

December 2018



# Lucy Brock Dominates Women's Sunfish Championship



Lucy Brock Women's Sunfish North American CHAMPION! Photo by Bill Records

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Women's Sunfish North American Championship participants

*Photo by Bill Records*

## From The Commodore

by Bill Records



2018 was a remarkable year at the Austin Yacht Club. We had a lot of competitive series races and our regattas were all successful, with the exception of canceling the Centerboard Regatta.

We hosted the Sunfish Women's North American Championship; with our own **Lucy Brock** winning in dominant fashion.

Our summer camps and PB&J had record enrollment. The junior program grew by leaps and bounds and we finally have a large and vibrant high school program. A lot of the credit goes to **Coleman Terrell** and the hard working parents.

Our members, adult and junior, competed in regattas all over the world and brought back trophies. The team of **Scott Young, John Morran, and Doug Kern** took second place in the Resolute Cup, a highly competitive regatta, hosted by the New York Yacht Club.

On the financial side, we paid off a sizable loan and are now debt free!

On a negative note, we witnessed the worst flooding on Lake Travis in 27 years and survived! The staff, the board, and the membership stepped up and met the challenge in an extraordinary manner. I have never been as proud to be a member of AYC!

The toughest part of being commodore is striking eight bells for our deceased members. This year we lost **Vic Manning, Rod Malone, and Ray Loff**, all of whom gave the Club so much.

It has been an honor serving as your commodore and I could not have asked for a better board. We all worked as a team and supported each other faithfully. And the support we had from **Jackie, Tom, and Coleman** was exceptional. The Club could not have functioned at this level without their hard work.

Lastly, I want to thank the members of the Club for their support and encouragement.

## Race Commander Report

by Jim Casto



Race participation data is shown below. We continue to have healthy turnouts in the early part of the year.

Fleet Participation data for 2018 has been reviewed with PRC and with the fleet captains, and in keeping with AYC Race Committee Policy, I recommended, and the Board approved, that the J80 fleet become an "Officially Recognized" One Design fleet at AYC for 2019. Congratulations – this

is the first new fleet in quite a long time at AYC.

2019 One Design Fleets are: Ensign, J22, J24, C22, SC21, J80.

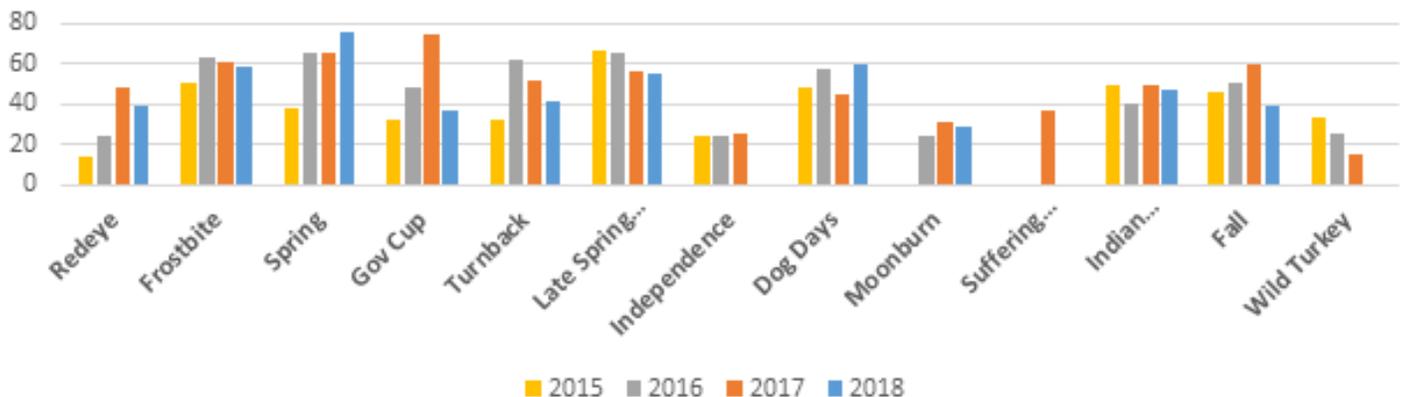
Keel Handicap Fleet and Multihull Handicap Fleet will also have starts in Series races.

2019 race calendar planning is underway and Frostbite dates have been approved and are posted. The rest of the AYC racing calendar will be approved at the January Board meeting. Although dates through the end of March are fairly well set, until the final dates for Turnback and Governor's Cup are set, it is difficult to make much progress on the remainder of Spring dates.

Race Committee Training sessions for 2019 are already in place during the first two weekends of January, as shown on the AYC Calendar.

Goals for 2019 include better quality RC on series race days. PRC will work toward this goal by offering more training, and will offer more PRC presence to Race Committees, as needed.

### Total Boats per Event



## Building & Grounds Update

by Diane Covert



October has been a hell of a month for the AYC buildings and grounds!

