



You Had Me at Aloha



AYC Kahuna Bill Records enjoys the 2018 Luau photo booth operated by Chrisann Tortora, backdrop by Walter Allan *Photo credit Chrisann Tortora*

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SAVE THE DATE

Jun 28	Board of Directors Mtg	Jul 28	Dog Days End of Series Dinner
Jun 30	Dog Days #3	Aug 1, 8, 15, 22	Endless Summer Series
Jul 4, 11, 18, 25	Endless Summer Junior Series	Aug 18	Single-handed Regatta
Jul 7	Independence Cup	Aug 23	Board of Directors Mtg
Jul 14, 21, 28	Dog Days Series Races #4, 5, 6	Aug 24	MoonBurn Series Race
Jul 26	Board of Directors Mtg	Sep 2	Fleet Challenge
Jul 27	MoonBurn Series Race		



PB&J Campers and Proud Dads *Photo credit Bill Records*

From The Commodore

by Bill Records



2018 started out as one of the busiest years at AYC and the second half seems like more of the same.

On Memorial Day weekend, instead of Turnback, we had the Luau. Social Chair **Margo Bower**, and a great group of volunteers, hosted a fabulous party. The food and drinks were exceptional. **Joe Lynch** served as DJ and treated us with a super playlist and **Baila Pacifica** entertained us with traditional Hawaiian fire dancers. **Chrisann Tortora** operated a Polynesian

themed photo booth, complete with a tropical backdrop created by AYC's artist **Walter Allan**. I have attended many Luaus at AYC and this could be the best!

The weekend of June 9th was one of the busiest all year. We hosted two regattas, the J24 Circuit and the very first DF95 regatta.



DF 95 Racers Photo credit Bill Records

The DF95 is a radio controlled sailboat and surprisingly represents the fastest growing fleet at AYC. Our Sea Scout ship had a vigorous swim test for its members on Sunday, we had ASA classes, and the PB&J sessions began.

Sailing Director **Coleman Terrell** has done a great job putting together a first rate camp staff this year. As the quality of the Junior Program increases, so does the list of qualified coaches. The PB&J classes have lots of new faces, including many children and grandchildren of members.

We have been fortunate for some time to have high lake levels, but a combination of dry conditions and LCRA plans to provide water down stream will change that. As of this writing, plans to move docks are under way. Be sure to check and adjust dock lines regularly.

From The Vice Commodore

by Annie Lancaster



What a fun and busy summer we are having and the heat isn't stopping us!

The Mid-American Opti Championship was a great event led by **Mary Carew and Jeff Brock**. Thanks to all the many volunteers and the sailors from near and far, like California, New York and the Cayman Islands!

The J/24 Circuit Stop had a good turn-out and good wind.

Beer Can races still bring out a good number of sailors and boats on Friday nights. And don't forget the delicious cook-out afterwards for dinner!



Friday Night Beer Can sailors Photo credit Marilyn Jackson

The remote control sailboats, DF95, had a fun one-day regatta with around 20 participants. Results are posted on the website.

Wednesday night Sunfish and Laser races have been great. We had 14 Sunfish and 20 Lasers this past Wednesday. Come out for the great fun and great competition!

The Dog Days Summer series started up on Saturday, June 16th with first gun at 5:30 pm. The series runs until July 28th, with July 7 off for the Independence Regatta.



MoonBurn #1 sailors
Photo credit Marilyn Jackson

MoonBurn #1 had a great turnout. Our next MoonBurn race is Friday June 22nd. Remember, there will not be a Beer Can race that night.

On another note, I was in contact with the owner of the house outside the gate. He wanted to give AYC the first option to buy the house and property. **Bill Records** and I talked informally to a variety of members about different ideas, concerns and possibilities. An executive decision was made not to pursue this opportunity at this time.

Happy Sailing!

Past Commodore Report by Wade Bingaman



Volunteers are needed to help new members become more involved in our Club. Sign up today!

The AYC Mentor Program began in 2017 under the guidance of **Molly Lewis**. The purpose of the program is twofold: to have a designated member provide information and suggestions to new members; and to assure ongoing feedback to the membership committee.

The Mentor Program helps guide probationary members through their first year. So far it seems to be working well and is a good way to monitor progress and get new members involved.

Since **Molly** transitioned off the Board, **Fred Ford** has taken the reins. **Fred** will continue to pair new members with seasoned members so that the new folks will become accustomed to the AYC rules, policies, and get help completing their probationary period in a timely manner.

