



## Spring Regattas Challenge Racers



J80s cutting through the fog – Governor's Cup *Photo credit Bill Records*

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### SAVE THE DATE

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- Junior Clinic



Easter Laser Regatta *Photo credit Bruce McDonald*

## From The Commodore by Bill Records



"I wishtohavenothingtodowithanyshipwhich  
doesnotsailfast,forIintendtogoinharmsway:"

John Paul Jones

I recently read a fascinating book entitled "John Paul Jones – Sailor, Hero, Father of the American Navy" by Evan Thomas. It is hard to imagine fighting a sea battle in the eighteenth century while sailing around in a heavy ship that barely sails upwind. All the while taking on the most powerful Navy in the world with

a fleet of eight American ships. John Paul Jones was an amazing sailor by any standards, and a lot of his tactics are used in sailboat racing today. His story is a remarkable part of the birth of our Nation and is a must read for all of us.

You would have to be living under a rock not to realize that this is the best time of the year to be sailing on Lake Travis. Cool temps and good wind make me want to postpone that yard work, pack a lunch and go sailing with friends. This is also a great time to seek out new crew. I guarantee that if you take friends sailing now they will want to come back. Don't wait until August when it's 104° with three knots of wind.

The activity at the Club really picked the weekend of April 14th. Building and Grounds Commander, **Diane Covert**, led a spirited volunteer effort to spruce up the Club with painting, fixing, organizing club burgees, and various other tasks.

Sea Scout Ship 681 was camped out for a fun-filled weekend, including checking out the AYC permanent marks for visibility at night. Thank you **Chris and the Sea Scouts** for your service to the Club.

**Harry Polly's** ASA instructors were busy teaching and certifying new sailors. And with the northwest wind gusting to 30 knots, a few intrepid skippers ventured out for very short sails. It was definitely a great time to be a member of AYC and I feel for those who chose to stay home and watch the Spurs get clobbered!

Now, it is time to ready your boats for Turnback, which has been moved back to May 5th, due to the date change of Lago Fest. This should increase the chances of good wind, less power boats and make it more fun than last year.

See you at Lago Vista!

## From The Vice Commodore by Annie Lancaster



What a busy April we have had!

**Weekend 1 (March 31, April 1)** – The Laser Easter Regatta was another success for **Fred Schroth** and his Laser bunnies. There was good wind and challenging sailing. Even the top sailors went swimming on Saturday.

**Weekend 2** – The Governor's Cup blew in and many brave souls survived the cold and windy Saturday sail up to mark 11 and back to an evening of fun and rum thanks to regatta chair **Chris Thompson**. Sunday started out cold and windless but as the day went on the conditions just got better and better. Thanks to **Keith Denebeim**, PRO, for lots of racing on Sunday. **Pat Manning** loaned **Vic's** Sunfish to **David McCray**, a Shreveport, LA sailor, and he won the Sunfish class. **Vic's** memory and spirit live on.

**Weekend 3** – Friday night Beer Can races started! Saturday and Sunday we had the Women's SEISA Conference Championship. In case you want to know that stands for South-Eastern Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association. The ladies did not sail the FJs on Saturday because the winds were blowing again. Thanks to **Diane Covert** and her work-day on Saturday. And Sunday, we had the start of the Late Spring series with a dinner thanks to **Margo Bower and the social committee**.

**Weekend 4** – Enjoyed a Friday evening sail in the weekly Beer Can race and competed in the Late Spring series race #2 on Sunday.

**Weekend 5** – As of this writing, the women will be out for Beer Can, the Spring Women's Clinic, and maybe the Sunday Spring series #3. Also, the Texas State High School Championship will come to AYC.

**Weekend 1 of May** – The granddaddy of all AYC regattas, Turnback Canyon, will be here! Thanks to **Steve Ward** for chairing the Turnback Canyon Regatta that takes us down to Lago Vista and back. We are joining with Lago Vista's Lago Fest 2018 for a great time Saturday night with music by The Nightowls, Drew Womack, Jennifer B and the Grove and Asleep at the Wheel! Austin style food trucks with a delicious variety of foods will be available. And there will be a number of 'Texas Cool' artists showcased at the artist market. All the information is on the website. Come enjoy the fun!

**NOTICE:** Please check your trailers to be certain they are properly identified. Beginning MAY 16TH any trailers not properly identified on BOTH SIDES of the trailer tongue will be painted and the cost will be billed to the member's account. If the name on your trailer cannot be easily read or if it is not on both sides of the trailer tongue, it is not considered properly identified.

Additionally any other personal belongings left on AYC property should be identified with your name on them.



The Austin Yacht Club cordially invites you to participate in the  
annual

**Turnback Canyon Regatta.**

Open to all monohull keelboats, large multihulls, centerboard  
boats, and beach catamarans.

**Off-the-Water Activities Include:**

Onsite Registration on Friday evening, 5- 7 p.m.  
Late Registration, breakfast tacos Saturday morning, 8-9 a.m.  
Dinner on Sunday evening, 6 p.m.  
Awards Social

**Registration:**

Early (online) registration closes Wednesday May 2 at 5:00 PM.  
Late registration **Online:** Wed May 2 from 5 PM until Fri. May 4 at 5 PM  
Late registration at **AYC** will be available on Fri. evening, May 4, 5-7 p.m.  
and Saturday morning, May 5th, from 8-9 a.m.  
Competitor's briefing at 9:00 am Saturday at the AYC clubhouse.  
First Horn Saturday May 5th at 10:00 am  
First Horn Sunday May 6th at 10:00 am

**For More Information:**

See the Austin Yacht Club website: [austinyachtclub.net](http://austinyachtclub.net)  
or contact the Austin Yacht Club at 512-266-1336,  
or Steve Ward, Regatta Chairman at  
[turnback@austinyachtclub.net](mailto:turnback@austinyachtclub.net)



## Race Commander Report by Jim Casto



It is my honor to proclaim the winners of each series. Here they are, so far:

### Frostbite Series

A Fleet: **1st Ray Shull, 2nd John Burke, 3rd Ed Taylor**

B Fleet: **1st Dane Ohe**

C Fleet: **1st Bill Records, 2nd Keith Denebeim, 3rd Jim Pearce**

J22: **1st Linda McDavitt, 2nd Pierre Bossart, 3rd Bob Mathison**

J24: **1st Stu Juengst, 2nd Natalie Penner, 3rd Amanda Casey**

MHA: **1st John Kuc, 2nd Jim Casto, 3rd Steve Frick**

Ensign: **1st George Dahmen, 2nd Lewis Price, 3rd Tom Groll**

The trophies were beautiful framed prints of the fleet in action, thanks to **Keith Denebeim**.

