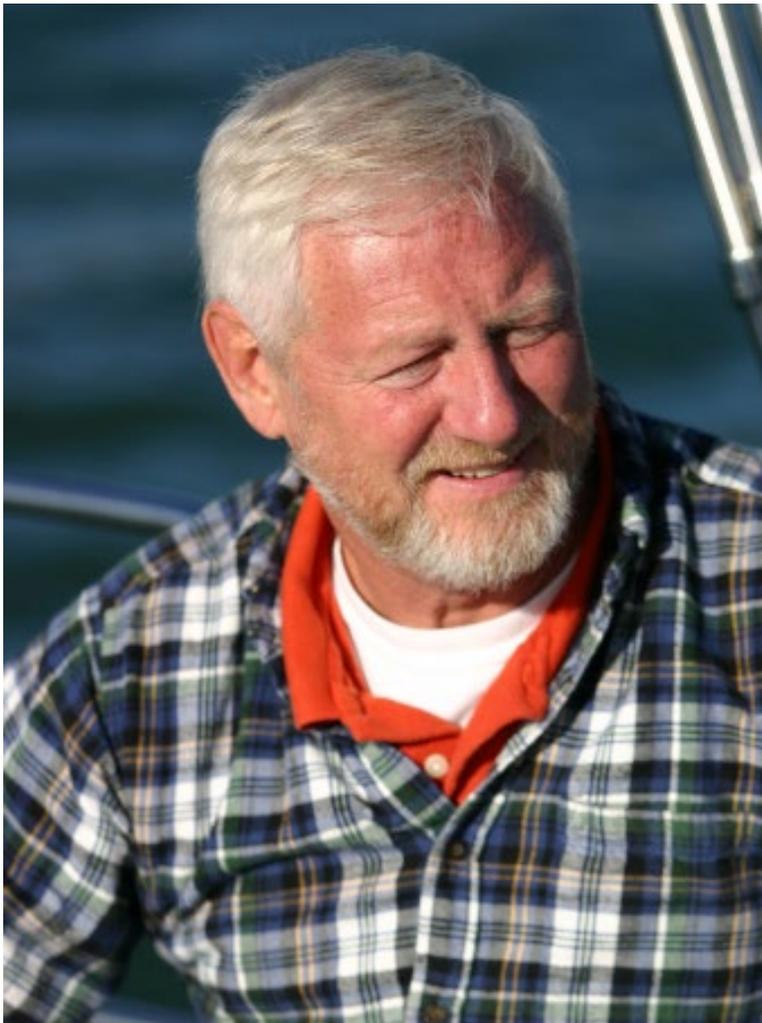




Integrity first, Service before self, Excellence in all we do

U.S. Air Force Core Values



January 9, 2018

Vic Manning passed away this morning.

Vic was a long time AYC member, a teacher, a friend, a mentor, an advisor, a helping hand, a kind word, a ready laugh, a tireless volunteer.

He loved sailing and he loved AYC.

Vic was the embodiment of what so many of us hold dear about our Club.

And we will forever have a Vic-shaped hole in our hearts with his passing.

Bill Records, AYC Commodore

Victor Manning

December 16, 1945 - January 9, 2018

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Victor Vincent Manning was born in New Orleans to John Albert Manning, Jr. and Tommie Clentine Partridge Manning on December 16, 1945. He went to school in Charlotte, North Carolina and married his high school sweetheart, Patricia Ann Pietras, on June 18, 1966 in Charlotte. He then entered the U.S. Air Force where he proudly served his country during the Vietnam War. He continued in the Air Force for 22 years in intelligence operations and was awarded numerous decorations and medals, including the Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, and Air Force Commendation Medal.

Vic was active in the Austin Yacht Club where he was honored to serve as Vice Commodore in 2001 and Commodore in 2002. He also served in turn as Race Commander, Harbor Commander, and Building and Grounds Commander. Most recently he served on the Membership committee and the Long Range Planning committee. Vic was awarded the Blue Duck Trophy in 2002 for most outstanding blooper, the Old Salt of the Club in 2011 for his contributions to the Club and sailing, the Jessie McLroy Smith Trophy several times in recognition of outstanding service to the Club. In 2017, he was granted life membership to Austin Yacht Club in recognition of exceptional value and outstanding service.

Vic cherished the competition of racing and raced in the US Sunfish Worlds multiple years. He served as the United States Sunfish Class Association (USSCA) president and was a member of the International Sunfish Class Association where he was the USSCA Representative for the Southwest Region. He also served as a National Race officer and as such, was the Principal Race Officer for many regattas across the country. Vic was an avid educator, trained as a US Sailing Small Boat Instructor, and loved instilling his passion for sailing in others.

Vic is survived by his devoted wife, Pat; his two doting daughters, Jennifer Manning and her husband Richard Varnell, of Austin TX; and Nicole Manning and his adoring granddaughter, Kayla Manning, of Clifton, TX.

Memorial contributions may be made in Vic's name to the AYC Fund.

In Memoriam



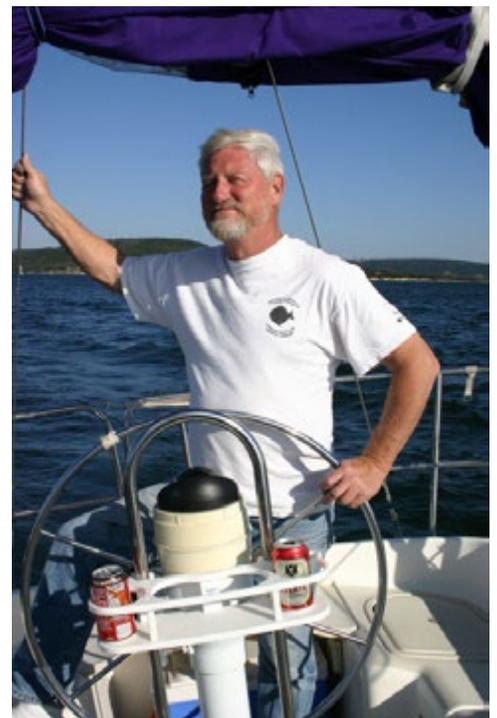
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The Last Watch

"No man has ever served at sea without knowing that each day could be his last and no one would even know where at sea he lay. No man served a day at sea without the knowledge that the ship he sailed might not survive to sail another day. But no man at sea let these fears overcome him. He knew his shipmates were beside him to help stand the watch, to plot the course, and to be the family and support we all need to meet and survive another day. They were his shipmates."