If you are interested in mentoring or have know someone who would be a good fit, please email **Fred** at ffordf@gmail.com.



Independence Cup July 7, 2018

Racing will start at 1:30, registration between 10 and 11:30. Drinks and snacks following racing along with trophy presentation.

It's your civic duty.

Race Commander Report by Jim Casto



This is the first Memorial Day weekend I didn't race for many years. I'd almost forgotten what it was like to have an open three-day weekend during sailing season. I spent the weekend hosting friends on the lake, getting sunburned and having fun.

Dog Days Series

Dog Days started June 16th, and we changed the start time to 5:30 pm. There will not be meals after most of the races, but look for the Social Committee to make any announcements.

Tuesday night on the Junior pavilion is now "Dragonflite95" sailing, and the fleet is growing. I got one as a Father's Day present, and expect to be out there soon.



Yes, there is a DF95 Race Committee! *Photo credit Bill Records*

"Room at the ramp"

I expect to hear this call more often, as the lake drops. Travis is now low enough that the south cove ramp is difficult to use for some of the smaller keel boats, and soon maybe the big trimarans will also have to use the north cove ramp. Please be courteous and efficient as you launch, so everyone can make it to the race course on time.

"South Beach"

In addition, the "road" to the left of the south cove ramp, and the "road" around the point, are valuable assets. They allow access to our priceless waterfront property, which I have begun calling "South Beach". If you park down near the Junior pavilion, please try not to block the "road" around the point, as the south side of the point is now a prime launching area for small boats, and an excellent lake front view for swimming and watching races. We will see even more traffic out to the point, as the lake drops.

Building & Grounds Update

by Diane Covert



As the heat outside builds... we are slowing down on our volunteer work days. However there are still activities going on behind the scenes. Sometimes you take steps forward and then a storm comes through and brings you a step back. Many thanks go to the volunteers who helped clean up the grounds after the recent storm. The shade cover for the junior sailor area blew off and a chimney cap blew off the cabin.

On a positive note, I believe the bathhouses are completed now, with the addition of a new epoxy floor that looks good, should wear well and brings the bathhouse together along with the other new added items.

The new couch, chairs and coffee table have finally arrived, and they give the clubhouse a little burst of color with the Sunbrella sail cover blue fabric! More pieces could be added later if need be. Let's live with it and see.

We now have a new refrigerator in the clubhouse! In addition we will be replacing the old cove light fixtures in the clubhouse with new 8 ft. LED bulbs. About half are already burned out. The existing bulbs, T12s, cannot be readily replaced and are very energy inefficient. Replacing the bulbs with anything new is a challenge since there are only about 4" of space above the cove to get your hand in to replace the bulbs. The new bulbs should last about 10 years and should save us on our utility bills.



We are also planning for a few changes to various railings and parking spaces to make accommodations for those who need a bit of help moving along the grounds and docks.

Trey Guilhas is working on his quartermaster designation for the Sea Scouts. He and I have teamed up to implement a project on site for that purpose. He selected the project to rebuild the currently rotted split rail fence located left of the office at the parking lot. He will need to estimate the materials, price them, get the cost approved, schedule the work, get workers together and do the work. This is a big task and will be much appreciated by the Club.

If you would like to be on the B&G committee, or have questions, please contact me at: buildings_grounds@austinyachtclub.net.

From the AYC General Manager

by Jackie Wheelless



What is a VOLUNTEER?

The definition is "a person who freely offers to do something." The members at Austin Yacht Club excel in the act of volunteering over and over, day in and day out! I've witnessed the unselfish acts of volunteerism throughout the six years I've been at AYC.

Just recently I had a huge snafu and had to call on three members (our current Commodore **Bill Records** and Sail Training Commander **Carolyn Wilsford** and one "Around the World Sailor" **Linda McDavitt**) to help me rectify the snafu. Without a blink of an eye they all three showed up, grabbed brooms, sheets, towels and commenced helping me clean all five cabins for check in within the hour. We sweated through it and then sat and laughed about it. These volunteers were my HEROES and I owe them a huge hug and possibly lunch!

Thank you to **John Bartlett** and **Bartlett Sails** for replacing the awning over the Sail Training Cabin!! The winds that hit the Club a couple of weeks ago ripped off the old cover and **John** came right to the rescue! **Coleman**, the summer camp counselors, and the summer campers are very thankful!