### Spring Series

Spring series concluded with total of 76 boats (up from 59 in Frostbite), and an on-line average of 38 boats (up from 32 in Frostbite). We had one race where the Ensign fleet was given just slightly too long a course/wind dying, and not shortened in time to meet the time limit. We'll review our guidance to the RC duty fleets, to be sure to avoid that occurrence. Trophies were AYC ball caps, with 1st place including caps for the entire crew, thanks to **Bob Leonard**. Winners:

A Fleet : **1st Claude Wells, 2nd Ray Shull, 3rd John Bartlett**

B Fleet : **1st John Maddolozzo**

C Fleet : **1st Keith Denebeim, 2nd Bill Records, 3rd Jim Pearce, 4th Hector Lujan, with a bullet in week 4!**

J22: **1st John Halter, 2nd Michael Tita**

J24: **1st Chris Renner, 2nd Stu Juengst**

MHA: **1st John Kuc, 2nd Jim Casto**

Ensign: **1st Tom Groll, 2nd George Dahmen, 3rd Lewis Price**

C22 : **1st Steve Pervier**

SC21: **1st Heath Philips**

Chase 2 engine/stalling issues were resolved, thanks to **Pat Feagin & Tom Cunningham**. However, Chase 3 tilt/trim is now malfunctioning, and we will be replacing the unit. Other PRC work items are behind schedule, as we have prioritized supporting Series Races and Regattas, in lieu of "PRC work days".

### Late Spring Series

Late Spring Series is underway; unfortunately the first week was abandoned due to fickle winds. The Catalina fleet sent 5 boats out to the line, the most we have seen at one time at AYC for a while. For this series, we included longer legs for A fleet (orange buoys), and we moved Multihull B to the RTB course, as both fleets requested. As the weather warms up, I expect to see more small multihulls on the course.

Several PRC members and other members volunteered as RC for Governor's Cup, where we all experienced the cold breezes of a vigorous springtime frontal passage. With ambient temp of 43°, and high winds, we were pushing the envelope of allowable racing conditions at AYC. The centerboard fleet chose not to race, allowing more RC "resources" i.e. chase boats, to support the fleet on the way "around the corner" to Mark 11. For future regattas, we may not have this option, and RC may choose to not start the race under the same conditions.

## Building & Grounds Update by Diane Covert



We had another very successful volunteer work day on Saturday April 14th. The Seas Scouts joined in the volunteer effort by cleaning the screened cabin areas, and the pavilions. They also emptied the clubhouse trophy cases, polished the trophies, cleaned the cases and returned the items and it looks sparkling!



Many members showed up and volunteered their Saturday to perform many tasks that included:

- Painting the walls in the kitchen area of the clubhouse.
- Removing rust and painting the outside stair supports.
- Repairing and modifying the broken lid to the sail training life jacket box.
- Painting the east side doors to the clubhouse.
- Repairing support posts on the railing for the pool.
- Creating a more defined path from the south cove to the road above for direct access to port-o-potty.

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- Trimming out the shower stall gaps in the ceiling area.
- Hanging mirror in the ladies shower area.

Other items accomplished this month:

- Replaced the mirrors in the bathhouse with new mirrors.
- Replaced water fountain in clubhouse with a new bottle filling, drinking fountain and relocating the old fountain downstairs near the ice machine.

- Installed new lighting in bathhouse.

I would also like to sincerely thank **Chuck Waldron** for his very generous donation to the AYC for clubhouse upgrading.

If you would like to be on the B&G committee, or have questions, please contact me at: [buildings\\_grounds@austinyachtclub.net](mailto:buildings_grounds@austinyachtclub.net).

Remember – you don't have to be on the committee to join us on any Saturday work day.

## Introduction To Sailing

The Austin Yacht Club is offering a Basic Keel Boat clinic for beginning and intermediate Sailors.

### The Clinic includes:

Land Based instruction:  
Basic sailing terms  
How sails work

On the water Instruction.  
Rigging  
Steering  
Crewing

Refreshments and follow up talk

**When:** May 19, 2018

**Where:** Austin Yacht Club  
5906 Beacon Dr.  
Austin, TX 78734

**Cost:**  
\$50 per person (AYC members)  
\$65.00 per person (non members)



Please bring sunscreen, a reusable water bottle, hat & sunglasses.  
Close toed water shoes/sandals or boat shoes and a sun protection shirt (rash guard or similar) are strongly recommended.

Register online at [austinyachtclub.net](http://austinyachtclub.net)

Contact AYC Sailing Director **Coleman Terrell** at (512) 266-1336 or  
AYC Sail Training Commander **Carolyn Wilsford** at (512) 266-1220.

## From the AYC General Manager by Jackie Wheelless



- Hopefully everyone has seen the emails I've sent out concerning changing the code on the gate openers. The code changed April 11th and so far... no issues! YAY members!!!
- Probationary Members: The months of March and April have provided many avenues for the newer AYC members to either begin or complete their probationary requirements; May is another BIG month for volunteer activities!

If you're a probationary member and need assistance with activities to give you credit towards your requirements, please don't hesitate to contact Sailing Director **Coleman Terrell** or myself so we can direct you to on the water or service activities!

- The swimming pool is targeted to open by Memorial weekend. This target date is thanks to the oak trees that surround our grounds. If the pool were to be uncovered earlier, the massive dumping of leaves and pollen would cause intensive manual labor to keep the pool clean and clear.
- Our insurance agent is submitting the renewal application for our Commercial Package which renews in May (Includes Commercial Property, General Liability, Business Auto, Worker's Compensation, D&O, Crime, Commercial Umbrella).
- Reminder.....PLEASE continue to keep all of the doors to the clubhouse CLOSED....the birds are still migrating in and nesting in the beams.
- In the past year, there have been several members who've left the Club (whether by resigning or being IPSO'd) and left personal property behind. Please remember.....Persons who are no longer members of AYC are responsible for the removal of any property left on AYC premises immediately upon their separation from the Club. Any property left longer than 30 days will be considered abandoned and may be impounded by the Club and/or sold to recover any monies owed the Club. The Club will not be responsible for any damage to or loss of any such property.