*Memorial Service for a Mariner
(Author unknown)
Oct 11, 2007*



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In Memoriam



Thank you to AYC

I want to express my immense gratitude for all the love and support my family and I have received from my AYC family in the past few weeks since Vic's passing. Literally hundreds of you have sent me emails, texts and cards expressing your condolences, sent flowers and plants, prepared meals, given me hugs, and attended the various events held in Vic's honor including his Celebration of Life. And I know I will continue to receive that love and support in the weeks and months to come.

I still feel Vic's presence in many ways and I think many of you will too. His spirit will guide you in ways that you may not fully realize at the time, but when you think back, you will know that he is looking out for you from above.

AYC may not be quite the same without Vic, but it will always be better because of him. He truly loved his AYC family and so do I.

Lovingly,
Pat Manning



Photos courtesy of Dane Ohe and Bill Records

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From The Commodore

by Bill Records



I am honored to have been chosen as your commodore for 2018. I consider this to be a great responsibility and will do my best to live up to the high standards set by my predecessors.

I first want to thank Wade Bingaman, previous commodores and boards for their tireless efforts in making AYC a great Club. I have been a member for many years and I can honestly say that the Club is in the best shape ever. The clubhouse, office and

cabins are in tip top condition. Our staff serves the Club exceptionally well. Our marina has been maintained and managed better than most on the lake. Our Junior Program (Roadrunners) has become the "Gold Standard" of the Southwest, raising the bar on participation and sportsmanship. We now produce world class junior sailors who compete nationally and internationally. Our Telltale newsletter looks more like a slick magazine and is the best that I have seen. Our racing schedule provides members with more opportunities to race than anywhere I have been. All of this for one of the lowest membership rates anywhere! We could not have accomplished this without the talent and volunteerism of our members.

Welcoming the U.T. Sailing Club and the Sea Scout Ship into the AYC family has further enhanced the quality of the Club. The U.T. Sailing Club has provided meals for various Club events and the Sea Scouts have performed numerous service projects around the Club. Both groups have introduced countless new people to sailing and some quality crew for our racers.

The 2018 Board is already hard at work planning the racing and social schedule for the year. We will continue to count on the support of the membership for help and guidance. Members interested in serving should contact the Board member who represents the appropriate area of interest. And as always, members are invited to the monthly Board meetings to see how the Club is run and, of course, to voice their opinions. Let's work together and have a terrific year!

From The Vice Commodore

by Annie Lancaster



My heart is broken with the news of **Vic Manning's** passing. I think we will all have a "V" shaped hole in our hearts. He was a passionate sailor, mentor and friend. He was generous with his time, energy and support to sailors of all kinds and to AYC, and he was always eager to give a hug. I will miss him!

2018 is looking like a great year for sailing! The Red Eye regatta was rescheduled because of the freezing weather and sailed on January 7th. There was a great turnout and the wind was definite Texas wind, strong fading light. Thank you Keel A fleet.

Jim Casto is getting the series races organized. Frostbite has 5 Saturday races. Spring series is scheduled to have 5 Sunday races. Late Spring has 4 Sunday races. Dog Days is scheduled for 6 Saturday races. We are taking August off because of the heat. The Indian Summer series has 4 Sunday races. And we finish out the year with 4 Sunday races for the Fall series.

Carolyn Wilsford has been busy planning training seminars for beginners through seasoned sailors. January 6th was the Learn to Race seminar with **Bill Records** on race preparation, **Ravi Subramanian** on tactics, and **John Barlett** on sail trim. February 24th is the Racing Rules Clinic with **Brad Davis**. And I know there are more planned.

Big regattas are in store for the year, too. Governor's Cup will stay in April with regatta chair **Chris Thompson and Keith Denebeim** as PRO and **Bill Records** on the Opti line. Turnback will be moving to the beginning of May with regatta chair **Steve Ward and Larry Ratliff** as PRO. Lago Vista moved their festival to May 5-6 and Turnback is following suit. No more major motor boat traffic on Sunday. And if you think you will need Monday off, you have 4 months to get it approved! The Roadrunner Optimist Mid America Championship will be held June 2-3. It is a big honor, and a lot of work, for AYC. Keep an eye out on ways you can volunteer. June 9-10 is the J/24 circuit will be coming to town. In September the North American Sunfish Women's Championship will be hosted by AYC. All you ladies need to start practicing now! The Centerboard regatta is October 27-28.

And this is just to name a few. Lots of racing is on tap as well as the beer. Check the website calendar for all the details.

Come on out and enjoy the fun at the Austin Yacht Club!

Happy sailing!

Race Commander Report

by Jim Casto



At the January Board meeting, we approved the 2018 "Racing Calendar", so by the time you read this, the full year's calendar of Series Races, including your fleet's RC duty, should be posted on the AYC website. We have scheduled 28 Series Races, 3 club regattas, and multiple other fleet-organized regattas and single-race events, as well.

I want to encourage our members to come out and race in our series races, to take advantage of this free opportunity to experience camaraderie and sportsmanship on the water. I've reviewed the racing data for the past two years, and our fleet sizes are varied: we have encouraging growth in some fleets, but other fleets seem to be in a re-building phase. For members of the smaller fleets, I encourage you to contact your fleet captain, let him or her know when you can come out, what series dates are your likely targets, so that your fleet can build some critical mass. I am open to, and have already received requests from fleet captains on format changes they want to try for upcoming series, to make racing even more enjoyable for their fleets.

I'd like to give a shout out to the members of the 2018 Permanent Race Committee who have started the year with incredible enthusiasm and energy. We have met several times already, to finalize the details of the Frostbite series, and by now you have all seen the new LD Course Card for 2018. This new course card includes 2 new marks, which are still not in the water yet (A and J), but will be soon. Under **Kurt Carson's** leadership, the PRC also planned and delivered an RC Training event on Jan 14th. About 25 folks showed up for RC Training, and we worked through many of the scenarios that are experienced when providing RC for our Series races. The content is posted on the website, under "Race Documents". Another area we are diligently working to improve is post-race Scoring – not just in the promptness after the race, but we hope to make it easier for scoring committee to deliver accurate results promptly. The iPad that was implemented a few years ago continues to be a key element of this metric, so we are really pushing each RC duty fleet to enter finish times and sail numbers on the iPad as boats finish. We are also looking at proposals on how to more quickly upload results to the web (maybe while still on the water?), whether it be different hardware or better software.

Lastly, I want to mention a personal goal of mine this year: I want to race on a boat, in each of the different fleets we have, throughout the year, as a way of improving my understanding of the needs of each of the fleets. So please reach out to me, I'm looking to crew for you!