Please be aware that the lake level is dropping quickly right now. You may not be able to sail where you're used to sailing, so please be aware of your surroundings and the water level.

The blue and black trash barrels that are all around the grounds are not designed for disposal of bulky items. Please keep in mind that bulky items should be carried to the dumpsters rather than disposed of in the trash barrels.

The swimming pool has been "hammered" lately with camp and all of the AYC events that have been taking place. Please understand that the pool water needs to be within a very specific pH range to be comfortable for human enjoyment. Water that is too alkaline or too acidic can cause skin irritation; therefore, you may notice more unscheduled pool closings while **Tom** and the Pool Company attempt to keep the chemicals balanced.

Everyone stay COOL and keep doing your RAIN DANCES!!!!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER!

AUSTIN YACHT CLUB Junior Sailing Camp

The Austin Yacht Club's Junior Sailing Camp, located on beautiful Lake Travis, is a unique summer sailing experience for kids ages 8-16. Throughout your camper's week at AYU, they will learn and practice fundamental skills aboard our fleet of Optimists, Picos, Lasers, Sunfish, and Flying Juniors. With a camper to counselor ratio of 4 to 1, you can rest assured that your child will enjoy the exciting sport of sailing in a safe environment. Our camp runs Monday-Friday from 9:00-5:00 with an optional early drop-off and late pick-up hour available free of charge. Through a combination of classroom discussion, land activities, on the water drills, and games our campers gain the skills necessary to become life-long sailors! Special activities include racing, destination sailing, and windsurfing.



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discounts available for multi-child and multi-session

	DATES	MEMBER	NON-MEMBER
1	June 11-15	\$425	\$525
2	June 18-22	\$425	\$525
3	June 25-29	\$425	\$525
4	July 9-13	\$425	\$525
5	July 16-20	\$425	\$525
6	July 23-27	\$425	\$525
7	July 30-August 3	\$425	\$525

SUMMER IS JUST BEGINNING!

AUSTIN YACHT CLUB PBJ Summer Sailing Series

Learn to sail this summer! The Austin Yacht Club's PB&J Summer Sailing Series is the perfect introduction to sailing for kids ages 4-10. Designed for first-time sailors, the goal of our PB&J program is to get young children comfortable on the water and spark a life-long interest in boating and sailing! Our US Sailing certified instructors keep things simple and fun, teaching the basics through games and hands-on learning. Each session of PB&J includes four weekly 90 minute lessons.

Session	Dates	Time
1 Saturday	June 9, 16, 23, 30	9:30-11:00
2 Saturday	June 9, 16, 23, 30	11:00-12:30
3 Saturday	July 14, 21, 28, Aug. 4	9:30-11:00
4 Saturday	July 14, 21, 28, Aug. 4	11:00-12:30

AYC members: \$70.00
Non-members: \$110.00



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AYC Luau Recap

by Margo Bower



The Luau was a great success!

'He nui ka mahalo' to all the volunteers who came out in the brutal heat to transform the Club into a Hawaiian-themed party place.

I usually steer away from naming everyone who volunteered for fear of leaving someone out. I'll try my best and I apologize if I fail to mention you. A party this size takes a lot of preparations, from the planning, to the event, to clean-up. We had many hands to pull all this together. Thanks to **Pat Manning, Rona Thornton and Bill Benker** for making the delicious food. **Diane Covert** served drinks at the Tiki Bar and made sure everyone had a little umbrella in their tropical cocktails. **Jeff and Becky Pearce, Geoff and Marilyn Jackson, Annie and Charlie Lancaster, Elizabeth Quintinella, Kayla, Guy Abbey, Bill Records, and Jane Lanshe** all helped with decorations and filled in wherever needed.



The Digby's lead the pig procession *Photo credit Bill Records*

The ceremonial pig was created by **Steve Digby**, and he and his wife stayed to help serve the Luau meal. **Walter Allan** designed a fabulous backdrop for the Hawaiian photo booth which was operated by **Chrisann Tortora**.

Despite the hot temperature typical for our Luau, the event was well attended. Everyone seemed to enjoy the tropical ambience, the delicious food, and the entertainment – Hawaiian dancers, fire dancers, and themed photos from the photo booth.