### DID YOU KNOW?!

Slip Usage Policy: All boat and equipment storage spaces at AYC are intended for use by Club members who are active in the Club, and members who occupy such spaces do so at the sole discretion of the AYC Board of Directors. Accordingly, when it becomes apparent that a member's boat is no longer actively used, then the Board may require a member, upon recommendation by the Harbor Committee, to vacate this storage space. Generally, such vacating could be required if, in the judgment of the Board, the storage spaces in question could be better utilized by other members.

Evidence of boat usage shall be limited to race results in which the boat has participated or documentation of use of the boat by proper recording of such usage in the Boat Usage Log.

**The BOAT USAGE LOG is located in the Clubhouse on the counter by the kitchen clock.**

## Social Committee News by Margo Bower



March and April were great fun! The meals were delicious and well-received, including a fabulous green chili chicken enchilada dinner with smoked chicken. Thank you to **Rona Thornton and Bill Benker!** More excellent meals to come!

Turnback Canyon Regatta and the Luau are around the corner. Turnback is in good hands at Lago Fest, but the Luau, held May 26 at the Club, is into the busy pre-production stage.



We have a wonderful meal planned for the Luau, entertainment is secured, and committees are forming for other tasks related to this huge party. We need more volunteers so join a committee and have a great time with your AYC peers. Here's where we are so far:

AYC chef de partie, **Bill Benker**, will prepare pork on sight, allowing time between breaks for a little two-stepping. **Bill** needs assistant chefs so please send him a note at [wbenker@gmail.com](mailto:wbenker@gmail.com) if you can help.

Preparation of most other menu items will take place at the Club on the Friday before. **Rona** and two helpers will create fresh tropical fruit trays and **Rona's** famous hawaiian sweet potatoes. **Pat** is preparing her renowned Hawaiian meatballs and Hawaiian coleslaw, and needs volunteers to help her out. I'll be making my mandarin orange/pineapple cakes and ambrosia. Again, help is always appreciated.

Decorations are very important and we need skilled decoration junkies who can convert the Club into a tropical paradise. All suggestions are accepted and the tiki hut and photo booth are a must. Umbrellas for the drinks, please!

If you have questions or would like to volunteer in any capacity for the Luau, please email me at [hairslair@gmail.com](mailto:hairslair@gmail.com).

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

## J/22 Southwest Circuit Regatta

May 12-13

Sign Up Now!

We are soliciting volunteers to help with the J/22 Southwest Circuit Regatta on May 12th and 13th. Need help with Meal Preparation, Serving and Cleanup for the following days:

Breakfast on Sat, 12th May, 7:00-9:30a: 3-4 volunteers

Dinner on Sat, 12th May, time TBD, 4-5 volunteers

Breakfast on Sun, 13th May, 7:00-9:30a - 3-4 volunteers

Please contact me as soon as possible if you can help out!

Gordon Miller

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## EASTER LASER REGATTA RECAP

by Fred Schroth



We did the Easter Regatta thing for the 35th time and, despite my best efforts to settle in to some sort of pattern, it was unique compared to all the others ...

Their employers decided Saturday was a work day and, for the first time in many years, we didn't have either **Sally Strong** or **Kristen Moore** in the kitchen Saturday. We had **Kristie Amato**,

**Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás**, and **Pat Manning** come to the rescue. In fact, **John Saunders** and **Rene Ruais** came by just to make sure we had enough help. All I had to do was go to the store and buy a bunch of stuff. They turned the big pile of goodies into meals.

The fleet was a nifty little homecoming Alumni fest. We had our usual token non-USA spot taken up by a fellow from New Zealand. **Annie** and **Charlie Lancaster** scarfed him and his wife up as house guests. Something tells me they have a world map with stick pins showing where their past guests reside. Our new friend from Down Under will return.

The winds never stopped and they never became brutal. It was mostly a tactical contest and the back of the fleet was far from the front. I know this because I repeatedly found it quite easy to get from first to last with one simple move.

While I am on that ... Comebacks:

Nobody who was already having a great race ever has a great comeback. I had a few great comebacks.

**Doug Peckover** won the last race. He grabbed back the title of oldest guy to win one from me as I had grabbed it from him last year. I can't regain that title until 2020. Third place finisher **Ethan Froelich**, if and only if **Doug** never wins another race, can't be the oldest guy to win a race at Easter until the 87th year in 2070!!

It is never too early to start planning. Clean the Zebra Mussels from your bilge. Leave your pets and firearms at home. Do not operate an unlicensed motorized vehicle or use wheel toys on the patio. Don't camp on the Point or start fires in non-designated areas, and come sign up at registration beginning at 8:30 am, April 20, 2019. I already bought a huge bunch of cuddly trophies.

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# Easter Laser Regatta

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# Easter Laser Regatta



# GOVERNOR'S CUP REGATTA RECAP

by Chris Thompson



## Weather be Damned, We Have a Regatta!

Managing a regatta is, to say the least, a rewarding challenge at AYC. The sailboat racing is just one component of many moving parts that must synch to produce a successful event. A good plan is the starting point and it is never too early to start. I had a good blueprint from **Karen B.** from 2016 so I began working on

ideas and recruitment of volunteers in December.

After these few months of organization, everything was falling into place coming into regatta week – the food, the entertainment, registration, t-shirts, volunteers, boats and participants, awards, sponsors and then – the weather. A screaming norther predicted for the weekend – hoped they were wrong – but by Thursday the alternative plans were flying around – ?? an event tent, portable heaters, postponement?? (This was not even considered given all the pieces that had to be rearranged). By Friday morning a new scheme never tried before was concocted (thanks **Wade and Tom**): remove the sliding glass door panels to create an extended stage area on the south patio. WOW – it worked great. Take that Aiolos. Party saved, now on to the sailing.

Friday evening we had a presentation by **Andre (Pipes) de la Reza** and **Steve (SailATX) Ward** on their race from Florida to Cuba. They presented the Commodore with a burgee from the Hemingway Yacht Club, pretty awesome! About midnight the weather did it's Jekyll and Hyde thing.

What a crazed bunch of sailing nuts at AYC! The participants and volunteers who braved some of the coldest and nastiest spring weather I've seen are a shining example of AYC's Corinthian spirit. Even bringing in local meteorologist, **KEYE's Chikage Windler and family** as special guests did not thwart the weather gods.