Harbor Report

by Dane Ohe



Over the past several years, previous Harbor Commanders, Committees and AYC Board have invested a significant amount of capital and effort into improving our harbor and our docks, leaving our facilities in great shape and able to easily adjust to changing lake levels. This year the Harbor Committee will focus on several smaller projects here and there to tweak a few things, including replacing the RC Dock flotation and possible re-planking of the RC Dock, adding mid-dock anchors and cables to several keel boat docks to improve stability, extending the walkways for Docks 2 and 4 as the lake goes lower, building new, wider walkways with hand rails for the two rigging docks, having Dock 4 inspected and repaired as needed, general repairs for the Junior Dock, and possibly replacing several of the older Board boat docks that are currently to the west of the Race Committee Dock. We are also anticipating having to move Docks 5 and 6 onto the ends of Docks 1 and 2 as lake levels warrant.

As always, the beginning of the year is a good time for a couple of reminders:

- The dry out Area around the work area is for temporary storage not to exceed 30 days. If you have a dry slip and intend to be out for a longer period of time, please use the dry slip. If you have a wet slip, please be aware of the length of time you have been in the dry out. If you don't have a dry slip or a wet slip, please let **Jackie or me** know. We can assign you a dry slip.
- The T-heads are also for short term tie up. If you will be there overnight please let **Jackie** know.
- Now is a good time to inspect your mooring lines. We are headed into Spring when we normally have our most active and windy thunderstorms.
- If you see anything that may compromise safety or structural integrity or that may damage a boat, please let me know.

I am in the final stages of putting together a strong Harbor Committee which will be an active partner in managing the harbor facilities this year. I will introduce them in next month's Telltale and they can also be a conduit for your input about the Harbor. I am excited about serving as Harbor Commander and working with the Board to ensure that the Club continues to be a place that we all enjoy.

Welcome New Members!



Nancy and Ian Clark
(Senior Probationary)

Nancy and Ian are both ASA certified sailing instructors and hold USCG OUPV licenses. They both have extensive sailing and racing experience. Nancy has served on the board of Grapevine Sailing Club in several positions, including commodore. They currently own a Catalina 30.



Steve and Gwen Digby
(Senior Probationary)

Steve is the minister of First Christian Church in Lockhart. He has sailed since high school but still considers himself a novice. He currently owns a Catalina 25.



Chuck and Monique Boecking
(Senior Probationary)

Chuck and Monique have two children they hope will get involved in sailing at the Club. Chuck is an engineer who wants to help out the Club with his skills in electronics and computers. His experience is mainly in board boats but he's now the owner of an Etchell.



Derek and Kim Snyder
(Senior Probationary)

Derek and Kim are retired and moved here from Perth Australia where they were members of the Royal Perth YC. They both have extensive racing and sailing experience as crew and skippers. They want to enjoy the camaraderie of our active sailing Club.

Chrisann Tortora
(Associate Probationary)

Chrisann is a medical photographer at Scott & White in Temple. She has 30 years of sailing experience and 12 years of racing. Chrisann is a member of the Arizona YC, the Alamitos Bay YC and the Rochester YC. She is ready to join a local club and has already been crewing on boats racing here at AYC.

Building & Grounds Update

by Diane Covert



Happy New Year! I am **Diane Covert** and I am honored to be your Building & Grounds Commander for 2018. First, thanks to **Chris Thompson** for completing so many projects over the last two years and leaving the Club in good shape for the future.

As reviewed by the AYC Board, we have many plans for improving and maintaining this beautiful piece of property that we have at the AYC. I also welcome your thoughts and suggestions. While our budget

is set for the upcoming year, there is room for planning future projects. The new projects in general include: more efficient lighting both inside the clubhouse and in the parking areas, replacing the refrigerator in the kitchen, adding a microwave, improving the kitchen counter top area, replacing an outdated shower in a cabin, tree additions, water line improvements, adding a water fountain, replacing the chairs and couches in the clubhouse, asphalt repair, painting many areas, resurfacing the flooring in the restrooms, and replacing the grill for even better burgers!

Of course all of these projects and general upkeep of the facilities take the members to help out on scheduled work days throughout the year. We need everyone's help regardless of skill set. Activities can include: painting, cleaning, reorganizing, picking up debris, caulking, pressure washing, screen

repairs, repairing small equipment, removing old outdated objects. For those who have more repair or construction skills, there can be many objects that need repair or modification during the year. I will let you know what activities we will be working on for a specific work day so you can prepare.

The work days are usually held on a Saturday morning, sometimes into the afternoon and we have coffee and goodies to motivate you. You get to meet others in the Club and it's usually a productive and fun time to pitch in for a few hours. For those new members who are on probation, you can also get credit towards your service points.

Please plan on participating on these dates: **Saturdays Feb 17th, March 14th, May 19th, June 16th, Sept 15th**. These dates are subject to change; however we will try and stick to them. Many dates are scheduled a week before major events at the Club so we can "spruce it up".

If you would like to be on the B&G committee, or have questions about this, please contact me at: buildings_grounds@austinyachtclub.net. However, you don't have to be on the committee to join us on any Saturday work day.

Sail Training Report

by Carolyn Wilsford



Happy 2018 everybody! Well, Sail Training had its first "Learn to Race" clinic for the 2018 year and I'm getting lots of inquiries for when the "Sailing Rules" clinic is happening. This says a lot about our talented instructors. A big "thank you" goes out to **Bill Records (Race Prep)** and **Ravi Subramanian (Tactics)** for their informative presentations and sharing a few of their secrets. Oh, and I can't forget **Ed Pierce (Technology)**. Thanks Ed!

Now, **John Bartlett** wasn't able to make the "Learn to Race" clinic on January 6th due to a family emergency, but he does have a makeup lesson planned for January 27th (just before the 3rd Frostbite series race) at 11:00 am in the Sail Training cabin. I will send a reminder out to the participants who already paid for the clinic, so they can get their lesson on "Sail Trim".

"US Sailing Level 1 Instructor's Class" by Steve Gay

This course is for anyone interested in teaching beginner level sailors. Prerequisites: Must turn 16 in the calendar year & hold NASBLA Approved Boating Certificate. Course length: 4 days, 40 hours.

Texts used: Smallboat Instructor Guide (includes Learn Sailing Right-Beginner!), Learn Sailing Right-Intermediate!, Teaching Fundamentals for Sailing Instructors & Basic Powerboat Safety & Rescue

Course overview: Designed to provide sailing instructors with information on how to teach more safely, effectively, and creatively. Topics covered in the course include: classroom and on-the-water teaching techniques, risk management, safety issues, lesson planning, creative activities, ethical concerns, and sports physiology and psychology.