The beautiful and popular photo booth *Photo credit Bill Records*



Photo by Bill Records



Photo by Bill Records



Photo by Chrisann Tortora

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2018 Luau



Photo courtesy of Bill Records



Photos by Chrisann Tortora except where noted



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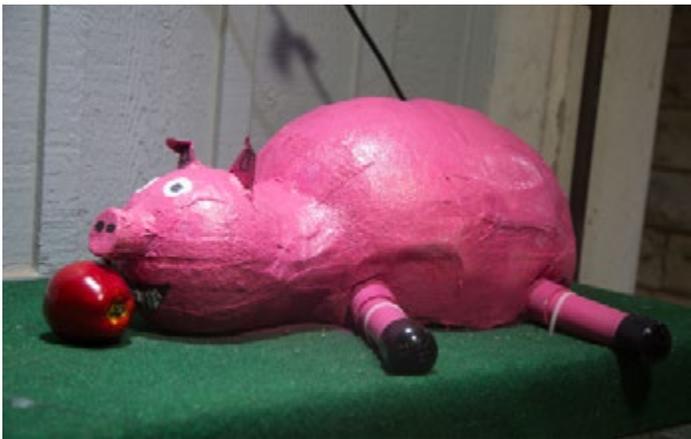


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Hey John, what's more American than spending the 4th on the water?

Ditching the stinkpot, George!



Save the Date: July 7th, 2018



Online registration is coming soon!

We will also be pre-selling Commemorative Neck Gaiters at \$10 each!

They will sell out, get them soon!

BLAST

FROM THE PAST
by the AYC Preservation Committee

Here are two photos from the 2002 New Year's Eve event.



The Preservation Committee is digitizing old photos to preserve our memories. If you have any AYC-related photos, please contact John Howard at spinkerjohn@gmail.com. And we need your help identifying the people in the photos.

There is a gallery of old photos on the AYC website for your viewing pleasure.

Burgee Exchange

The dé la Reza family sailed in Antigua and enjoyed the wonderful yacht club there. They had the AYC burgee already but we didn't have theirs so we happily exchanged again!



PB&J Summer Camp



Commodore Bill conducts PB&J Drill *Photo by Stephanie Froelich*



Happy sailors



Campers follow Carolyn Wilsford in the kayak



Ellie Keckler and Samantha Grogono



Charlottle Morris and William Beaver



Camille Bennett and Bailey Murdoch
Photos by Bill Records except where noted

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PB&J 1 & 2



Photos by Bill Records

Catalina 22 Update

by Steve Pervier



Catalina 22 and South Coast 21 fleets had Race Committee for Dog Days Series #1 on 6/16/2018. Before race time, as light showers approached and passed, our forecast SSE 10-15 briefly became considerably more wind, then much less or nearly zero wind, and more from the ESE. **Tom Meyer**, our SC21 PRO, wisely decided to wait out the altered wind that spanned nearly half an hour either side of our scheduled 5:30 first warning. By 5:15, having

seen a few signs the wind might return, we set up our course aligned to the prior good wind. And after a lengthy wait the wind recovered, so we were underway at 6:00 pm.

The wind shifted several times during Starts 1 to 7, giving us a look at conventional barging, tack into space, running the line, and port tack approaches. Most outstanding was the split-second accurate port tack start by **Dave Wahlberg!** There were many other good performances among the



C22 alum JK Photo by Cheryl Pervier

fleets, especially that of C22 alum **JK** in his Sprint Trimaran who beat two faster Tri's boat for boat, and also corrected first by over 14 minutes in a 90 minute race. We also enjoyed seeing the tight starting tactics of A-fleet and the J/ fleets, and some surprisingly close finishes among C-fleet at Mark 7. Congrats to **Chris Thompson** for finishing among faster boats and correcting first.

Thanks to **Tom Meyer, Bob Musselman, and Doug Powell** of SC21, and our own C22 sailors

Robert Anderson, Brian Grothues and

Margarito Morales, Louise Miller, Bob Stephens, and Cheryl and Steve Pervier, and new AYC member Steve Digby for serving as our Race Committee.

Aside from our recent Race Committee work we have several evening series races of our own on 6/30, 7/14, 21, 28. Since some of us may be traveling, we could do well in this series to have some of our more experienced racers take some newer racers along. Or some newer racers could invite an experienced racer to sail on their boats. This could teach a few tips and tricks for better racing. Enjoy the summer – let's go sailing!



Dog Days Race #1 Race Committee Photo by Marilyn Jackson

C Fleet Update

by André de la Reza and Jim Pearce



This month's tell tale submittal is short and in verse.

Summer is here and so is the heat,
Moonburn night races are hard to beat

The Luau was fun – full of drink, fire and tales.