Conditions at the scheduled first gun were low 40s wind around 20 knots, with a 37° wind-chill. Postponement ("AP flag is your friend") until noon managed to get the temperatures above our "no-go" limit. I heard the shortened course posed a challenge for some in the honking wind conditions but I did not hear of any serious boat breakage and only a few skippers chose to sit it out on Saturday in the warm clubhouse. This shortened race also posed a challenge for us managing the schedule of events as we had a full crowd of frozen sailors about 2 hours earlier than anticipated. I'll give credit to "Hot Buttered Rum" for saving the afternoon.

The dinner service went off right on time, the BBQ and fixings were amazing, and we had a lot of leftovers that went into breakfast tacos and series meals. I was very pleased with the entertainment variety.

The first act – The Hot Peppers with an accordion and drum combo had some of the "dancers" up and swinging early. The original mild rock infused sounds of Zion were well received, I heard the crowd clapping along on their first song. Most of these guys travelled from Dallas just for this gig. As expected, **The Shoal Brothers** rocked the house for nearly two hours with those old school rock-n-roll favorites, we LOVE you guys. Who can ever get tired of **Wade** crooning "Mustang Sally"?

Sunday was slightly warmer but with much less wind. The Centerboard course was split off from the Keelboats which worked well. The south breeze built up towards midday and I observed some close racing on both courses. **The Windlers** did return on Sunday for a nice motor sail with myself and **Commodore Bill** and are likely to visit us again.

A delicious taco lunch was provided by the Sea Scouts fundraiser while the scores and awards were processed. Yay! Another one in the books! My fitness app indicated I had walked about 20 miles from Friday to Sunday.

I must extend my most heartfelt thanks to all who contributed to a fantastic Governor's Cup weekend. These great events can't happen without people willing to contribute their time and resources. This is how we have earned the reputation that visitors carry away with them.

## SPONSORS

**Bartlett Sails** – we are lucky to have **John and Claudia** as devoted AYC members; the sail bags were very sought after.

**Wiskey's Liquor** – stop by and spend a few bucks there, they are AYC fans and regular sponsors.

**Celis Brewery** – thanks **Krissy A.** for hooking this up.

## GENERAL AND FOOD HELPERS

### Bill Benker, BBQ Master

Karen Bogisch: left me a good trail to follow

Krissy Amato, my righthand gal

Kim Snyder, my left hand

Joe Lynch & assistant: sound was dead on

Pat Manning: HBR recipe!

Annie Lancaster: Always there

Twila Bowden

Margo Bower

I'm sure there were more food helpers: THANK YOU!

## RACE COMMITTEE

Jeff Jackson

Larry Ratliff

Marilyn Jackson

Owen Crouse

Steve Pervier

Bobby Crouch

Cheryl Pervier

Ed Pierce

Bill Records

Duke Snyder

Zofia Kaminski

And anyone else I may have forgotten

# Governor's Cup Regatta



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# Governor's Cup Regatta



Cafe Mocha 2



Los Monos



Tri Crew



Speed!



Keel Crew



Sunfish  
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# Governor's Cup Regatta



RC 2



Lucy-John



Pearsons



Ensigns

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Tri's in fog

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# Governor's Cup Regatta

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# Governor's Cup Regatta



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# CHAPARRAL DE MAR REGATTA 2018



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**MAY 20, 2018**

***Chaparral is embedded in the Late Spring End of Series Race***

- A Regatta to honor our senior Skippers who have sailed as a Racing Skipper.
- Competitors must be 70 years old or older, be a current or former AYC member or a family member of a current AYC member.
- Each Competitor will be provided a fully crewed Ensign. The boats will be rigged and ready to sail with an assistant skipper on board. Guest skippers just walk aboard and sail.
- Awards and Perpetual Trophy to be awarded at the post race EOS dinner.

To enter contact

Fred Ford  
Chaparral Regatta Chair  
[ffordf@gmail.com](mailto:ffordf@gmail.com)

# The Ten Commandments of Beer Can Racing

Failure to abide by these laws could exclude you from Beer Can Heaven!

**I** Thou shalt not take anything other than safety too seriously. If you can only remember one commandment, this is the one. Relax, have fun, and keep it light. Late to the start? So what. Over early? Big deal. No instructions? Improvise. Too windy? Quit. Not enough wind? Break out the beer. The point is to have fun, but stay safe. Like the ad says, "Safe boating is no accident."

**II** Thou shalt honor the racing rules if thou knowest them. The US Sailing 2017-2020 Racing Rules, unless specifically stated elsewhere in the Sailing Instructions is the current rules bible. Few sailors we know have actually studied it cover to cover: it's about as interesting as reading tax code or the phone book. For beer can racing, just remember some of the biggies (port tack boats shall avoid starboard ones; windward boats shall avoid leeward ones; and outside boats shall give room at the mark). Stay out of the way of bigger boats, pay your insurance premiums and keep a low profile unless you're sure you know what you're doing. Like most things, it boils down to common sense.

**III** Thou shalt not run out of beer. Beer (a.k.a., brewskis, chill pills, thought cylinders) is the beverage that lends its name to 'beer can' racing; obviously, you don't want to run out of the frothy nectar. Of course, you can drink whatever you want out there, but there's a reason these things aren't called milk bottle races, Coca-Cola can races, hot chocolate races or something else. Just why beer is so closely associated with this kind of racing escapes us at the moment, but it's a tradition we're happy to go along with.

**IV** Thou shalt not covet thy competitor's boat, sails, equipment, crew or PHRF rating. No excuses or whining; if you're lucky enough to have a sailboat, just go use it! You don't need the latest in zircon-encrusted widgetry or unobtainium sailcloth to have a great time out on the water with your friends. Even if your boat's a heaving pig, make modest goals and work toward improving on them from week to week. Or don't - it's only beer can racing.

**V** Thou shalt not amp out. No screaming, swearing, or overly aggressive tactics. Save that stuff for the office or, if you must, for Saturday's 'real' race. If you lose it in a Friday nighter, you're going to run out of crew - not to mention friends - in a big hurry. Downing a quick chill pill on the way to the starting line has been medically proven to have a calming influence on the nerves.

**VI** Thou shalt not protest thy neighbor. This is extremely tacky at this level of competition and should be avoided at all costs. Perhaps it's justifiable if one's boat is damaged and blame needs to be established, but on the whole, tossing a red flag is the height of bad taste in something as relatively inconsequential as a beer canner. Besides proving that you're unclear on the concept of beer can racing, it screws up everybody's evening, including yours. Don't do it - it's bad karma.

