



2018 Fleet Challenge Sailors Battle with Wits and Wallets



Something new! On-the-water competition with new fleet of remote controlled DragonFlite 95s

Photo by Anne Morley

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SAVE THE DATE

Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 DF95 Sailboat Practice
 Oct 7 Chaparral de Mar Regatta
 Oct 7 Indian Summer EOS & Banquet
 Oct 13 ASA 101
 Oct 13 Learn to Sail Clinic
 Oct 13-14 Lake Travis HS Fall Classic
 Oct 14, 21 Fall Series Races
 Oct 20 Women's Clinic

Oct 20-21
 Oct 25
 Oct 26-28
 Nov 17
 Dec 8

Kathryn Hammond Regatta
 Board of Directors Meeting
 Centerboard Regatta
 Wild Turkey Regatta
 Annual Banquet at the Oasis



2018 Fleet Challenge and New Member Social – Something for everyone!

Photos by Anne Morley



From The Commodore

by Bill Records



Upon arriving at the Club for Indian Summer Race #3, something seemed out of place or different. As I walked down to the docks, I realized what had changed – 70 degrees and northwest wind! We are entering the best part of the sailing season and I hope we all take advantage of it. Also the frequent rains have brought the lake level up. So, no excuses. Come out and sail!

The Fleet Challenge, hosted by the AYC Fund, was a huge success this year. **Terry Schertz** and her team of volunteers did a super job, raising a whopping \$36,614. The AYC Fund is truly a special part of our Club. As a result of the Fund's support, we can do extraordinary things without raising dues or imposing assessments. If you haven't already contributed, please do. You will feel good about it.

After the Fleet Challenge, we had the New Member's Social and it was one of the best. It showed that we are a family-oriented Club with everyone from PB&Jers to Octogenarians in attendance .

On a sad note, we lost two former commodores, **Rod Malone, 1983** and **Ray Loff, 1982**. Please refer to page 30 for more information.

From The Vice Commodore

by Annie Lancaster



As of this writing, the 2018 Women's Sunfish NA Championship is almost here. We have 30 boats registered with over 15 loaner boats, more than five loaner slips and around 10 different housing members. Many thanks to all who are helping out and making this an unforgettable event. Look forward to full coverage in the November edition of Telltale.

The Centerboard Regatta is getting ready to roll on October 27-28. There are one Indian Summer race and two Fall Series races before the Centerboard Regatta, so it's time to get your boat out of storage and practice before the big event! We are planning to sail, eat, dance and party. Come join the fun! Happy Sailing!

Building & Grounds Update

by Diane Covert



I had a visit by **Chris Poth** from Just Trees, a registered arborist in Texas with an oak wilt certification. He has been working in this area for 30 years. His company has worked for TxDOT, preserving trees when highway construction is planned. We discussed a long range plan for planting, pruning and caring for our trees on the Club property. In the future, he recommends to not plant Burr oaks, these are better planted east of I-35 where the soil is moisture absorbing. Also to stay

away from live oaks, and red oaks that struggle with the limestone soil on the Club grounds. He recommends planting more diverse types of trees to get away from a species that can contract a disease where all of them would be affected. Monterrey oaks and cedar elms are his recommendations to plant, where they would get sun and water.

Oak wilt will continue over the years, and trenching might slow but likely not stop the spread of the disease unless all the roots underground are removed. Therefore he recommends planting diversity in the tree species.

We have three dead trees in the area behind the parking lot which need to be replaced. He has given us an estimate to remove the dead trees, provide and plant young Monterrey oaks and cedar elms.

A group of us met regarding the water line that feeds the Club property. Since many people know a little bit about what has happened in the past, it's a mystery novel to figure out what we have out there. But all knowledge is good so bring it on. We already made significant progress by finding piping shaving deposits in the clubhouse units, and turning on 2 valves at the meter to full opening.

Tom Cunningham and I did a fixture count for the campus, which is a count of all the toilets, sinks, showers, faucets etc.

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With the help of master plumber **Mike Parker**, we are in the process of analyzing that count, the current water meter size, the location of the water line on our property and how it feeds the buildings. We have allotted money in the budget to try and resolve this issue but I want to make sure that we are spending our resources in the area that will correct the most urgent issues first.

Speaking of plumbing, cabin 6 has an old funky shower that has been leaking water continuously for years. I have a bid for finally replacing the entire shower valve, which also means removing and replacing the wall behind it... as we all know, the domino effect of maintenance is not easy!

The wall at the gate entrance is being rebuilt. The new design will provide a limestone base and stucco wall, which will display the current AYC metal blue burgee and sign provided by **Ed Taylor** last year.

I hope you all think it's an improvement.

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



AYC 2018 Junior Coaches – Great job, sailors!! Photo by Bill Records

Race Commander Report

by Jim Casto

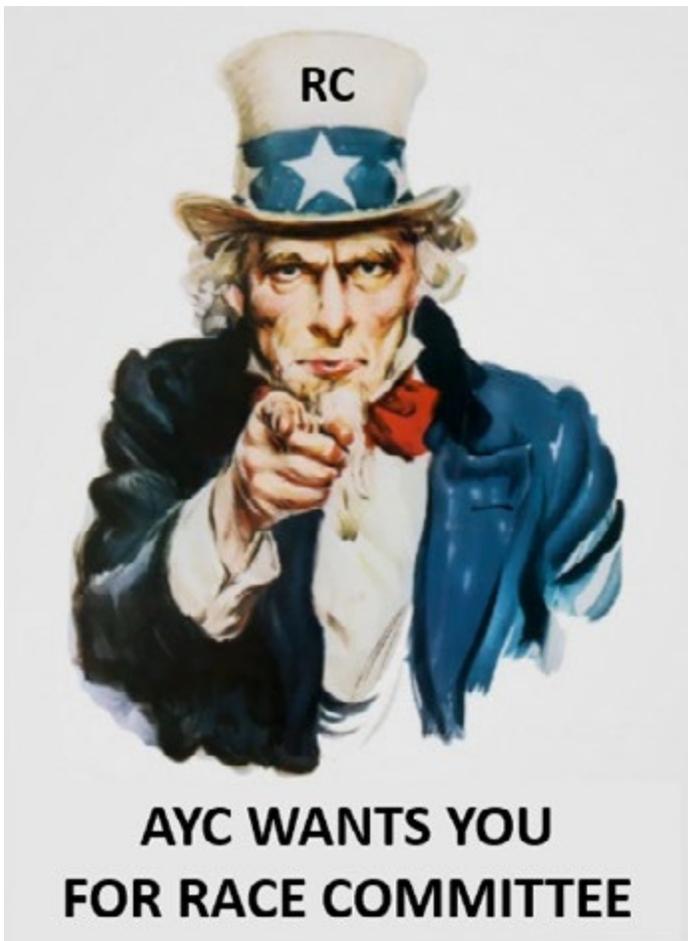


Race Committee volunteers are needed for AYC Centerboard Regatta October 27 & 28. Each fleet is expected to provide volunteers for the major AYC regattas, this one is no exception. We will likely have more than one racing area, since we expect to host some very talented junior sailors. Please set aside some time to volunteer for this fun and exciting regatta.