So many tall stories of our mighty sails.

All the other fleets yearn for our numbers at the line,

Making them jealous is mighty sublime

The winds are still strong, who knows for how long,

The Dog Days of Summer is this months good song

This poem was very hard to make,

So let's forget it all and get on the lake!

Now here is **Jim Pearce's** little write up about MoonBurn:

"The first stage of the 2018 MoonBurn series is in the books, and after a brief postponement at the start, C fleet had a competitive and spirited start with most boats right on the line as the flag dropped. Entheos tried to port tack the fleet at the pin, but failing that had to duck several boats at the line before tacking to starboard, finding bad air, and tacking back to port to get clear.



C Fleet sails MoonBurn Photo by Marilyn Jackson

Slip Kid and Los Monos had nearly perfect starts on Starboard tack and laid mark 4 with one tack to port just past Windy Point. Slip Kid rounded mark 4 first, while a shore lift on the west side of the lake allowed Entheos to edge past Los Monos and round second.

Two spinnaker runs and a beat later, the order hadn't changed for the top three competitors. Due to lightening winds, the ambitious course of s(5)-4-7-5-4-7-f(5) was shortened at mark 7 on the second pass. Overall, conditions were favorable and the fleet seemed to be in high spirits at the post-race festivities. Many thanks to the RC volunteers who made the race possible for the rest of us!"

Dog Days Race #1



Photos by Marilyn Jackson

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Photos by Cheryl Pervier



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Photos by Cheryl Pervier

MENTOR A NEW MEMBER!

If you're interested in spreading your sailing enthusiasm to new members, help answer their questions and keep them motivated to sail with AYC, then the Mentor Program needs YOU!

Please contact Fred Ford at ffordf@gmail.com and help make a new member's AYC experience memorable.

Laser Fleet Update

by Steve Keckler



The first full month of the Wednesday night Laser series was a great success. The conditions were fabulous with mostly strong winds and a lot of planing conditions. We sailed a total of 18 races, and 23 different sailors competed at some point during the month. The top five sailors for the month of May were: (1) **Ethan Froelich**, (2) **David Grogono**, (3) **Andrew Butler**, (4) **Steve Keckler**, and (5) **Fred Schroth**. Congratulations!

Our participation in June has already increased in June with 19 boats competing last week. It has been great to see a number of new members of the fleet (and even new members to the Club) along with a return of old friends. We are all enjoying the competitive racing and camaraderie of beers and great food afterward. Our focus for the moment is increasing the strength of our local fleet. Over time, I expect that we will have a stronger presence at Laser regattas around Texas. 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. I would be happy to add those interested in AYC Laser racing to the fleet email list.



Just a reminder: The coveted Blue Duck trophy is presented each year to the Austin Yacht Club sailor who executes the biggest blooper, as nominated and voted by the AYC membership. The Blue Duck is a perpetual award, remaining on display at AYC. It is presented at the AYC Annual Banquet.

Ensign Fleet Update

by Anne and David Morley



May was a light month for series races, but that hasn't stopped the Ensign fleet from sailing.

The Ensign fleet has had a great turnout for Friday night Beer Can ... 5-7 boats every evening. The wind gods have been kind.

The fleet is active in the AYC New Member Mentoring program. **Zofia Kaminski** is with **James Bland**, **Verson Pandian**, **John and**

Kris Gandee are with **Fred Ford**, **Gerald Kwiecinski** is with **Tom Groll** and our skipper **Anne Morley** has **Steve and Gwen Digby** and **Cheryl Stanton** with her. Welcome new members to AYC sailing. If you see someone hanging around the Crew Bench offer them a ride. It is a chance to share sailing with a new member or a potential member.

If you are interested in the AYC New Member Mentoring Program contact **Fred Ford** (ffordf@gmail.com) for details.

Ensign sailors were spotted out on the water during the Turnback Canyon Regatta. Our own Secretary/Treasurer, **Anne Riggs** was seen racing on



Tribology with awesome flamingo sunglasses! **Anne and David Morley** worked Race Committee on day one of the Regatta and towed boats back to AYC on day two. Sometimes the wind can be a little reluctant.

James Bland has completed all of the US Sailing qualifications to become Club Race Officer. He served as PRO for the Roadrunner Regatta. Thank you **James** for your service! **James** has also been appointed co-Chairman/Chief Measurer of the Measurement committee for the USA Finn Class. **James** is an active Finn racer.