Dates: Feb. 10 & 11, and 17th & 18th at Austin Yacht Club.

Email **Steve Gay** segay09@myfairpoint.net and visit <http://www.ussailing.org/education/sbinstructor/level-1-instructor/>

What's next! Feb. 24th "The Racing Rules of Sailing" by Brad Davis

You are going to love this guy. **Brad**, a former sailing judge, will take you through a race, start to finish, and let you know all the rules. This is open to ALL sailors "Absolutely Free". Please bring your phones for a little "KAHOOT".

March is a two clinic month:

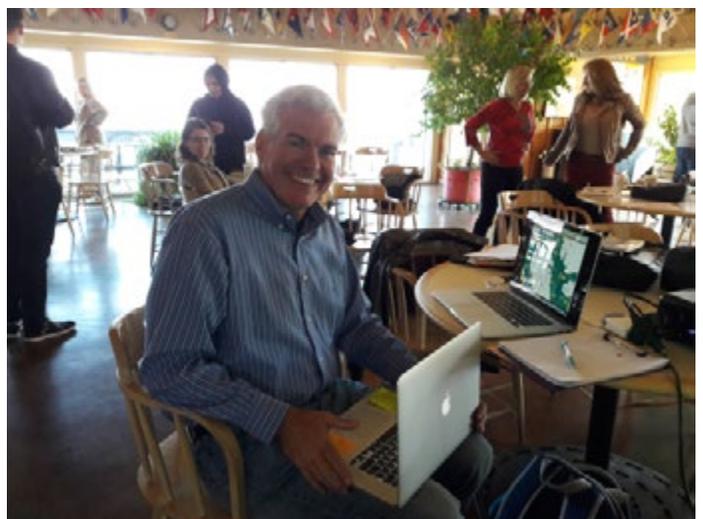
John Bartlett's "Spinnaker Clinic" on March the 10th

Natalie Penner Hardin's "Start Clinic" on March 17th

Flyers are on the website with all the information and registration forms.

Here is my fantastic committee: **Bill Records, Ravi Subramanian, Coleman Terrell, Brad Davis, Steve Gay, Natalie Penner Harden, James Wilsford, Ed Pierce, John Bartlett, Jeff Brock, Harry Polly**

See you on the water!!!



Learn to Race Instructors – Top to Bottom: Ravi Subramanian, Bill Records, Ed Pierce
Photos courtesy Carolyn Wilsford

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January 14th RC Seminar

Photos by Cheryl Pevrier



From the AYC General Manager

by Jackie Wheelless



Please accept my sincere gratitude for the extraordinary outpouring of caring and kindness that **Paul and I** received from the Board and the members of Austin Yacht Club during the past 6 months. We received cards, uplifting text messages and emails, home cooked meals, handmade prayer afghans and offers to take care of our cats or water our plants. All from members of our loving AYC family.

The office volunteers were awesome. I received texts, emails and phone calls on a regular basis to update me, ask questions, check up on **Paul** and me or just let me know what went on while they were in the office. These volunteers just jumped in with both feet and swam like champions. The Board members checked up on **Paul** and me on a regular basis and allowed me to handle business from afar. The doctors and hospital staff were amazed at the truly loving and caring place that Austin Yacht Club is. **Paul** and I knew you all cared and I'm so thankful to have friends like you.

Now that I'm back in the office, I'm focusing on trying to catch up.

I've managed to get through most of my emails but PLEASE don't be bashful about contacting me if I've accidentally overlooked an email you've sent to me and you haven't received a response from me.

A reminder of a couple of "unwritten" policies:

- Lost and found items of value (phones, wallets, eyeglasses, keys, etc.) are turned into the office where they wait to be retrieved. Other items that are found on the premises are put in the wire basket downstairs by the Coke Machine.
- When members or their guests leave a vehicle at the Club for more than 24 hours they should let a staff member know the make of the vehicle, the license plate number and where the vehicle is parked. This practice alleviates concern about abandoned vehicles.

A Request from Southern Yacht Club

I've received a letter from Southern Yacht Club to notify me that they will no longer allow visiting members from other clubs to cross charge for goods and services while at their club. Visitors will now need to present a credit card for all charges made at their club.

Go Quakers! "Come Home to Penn Sailing"

The University of Pennsylvania is looking for sailors in Texas who are also undergrad or grad school Penn alums. The team is in its most dramatic growth stage and they are trying to build a database of alums who would like to be kept up on current events, help with logistics and recruiting, and be a resource for undergrads in networking and job searches. Contact **Skip Swikart** at swik3@aol.com. Skip has a lot of good news to share, including one of their sailors getting 7th in the ICSA Women's Singlehanded National Championship in November, 2017 – and she's from Texas!

It's good to be back at AYC and I'm looking forward to working with the new board members and assisting them with getting their "Wish List" checked off.

Social Committee News

by Margo Bower and Pat Manning



This year, **Margo Bower** is chairing the AYC Social Committee and will be assisted by **Pat Manning**.

Margo and Pat are looking for some "permanent" member volunteers to join the Social Committee to help in the kitchen and other

activities that the Social Committee will be responsible for during the year. By "permanent" we mean those who are willing to be on our volunteer email list and will receive requests by email whenever we are planning our meals or snacks after the Series Races and events.

The more the merrier! We are looking for gals and guys, spouses of the members who race, anyone who has talents in the kitchen and just wants to join a bunch of fun-loving ladies (and maybe gents) who also like to cook. Just let us know who you are! Contact **Margo** at hairslair@gmail.com.

(In the past, we have been known to enjoy a glass of wine or a Margarita or two while we work!)

Upcoming events include the Chili Cookoff (February 10, see below), and Opening Day Brunch (February 25). Check the bulletin board in the clubhouse for Social Committee information.



THE CHILI COOK-OFF IS BACK!

Date: February 10

Time: After the Frostbite End of Series Race

Prizes for Judges' Pick Best Chili;
Members' Pick Best Overall Chili; and Best Chili Name

Entries should include a large pot of chili and fixin's

Enter on the signup sheet in the clubhouse

For more information or to sign up as a judge, email Margo
at hairslair@gmail.com

2018 Keel Fleet Red Eye Regatta

by Andrea Lesh



The 42nd annual Red Eye Regatta was hosted by the Keel (B) Fleet on January 7th, after we decided that sailing in freezing weather on 1/1 was probably not such a good idea.