**VII** Thou shalt not mess up thy boat. Everybody knows some hardcore weekend warrior who ripped his sails up in a Friday night race and had to sit out the championship race on Saturday. The point is that it's not worth risking your boat and gear in such casual competition: like the song says, you got to know when to hold 'em, and know when to fold 'em. Avoid other boats at all costs, not to mention buoys and other hard objects. If you have the luxury of two sets of sails, use the old ones.

**VIII** Thou shalt always go to the yacht club afterwards. Part of the gestalt of beer can races is bellying up to the yacht club bar after the race. Etiquette demands that you congratulate the winners, as well as buy a round of drinks for your crew. Besides, the bar is a logical place to see old friends and make new ones. However, when meeting new sailors, avoid the gung-ho, overly serious types who rehash the evening in such gory detail that the post mortem (yawn) takes longer than the race. As much as we enjoy a quick romp around the cans, there's more to life.

**IX** Thou shalt bring thy spouse, kids, friends and whoever else wants to go. Twilight races are great forums for introducing new folks to sailing, such as your neighbors, out-of-town visitors, co-workers or maybe even the family dog. Always bring your significant other along, too - coed crews are happy crews. And don't just make the newcomers watch - give them a job on the boat. Get everyone involved.

**X** Thou shalt not worry; thou shalt be happy. Leave the cell phone in the car, bring the ghetto blaster. Lighten up, it's not the Big Boat Series. Have fun, and we'll see you out there!

## J/24 Update

by Stu Juengst



Congratulations to **Chris Renner** for a 1st place in the Spring Series! Consistency pays off for Bow 69, finishing the series 2 points ahead of yours truly after I missed the EOS because I was in Corpus Christi.

Speaking of Corpus, we survived! Barely. Conditions were windy enough when we got there on Friday night that only 2 boats launched. It took 8 guys to turn the boats on the hydraulic hoist to get them in the water. The rest of us waited until Saturday morning to launch (when the wind had decreased to 20-25kts sustained). By the time we got out to the race-course, the wind had built again and the surf was up! After the first race, I was checking the boat and saw several cracks in my rudder. Uh oh! After a couple of minutes of trying to visualize what we do if the rudder shears off, I called it and headed into shore. Luckily, I had **Doug Weakly** on board and he had a spare J/24 rudder in his garage! The Race Committee abandoned racing after the second race on Saturday, so we only missed one race. We worked Saturday night and Sunday morning to mount the new rudder on Vang Go, and then went out on Sunday and scored 2, 4, 2 to finish 4th overall for the regatta. **Natalie Harden** and crew of GIGGLES won the regatta with 12 points after **James Freedman's** Miss Conduct had to take a RAF because they had too many spinnakers on board. **David Broadway's** Superman struggled a bit and already have their throw-out for the year. ☺

On April 21-22 the J/24 circuit moved to Fort Worth Boat Club. Conditions were forecast to be very windy there as well. Hooray for spring in Texas! More on the J/24 circuit in the next issue!



Van Go fights it out in Corpus Christi

## B Fleet Update

by Andrea Lesh



While the Spring Series had its mix of weather, it proved to be just right for **John Maddalozzo** (Capri 25), our winner of the Spring Series. Congrats **John!**

This is such an exciting time for racers at AYC. The sun us out and we have the Late Spring Series, the Friday Beer Can Races are in full swing, and the Turnback Canyon Regatta is upon us. There are always boats that welcome additional crew members

so bring your friends and come on out. For the B-Fleeters that haven't been out in a while and need crew, we'll match you up with some!

The B-Fleet enjoyed the great instruction provided at **John Bartlett's** Spinnaker Clinic on March 10th, the Start Clinic on March 17th. Thank you to all the organizers!

We are looking forward to the Women's Clinic on 4/28. Let's show up in force for the Women's Clinic!

The B Fleet's next Race Committee day is April 29th (Late Spring Series #3). We need volunteers so please contact me to help ([andrealesh@yahoo.com](mailto:andrealesh@yahoo.com)).

We look forward to seeing everyone on the water!

## Catalina 22 Update

by Steve Pervier



On 3/25 we finished Spring Series in style, with five boats on the line. They were crewed by **James and Sarah Denny, Louise Miller with guest skipper Robert Anderson, Brian Grothues and Margarito Morales, John Grzinich with Bob Meyers, and Steve and Cheryl Pervier.** James and Sarah continued to improve throughout the series, which was their first together, and only the second as skipper for James.

The new team of **Louise and Robert** performed well on their first day of racing, getting a solid start and arriving at W with the leaders in the second race.

In both races **Griz and Brian** had the best upwind speed. We were faster off the wind, and worked to cover them after L until they split tacks. As Race 1 finished we tacked close but failed to cover **John**, who then backwinded us to a crawl in the light air. This nearly repeated in Race 2 as **Brian** made a perfect lee bow tack. We noticed that the pin was closer, and tacked a little sooner to just edge him out. Fine fleet racing, and it will be even better as we help all our boats and crews to get up to speed.

Three weekends later, on 4/15, we began Late Spring Series with a 12:30pm gathering below the clubhouse. Let's repeat this at 12-12:30 on future race dates. We discussed SI details and our new Start 6 (including Multihull B), and heard **Griz** tell of voyaging on the tall ship Oliver Hazard Perry! (See [OHPRI.org](http://OHPRI.org)) He and another Catalina sailor, **Gary Payne**, made the trip from Galveston to Pensacola. **John** got his next ride on a C22 as **Louise** signed him up for the day while his boat is out for work. That left four of the

boats from 3/25, but we had five again with our newest C22 skipper, **Bob Stephens**. We also had new crew **Shane** joining **Brian and Margarito**, and practicing for Turnback.

Saturday 4/14 had been so windy, but our Ensign race committee accomplished starts in spotty northerly wind. It was very close until **Brian** tacked and we ducked, seeing a lot of J boats going slowly near the AYC point. This developed into a slow zone on the west shore and a progressive port tack lift for us. We passed a J/22 and felt we could overstand W for first... "Attention all competitors, this is the Race Committee -- We are flying flags N over A -- All races are abandoned, no more racing today." Well, almost first. Time for a race to the dock, won by James with us second, and an early post-race party.

Our Catalina 22s are fun boats, and we've got great people sailing -- come join us on the water!



James Denny's Coyoacan at Governor's Cup Regatta Photo by Cheryl Pervier

## A Fleet Update by Bruce McDonald



A Fleet was represented by six boats in the Governor's Cup Regatta, five J 80s and the VX One. We had several more planning to register, but with the Saturday wind forecast of 15-25 mph winds, with gusts to 35, a few may have decided to take it easy and enjoy these winds from an indoor vantage point. The forecast high temperature in the 40s may also have had something to do with that.