A look ahead:

Dog Days Series start time 5:00pm

Ensign fleet has Race Committee for Dog Days #5 on July 21st

Ensign Nationals August 12-16 in Seaside Park, NJ

Ensign Regionals September 23-24, Houston Yacht Club

Happy Sailing!

Roadrunner Fleet Update

by Mary Carew



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



Photo by Marilyn Jackson

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

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

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

Thank you to our judges on the water: **Mark Smith, Tony Nunes and Yolanda Mares** and also to **Renee Ruais** for scoring the races and **Amy Brock** for keeping social media updated on the USODA channel. Thank you **Jackie**,

Coleman and Tom for all your support throughout the weekend. And last but not least, thanks to our **Commodore Bill Records**, for taking the photos that will leave us with a lasting memory of the event.

Roadrunner Fleet Update

Another Roadrunner Regatta is complete and we were happy to have 17 sailors participating from AYC. **Zachery Romberg** participated in his first green fleet regatta and did really well. Eight sailors were on the RWB course, including **Tony Slowik** who was 2nd overall, **Lucas Tenreiro, James Brock, Catherine Froelich, Kynes Cabrera, Nicholas Carew, Keen Cabrera and Jack Grant**. This was the USODA Mid America Championship and a team trials qualifier event. AYC members who qualified for Team Trials were **Tony Slowik, Lucas Tenreiro and James Brock**. Four sailors competed in Laser Radial: **Ethan Froelich** finished 2nd in the Symthe Cup (Single-Handed) and qualified to represent AYC in the Area F championship. Also sailing Laser Radial were **Andrew Butler, Eli Ortiz and Wendi Froelich** while **Fiona Froelich** sailed Laser 4.7. In C420, **Lucy Brock and Julius Heitkoetter** took first place while **Taylor Snyder** took 2nd, sailing with **Hannah Progelhof** from Rush Creek. Thanks again to all the volunteers that made this regatta possible. You and our sailors made AYC proud.



Julius, Lucy and Taylor receive the Flying Scot Junior Championship. Photo by Jeff Brock

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

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

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

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Roadrunners June 1-3



Lucy Brock and Julius Heitkoetter, State Champions, 420 fleet



Tony Slowik, 2nd place Red fleet, 2nd overall



Ethan Froelich, 2nd place Laser Radial fleet



Taylor Snyder and Hannah Progelhof, 2nd Place, 420 fleet



James Brock rounds the weather mark, sailing in Blue fleet, qualifies for Team Trials

Roadrunner Regatta
Photos by Bill Records

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Roadrunners June 1-3



Wendi Froelich sailing Laser Radial



Jack Grant on the RWB course



Roadrunner Optis battle for the mark



Kynes Cabrera sailing the RWB course



Tony Slowik, 2nd in the Blue fleet and second overall



Keen Cabrera and Nicholas Carew

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Roadrunners June 1-3



Lucas Tenreiro racing RWB course



Zachary Romberg races first regatta in Green fleet



Julius Heitkoetter and Lucy Brock, first place C420



Ethan Froelich, 2nd place Laser Radial



Nicholas Carew sails RWB course



No rest for these C420s

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ANNOUNCEMENT

To All AYC Members

The Austin Yacht Club has the honor of hosting the 2018 United States Sunfish Class Association Women's North American Championship on September 28-30, 2018. We are expecting 50-60 female Sunfish sailors from all over North and South America to sign up and compete in this event.

In our NOR we have offered to provide local housing and Class Legal Sunfish boats to those who request one or both of those items. In order to be able to respond to these requests as they come in, we need to build an inventory of sorts.

I am requesting that anyone in the Club who has a nearby house and is willing to host one or more of the out of town competitors for the three-day event, and/or a Class Legal Sunfish boat and spars, primarily, and possibly boards, etc. to respond to this notice.

If you are willing and able, please email ALL who will be helping with the regatta as listed below.:

Event Organizers

Pat Manning pmbokkeeping@aff.net 512-657-6658
Annie Lancaster annielanc@gmail.com 512-799-4109

Borrowed Boat Coordinator

Carolyn Wilsford cjwilsford@gmail.com 512-633-3137

Lodging with a nearby AYC member (she will need to know how much space you have to offer and will match you up with the person or people who are requesting local housing):

Chris Bataille cbat120@gmail.com 512-773-3166

Thank you to everyone who will be helping to make this event a success!