What better way to start the year than being on a sailboat with perfect wind and weather! We had a great turnout with 39 boats racing. The regatta began with Bloody Marys, thanks to **John Bartlett**, **Ray Shull**, and sponsorship from **Bloody Revolution**,

along with mimosas, coffee, breakfast facos, and pastries to get the racers fueled up and back in the cockpit for 2018 racing!

The boats were divided into five starts and five classes. The Hap McCollum Cup for the fastest keelboat on corrected time was awarded to **Ray Shull** who also placed first in the A class aboard a Schumacher 28. He makes a mean drink and is fast as heck. The guy can do it all. The Red "I" trophy went to **Bo Kersey** as the fastest in the multihull class sailing a Corsair F31. B class honors went to **Linda McDavitt** in a J/22, **Keith Denebeim** won first in C class with his Pearson 26, and D class first place went to **Tom Groll** in an Ensign.

The race went smoothly thanks to the help from **PRO Jim Casto**, **John Thurston**, **Bill Rackley**, **John Maddalozzo**, **Barry Thornton**, **Joe Peacock**, **Kathy and Pete Swallow** on the RC and chase boats, and **Karen Bogisch** working her scoring magic. The team did an amazing job running the event on the water with such a large number of boats. After the race, sailors were treated to hot buttered rum and snacks, thanks to the help from **Pat Manning**, **Rona Thornton**, and **Rachel Bailey**. The Tito's trophies looked fantastic and were a big hit with the winners. I'm not sure if any bottles actually made it home that night though. A big thank you to **John Thurston** and **Bonnie Lackey** for creating them. Special thanks to **Cheryl Pervier** and **Bill Rackley** for all the great pictures, and to **Coleman Terrell** and **Jackie Wheelless** for all their assistance as well. I greatly appreciate everyone who made this long-standing tradition a great success!



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Red Eye Regatta



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Photos by Cheryl Pervier and Bill Rackley

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Crew photo by Hector Lujan



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Frostbite Series



Photos by Cheryl Pervier

Frostbite Series



Crew Photo submitted by Bill Records



Want to Become an ASA Sailing Instructor?

AYC is an ASA Affiliated Sailing School. We offer the public ASA101, Basic Keelboat Sailing Course seven times a year: March, April, May, June, September, October, and November. At AYC, we teach the ASA101 course over three days. The course runs for 20 hours. Students get to spend time on three different keelboats working with three different ASA instructors. AYC uses its ASA101 program to promote membership and safe sailing.

If you would like to find out more about becoming an ASA sailing instructor, come to our informational meeting on February 25 from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM – right after the Opening Day activities. The meeting will be in the Sail Training Cabin.

AYC will be hosting an ASA Instructor Qualification Clinic on 6/1, 6/2, and 6/3 from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM. This clinic will be open to the public so if you are interested in registering, you need to do so right away. **For more information, contact Harry Polly at 214-598-5071.**

Here is the ASA Instructor URL: <https://asa.com/instructor-clinics/>

Catalina 22 Update

by Steve Pervier



We're off on a fast course, calendar-wise. Every weekend so far in 2018 has had racing on the calendar, with Red Eye, rescheduled Red Eye, and two Frostbite Series dates. Frostbite Series concludes on 2/10, then Spring Series begins on 2/25 for an early AYC Opening Day. It is hard to believe how fast the calendar is going this year.

It is also difficult to accept the passing of **Vic Manning**, who was always there for me and for

others whenever we needed an expert opinion, or a helper, or a leader, or a friend. Following his example, we should strive to grow in sailing skill and in encouraging others, and we should continue to make AYC the best Club possible. AYC should always be a Club that helps each of us to be better, then takes delight in everyone's accomplishments. **Vic's** spirit will live on within our Club and our people.

Our Catalina 22 Fleet, together with the South Coast 21 Fleet, served an early race committee duty on 1/20/2018. To C22 members **Brian Grothues, John Grzinich, Louise Miller, Cheryl and me**, SC21 members **Bob Musselman and Tom Meyer, plus AYC members Owen Crouse, Kathy and Pete Swallow, and Brian Wann**, thanks to each for a quality job of race management. We also had a great day, with 70F, moderate winds, and bright sunshine! Thanks to **Tom Meyer** for again serving as our Principal Race Officer, and thanks to **Jim Casto and his PRC** for their training, preparation, and guidance.

You may remember an email about our Catalina 22 fleet plaque. On the rescheduled Red Eye date it was missing, and no one knew why. What happened was that our friendly SC21 Fleet Captain had found the 40 year-old plaque on the floor, no doubt due to aging glue and changing humidity. He collected the pieces to take home and repair, thinking no one would know his good deed... but



he was delayed by other priorities. Anyway, repairs completed, this piece of history now hangs proudly again near the TV – the only half model in AYC's clubhouse on starboard tack. Thank you, **Tom Meyer!**

We have a new C22 owner, though we also lost one who traded his C22 for a Pearson 26. So while we say "fair winds" to **Brett Wilson**, we are glad to welcome **Bob Stephens** to our fleet! We hope both skippers and their crews are delighted with their new boats. Let's look forward to sailing with **Bob** (on BeBop) and each other as the weather warms.

Speaking of which – our coldest weather for 2018 should be over! Approximate highs for January to December: 60, 65, 70, 80, 85, 90, 95, 95, 90, 80, 70, 60. Average lows are about 20F lower. Data is from 1980-2010, at Camp Mabry. See: http://w2.weather.gov/climate/local_data.php?wfo=ewx > [Local Data](#) > [Climate Table](#).

See you on the water!

C Fleet Update

by Andre De La Reza



Greetings from the new C-fleet Captain! It is only fair that Pirate Unicorn would be followed by Los Monos – the boat of the Jolly Crossed Bananas spinnaker you may have seen happily sailing down wind in the middle of the fleet! What a month to start my C-fleet Captain duties. C-fleet is going strong with 28 boats, the newest **Captain Brett Wilson** (taking over **Stephens' Picante** - a Pearson 260D)

Red Eye Regatta

2018 started with Red Eye Regatta getting delayed a week due to "cold temperatures". Being C-fleeters, **Keith Denebeim** and I scoffed at 20 degree weather and were the only ones on the lake, enjoying the blustery winds on his newly refurbished and painted Slip Kid. It seems Poseidon looked favorably on Slip Kid for her dedication to the sailing waters, for **Keith** managed to find all the favorable lifts on the following weekend during Red Eye.