The VX One was ready to go Saturday, but decided to stay in the safety of his slip with the winds in the high twenties and the temperature dropping into the forties. **Bruce McFarland** said that he wasn't sure he could sail out of his slip, and if he even could, he didn't think he wanted to venture out into the gnarly conditions in the lake.

After a wise postponement from the 10:30 start time to noon to allow the winds to hopefully abate a bit, four J 80s ventured out into the green foamy waters. Most of the fleet headed for the protected cove just east of the starting area to wait for our turn to start and sail up the lake. The winds appeared to blowing in the upper teens most of the time, but the puffs that came barreling down the lake easily were in the mid to upper twenties.

Speed Racer, Air Supply, Flyer, and Restless (with a guest skipper eager to try out a J 80 in typical light Lake Travis winds) all started without incident

and slogged into the large waves and high winds heading first to mark 7, then 9, then 11, and an expected finish at 14. Flyer eked out a small lead over Speed racer by the time the fleet approached mark 9 under the electrical high power line and was first to set their spinnaker in the relatively sheltered area. The winds built as the fleet sailed away from the protected area of mark 9, but the J 80s handled the planning spinnaker runs well and quickly headed south towards Arkansas Bend. The Race Committee decided that keeping the fleets near to AYC would be a good idea and shortened all classes at mark 11. The order of finish was Flyer, Speed Racer, Air Supply, and then Restless.

After nearly all of the fleets had finished, the Race Committee started a new sequence for the races back to AYC. Thinking the Multihulls would again be starting first in the sequence, A Fleet held back from the line to allow that expected Class to have room to maneuver. Air Supply apparently noticed first that instead of displaying Class flag One, that instead they were displaying Class flag Two as the first starting class. That insight proved valuable and they were the only boat that started on time. Flyer was next to notice this unanticipated start sequence and crossed about twenty seconds later. Speed Racer and Restless were a little later figuring out the start and crossed a minute or two later.

The boats stayed in that order to the High Line mark (9) and also to mark 7 and then to the finish. However, the leg from 7 to the finish was anything but boring. About half way down the leg, the fleet was hit with a monster puff with all of the boats flying spinnakers. Flyer reported sustained speeds of over 15 knots until the puff passed. Everyone was talking about how fast the boats were going in those conditions and how much fun it was. Ear-to-ear grins were the rule of the day in clubhouse afterwards.

The next day the wind switched to the southeast and, as is typical when this happens, become light, variable, fluky, wispy, and/or calm at the 10:00 am start time. The Race Committee wisely waited for a hint of wind to arrive and started five J 80s and the VX One after a short wait. Jack Rabbit and the VX One found these conditions more to their liking and joined the class. Speed Racer and Jack Rabbit chased each other around the course for about two hours, with never more than a few boats separating them. Flyer went course right after the start, found a large wind hole, was on the wrong side of a large left shift, and played catch up the rest of the race. The winds slowly built as the air temperature warmed during the day and resulted in some great sailing conditions by the time of the finish.

Speed Racer won the final race, followed by Jack Rabbit, Flyer, Air Supply, Restless, and then the VX One. The resulted in an overall tie between Speed Racer and Flyer for the overall score, with Speed Racer winning the regatta on the second tie breaker. Congratulations to **Claudia** and her crew.

The party of the Club Saturday was one of the best regatta parties in recent memory. The outstanding barbecue prepared by **Bill Benker** was accompanied by a great musical duo. This dinner music was a welcome addition to the normal sounds of only forks and knives attacking the meal. Following dinner, we were treated to two great bands that played the music that made you just want to get up and dance. A Fleet was well represented in numbers on the dance floor. A whole lot of shake'n going on. Thanks to regatta organizers and the many volunteers who organized this great regatta and party.

## Ensign Fleet Update

by Lewis Price and Fred Ford



The Ensign fleet continued its strong racing presence at AYC with ten different boats competing in the Spring Series which wrapped up on 3/25. With no RC duty during the series the fleet sailed for five consecutive weekends in a wide variety of conditions. Two

boats also raced in the Governor's Cup Regatta held on 4/7-8. **Fred Ford**, one of those participating, will recap the highlights of that event later in this article.

After a wonderful but chilly opening ceremonies, the first week of the Spring Series saw light, shifty conditions. Frankly, I thought it was pretty amazing that the RC actually got a race off. Yours truly and my awesome crew of **Hazel Sanchez, Susy Ortega and Graham the Scottish dude** on *Dos Locos* (#929) were caught in the now infamous 22 boat pinwheel (or as I like to call it, "cluster f...") at the leeward mark. I actually had inside position on "everybody" (believe it or not), but with nowhere to go and to avoid playing bumper cars I peeled off and had my crew put up a protest flag. **Tom Groll and crew** on (#578 *Brews'er*) (more on him later) actually came in late (after the big mess of boats had cleared) and shot out beautifully with clean air passing everyone but the **Dahmen brothers (George and Frans)** on *Styf Kop* (#588) to grab a pivotal 2nd place in the only race contested that day. After we finally finished, I informed the race committee I was going to protest "everybody", but later backed off of that idea once I realized what a ridiculous "daisy chain" of protests that would have caused. A few days later (after the official results were in) I did learn the meaning of the term "redress" in regards to sailboat racing, but alas, it was too late. Even though I've been racing sailboats since I was a kid at AYC, it seems I never fail to learn something new when I'm out on the beautiful waters of Lake Travis. Maybe it would help if I actually bothered reading a rule book.

The second weekend of the series brought us shifty north winds with **Tom** (#578) grabbing bullets in both closely contested races and the **Dahmen brothers** (#588) and I (#929) swapping 2nd's and 3rd's. The following week the racers were greeted with truly white knuckle conditions. Punishing northerly winds in the high 20s, gusting to the upper 30s. The pucker factor was in full affect with most of us electing not to sail. Three brave (or foolish) boats did venture out that afternoon. They were, **Tom** (#578), the **Dahmens** (#588), and **Jonathan Baker** on *Jonathan Seagull* (#324) who was paying the Ensign fleet a surprise cameo visit. All three boats are equipped with "blade" headsails, by the way. Only two boats finished both races with Tom snagging a 1st and 2nd.

