couldn't catch **JK** or **SpinnakerJohn**) but we are searching for a better

solution to give the maximum amount of people the Multihull experience.

As more and more of the original Hobie Fleet 64 (now AustinCats) are AYC members, this event has taken on more and more of an AYC flavor. We could certainly not run this nearly as smoothly without all the knowledgeable volunteers from AYC. We would like to pass along our profound thanks to the Austin Yacht Club for all their help in making this a cherished summertime memory for so many of the Big Brothers/Big Sisters bigs and littles for so many years.

Here are some of the comments from the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Central Texas website:

Our matches and their families had so much fun at Hobie Day this past Saturday. Over 200 Littles, Bigs and family members spent the day swimming, playing games, enjoying the sunshine and taking rides on Hobie Cats!

A huge thank you to the Austin Cats for hosting this event for nearly forty years. Also, special thanks to Austin Yacht Club and Young Men's Service League – Cavaliers Chapter for providing volunteers, and to Rose Dental Group for donating 400 bottles of water and ice. You rock!

My Little, Kira & I had an absolute blast!! I don't think I have ever seen a BIGGER SMILE on her face than when we were zooming across the water!! THANKS to ALL that made this happen!!

Aura and I wanted to thank the Austin Cats and Big Brothers Big Sisters for putting on such a great event today! Aura says: "Thank you, it was fun, and I can't wait to come back next summer!" I agree and feel so lucky to be a part of this wonderful organization. We enjoyed sailing, swimming, eating pizza and interacting with other matches. We appreciate all you guys do to put on events like this and look forward to more!

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Big Brothers/Big Sisters 2016



Photos Courtesy Mike Beuerlein



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AYC 2016 RACE CALENDAR

Sep 9, 16, 23	September FJ Training Series 6:00p
Sep 9, 16	Beer Can Races 6:30p
Sep 14, 21, 28	Sunfish/Laser Races 6:00p
Sep 10	UTST Alumni Regatta 9:30a
Sep 10, 17, 24	3rd Annual Summer FJ Series 9:00a
Sep 11	Late Summer Series #1 1:30p start B fleet
Sep 17-18	Centerboard Regatta
Sep 25	Late Summer Series #2 1:30p start J/24
Oct 1	AYC 2016 Fleet Challenge
Oct 2	Late Summer Series #3 1:30p start C22, SC21
Oct 5-8	Ensign Regionals
Oct 9	Late Summer #4 End of Series 1:30p start
Oct 16	Keel Fleet Single Handed Regatta 1:30p
Oct 22-23	Kathryn Hammond Memorial Regatta— UTST
Oct 23	Chaparral de Mar 11:30a
Oct 23	Fall Series #1 1:30p start
Oct 29-30	SEISA High School Regatta 9:00a
Oct 30	Fall Series #2 1:30p start
Nov 5-6	Governor's Cup Regatta
Nov 26	Wild Turkey Regatta

AYC 2016 NON-RACING EVENTS

Sep 10	Learn to Sail Clinic 10:00a
Sep 11	New Member Ice Cream Social following Late Summer Series #1
Sep 11, 18, 25	Free Sail Sunday 1:00p
Sep 17, 24	ASA 101 Basic Keelboat Certification 8:30a - 5:30p
Sep 22	AYC Board Meeting 7:30p
Oct 1	AYC Luau following AYC Fleet Challenge
Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Free Sail Sunday 1:00p
Oct 2	Late Summer #3
Oct 15, 22	ASA 101 Basic Keelboat Certification 8:30a - 5:30p
Oct 15	Linda McDavitt Welcome Back Party 5:00p
Oct 22	Learn to Sail Clinic 1:00p
Oct 27	AYC Board Meeting 7:30p
Oct 29	Fall Women's Sailing Clinic 9:00a
Dec 3	Annual Banquet at the Oasis



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Save the Date!

AYC Annual Banquet

December 3, 2016

The Oasis - Starlight Terrace