Many tales have already been told about Red Eye 2018, but let us pour ours into the punch. For C-fleet, the battle was fierce. It started off with **Bill Record's** Cafe Au Lait almost closing off my Los Monos against the RC, which would have taken **Keith's** Slip Kid out as well (nothing to do with **Keith and I** being a bit barge-ish) **Bill** fell off, either due to time till start or out of Corinthian spirit, letting both the interlopers in for a clean start across the fleet. From the start, winds were from 15-20 with gusts blowing quite a bit over. Headsail choices were from 100s to 130s, but with winds starting to die down mid race, seamanship and luck was the deciding factor. It was a tight race for first between Slip Kid and Cafe Au' Lait, with Slip Kid managing to fend off many attacks by Cafe to clinch the 1st. Following after was a tidy battle between **Jim Pearce's** Entheos, **Ed Pierce's** Broken Arrow, and Los Monos. The **P(e/i)rces** won out over the monkey; Broken Arrow getting line honors, but Entheos's lack of spinnaker did not slow him down enough to make a difference and he corrected into 3rd. Los Monos got to fly the a fore mentioned Jolly Crossed Bananas, which helped close the gap, but still finished 5th. Closing out the fleet, **Durfor's** Blue Note, **Lujan's** Banshee, **Thompson's** 3 Hr Crewz, **Weeks'** Unnamed and **Vic Manning's** Dreams (on her Inaugural race) still enjoyed the weather to have a great day on the water.

Frostbite Series

Frostbite series has started off with a bang, C-fleet beating out A fleet for most boats on the line (13 in race one, 12 in the second). The **Keith and Bill** continue their epic battles for bullets, with the **P(e/i)rces** nipping at their heels. The first race had Café leading the whole race until the end, where Slipkid squeezed out a first, with Café and **Lujan's** Banshee finishing out the top three. The 2nd race was full of drama and speed. Entheos was

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1st around the weather mark, followed by Slipkid squeezing a port cross over Café before 4 that drew a red flag, but with two long downwind runs - spinnakers and skill paid the bills. "Café Au Slipkid" led the pack to first and second. PHRF making this an awesome fleet, Banshee corrected over Entheos (who went spin-less) to get another 3rd.

I would love to share stories of the rest of the fleet, but trying to fly a spinnaker short-handed led to my fastest ever boat speed of RaceQ5'ed 7.9knots and then losing control had me single boat focused. Rumors has that Banshee has been earning her name with many close calls, and Three Hour Crewz's new mainsail flying proud.

I will bring it to a close on a sad point. We lost an icon of AYC and C-fleet. **Vic Manning's** last race was Red Eye, and he has left us to the next great race in the sky. Vic was the first person I ever had the pleasure of sailing with at AYC, as he welcomed so many of us. He was always available to help teach, quick with a joke, an intellect to analyze a race with, and the calm in even the most harried of regattas. **Vic** was the very essence of the Corinthian Sailor. He leaves a hole in our hearts, but one full of amazing memories and countless tales, we owe it to him – and ourselves – to live life to the fullest, to sail the fastest and most skilled we can, and to teach and learn with a smile and kind heart full of love.

Fair winds **Vic**, you are loved and missed.

J/24 Update
by Stu Juengst



David Broadway won the J/24 Fleet Champion award for 2017. This award is based on participation, and Dave competed in 72 races last year. Congratulations, Captain Bligh!

Team Van Go is dominating the Frostbite series as of this Telltale; two races, two bullets. The J/24 fleet has been suffering from low turnout though, with most of the regulars out for various reasons. I hope we will see them back in the water soon!

Ensign Fleet Update
by Carl Wiseman

2017 Ensign Photo of the Year – Governor's Cup by James (never call him) Bland



Well, here we are again with a brand new year and the Ensign Fleet in great shape with a large list of accomplishments and awards to show for the last 12 months.

Topping the List of accomplishments for the Fleet was **Fred Ford** receiving the Max White Memorial Trophy last month for outstanding service to the Club, not to

mention all the effort he has put into supporting the Ensign Fleet. Among the many things **Fred** did last year, he organized, along with **Doug Laws**, another successful Sail for Kids program that provides a sailing experience for disadvantaged kids ages 6-16. This looks to be a great program that will occur yearly. Congratulations **Fred!**



2017 Max White Memorial Award winner Fred Ford

Quick Recap of 2017 Race Results

- Red Eye Regatta Winner **Dahmen Brothers**
- Spring Series **Dahmen Brothers**
- Dog Days Series **Lewis Price (first to break the curse)**
- Suffering Summer Series **Lewis Price**
- Late Summer Series **Randolph Bertin**
- Fall Series **Dahmen Brothers**
- Governor's Cup **Tom Groll**
- Chaparral de Mar **Tom Romberg**
- Independence Cup **Dahmen Brothers**

Ensign Class Association Championship

On the national front, the Austin Ensign group was well represented with two teams. At the Michigan Nationals, **Tom Groll**, along with **Jonathan Baker, Boyd Bluestein, and Frans Dahmen** finished 9th place overall and

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won the Faget Award for winning the final race of the series. Also racing in Michigan were **George Dahmen and Ann Kitzmiller** sailing with the Ensign Class Commodore **John Cutler** taking a fifth overall finish.



Frans, George, Ann Kitzmiller and Katherine Noack shown with their Regional Trophy

Houston Regionals

The Region IV Championships were held at the Houston Yacht Club this year and again, two of our own teams participated. **George and Frans**, with crew members **Ann Kitzmiller and Katherine Noack** won five races and won the overall regional – a first for the **Dahmen brothers!** **Tom Groll**, sailing with **Anne Riggs and Hazel Sanchez** took third place overall. A great showing for the Club!

Sailor of the Year Award

Ok, now that we have kept the readers glued to this electronic version of sailing news that could never be mistaken as fake, we come to the Sailor of the Year Award. The judges convened in what turned out to be a more contentious meeting than imagined. While comparing last year's results, it turned out that there was a strong Never George contingent (not unlike our national elections last year). However, the numbers could not be denied and the award goes to . . . (drums rolling) **George and Frans Dahmen!** They really sailed well this year.

2018 Red Eye Regatta

Even with many of the boats out of the water preparing for Spring, we started the year with a bang with five boats signed up for the Red Eye Regatta. In what could be the first shot across the bow for the **Dahmen** team (aka Dahm-nation team), **Tom Groll and Danny Lien** in Brews'r took first place, closely followed by **George Dahmen, Frans Dahman and Ann Kitzmiller** in Styf Kop. **Lewis Price and Hazel Sanchez** took third in Dos Locos. Rounding out the finish was **Fred Ford and Anne Riggs** in September. **Annie and Charlie Lancaster** in Eagle were forced out of the race due to a sheared bail. **Doug Laws** took a fall and could not sail this Red Eye, but drove down to see the Ensigns off. **Doug** will be back soon sailing with the fleet as will **Loren Stell** with his brand new knee. The Deep Six team will be waiting for warmer water temperatures, before giving **Loren's** new knee a proper set of sea trials in the form of MOB drills.