Race Committee training was provided by your Permanent Race Committee to about 27 members on Saturday Sept 8th. We had about 27 members in attendance, with varying range of experience from seasoned hands to "never done RC before". With focused sessions on RC boat flags & timing, recording competitors & finishes, use of the iPad, all 27 "graduated" and are ready to serve on RC. Next class is scheduled January 12th, so if you missed the fall edition, put the next one on your calendar.

Indian Summer Series is mostly done, we've had low attendance for rainy weather forecasts, and had to abandon one weekend. The last race of the series will be Oct 7th, with an End of Series meal.

Fall Series schedule is split into two sections – we have 2 races Oct 14 & 21, then a break for the Centerboard Regatta, then 2 more races Nov 4 & 11. The Social Committee will serve meals after all Fall Series races. Come on out & enjoy the Fall weather, tune up for Wurstfest and Wild Turkey!



From the AYC General Manager

by Jackie Wheelless



Over the past six months there's been a real RAMP UP of members not knowing the procedure for reserving a space in the Dry Out Area, the Work Area or on the Hoist. The new online reservation system is now in place!! Staff and members alike are hoping this will alleviate the frustration felt when someone overstays their reservation or just shows up in a work space without making a reservation.

The work area can only be reserved for three weeks at a time, after which it can be reserved for another three weeks. The work area slab is only for boats that are actively being worked on. Boats that exceed their time limit or are parked without a reservation may be considered Improperly Stored.

Boats parked in and around the work area are to be clearly identified with owner's name and phone number. Space in the work area is limited. Proper identification is needed when contacting owners to move boats to prevent over-spray or to make room for others needing pad space. Please sign in on the AYC website and utilize the online reservation system.

It's come to my attention that members think the dry out area is just another location to park boats and trailers whenever they can't get into a work space or don't want to pay for a storage slip. The dry out area is for members who have a wet slip and wish to dry their boats out in order to actively work on them. Boats may remain in the dry out parking areas for a maximum of 30 days. Any boat in the dry out area for more than 30 days may be considered Improperly Stored. It's always best to communicate with me and/or the Harbor Commander to let us know when you intend to move your boat to the Dry Out Area so that when we do our "surprise" audits of this area we're aware that your boat is there.

Reservations for the a-frame hoist are now available electronically once you sign in on the AYC website. The hoist can only be reserved for three days at a time, after which it can be reserved for another three days.

As always, if you need any assistance taking advantage of the online reservation system, please call me and I'll muddle my way through with you. The more members utilizing this online system, the more feedback we'll have to help us decide whether or not the system works for you.

Social Committee Report

by Margo Bower



Rain, rain, rain!!

We enjoyed a very rainy September even though it put a damper on the Indian Summer Series, but we are all very thankful to see the rise in lake levels on our beautiful lake!

We had a very good turnout for the new member ice cream social. A big thank you to **Claudia Bartlett** for organizing the children's games and everyone else

who volunteered to help pull off a very successful event!! The catered food

was delicious and we had many different choices for the ice cream desserts.

Chris and Sarah Renner opened a restaurant called 'Winner Winner Rotisserie and Fine Foods' and generously donated some wonderful, delicious hand pies for the 3rd Indian Summer Series dinner. As of this writing, we are looking forward to the EOS dinner on Sunday October 7th. We are planning to have regular meals after all races in the Fall Series starting on October 14th and ending on November 11th.

Please save the date for the annual banquet on Saturday December 8th at the Oasis. Looking forward to seeing you all for some cooler temps and fun times at AYC. Happy sailing!

Sailing Director Report

by Coleman Terrell



This fall has been off to a fast start. We have 84 kids in the junior sailing program, which is a new record. This puts AYC at close to the same enrollment numbers as Lakewood Yacht Club in Houston. It is definitely something to be proud of – we have created an environment here where kids can enjoy learning about the sport of sailing with strong support from the Club and parents.

High school sailing has 49 participants this season. Because we share the boats on some practice days, we are looking at additional practice day options next year to accommodate this number of sailors. We currently average about 30-40 students attending on Tuesdays and Fridays, using all of the FJs. Lake Travis HS Team sent two teams to the Fort Worth high school regatta and brought home 1st and 2nd place!

UT Sailing Team practice also takes place on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. They have been working hard to improve their skills as well, while practicing with the high school program on Fridays. They took 1st and 4th place at their last regatta in College Station!

Our Opti classes are full as well, with 8 Opti 1 students, 12 Opti 2 students and 8 Opti 3 students. Most of our Opti 3s are travelling around the TSA circuit and representing our Club well! I'm hopeful that we'll have a large Opti fleet from AYC for centerboard regatta coming up.

We will be holding the AYC Fall Classic Regatta here on October 13th and 14th. We are expecting a few out of town teams and many of our own high schoolers to sail in this event. It will be a traditional high school regatta with A and B fleets and we are expecting up to 15 boats per fleet. This should be a fun event to see if you are interested in what high school sailing is all about.

We also have a Women's Clinic coming up on October 20th and a Learn-to-Sail Clinic on October 13th! Tell your friends who have been asking about learning how to sail to get signed up!

As for me, I will be leaving on Friday, October 5th for North Carolina. I am sailing in the Sunfish Worlds from October 8th-12th. I am very excited to attend this regatta, as I've qualified before but have never been able to attend. I want to say thank you to AYC and the AYC fund for helping me go!

Welcome New Members!



Gal Sela (Associate Probationary) has sailed and taught sailing for many years. He wants his children to become involved with the Junior program.



Brothers Lukas and Noah Goris (Junior Members) have participated in our summer camp and want to continue sailing.



Nick Gallagher (Young Adult Probationary) grew up on Lake Travis and sailed some as a teenager. He is eager to join the Club and become involved in our community.



Ken Kendall (Associate Probationary) started sailing and going to clinics at AYC over a year ago and now wants to be a member.



Frank Lynn (Senior Probationary) has owned many boats and has sailed on Lake Travis and all around the U.S. He is ready to be active at AYC in all its activities.



Erik Engh (Young Adult Probationary) sailed a little as a child but now wants to take ASA classes and really learn to sail.



Donald Garcia (Senior Probationary) has sailed since he was young. He owns a C22 and wants to get back into sailing.

Oct. 20th Women's Sailing Clinic!



Ladies it's that time again!

9:00am - 7:00pm

\$50 for members - \$65 for non-members

Bill Records is Cooking

Vegan folks....

please bring your own food!