Pat Manning & Annie Lancaster

Tall Ship Adventure

by John Grzinich



Having read many sailing books, like the Hornblower series, and bio's of Sea Captains of the 15th to 18th century, I've dreamed of sailing on square rigged ship someday. Several years ago I came across the Oliver Hazard Perry, a new 3 masted square rigged ship, built in 2015. I signed up for their email newsletter. The OHP's mission is "Sail Training". It sails out of Newport, R.I.



I've been watching for an opportunity to participate in one of their "Sail Training" trips, but they were on the east coast, or for 18-21 year olds. "What about us old guys!"

The opportunity arose this year when the OHP was going to participate in the "Tall Ships Challenge" on the Gulf Coast, and come to Galveston. Trainee positions were being offered to sail from Galveston to Pensacola. This is the 1st year the "Tall Ships Challenge" was being done on the Gulf Coast. Previous years were on the East Coast or Great Lakes. I've been to two previous "Tall Ship Challenge" festivals, 1 in Savanna, and 1 in Philadelphia. With no conflicts, I submitted my application for a Trainee position. I emailed my longtime sailing/skiing buddy **Gary Payne** to see if he wanted to go. His immediate response was "Absolutely!"

We got accepted after submitting some paperwork from our doctors, required for trainees over 65. The OHP emphasizes in their information that there are "no" passengers on board, only professional crew and trainees. Trainees do two watches per day. The packing list included foul weather gear, and boots.

We arrived at the ship Sunday, April 7th at 7PM as required. Safety training started immediately with a "Man Overboard" drill with all on hands on deck. After that crew and trainees were organized into three watches, A, B, and C. **Gary and I** were assigned to A watch, which consisted of two watch rotations, 2000 to 2400, and 0800 to 1200. There were about 18 trainees, six trainees per watch, plus three crew, and a watch leader who was one of the 1st or 2nd mates.



Our watch rotation allowed for normal sleeping time 0010-0715. Middle watch was the tough one, 0000-0400. After the "Man Overboard" safety drill, we had to quickly store our gear and be back on deck for our watch, the start of training. We were still docked.

The scheduled departure was 0400. We went to our bunks at 2400. Sure enough, woke up at 0330 to the roar and vibration of the engines. Soon we were rolling and tossing out in the Gulf. Monday we started our daily routine, a wake up knock at 0715, 0730 breakfast, 0750 on deck to relieve prior watch, 0800 start watch tasks. Normal watch tasks were; Helm – steering per compass heading, Bow Watch – foredeck look out, and Boat Check – inspection above and below deck for leaks or loose gear. Since this was the 1st day at sea, we also did safety training, with all hands on deck. This included a fire alarm and a fire fighting drill, and abandoned ship drill, which required climbing into survival suits.

The weather did not cooperate, strong wind from east, the direction we had to go. Seas were about 6-10' making for a bumpy ride. Chilly temperature, possible rain, and spray over the bow has us wearing foul weather gear. We maintained a SE heading through the "Safety Fairway" to stay clear of oil rigs. We set the staysails, and the angle of the yards, for motor sailing. We were not even close to being able to set any square sails.

We got off watch at noon, had lunch. The afternoons for our watch is when we had a training class, followed by a little free time. Dinner at 1800, and back on deck for our evening watch muster and relief at 1950. This was our routine for the 1st three days except on Wednesday the skies cleared, the wind got light, but dead on the nose, so we dropped the staysails. It warmed up, finally no foul weather gear needed.

Helming this ship was the biggest thrill of the voyage. Steering a 197', 117' at the waterline ship, even though we were motoring was a challenge to hold to a compass course. We had to use a gage that indicated rudder angle, in addition to the compass as you could not tell the rudder position by the wheel location. Strangely, it was actually a little more difficult Wednesday after the seas flattened. I got better each turn at the wheel. By Wednesday I got a compliment from the crew, and was asked to stay on the helm to bring it into the anchorage area outside Pensacola at Midnight. Crew took over for final maneuvers to drop and set the anchor.

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We woke up early Thursday to catch the sunrise and pickup of the pilot from Pensacola. Normal watch tasks were on hold while the professional crew brought the ship into Pensacola harbor, and docked. Then they put us to work getting the ship ready for coast guard inspection, the parade of sail with passengers, and tours on Friday. We scrubbed the deck, and floors below deck. Made sure all lines were properly coiled on the belaying pins. Polished brass.