2018 Annual Meeting

This year's annual dinner was held January 20 in the AYC clubhouse with the main course provide by **Tom and Kelly Groll**. There was a good turnout and the following officers were elected:

Officers

Anne Morley	Fleet Captain
Anne Riggs	Secretary/Treasurer
Lewis Price	Regional Commander
Chaparral Regatta Chair	Danny Lien and Fred Ford
Sail 4 Kids	Doug Laws

Awards/Recognition

Bill Hawk Creator of the Ensign Net
Fred Ford For Service to AYC and the Ensign Fleet

New Award this year

James Bland explained the "Meatball" pennant. This award is steeped in US Naval tradition and given to a worthy candidate for outstanding sailing abilities. The pennant will be awarded annually to an Ensign sailor of the current pennant holder's choosing. Should be lots of fun. With an award with a moniker as this, who else is more deserving as the first recipient, than our own favorite **George Dahmen!** George, of course was overcome with emotion at receiving this award, and a photo always tells a thousand words, however, the Telltale staff informed us that it has a strict rule that there can never be more than one photo of George in the same Telltale edition – it just hurts circulation too much. So, we will just give him a hearty congratulations in writing!

All the best for the new year and onward to 2018!

Keel Handicap Fleet Events

by James Parsons



2018 is going to be a great year for events put on by the Keel Handicap Fleet at the Club. We are resurrecting an old favorite, bringing back popular events, and making some new events. Hopefully we'll get inactive racers out for fun events and back into the fold (use of peer pressure is endorsed), and see more young folks coming out to potentially help ensure the future of the Club.

Andre de la Reza is taking over as captain of C Fleet, and I'll be focusing on creating fun events for sailors, their friends, and friends they haven't met yet. I'll also be doing some blue water sailing for a few months.

1. The overnight race to Pace Bend is returning!

Circle the night of 9/21 (1st Friday after Beer Cans) on your calendars. Sailing overnight is an amazing experience, as well as seeing a sunrise from the water. I've been wanting to resurrect this race for years, there just wasn't a convenient spot for it on the calendar. There is an Indian Summer race the Sunday of the same weekend, but there will be 24+ hours to recover.

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Celestial things to note: A nearly full moon (92%) will be visible until 4am when we are in more familiar areas on the way back. Sunset is 19:28, and sunrise is 07:19.

Race things to note: Aiming to have a pursuit start (a la Beer Can) by PHRF rating of each boat. No RC needed. Awards by fleet, and an overall winner (first one back!). Breakfast tacos afterwards are a distinct possibility.

2. MoonBurn is returning for the 3rd year.

The first race is the Friday of Memorial Day weekend, 5/25. The other dates are 6/22, 7/27, and EOS is 8/24.

We are finalizing the details, but fleet captains will get RC volunteers from their fleets, and if they have enough then others from the fleet can race. We are working out the incentive for RC volunteers, and it will not be equal to the worst finish like last year :-)

Potential makeup date of 8/11, a Saturday. We'd like to get 4 races in so there can be a throwout. This allows for folks taking a trip during the summer to still be able to compete (I myself will likely be in the Caribbean for the May race).

3. Shooting Star Raftup on Saturday 8/11

The Perseid Meteor is arguably the most beloved meteor shower of the year. At the peak there will be 60 meteors an hour. As long as there are no hurricanes or cloud cover, it should be an amazing spectacle. If there are clouds, we'll still have a good time rafting up.

If this date is used as a MoonBurn makeup race, then the raftup will still be occurring, and might be even larger. There will be a Beer Can on 8/10, regardless.

4. Other events are in the works:

Game nights, blue water stories, music jam sessions, an open house (I can get targeted newbies out, just need willing volunteers), amongst other suggestions that have yet to be shared (please get in touch with ideas you'd like to see happen).

5. Usual suspects:

Super Bowl Party – Feb 4th. **Ray Shull** is hosting again, and there will be beer.

Beer Can Racing - 4/13 to 9/14, with the exceptions being the 4 MoonBurn dates above. Informal Beer Cans are welcome, but there's no meal after.

Independence Cup Regatta - July 7th

Single Handed Regatta - Aug 18th

Wild Turkey Regatta - Nov 17th

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A Fleet Update

by Bruce McDonald



New Year's Day and the Redeye Regatta saw iced over roads, sub-freezing temperatures and punishing winds which made for an easy decision to put it off for a week. A Fleet fielded 10 teams and it was no surprise that **Ray Shull** won the division and the Hap McCollum Trophy.

The Frostbite series opened with a challenging dying norther. **Patrick Hitchins** in the J80, Poncho and Lefty, won the start and pulled a horizon job on the fleet, leading to some radio chatter (won't mention any names here, but we all know who is the culprit) about whether this upstart who just joined our fleet last year had actually rounded the first mark. He did and we didn't see him again until we returned to the dock. The second race saw more reliable wind from the south and a dozen boats on the line. **John Burke** in the J80, Amazing Grace, nailed first followed in quick succession by **Claude Welles, Ed Taylor, and Ray Shull** all in J80s. The series now stands with a four-way tie in points for first place.

I am pleased to announce that the A Fleet is in great shape. The J80s have been dominating our fleet in part due to a favorable PHRF rating, but in no small part due to having some of the best sailing talent in the Club which makes for very high-level competition. The recent addition of the **Bob Goldsmith/Karen Bogish** team Jazz Tacks, brings the J80 component to 11 and it is rumored that there is another J80 somewhere on Lake Travis. The Frostbite series has seen eight J80s competing and we hope to see **Bob Leonard** on J80 Lickety Split back for the spring series after he recovers from shoulder surgery while his crew tries to maintain skills racing the J70.

Looking forward, we have a great schedule of racing for the coming year. You will notice that there are more full moon night races scheduled and the organizers assure me that they are working on the more consistent rules to make it seem more like a real race. There has been a request in the A Fleet for more long distance races (really guys?), so the request has been submitted to **Jim Casto**, our race commander, to have the option to sail long distance courses while starting with the A Fleet.

The fleet is off to a great start for 2018. Keep up the good work, guys and gals. See you on the race course!