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Online registration www.austinyachtclub.net



2018 Perpetual Award Nominations



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

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

Jimmy B. Carl Memorial Trophy: This Award honors the Club senior member new to the sport and recognizes the beginning sailor who enthusiastically, bravely and with a real zeal and enjoyment for life, becomes a reasonably competitive sailor in their first or second year of sailing.

Nominee & Why: _____

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

Nominee & Why: _____

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

Nominee & Why: _____

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

Nominee & Why: _____

Liz Bauman Memorial Trophy: This Award honors the young woman who, though not necessarily the most accomplished, demonstrates Corinthian traits of cooperation, discipline, willingness to learn, and good sportsmanship that are the goals of the junior sailing program.

Nominee & Why: _____

Ron W. Harden Memorial Trophy: This Award honors the young man who, though not necessarily the most accomplished, demonstrates Corinthian traits of cooperation, discipline, willingness to learn, and good sportsmanship that are the goals of the junior sailing program.

Nominee & Why: _____

OP Salt of the Austin Yacht Club: This Award honors the club senior sailor who has exhibited enthusiasm, sportsmanship, and a competitive zeal over a period of time, and has a quality of life that can be admired by all.

Nominee & Why: _____

Bill Records RoadRunner Fleet Trophy: This award honors the club member who has gone beyond expectations to serve and volunteer on behalf of the RoadRunner Fleet. The recipient is an individual who consistently, and over a long period of time, acts as a pivotal leader and contributor, furthering the advancement of the program development.

Nominee & Why: _____

YOUR NAME: _____ CONTACT EMAIL OR PHONE: _____

2018 Resolute Cup by Scott Young



John Morran, Doug Kern and I recently had the honor of representing NYC in the 2018 Resolute Cup held at the New York Yacht Club in Newport, RI. We competed against 28 other yacht clubs from around the country in an all-amateur event that also served as the US selection process for the Rolex NYC International Cup to be held next September in Newport in brand new Melges 37's.

This year's Resolute Cup was held in Sonar's, with 28 teams and 21 boats. There was a complicated boat rotation process that involved each team having bye's and sitting for periods of time on rotation boats. The goal was to get as many full rotations as possible so eventually every team would sail the same number of races. Due to the relatively light winds for the event, we were able to get enough races in to allow for one throw out race.

We started off the series with a pretty rough start finishing a disappointing 14th in the first race. We gradually gained confidence and improved in the next two races and finished the day with a 5th and 1st to work our way into the top 10.

Going into the second day, we started on the rotation boat and the gradient breeze and sea breeze fought one another for long enough that the first race was delayed getting started. After moving the course around the bay to several locations, we eventually got started in a light easterly. We had good speed in these conditions and rounded the first weather mark in 2nd place. At that point, I made the fateful decision to jibe immediately at the off-set mark. I felt like the right had more pressure upwind and I thought we could take advantage of that.



Unfortunately, I had not factored in the current which was changing to an ebb tide closer into shore and near the leeward gate. By jibing early, we were forced to eventually jibe back on to starboard and sail directly into the strengthening ebb. We went from 2nd to about 20th on one leg and fought back to a 14th. All we had to do in retrospect was stay with the lead pack and defend our 2nd and maybe pass the leaders.

I am really proud of our team and the way we handled this adversity. We went back out and won the next race convincingly and went on to score a 1-3-1-4 in the remaining races of the day after my initial brain fade. The race committee kept us on the water until almost 7 in order to ensure that everyone had the same number of races completed. We made a big move in the standings rising up to 1st overall, 6 points in the lead, ahead of a big pack of boats that included San Francisco Yacht Club, Eastern Yacht Club, San Diego and Storm Trysail.

The race committee's goal for the final day was to try and get 4 more races off in the morning and then start the double point medal races in the afternoon. After one lack-luster drifter race, the wind did not fill in as hoped and the race committee abandoned the plan to have additional qualifying races and decided to go straight to the medal races.

The final 3 medal races counted double in the standings and now the fleet had been trimmed back to only 14 boats. All 14 boats were good and it was not easy to start well and manage the fleet with all good teams on the race course. With this being the case, it was hard to focus in on beating one particular team with the standings relatively close 1st through 5th. Our attitude was to continue sailing aggressively and not worry about one particular team.

During the first race of the medal races, we decided to start near the weather end and got stuck above Storm Trysail who seemed intent on pushing the line and with the current ebbing and pushing us over the line, it became difficult to keep from being over early. To add insult to injury, it was also difficult to get back to the line while trying to sail directly into the current in light air. We rallied back to a 10th in the race but counted a 20th against our score since it was for double points.

In the 2nd medal race, we fought for and successfully won the pin end of the line. We felt like the left edge of the race course had better pressure and angles. As it turned out, the right did a little better and we rounded the top mark around 5th or 6th. We sailed very well the rest of the race and worked our way back to a 2nd and remained right in the hunt for the win.

In the final medal race, we knew San Diego had the edge overall but so many things could change so we decided to sail our own race and were determined to get a good start. We elected to fight for the pin end again and the Puerto Rico team was early at the pin with us just above them. They shot it up at the last second which forced us over early. We had to wait for them to re-round the pin which seemed like an eternity. We eventually restarted an in my opinion, probably sailed the best race of our series to sail through the fleet and finish 6th, almost catching San Diego and actually passing Eastern at the finish.

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We were certainly disappointed that we were unable to close out the regatta but overall, very proud of how we competed and represented AYC. In retrospect, we could have probably started more conservatively because we had really good speed upwind and downwind and probably could have worked our way into contention even with an average start.

Perhaps it was fitting we took second because winning the event and qualifying for the Rolex International Invitational would have resulted in a huge financial and time commitment to prepare for the event next September.

Thanks to everyone at AYC and the AYC Fund for their support not only leading up to the regatta but especially to everyone back home who followed the races on the live stream and sent us messages of support throughout the event. Special thanks to **John Morran** and his wife **Amy** and **Doug** and **Ivanna** along with my wife **Amy** for all of their support throughout the week.

It is not too early to start thinking about the organizing the next team to represent AYC at the Resolute Cup two years from now back in Newport RI. The New York Yacht Club runs an amazing event and it is a true honor to complete there.



Handling Emergencies – Propulsion Problems

by Harry Polly



Sailboats consist of hundreds of parts, large and small, that are constantly subjected to the stresses of sun, salt water, and wear and tear. As even brand-new and diligently maintained boats can experience a problem, every prudent sailor must know how to respond.

Here are 10 steps to keep your boat and crew safe until help arrives.

1. Remain calm and keep your wits.
2. Ensure all of your crew are present, accounted for, and wearing PFDs.
3. Quickly assess your location, hazards, and other vessels moving around you.
 - Deploy the anchor if you are drifting towards imminent danger of grounding or collision with fixed objects.