The fourth week started out very promising with a nice gentle southerly, but after a few of us got around the windward mark the clouds cleared away and the wind dropped to practically nothing. **James Bland** on *Spirit* (#2021), who sailed very competitively throughout the series (and has proven to be an outstanding addition to our fleet in a variety of ways), pulled off a picture perfect pin end port start (the heavily favored tack) in that race and had a big lead at the windward mark. Unfortunately, none of us, including **James**, finished

in the 1 and 1/2 hour time limit so that race did not officially count. Just curious, had that RC ever heard of shortening a course?

The fifth and final weekend of the Spring Series saw something new for our fleet series races. The format was changed to one long distance race instead of the usual two round the buoys contests. This idea (which is still in the experimental stage) was suggested at this year's annual meeting and we decided to try it. The day presented us with a medium range northwest breeze and the RC gave us a course that had never been used before. In fact, it involved going to a mark that many of us had never heard of much less ever sailed to. The course map certainly came in handy that day. Anyways, the **brothers Dahmen** (#588) jumped out to a lead, held it on a really long downwind leg, and after a supposed "heated discussion" over the actual mark location, rounded the correct one and then hung on over a hard charging *Dos Locos* (#929) to win the race. **Tom**, sailing (#578), finished 3rd and won the series. The **Dahmens** finished second and I took a third overall.

In general, the racing was very competitive with many different boats showing good speed, and at one time or another, holding the lead in the various races. **Bill and Kelly Hawk** sailed *Prickly Pair* (#1414) and were a consistent competitive fixture along with "**Doc**" **Gamble** on the beautiful *One with the Wind* (#1167) throughout the entire series. It was great to have the championship board boat racer and current board member **Annie Lancaster** along with her husband **Charlie** joining us for this series on *Eagle* (#773).

The fleet has two important events rapidly approaching. One is the *Sail 4 Kids* event on May 19th and the other *Chaparral del Mar Regatta* on May 20th. If you are interested in participating in any capacity in either one of these events hosted by the Ensign fleet please contact **Fred Ford** for more information.

The Fleet has booked a big weekend for the 19th and 20th of May. On Saturday, with the help of other AYC fleets, we welcome children from the Baptist Children's home for a day on the water followed by a picnic and swimming at AYC. Skippers and crews from all the fleets will sail with the children. Years ago **Doug Laws** started this program with the help of AYC and his Lion's Club. After sailing the children will enjoy a picnic hosted by the Lion's Club. **Doug** is recovering from injuries due to a fall this year and **John Grzinich** volunteered to be the liaison between AYC and the Baptist Children's Home. **Fred Ford** is coordinating the sailing portion of the day. It is a great day that brings smiles and laughter to both children and sailors.

On Sunday the Ensign fleet honors senior racing skippers with the *Chaparral de Mar Regatta*. You must be over 70 to enter. The junior division (70-74) races for a bottle of wine and bragging rights while the senior division competes for wine and the perpetual trophy. Our oldest competitor last year was **Cliff Price**, former Commodore, at the age of 93. This year's race includes our current Commodore, **Bill Records** and several senior skippers from last year. . . I guess the competitive edge never dulls. The fleet provides guest skippers with a fully crewed and ready to sail Ensign. . . just walk on and sail. Awards are presented at the End of Series dinner following the race. Boats are paired with skippers on a first come first served basis. If you are interested, please contact the Regatta chair **Fred Ford**. See the ad in this issue of *Telltale*.

This year's Governor's Cup ran went from "this is a challenge" to "what a great sail". Two Ensigns were in the Cup. September sailed by **Fred Ford, Anne Riggs**,

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**Tom Groll, Hazel Sanchez** and **Styf Kop** sailed by **George and Frans Dahmen, Katherine Noack, Carmine and John Cutler**. September took the start of the first race on Saturday and never gave it up. Plowing through the waters with only a blade (our smallest jib) and main it was not long before both crews were showered by the cold waters of Lake Travis. Winds in the 20s and gusting in the 30s...temperature in the 50s. **Tom Groll** had the helm and got September a horn at the shortened course finish.

The second race from mark 11 back to the Club was under the same conditions. Another perfect start for September and she took the lead. This time the lead was passed back and fourth in a tacking duel with frozen bodies and hands working the strings. September rounded mark 6 in the lead and it was a dash to

the finish for a second win.

Sunday was a sunny race that only got better as the clock turned. Perfect winds and pleasant temperatures greeted the sailors. For Styf Kop and September it was a tight race from the start. Tacking to cover/cross and hunting for the best winds they challenged each other for the lead. Styf Kop delayed her tack at Windy Point and caught a brief lull that gave September an edge that she carried to the win on Sunday. It was great racing both days and September came away with three wins to win Governor's Cup. See the photos below for a look at Saturday and Sunday racing.

A big thank you to **Chris Thompson**, chair of the Cup, and **his volunteers** and to **Keith Denebeim**, PRO, and his **Race Committee**... what a stellar event.



September racing on Saturday in Governor's Cup in the cold and heavy winds. L-R Anne Riggs, Hazel Sanchez, Fred Ford and Tom Groll



Styf Kop crewed by George and Frans Dahmen, Katherine Noack and John Cutler at the helm on Saturday, Governor's Cup



September heading for the finish line on a beautiful Sunday, Governor's Cup. September won all three races in her category.

## C Fleet Update

by Andre de la Reza



C fleet continued to represent very well in our regular Race Series, we had 13 boats competing in the Spring Series. The Podium was hard fought and well earned by **Keith Denebeim's** Slip Kid (1st), **Bill Records' Cafe Au Lait** (2nd) and **Jim Pearce's** Entheos and an honorary mention to **Hector Lujan's** Banshee for being just one point from third. I will say, nobody on the podium went into any of the races lightly, each tack and gybe stood to win or

lose positions. Some great racing up front, and all the way through the fleet! Fifth through ninth were also within 4 points of each other! Blue Note was followed by Not Registered tied with Blue Moon, and them followed by another tie – Tacking Tiger Jibing Dragon and Three Hour Crew.