Roadrunner Fleet Update

by Mary Carew



2017 was a fantastic success for the AYC Roadrunners! 20 Sailors traveled to TSA Regattas across the State, and we were once again the 2nd biggest fleet in Texas! To start off, 5 Sailors represented AYC at the TSA Race of Champions in January. By the end of 2017, AYC sailors won the championship in Opti's (**Tony**), and Club 420s (**Lucy and Julius**) and also won 3rd in Green Fleet (**Keen**), 2nd in Laser 4.7 (**Ethan**), and 5th in Laser Radial

(**Andrew**) Overall, we won 4 of the top 10 of Optis (**Tony, Lucas, Jamie, Fiona**). And as important; we also won almost every sportsmanship award! To say we are proud of all of these kids is an understatement!

AYC Junior sailors also traveled around the country and the world including:

- Sailors representing at Nationals in Optis, C420s
- Top 10 C420 North Americans
- Sailors traveling to international regattas in Europe and the Bahamas
- Sailors representing and placing 4th at the US Sailing Triple-Handed National Championship

None of this is possible without the support of the AYC Board and the Roadrunner board and I want to thank them for their continued hard work and support. I am honored to continue as fleet captain and also excited to announce the 2018 Roadrunner Board Members, as follows:

- Sportsman Chair: **Jeff Brock**
- Treasurer/Communications: **Stefan Froelich**
- Social Chair: **Constance Heitkoetter**
- Equipment and Maintenance Chair: **Dallas Grant**
- Safety Chair: **Robert Cabrera**
- Membership Chair: **Elisha Krempetz**

We look forward to a successful 2018 and are excited to welcome **Dallas Grant** to the board.

Speaking of 2018, it is time to gear up for this year's TSA circuit! The first regatta is at Lakewood Yacht Club in the Houston area on February 10-11. If any new junior sailors would like to participate, please let us know. We would love to have you join the other TSA sailors and are happy to answer any questions you might have. It is a lot of fun!

It has been a while since our last update so I wanted to highlight some of our junior activities in the recent months.

- At the Wurstfest regatta in November, **Jack Grant** took first place on the Opti line and **Abbey Amato** took second place! **Ethan Froelich** sailed on a Laser Radial (2nd place) and Wurstfest II on a single-handed foiling Stunt 9 catamaran (2nd place).
- The **three Froelich girls** sailed the Turkey Bowl Regatta at Houston YC on the double handed RS Feva boats (a post-opti double handed boat for those who aren't big enough for a 420). They were coached by **Ryan Minth** and had a blast learning lots in this zippy boat.

- During Thanksgiving week **Ethan Froelich** sailed the I420 at the Olympic Development Program Racing Clinic in Coconut Grove, Florida. There were 23 I420s and 6 470s. They were consistent all week with one bullet and all top 5 finishes.
- In November, **Tony Slowik** sailed in Bermuda with the US National Team and sailed in the 2018 USODA Mid-Winter 1Team Race Championship at the South Carolina Yacht Club in early January.
- 8 AYC sailors also traveled to Miami for the 2017 Orange Bowl Regatta in December (see **Fiona Froelich's** account of the regatta, below).

My Orange Bowl Adventure

by Fiona Froelich



My week at the International Florida Orange Bowl, the largest youth regatta in the nation, was a wonderful experience. We drove twenty hours in my RV with all seven of us in my family! It was our first time traveling for Christmas, but it was worth it! Despite the long drive, I had fun with a four day private practice with an Argentinian coach named **Pili**. Then we had a two day break for Christmas.

After the two day break, I had another practice day

with **Wendi and Ava** as one boat while **Katie and I** were on a second RS Feva.

It is a two person youth race boat with an asymmetrical spinnaker that will lend itself well to either the 29er or 420. When we were on the water I saw a manta ray! It was amazing site to see! We sailed for nine days total and it paid off because **Wendi and Ava** earned first and **Katie and I** placed second! Also, we bought a raffle ticket to win a C420 or a RS Feva. We didn't win outright, but the owner of the RS Feva didn't want it so the next day our parents surprised us with a brand new RS Feva! We were so happy for the trip and we



celebrated **Ethan's** birthday on New Year's Eve while driving back to Austin, TX in the cold! I had a fun adventure and that I got to see about 30 other Texas friends and some of my international friends. It was a great end to 2017 and an exciting start to the New Year!

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There were over thirty Texans, and eight from Austin YC:

Andrew Butler, Laser Radial, 63rd

Taylor Snyder, Laser Radial, 95th

Ethan Froelich, I-420, 11th

Ben Froelich, I-420, 28th

Lucas Tenrerrio, Optimist, 30th

Wendi Froelich, RS Feva, 1st

Fiona & Catherine Froelich, RS Feva, 2nd



MORE MIAMI PHOTOS

by Nan Taylor



Celebrating Life





From the Board

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped to make the celebrations of **Vic Manning's** life truly special events – both the informal post-race meal and drinks on Saturday and the reception on Monday following the service. The clubhouse was filled to overflowing with **Vic's** friends during both events. We know that these celebrations were exactly the way he would have wanted them and that he would be proud at the number of volunteers pulling together to make them happen – a great example of what it means to live **Vic's** legacy!

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AYC 2018 RACE CALENDAR

Feb 10	Frostbite End of Series Race #5
Feb 25	Spring Series #1 1:30p start
Mar 04	Spring Series #2 1:30p start
Mar 11	Spring Series #3 1:30p start
Mar 18	Spring Series #4 1:30p start
Mar 25	Spring Series #5 End of Series 1:30p start

AYC 2018 NON-RACING EVENTS

Feb 10	Chili Cook Off (Frostbite End of Series)
Feb 10-11, 17-18	US Sailing Level 1 8:00a - 5:00p
Feb 17	US Sailing Club Level Race Committee Training 8:00a - 5:00p
Feb 24	Racing Rules Clinic 10:00a - 1:00p
Feb 25	Opening Day
Feb 25	ASA Instructor Info Meeting 5:00 - 6:00p
Mar 10	ASA 101
Mar 10	John Bartlett's Sprinnaker Clinic 9:00a - 1:00p
Mar 17	Start Clinic 10:00a - 3:00p

Free Sail Sunday Every Sunday in February and March except 2/25 and 3/25



The AYC burgee is flying from the bow of a Fleming 55 owned by **Gail and Devid Bernstein**. The boats in front are two of the six J Class boats that were sailing in the J Class Worlds held in Newport, August 21-26, 2017. **Terry Schertz and Ravi Submaranian** were on the Bernstein's boat and John and Claudia Bartlett joined the next day. Quite the AYC contingent! *Photo by Ravi Sumaranian, submitted by Terry Schertz*



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