- If you are adrift in a shipping channel and a large vessel is approaching, immediately hail the US Coast Guard over VHF channel 16 as this constitutes imminent danger to your boat and crew. Do not attempt to anchor in the channel.
4. Assign a person to act as a lookout to keep the skipper alerted of any changes in the situation.
 5. Locate your air horn and have your lookout use it to warn approaching vessels with 5 short blasts if collision seems imminent.
 6. Check your boat's white binder (typically stored in the navigation center) for engine starting instructions. Take a few breaths and look for any steps in the engine starting sequence that you may have inadvertently missed. Sometimes the solution is as simple as holding the glow button in a little longer (30-60 seconds).
 7. If all else fails and you're certain you will need a tow, announce a "sécurité" radio call on VHF channel 16 to alert other boats in the area that you are disabled, "pan-pan," or "mayday," depending on the severity of your situation. If you are safely at anchor, call "sécurité" and announce your location and/or GPS coordinates.
 - There is no need to call the Coast Guard unless your vessel and/or crew are in immediate danger. As the Coast Guard constantly monitors channel 16, they may ask you to switch to another channel and ask questions to assess your situation. Cooperate fully and politely.
 - BoatUS will need to know where you are. It is helpful to provide your GPS coordinates. If your boat lacks a GPS chart plotter, launch the compass app on an iPhone. It will display your coordinates.
 8. Deploy fenders and ready the dock lines while you wait for your tow (if conditions are safe enough for crew to go forward on deck).

Calling for Help!

In emergency situations, there are certain procedures to follow to ensure prompt response to your need for help. There are three phrases that you might hear on a VHF radio, and they all relate to safety.

- **MAYDAY** - distress signal, requires the most urgent response. This signal is only to be used when a person, or boat is threatened by grave or imminent danger, and requires assistance.
- **PAN-PAN** - (pronounced pahn-pahn) used to signal urgent information, like when someone has fallen overboard, or a boat is drifting into shore or a busy shipping channel. If your emergency isn't immediately life threatening, say Pan-Pan instead of Mayday, for example if you have a controllable leak, and you want help standing by in case it gets worse.
- **SECURITE** - (pronounced sea-cur-i-tay) is the safety signal. This is used to transmit information about the safety of navigation. For instance, if a large commercial vessel is coming through a narrow channel, this signal would be used. Can also be used to transmit weather information, such as when a powerful storm system is approaching.

2018 Fleet Challenge Recap

by Terry Schertz



The AYC Fleets rose to the challenge this year in spectacular fashion. Friendly competition in four categories of fundraising, number of unique donors, sailing competition and onshore games provided plenty of opportunities for AYC members to put their fleet in the lead.

The competition began with fundraising in the weeks prior to the event. Fleet captains received information almost daily about the standings and funding challenges being offered. The funding challenges this year ranged from offering matching funds raised by a fleet, providing a reward for a fleet that got a specific number of new donors, offering matching funds for new members who donated, offering matching funds for donations to specific fleets, and even a virtual lottery for a pot of money where a 'ticket' was awarded for new donations and new donors. These challenges, made possible by generous members who allowed portions of their donations to be used for this purpose, were met with enthusiasm and sometimes fierce competition! Early on, C-Fleet shot out into the lead on funding, while A-Fleet took a commanding lead in the number of donors. All it took was an email stating that A and C were TIED to kick in another fierce round of entries. As these two fleets were engaged in some serious match racing, the Laser fleet was quietly making gains. Coming into the Big Event (Sunday, September 2nd), the standings based on funding and number of donors were A-Fleet 1st, C-Fleet 2nd, and Lasers 3rd.

The Fleet Challenge culminates in a day at AYC that traditionally had on-the-water competition in the Club's fleet of FJs. You had to be kind of small and agile to represent your fleet in these boats! This year, the on-the-water competition was held in the crazy popular new remote controlled 'yachts' called DragonFlite 95s. Each fleet could have two competitors represent them. So, there were 24 DF95s on the line with racers of all ages, sizes and experience competing. But, before the racing started, the competitors were auctioned off to the highest bidder in a Calcutta. Each competitor's racing score would count for the fleet they were representing, but if they finished first, second, or third, a portion of the total Calcutta pot went to the fleet that 'bought' them! Complicated?? Yeah. Then up to two throwouts could be purchased. The funds from the Calcutta and the throwouts counted toward the fundraising standing for a fleet and the throwouts made a difference in who was winning the racing portion of the competition. If you did not make it to the clubhouse for the Calcutta, you missed out! Apparently 'buying' a competitor brings out some craziness amongst us and **Jeff Brock**, as master auctioneer, did a great job of instigating a lot of it (he said it came naturally to him to talk a lot and be silly... who knew?) The total pot (seeded initially at \$1,500 by anonymous donors) came to a whopping \$6,400 when the bidding ended. That made a big difference in the overall standings. Thanks to **Scott Young** for suggesting the idea!

Now for the race results. As is frequently the case with the Fleet Challenge, the winds were very light. But, these little DF95s will move in almost nothing! We ended up getting in four races. Thanks to some awesome spreadsheet magic by **Molly Lewis**, the fleet standings were available live after each

race and shown on a screen! It was recalculated based on the finishes with throwouts applied and who would win the Calcutta pot. **Jeff Brock** (continuing his role of talking a lot) made great use of that information and a microphone to keep the competitors and the spectators up to date on the latest and egg them on. The final race finishes had **Scott Young** in first and **Matt Romberg** and **John Bartlett** tied for second, with **Matt** winning the tie breaker to get second overall. Close behind these three (and wishing there was another race) were **John Kuc** and **Tony Slowik**.

The friendly competition now moved on shore with games organized and conducted by **Claudia Bartlett** (another one who can get everyone going!!). Tokens were given to each member of any winning team of the games and these tokens were 'redeemed' as points for the fleet of choice. The games included many rounds of tug of war, sail bag races, greased watermelon in the pool, penny dives, egg target throwing, water balloon toss, and New Member poker. As you will see from the pictures, all ages competed, but the Roadrunner fleet members DOMINATED. They didn't just win, they blew the competition away.

The day wrapped up with great food (Rudy's BBQ), drink (Dark and Stormy Bar provided by **John and Claudia Bartlett**!!), music (DJ Cassie Shankman rocks!), and an Ice Cream Social to honor the New Members. There were 150 RSVPs for the event but I think there were even more who attended!!