Governor's Cup epitomized the schizophrenic weather that we love and hate here in Texas. Saturday was blowing the dog off the chain with gusts to high 20s and temperature that felt like it was sent by yankees! 7 C fleeters braved the waters, and often pushed past theoretical max hull speed while fighting weather helm and following seas (seriously, I was starting to yell at crew to redistribute weight forward because I thought our trim was way heavy aftward before I realized we were surfing a wave – in a PEARSON!!). First race was Entheos, **Fred Schroth's** newly launched Pearson 26 (I am hearing unofficial Cafe Mocha?), and Broken Arrow. Saturday's second race finished off as **Schroth's**, Los Monos, and Broken Arrow. Entheos decided to see how it was to race with only a headsail after a halyard failure – **Jim**, I don't think it is going to catch on; while **Victor Gotay's** Carribean Star improvised an insane double headsail downwind run – that \*might\* catch on... Sunday lost the winds and the cold, with the sun breaking through mid-race, leaving many sailors a rosey nosed, either due to lack of sunscreen or the fact it was easier to drink that day. Sunday started with a 3-way tie for second but finished with **Fred, Ed and Jim**. The fleet was completed by returning Pearson Picante (now owned by **Brett Wilson**) and **Anthony Yen** – totaling C fleet participation at 7, and the most of any of the fleets. They say we may be slower, but we are Many!!

The following weekend had Friday Beer Can off to a windy start, and to finish out with an amazingly tactical and nail biting of no-wind start and beat towards U Float M before RC put us out of our misery – much to the chagrin of Banshee and Blue Note, who managed to find the only wind on the lake and were well ahead of the rest. They were the turtles to the rest of the snails.

Till next month, Fair Winds and Following Seas!



## Laser Fleet Update

by Steve Keckler



With the passing of **Steve Ehlers** last fall, we lost a friend, a competitor, and a fleet leader. I am honored to step into his shoes and serve as the 2018 Laser fleet captain. I am joined by **Dave Maguire** (scoring) and **Gray Rackley** (race committee wrangler).

My goal for this year to increase Wednesday night Laser fleet participation by pestering previously active Laser racers and by recruiting new members to the fleet. At present, we have over 40 sailors who expect to be active for at least part of the summer season. So far, I have identified four Lasers at AYC whose owners would be delighted to sell to good homes (e.g. sailors in the local fleet). If you have a Laser collecting dust, please contact me as I'd like to have a list of boats to offer to new fleet members.

Our first fleet event of the year is a Laser rigging clinic and recreational sail on Wednesday April 25 at 5:30pm. Opening race night is Wednesday May 2 with a first gun at 6pm. For those of you unfamiliar with the racing format, we sail short courses, use a 3 minute race start, and typically complete 5 or more races before the sun goes down. In addition, all are invited to join in a post-race fleet dinner at a local restaurant.

For more information, visit the fleet web page (<https://www.austinyachtclub.net/ayc-laser-fleet/>) or contact me directly at [ayc.laser.fleet.captain@gmail.com](mailto:ayc.laser.fleet.captain@gmail.com). I would be happy to add those interested in AYC Laser racing to the fleet email list.

## Roadrunner Fleet Update

by Mary Carew



Congratulations to **James Brock** who won the Silly String Regatta at Grapevine Sailing Club on an extremely cold weekend at the start of April! He took first place in Opti overall and first in Blue fleet.

Congratulations also to **Kynes Cabrera** who took 3rd in Blue fleet and **Keen Cabrera** who took 3rd in White fleet. The next TSA regatta is the Ragnot Classic at Houston Yacht Club on May 19-20.

The Froelich sisters **Wendi, Fiona and Catherine** competed in the RS Feva Worlds in Clearwater, Florida, also at the start of April. From **Catherine's** account (read it here in the TellTale!), it sounds like they had an amazing time.

Congratulations also to Lake Travis High School sailing team who took a close second place at the SEISA fleet Championships, competing against other teams from Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Florida.

Planning is underway for the RoadRunner Regatta and Optimist Mid America championship here in AYC in June. The regatta this year is a US team trials qualifier and a large number of entrants is expected. We will need volunteers in many areas; on the water and on land! Please reach out to **Jeff Brock** ([jeffbrock@me.com](mailto:jeffbrock@me.com)) or myself ([marycarew8@gmail.com](mailto:marycarew8@gmail.com)) if you would like to help out. We can't pull this off without you!

## SPECIAL REPORT: Feva Worlds

by Catherine Froelich



Hello, Hallo, Ciao, Nǐ hǎo, buongiorno, Ahoj, G'day, Hey, Hiya, Guten tag,

That is how you say hello in the 11 countries that were at RS Feva Worlds in Clearwater, Florida the first week in April. It is the first time in 11 years this event has been held outside of Europe. My sisters **Fiona, Wendi, and I** had fun representing Austin Yacht Club and the U.S.A. Some days we had two knots of wind and others we had 20-25 knots! There was a lot of current most of the time. We had the best coach ever! Her name is **Pili**. We sailed in the ocean and the inner coastal waterway 11 days in a row. One time, when coach blew her whistle out of nowhere a dolphin came. Every time she blew her whistle the dolphin would pop up! The first morning of the regatta we were interviewed by NBC. Neat.

Sadly, we got a BFD and an OCS in two of the 15 races so that really messed up our overall scores. One of the coolest things about RS Fevas is that it is the most popular double-handed youth boat in Europe of which 50% of the sailors are girls. I think this is neat because future Olympics are requiring mixed teams. Another interesting fact is that I was the youngest sailor there at age 10. Most of the others were 14 up to 17!

We are happy to be part of this new-in-the-US youth boat and we can't wait for events later in the year now that all those Worlds boats have been sold this spring to US people and clubs.



Kate, proud Austin Yacht Club and USA team member



Feva Team Girl Power Photo courtesy of Stephanie Froelich



Feva Team PerSIStence



Ava Hurwitz and Wendi Froelich Photo courtesy of Stephanie Froelich



Feva Team Wave Photo courtesy of Stephanie Froelich

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May 4, 11, 18	Beer Can Races 6:00p start
May 5-6	Turnback Canyon Regatta
May 11-13	J/22 SW District Circuit Stop
May 20	Late Spring Series #4 EOS 1:30p start RC: J22
May 20	Chaparral de Mar 1:30-4:00p
May 25	MoonBurn Series Race 8:00-11:00p

## AYC 2018 NON-RACING EVENTS

May 12	ASA 101 9:00a-5:00p
May 13, 20, 27	Free Sail Sunday 1:00-4:00p
May 19	Learn to Sail Clinic 1:00-5:00p
May 19	Sail 4 Kids 1:00-4:00p
May 24	Board of Directors Meeting 7:30p
May 26	Luau
May 26	Junior Clinic 10:00a-2:00p

### *Governor's Cup Recap continued*

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Saturday May 26<sup>th</sup>

6 pm, dinner at 7, \$40 pp, kids under 16- \$10  
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