Thursday afternoon was the parade of sail across Pensacola Bay. The other ships (five) had not arrived yet due to the headwinds. About 80 passengers came on board, and then we left the dock and headed west across Pensacola Bay. On the way we finally set a few of the square sails in addition to the staysails. Crew, trainees, and passengers all participated in pulling lines. Once we got to the west side of the bay, we saw three of the other tall ships enter the bay and set sails. All of sudden there were hundreds of recreational boats around us, plus a coast guard vessel. Our Captain called for the ware maneuver (jibe of a square rigged ship). We headed east back across the bay along with the Elissa, the Picton Castle, and the Oosterschelde, along with recreational boats of every type. It was a spectacular parade of sail on beautiful sunny afternoon. We were last to dock back at Pensacola harbor. Now, more work getting ship ready for the tours on Friday. Flags were hoisted. Final proper coiling of all lines completed. The crew went aloft to perfectly furl all sails.

Thursday evening dinner was on shore. **Gary and I** cleaned up, found a nice restaurant on the docks, and celebrated a fantastic sailing experience. Friday morning we got an early – before the crowds – personal tour of the Elissa (from Galveston – 1st time back to Pensacola in 130 years) before traveling home to Austin.



APPS FOR SAILORS – CHECK THEM OUT!

ASA's Sailing Challenge "Great app for young & old to learn the mechanics of sailing."

<https://asa.com/sailing-challenge-app/>

ASA's Go Sailing "Networking tool for sailing community."

<https://asa.com/news/2016/07/21/asa-launches-go-sailing/#>

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<https://asa.com/desktop-wallpaper-sailing-calendar/>

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AYC 2018 RACE CALENDAR

Jun 23	Dog Days Series Race #2 5:00p start RC: Keel C
Jun 26	DF95-RC Sailboat Weekly Practice 6:00-8:30p
Jun 27	Endless Summer Junior Series 5:30p start
Jun 27	Laser/Sunfish Racing 6:00p start
Jun 29	Beer Can Races 7:00p start
Jun 30	Dog Days Series Race #3 5:00p start RC: J/24
Jul 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	DF95-RC Sailboat Weekly Practice 6:00-8:30p
Jul 4, 11, 18, 25	Endless Summer Junior Series 5:30p start
Jul 4, 11, 18, 25	Laser/Sunfish Racing 6:00p start
Jul 6, 13, 20	Beer Can Races 7:00p start
Jul 7	Independence Cup Regatta
Jul 14	Dog Days Series Race #4 5:00p start RC: MH
Jul 21	Dog Days Series Race #5 5:00p start RC: Ensign
Jul 27	MoonBurn Series Race 8:00-11:00p
Jul 28	Dog Days Series Race #6 EOS 5:00p start RC: Keel A
Aug 1, 8, 15, 22	Endless Summer Junior Series 5:30p start
Aug 1, 8, 15, 22	Laser/Sunfish Racing 6:00p start
Aug 3, 10, 17, 31	Beer Can Races 7:00p start
Aug 7, 14, 21, 28	DF95-RC Sailboat Weekly Practice 6:00-8:30p
Aug 18	Single-handed Regatta
Aug 24	MoonBurn Series Race 8:00-11:00p

AYC 2018 NON-RACING EVENTS

Jun 30	PB&J Sailing Sessions 1-2, 9:00a-1:00p
Jun 30	Free Sail Saturday 1:00-4:00p
Jun 25-29	Summer Camp Week 3 8:00a-6:00p
Jun 28	Board of Directors Meeting 7:30p
Jun 30	Dog Days #3 Mid Series Meal
Jul 9-13	Summer Camp Week 4 8:00a-6:00p
Jul 14, 21, 28	PB&J Sailing Sessions 3-4 9:00a-1:00p
Jul 14, 21, 28	Free Sail Saturday 1:00-4:00p
Jul 16-20	Summer Camp Week 5 8:00a-6:00p
Jul 23-27	Summer Camp Week 6 8:00a-6:00p
Jul 26	Board of Directors Meeting 7:30p
Jul 28	Dog Days EOS Dinner
Jul 30-Aug 3	Summer Camp Week 7 8:00a-6:00p
Aug 4	PB&J Sailing Sessions 3-4, 9:00a - 1:00p
Aug 4, 12, 19, 26	Free Sail Saturday 1:00-4:00p
Aug 4	Big Brothers/Big Sisters After Party 6:00-11:00p
Aug 11	Keel Fleet Raft-up 6:00-11:00p
Aug 23	Board of Directors Meeting 7:30p



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