The final standings for the Fleet Challenge (shown below) ended with a TIE for first between the Lasers and the DF95s. Instead of breaking this tie, both Fleet names will be included on the perpetual trophy. Both Fleets finished well in the races and bought well in the Calcutta (DF95s owned 1st and 2nd place finishers and Lasers owned the 3rd place finisher). But, the huge story to see in this final summary is that 191 members of this Club raised an amazing \$36,614 to support this sport of ours. Although 191 people contributed to this success, there are a few that deserve special mention:

- **Bruce McDonald** (A-Fleet captain) was able to get almost 100% participation from the A-Fleet members with 35 donors.
- There are members, some who have been contributing for years and some who are new to AYC, who contributed \$1,000 or more each and deserve special mention: **David and Gail Bernstein, Johannes and Liza Brinkmann, John and Claudia Bartlett, David and Molly Lewis, John and Meiling Parker, and Ed Pierce.**
- And finally, a special mention to those who put sweat equity into helping the AYC Fund Board make it all happen. **Claudia Bartlett** got the DF95 boats set up for the competitors, organized a decorating committee to make the Club and the Pavilion festive, ordered the BBQ, and organized and ran the on-shore games; **Dane Ohe** set up the power for the Pavilion so we could have laptops and screens out there, organized the set up for the DJ and communicated plans and needs with the AYC staff; and **Anne Morley** who took amazing photos!

On behalf of the AYC Fund Board (**Terry, Steve, Molly, Ravi, Lauren, and Harry**), we are honored to be part of a Club with such a big heart!! We will be working with the AYC Board this fall on some long-range plans and, of course, continuing to support those competitors who step up their game and qualify to represent AYC. Congratulations to all for such a successful event!!!

Race and \$\$ results next page

Fleet	Competitor	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Throwouts Purchased	Overall Score (Avg Place after Throwouts)	Tie?	Place
DF95	Scott Young	5	1	1	5	1	2.3		1
Laser	Matt Romberg	17	2	4	3	2	2.5	T	2
Sunfish	John Bartlett	6	3	2	25	2	2.5	T	3
Multi-Hull	John Kuc	2	4	6	7	2	3.0		4
Roadrunner	Tony Slowik	3	9	5	4	2	3.5	T	5
A-Fleet	Ray Shull	4	10	3	10	2	3.5	T	6
J-22	John Heller	7	18	13	1	2	4.0		7
Laser	Dave Grogono	1	7	15	11	1	6.3		8
DF95	John Horn	10	5	7	8	1	6.7		9
Multi-Hull	Bo Kersey	11	12	8	2	0	8.3		10
A-Fleet	John Foster	9	8	9	14	1	8.7		11
Catalina 22	Bob Gross	15	17	19	6	1	12.7	T	12
Roadrunner	Jamie Brock	12	15	14	12	1	12.7	T	13
C-Fleet	Andre de la Reza	16	16	11	15	2	13.0		14
Sunfish	Vicki Stones	14	20	12	9	0	13.8		15
Catalina 22	Joe Roddy	20	13	10	13	0	14.0	T	16
B-Fleet	Brad Davis	13	11	18	25	1	14.0	T	17
J-24	Leon Lance	8	14	16	19	0	14.3		18
C-Fleet	Ed Pierce	21	19	17	17	1	17.7		19
Ensign	Fred Ford	18	25	20	16	1	18.0		20
Ensign	Anne Riggs	19	21	25	18	1	19.3		21

Fleet	Pledged	#Donors	Dollar Rank	Donors Rank	Racing Rank	Games Rank	Total Points	Standing	
Laser	\$5,280	25	4	3	2	3	17	1	Laser
DF95	\$7,151	16	1	6	1	4	17	1	DF95
Roadrunner	\$2,350	21	5	4	5	1	15	3	Roadrunner
C-Fleet	\$5,815	28	2	2	4	2	15	3	C-Fleet
A-Fleet	\$5,800	15	3	1	6	6	16	5	A-Fleet
Sunfish	\$1,850	13	7	7	3	5	27	6	Sunfish
Ensign	\$2,325	20	6	5	12	7	30	7	Ensign
J-22	\$1,450	11	8	8	7	7	30	7	J-22
Multi-Hull	\$744	6	11	10	4	7	32	9	Multi-Hull
Catalina 22	\$1,100	9	10	9	8	7	34	10	Catalina 22
J-24	\$1,350	5	9	11	11	7	38	11	J-24
B-Fleet	\$150	2	12	12	10	7	41	12	B-Fleet
SC-21	\$150	1							
--	\$1,099	8							
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Roadrunner Fleet Update

by Mary Carew



A small group of Roadrunners traveled to Corinthian Yacht Club in Dallas on the weekend of September 8-9 for the Rock the Rock TSA regatta. Storms prevented sailing on Saturday but 5 races on Sunday ensured an eventful regatta with all AYC sailors finishing in the top 10.

James Brock took 2nd overall (and 2nd in Blue Fleet). **Kynes Cabrera** came in 5th overall and 4th in



James Brock 2nd in Blue Fleet Corinthian Yacht Club photo by Mary Carew

his age group, while **Nicholas Carew** took 3rd in red fleet and finished 7th overall. **Keen Cabrera** was 9th overall, and brought home a trophy for 1st in White Fleet.

It was extra fun to see a larger team at Fort Worth Boat Club this past weekend. There were 3 boats in the c420 course, all with AYC representation. **Lucy Brock and Julius Heikoetter** took first place. **Taylor Snyder** took 2nd place sailing with **Hannah Progelhof** from Rush Creek Yacht Club while **Nathan Gantala and Fiona Froelich** came in 3rd. It was their first 420 outing together and they did amazing. **Ethan Froelich** came in 4th in Laser Radial. **Tony Slowik** dominated the Opti RWB Fleet, followed by **James Brock** in 2nd place overall and 1st in Blue Fleet. **Nicholas Carew** was 10th overall in a very competing fleet and **Kynes Cabrera** took 11th. **Keen Cabrera** was 12th and again took 1st place in White Fleet.

The next TSA regatta is at Dallas Corinthian Yacht Club and is a great venue for new sailors. Please let us know if your green fleeter would like to participate!



The Team at Fort Worth Boat Club photo by Mary Carew



Nicholas Carew 3rd in Red Fleet Corinthian Yacht Club photo by Mary Carew

J/24 Update

by Stu Juengst



Dog Days Series

Natalie Harden and Team Giggles won the Dog Days Series with 7 points in 9 races (with 2 throw-outs). Team Vang Go was second with 13 points. **David Broadway** (Superman) and **Chris Renner** (69) had a tight battle for 3rd with 24 and 25 points, respectively.

J/24 Nationals

Natalie and team went to the J/24 National Championship at Portland YC in Maine September 5 - 9. They represented AYC and Texas well, finishing in 4th overall! They started the event the right way: with a bullet in race #1. **Natalie** also participated in the Skipper Dunk Tank to raise money for the Kelly Holmes-Moon Boat Grant Program. This program of the J/24 Class Association provides a competitive J/24, good sails, and a mentor to a jury-selected team of promising young sailors for an entire sailing season.



Dunking Natalie Photo courtesy of Stu Juengst

The J/24 Circuit

The second half of the Circuit season starts September 22 at the HOOD Regatta (Houston Yacht Club). The current Circuit standings have **Natalie and Team Giggles** in 1st place, **yours truly and Team Vang Go** in 5th, **David Broadway and Team Superman** in 7th.



Burgee exchange with FWYC Commodore Faye Black Photo courtesy of Stu Juengst

Burgee Exchange

On August 25th, I was at my old Club, the Fort Walton Yacht Club. The FWYC burgee that AYC had was very old and faded, so I did a burgee exchange and got an updated FWYC burgee which now hangs in our clubhouse. FWYC held a full-moon night race that evening, and I was

joined in crewing for the **Commodore Faye Black and her husband Jerry** by a couple of other AYC J/24 sailors **Adolpho Bernal and Kristen Pajares** who just happened to be vacationing in nearby Destin that weekend.

Laser Fleet Update

by Steve Keckler



Congratulations to the Laser Fleet for placing first in the Fleet Challenge (tying the Dragonflite Fleet)! The Lasers had a strong showing in the fundraising competitions and excelled in the racing competition with **Matt Romberg's** second place in the Dragonflite fleet races. In the games competition, the children of Laser Fleet members really pulled their weight with **Grogono and Keckler kiddos** snagging the bulk of the fleet's

tokens. We all enjoyed the great event and party at the Club and look forward to defending the title next year!

While Summer Wednesday night sailing is soon coming to a close, August was a great month for sailing. A total of 25 different competitors participated in the 13 races for the month. The top 5 for August were: (1) **Matt Romberg**, (2) **Dave Grogono**, (3) **Brian Grotheus**, (4) **Claude Welles**, and (5) **Gray Rackley**.



Photo by Marilyn Jackson

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.

Indian Summer Series



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Photos this page by Cheryl Pervier

Catalina 22 Update

by Steve Pervier



Meteorological Autumn started 9/1, but it didn't feel at all different from Summer as we enjoyed the Fleet Challenge and New Member Social on 9/2. Thanks to AYC C22 sailor **Joe Roddy**, and Canyon Lake C22 veteran **Bob Gross** for racing DF95 model boats for our fleet! Also thanks to our fleet donors, and to an anonymous matching donor! The C22 Fleet had decent 10th and 8th places in fundraising and

racing. At the Social we met many great new AYC members, including one with four years experience in our Roadrunner program. He is also our newest and by far the youngest Catalina 22 owner – Congratulations, **Liam!**

The next weekend it was on to Indian Summer Series, named for an unseasonably warm, dry period after a fall chill. As if on cue the weather changed that week but instead it became a tropical deluge! We had nothing like what the Carolinas suffered, though our lake has risen a few feet. On Race Day 1 a flash flood watch ended along with the wind. Then the breeze came back and Race Committee ran starts with optimistic W2 courses, only to watch the wind disappear again. Most A-Fleet boats made their shortened finish at the second W mark. The only other finisher that day (in place, after one lap) was Coyoacan, a Catalina 22 sailed by **James and Sarah Denny!**

Race Day 2 on 9/16 was delayed as many AYC members attended a memorial celebration of life for **Rod Malone**, a past Commodore as some of our most experienced C22 sailors remember. By the time we returned, RC had checked the radar and figured an approaching storm cell would be passing at about the delayed first warning signal, with little wind to follow. It would be very late before we could start, so up went code flags N over A, no racing today. These first two weeks of this series made for difficult choices for our race committees. Thanks to them for doing their best despite the weather.

On Saturday morning, 9/22 the forecast suddenly broke better so I wrote to encourage the fleet with "third time's the charm". The next day we had overcast, little rain, enough wind, and a cool Texas day in the 70s. After two wet weeks, we saw three and a half C22s come to race, counting **Louise's** guest skipper **Robert** as the half. Had we all met below the clubhouse at the same time we could have had three boats with two aboard.



Starting C22s skippered by Bob Stephens and John Grzinich, and SC21 sailed by Bob Musselman
Photo by Cheryl Pervier

Instead, it was **Bob Stephens** singlehanded, **John Grzinich** with a new crew, **Mark, and Steve and Cheryl Pervier**. Both races began with some great close racing, made more challenging by a shifty northerly wind and a variety of possible paths both upwind and downwind. The fleet sailed closely during a first W1, then a bit farther apart in our longer second race, with places trading a few times both upwind and downwind.

Come join us for the last day of this series on 10/7 (even just for practice) and then let's all race Fall Series on 10/14, 21, 11/4, 11. As this edition goes to press, we wish C22 sailor **Louise Miller** and all our lady Sunfish sailors a great regatta. It's time for the Women's North American Sunfish Championship at AYC!

A Fleet Update

by Bruce McDonald



After a summer of atypically decent to very windy race days, the Indian Summer Series came in with pretty wimpy breezes.

The first race day saw winds in the 0-4 knot range. The A fleet was the only fleet to have more than one competitor and then only got off one race which was shortened at the half way mark with **Ray Shull** taking the win.

The second race day, the race was cancelled on shore when light winds and lightning strikes made it a no-go. Almost in sync with the third horn, the skies cleared and the wind picked up. Many of the A-fleet took to the lake for some nice if light wind sailing.

Our third and last race day allowed for some light and shifty wind from the north in pleasant 75 degree weather. Seven J80s showed up. In the first race, the capricious wind pattern shuffled the deck at each mark. In the end, **John Bartlett** took first with **Shull and Leonard** in second and third.

In the second race the wind picked up again with the same tricky wind shifts and patterns. The finish order was the same as in the first race **Bartlett-Shull-Leonard**.

The overall series went, once again, to **Ray Shull**. The J80 fleet continues to grow.

We welcome to the fleet **Chris Hargett** in Kicks and **Scott Spurlin** in Wild Thang. There are rumors of three other sailors actively looking for J80s.

Ensign Fleet Update

by Kelly Hawk



Chaparral de Mar

On October 7, the Ensign Fleet will host the Annual Chaparral de Mar Regatta, postponed from earlier in the year because of inclement weather. The Chaparral highlights and recognizes our Senior Sailors, and the Fleet provides a race-ready and crewed Ensign to each guest skipper. The racers are competing to put their name on a perpetual trophy on display in the Austin Yacht Club trophy case, and the competition is divided into two categories, Junior and Senior: Juniors, ages 70 to 74, race for a bottle of wine and bragging rights; the Seniors, ages 75 and up, race for the perpetual trophy, a bottle of wine, and bragging rights. The Chaparral Regatta is embedded in the final race of the Indian Summer Series, hopefully when the weather is cooler and calm. Awards will be presented at the AYC post-race celebrations, so join us to recognize these lifelong sailors. We wish the best of luck to our 2018 CHAPARRAL DE MAR sailors (OLD SALTS OF THE SEA):

BRAD DAVIS

TOM ROMBERG

FRED FORD

JOHN SAUNDERS

DAVID GAMBLE

BOB WARTERS

LINDA McDAVITT

SUE WARTERS

BILL RECORDS

BRUCE McDONALD

Beloved Commodore Recovery

Doug Laws, we're so happy your recovery from hip surgery is going well. We know it's a relief being back home with your beautiful wife, **Shirley**. We'll miss you on the race course at the Chaparral, but look forward to seeing you at the festivities after the race.

Fleet Challenge



Jean Ford, Hazel Sanches Cahill and Fred Ford watch the fleet challenge. *Photo by Anne Morley*

Radio controlled sailboats have found a home at AYC with sailors from various fleets eager to build and sail them. The Ensign Fleet is not immune to the enthusiasm! **Anne Riggs** and **Fred Ford** joined their fellow sailors in racing the DragonFlite 95 and were the Ensign Fleet representatives in the Fleet Challenge. The racing was fun, the betting productive and the fund-raising quite successful. Toward the end of the racing **Fred Ford** gave his DragonFlite to **Ethan Froelich** to sail and **Anne Riggs** passed her boat over to **Taylor Snyder**. They both did well... okay, we admit the Junior Sailors did sail better than us.

The Ensigns had a very special long-time Ensign sailor watching the DragonFlite Regatta... **Cliff Price** and his wife **Sue** watched the racing from a tent shelter on the point. **Cliff** had the honor of being the oldest skipper in last year's Chaparral de Mar at the age of 93. Sailboats sort of stay in your heart forever.



4 Prices watch the DF95 Regatta *Photo by Bill Records*

Ensign Regionals

According to **George Dahmen**, this year's Ensign Nationals in Seaside Park, NJ hosted only 19 boats, so it felt like a big regionals or a small nationals. The top seven boats were extremely competitive and really hard to beat. The winds were out of the west so there was a land breeze, and it was extremely shifty, very strange for a seaside location. **Styf Kop**, also sailed by **Anne Kitzmiller** and **John Cutler**, lost the spinnaker halyard on the practice race, and **George** had to climb the mast at the last windward mark. It was a great time and not like any previous national experience they've had. Next year is at lake Canandagua upstate New York and **George** encourages our Ensign fleet to participate. It's a lot like Lake Travis and we should do well. Loaner boats may be available to out-of-towners. We'll you posted as the mid-August event approaches.

Sundance Heads South

Sundance, owned by **Elliott Bray**, has returned to her previous home, the Houston Yacht Club. She had a great run in Austin, raced for two summers up on Lake Superior out of the Marquette Yacht Club, was brought back and raced at AYC, and now will race again on Galveston Bay. **Elliott Bray**, her Austin skipper, said, "I'll miss her!!" We'll miss her too, Elliott!

Finn Masters Championship Update

James Bland had moments of brilliance at the North American Finn Masters Championship which included winning a pin end port tack start, sailing over the top 30 plus starboard tack boat fleet. It's no wonder you're such a presence on the Ensign starting line!!

Last but not Least

Bill & Kelly Hawk, sailing with **Jim Chapman** on Prickly Pair, wrapped up the Indian summer Series. It's a little hard to be on the winning side of a tie, but beating **Lewis Price** on Dos Locos and **Tom Groll** on Brews'r helps alleviate the pain.



Chaparral de Mar Regatta October 7

Chaparral is embedded in the EOS of Late Spring Series

Honoring our Senior Racing Skippers

Competitors must be over 70 years old

Must be a current or former member or a family member of a current AYC member

Competitors will be provided a crewed and ready-to-sail Ensign. Just board and go sailing.

Awards and perpetual trophy will be presented at post race dinner.

To enter, contact:

Fred Ford

Chaparral Regatta Chair

ffordf@gmail.com

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Jean Ford, Hazel Sanchez Cahill, and Fred Ford watch the 2018 Fleet Challenge

Centerboard Regatta

October 25 @ 6:00 pm – October 28 @ 5:00pm

C Fleet Update

by André de la Reza and Jim Pearce



I don't know about y'all, but I am excited guys and gals! We have had a couple weekends that have a hint of what is to come. Cool weather and building breezes and a beautiful lack of stink pots on the lake! While we wait for the full onset of the blessed fall winds, the Club and our fleet has been pretty busy.

C fleet had a podium finish in the AYC Fleet Challenge, we battled hard with A fleet in the fund-raising, constantly switching #1 spot for fundraising.

When the day of the Challenge came, **Ed Pierce and Andre de la Reza** (Sailing **Keith Denebeim's** D95, Bellboy) represented C-fleet on a light wind regatta on the DragonFlite 95 RC boats. I will admit, I didn't want to like those little boats – who has time for another sailing addiction? I was wrong, standing shoulder to shoulder with other great racers and cracking jokes and talking smack can be pretty darn fun. Alas, **Ed and I** sailed the best we could, secured C-fleet a podium finish when it was all done, but we missed out on 1st and 2nd due to some cagey Calcutta bids by laser fleet and some great sailing by A and D95 fleet. The after race party and new member social was a hit as always, and if you couldn't make it you should next year!!

Indian Summer Series started with C fleet running the first race (last minute PRO save by **Ed Pierce** backed by exceptional as always C-fleet volunteers) of the series, and then having second race cancelled due weather). Race #3 turned out nicer than any of the forecasts said it would be. What a start, C-fleet's 7 boats and the 3 B-fleeters all converged on a rather crowded and tight line for that many boats. **Dave Weeks** was undeterred by the crowds and raced Not Registered single handed. **Chris Renner** brought out his P26 Sail #224 (same number as **Dane Ohe's** B-fleet boat which must have caused confusion to RC) for it's first race. **Chris Thompson's** Three-hour Crewz



Three Hour Crewz Chris Thompson and prolific photographer Marilyn Jackson

secured a 4th, but wins the awards for having most active photographer on board – **Marilyn Jackson** (see some of her pictures in throughout the rest of the Telltale). **Hector Lujan's** Banshee had fun day of flying the shamrock spinnaker and **Andre de la Reza** helmed that crazy monkey pirate boat to



The dreaded Pirate Monkey Boat *Los Monos* trying to chase down *Slip Kid*
Photo by Marilyn Jackson

a decent 3rd place finish. Which leaves the giants of C-fleet, **Bill Records** and **Keith Denebeim** continue to aggravate each other and battle for the top spots. **Keith** managed to hold on to first after a great start, but it was a near thing as **Bill's** intimate knowledge of the lake had him gain incredible grounds running the east side of the lake on the first downwind leg. With only 2 races to this series, it is going to be a nail biter!! See you on the water!

B Fleet Update

by Andrea Lesh



There is one race remaining in the Indian Summer Series on October 7th, but it looks like **Norman Meyer** will take home first place for B-Fleet in his Pearson Flyer, Namaste. Congrats **Norman!**

A big thank you to all the folks that hosted the August and September Beer Can races, MoonBurns, RC Training, ASA Training, and the new member social! There were rave reviews on all fronts.

B-Fleet, our next race to host is Fall Series #3 on November 4th. I'll be looking for volunteers!

Mark your calendars for these great upcoming events!

- Learn to Sail Clinic on 10/13
- Fall Series, starting 10/14
- The Women's Clinic on 10/20
- The Centerboard Regatta 10/27-10/28

New members, I would love to hear from you on how the B-Fleet can help you get to know more folks, get on the water more, or anything else that you'd like to share. Please contact me at andrealesh@yahoo.com or 612-242-7804.

I'm a little lean on updates given an extended trip to Croatia. If anyone is considering a trip to the Med and wants to learn more, send me a note!

DF95 Fleet Update

by Claudia Bartlett



How did this happen??? Well, **Matt Romberg** purchased 2 DF95's at Christmas, then **Ed Pierce, Keith Denebeim, Tom Lappin and Chris Renner** followed up shortly thereafter. **John Bartlett and John Halter** purchased the next couple of boats then nine months later AYC has experienced the fastest fleet building in history!

John and I attended a DF95 regatta in March held on White Rock in Dallas. **Brad and Susan Davis** provided RC for that regatta and from that moment we were hooked! **Scott Young** jumped in on the fun along with **Craig Holmes, Jeff Brock, Ray Shull, Bruce McDonald, Tom Romberg, Bob Goldsmith, Bob Gross, Pat Hitchins, Brad Davis, Vickie Stones, JK, Paul Carew, Jim Casto, Mark Hulings, John Foster, John Horn, Anne Riggs, Carolyn Wilsford, Robbin and Bo Kersey, Robert Barlow, Fred Ford, Dave Peterson, Tatiana and Leon Lance, Angela and Steve Trafton, Scott Spurlin, Carrie and Jeff Jones, Dave Grogono, Dave McGuire, Tom Meyer and Deke Dekeyser**. I am confident by the time this article goes to print we will have many more!



The DF95 Fleet Photo by Claudia Bartlett

By Memorial Day we were having so much fun we decided to throw together a one-day "Showcase" Regatta in early June. We had no idea what to expect, but we recruited great RC with **Susan Davis, Ed Pierce, Marni Smith, Nan Taylor and Carolyn Wilsford**. We had just under 20 boats total with several from Houston and San Antonio attending. The event was so successful the locals and out of towners were begging for more! Since not much was happening around AYC in August we hosted another one day event on August 4th. Again, we really had no idea of how many boats to expect. **Ed and Colleen Tayler** along with **Terry Schertz, Annie Lancaster and Sylvia Seta** did a remarkable job handling RC. It was hot, but we had plenty of wind, beer, water, snacks and fabulous trophies! Thirty-four boats registered with nearly half



DF95 RC Photo by Claudia Bartlett

coming in from Dallas, San Angelo, San Antonio, Houston, and Georgetown. Competition was stiff and AYC realized we needed to step it up and practice, practice, practice! We finished the day with a trophy presentation, dinner and pitchers of margaritas at Los Pinos. You know its a great event when you RSVP for 20 people and 38 show up!!!!

The DF95 Fleet was highlighted in The Fleet Challenge 2018. It was the perfect boat to get participation and raise money for the AYC Fund. DF95 sailors supported their "big boat" fleets and many owners loaned their boats so all the fleets had 2 sailors. The Calcutta got everyone in the spirit of betting on their favorite skippers and was a huge success for fundraising! **Scott Young** was victorious in 1st place, **Matt Romberg** 2nd, **John Bartlett** 3rd, **JK** 4th and **Tony Slowik** 5th (his first time to sail a DF95)! A super fun filled day!

The Fleet has continued to grow with as many as 17-20 boats on any given Tuesday. **Matt Romberg and Ray Shull** keep the marks and courses in order and **John Bartlett** is also there to help with tuning. There is talk about purchasing lights on the Pavilion as the days grow shorter. So if you think we will be taking a break during the winter months...NO WAY! We will continue Tuesday's (5-5:30ish start) and will probably throw in some Saturday's as well!

DF95 is not only building the fleet at AYC we are also building membership for AYC! Several "big boat" crew members have purchased boats and gone on to join AYC! Win-Win!!!

If you haven't witnessed the fun first hand we would recommend coming out and seeing what the commotion is all about. Several of us have multiple boats and we are more than happy to let you try your hand at a race or two!



See you on the water!

TOP TEN REASONS TO OWN A DF95

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AYC 2018 RACE CALENDAR

Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	DF95 Sailboat Weekly Practice 6:00-8:30p
Oct 7	Chaparral de Mar Regatta 1:00-6:00p
Oct 7	Indian Summer Series EOS 1:30p start RC: Keel A
Oct 13-14	Lake Travis High School Fall Classic
Oct 14	Fall Series #1 1:30p start RC: Multihull
Oct 20-21	Kathryn Hammond Memorial Regatta
Oct 21	Fall Series #2 1:30p start RC: Ensign
Oct 26-28	Centerboard Regatta
Nov 17	Wild Turkey Regatta

AYC 2018 NON-RACING EVENTS

Oct 13	ASA 101 Day 1 9:00a-5:00p
Oct 13	Learn to Sail Clinic
Oct 20	Women's Clinic
Oct 21	Free Sail Sunday 1:00-4:00p
Oct 25	Board of Directors Meeting 7:30-9:00p
Dec 8	Annual Banquet at the Oasis

In Memoriam

by Bill Records, Commodore

Douglas Rodney Malone

Sadly, the Austin Yacht Club has lost another member. Rod Malone passed away on August 31, 2018, just six weeks after losing his beloved wife, Wanda. Most members remember Rod as the owner of Sail and Ski, but a lot of us remember Rod as a great sailor, former Commodore (1983), and a super guy. I bought my boat from Rod and a large portion of the boats in our harbor came from Sail and Ski. (Pearsons, Jboats, Hunters, Lasers, Fireballs) He loved the boat business and had no notion of retiring.

Rod instilled the notion of the Austin Yacht Club regattas being big parties. His motto was "Let's put on a memorable event, wind or no wind, water or no water!"

Lake Travis sailing has lost a Giant and we will miss him greatly. His funeral was held at Sail and Ski Lakeway on September 17.

Ray Lott

With a heavy heart, I am announcing the passing of another member of the Austin Yacht Club family.

Ray Lott passed away on September 16, 2018. Ray was a fine sailor, former Commodore (1982), and a true gentleman. Ray was an early member of the PHRF Station on Lake Travis before AYC recognized handicap keel boat racing. He exemplified the Corinthian Spirit and was the best of the best. When someone would join the Club, Ray would call them up and welcome them personally. He was a veteran of World War 2 and participated in the Berlin Airlift. All of us who knew Ray will miss him very much.

Ray's funeral service was held September 22 at Harrell Funeral Home.

Jack Downes

AYC family member Jack Downes passed away this summer in Prescott, Arizona. Duane Dobson remembers Jack as an organizer of the first AYC keel handicap race in 1968. Jack and Max White were responsible for the flag pole that Paul Keller erected.



What's his secret? Photo by Anne Morley

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