But it also was a great bonding month as we had I am guessing 100 members volunteer for moving and cleaning efforts. As our Club's buildings and grounds were flooded to 704.39', the volunteerism of the members came shining through. So many members, spouses and children came to help on one to two days' notice. I am so proud of the way we pulled together to make this task happen, because the Club couldn't have pulled back together so quickly without this effort. We evacuated the boats and items on the first floor of the clubhouse, and then on the following day, evacuated all the contents



of the office and clubhouse to higher ground. Then, the following weekends were spent moving items back into the Club, cleaning, pressure washing, reorganizing, assemble furniture and cleaning again. In two weeks, the buildings are back up and running again.

Power was turned off to the Club as a safety measure. Our main septic tank and control box, phone system, air conditioning units, electrical plugs and



boxes have been underwater. Our bathhouse was completely underwater and has been cleaned for bacteria and checked for proper operation. Our plumbing and electrical Club members have stepped up to replace items needing replacement. **Tom Cunningham** has been working very hard checking equipment, moving items, shuffling members to view their boats, pressure washing, and getting things back up to speed.

An insurance claim has been filed that covers only our buildings, not the pool, movable contents or grounds. An adjuster has visited the site and now I am gathering documents and invoices for items in the buildings that were underwater.

The asphalt parking lot and dry storage was a muddy mess and needed to dry for at least 10-14 days before moving boats back to the dry storage area. It was cleaned of mud, logs and debris, striped and stenciled. A roll-off dumpster has been placed on site to help with removing the debris and members can use this for cleaning out their boats. Think of this as an opportunity to do some "fall cleaning."

The Club has undergone a major flood but with everyone's help and teamwork, we are making it better than before for another great year!



## Harbor Report

by Dane Ohe



It has been an up and down year at the lake, or should I say down and then up, way, way up! After moving docks out to the point earlier in the year and pouring a lot of new concrete steps down to the docks due to a rapidly falling lake level, October brought a surprise in the form of one of the most rapid rises seen on the lake and a flood of 704' above sea level. This triggered the evacuation of the Dry Sail area. The call went out for volunteers at

noon. The work began at 2pm and by 5pm the Dry Sail area was essentially evacuated. I would like to express my gratitude to those who came out and help and my awe at how fast it all went. I think we may have even set a record at getting the boats out of the parking area.

Even though it happened quickly, it wasn't all smooth. There were many trailers that were non-functional and were very difficult to move, in fact a few boats and trailers had to be left behind and measures taken to insure those boats stayed in their place. Please remember that all trailers must be marked with the owner's name and also the letters AYC, and they must be functional. Also, if there is a lock on your trailer, we will make every effort to contact you and have you come move your boat, but if it comes down to it, we will be forced to remove the lock and move the trailer. There were also several empty trailers parked in the work area and the dry out area, where boats needed to go during the evacuation. Please remember that empty trailers should not be stored in those areas. There were also numerous items that were strewn around behind the dry slips on the ground. Please make sure these areas stay neat. The grass behind the slips are not for boat storage.

The good news is that evacuating the dry sail area has allowed us to go in and re-strip and re-number the parking spaces, and we also go to clean a lot of junk out of the Dry Sail Area. The full lake has also allowed us to moved Docks 4 and 5 back into the cove, to be followed by Dock 6 as soon as we can. We should have a full lake for the winter. Please be sure to check your dock lines and fenders, as winter typically brings a lot of wind.

There are a few projects we are going to try to complete before the end of the year, including an inspection and general repairs on Dock 4 and possibly repairs on the Junior Pavilion. The Harbor is in great shape going into next year and we should have a full lake for most of the year.

2018 has been an interesting and enjoyable year as the Harbor Commander. I would like to thank the staff for their hard work this year, the board of directors for their continued support and the members for working with me when challenges arose. I have learned a lot this year and am looking forward to 2019.

Check out the flood photos on the next few pages!

## 2018 Flood



Friday afternoon Photo by Bruce McDonald



Food prep Photo by Bill Records



Ice machine move Photo by Bill Records

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# 2018 Flood



Club sign Photo by Bill Records



Water taxi service Photo by Bill Records



Level 698 volunteers Photo by Cheryl Pervier



Level 702 Save wind indicator Photo by Cheryl Pervier



Clubhouse entry Photo by Margo Bower

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## 2018 Flood



Lower parking lot Photo by Marilyn Jackson



Road to boat ramps Photo by Marilyn Jackson



Swimming Pool Photo by Marilyn Jackson

## From the AYC General Manager by Jackie Wheelless



It's always an emotional time for me when I have to say "see you around" to some of the board officers who will not be serving next year. This year I have the heartbreaking task of seeing our Immediate Past Commodore **Wade Bingaman** and our Sail Training Commander **Carolyn Wilsford** turn in their keys and run to their car and burn rubber getting out of hearing distance of me yelling for them to COME BACK!!!

**Mr. Wade** – we've spent so much face time with each other in good times and horrific times. You've always been a source of education, patience, understanding, COMPASSION and laughter. You created a nickname for me and we fist bump on a regular basis. We've laughed and cried together, worked on harbor together (laughed and cried!), planned regattas and discussed and resolved yacht club business together. This past year you and the committee and I have entertained new members and roasted a few probationary members together. I know you absolutely think you're leaving the board. I can feel your excitement. You can run but you can't hide. . . . . I know what you drive so I can spot you in the parking lots. I know where your boat is docked, so I can wait for you. I have your phone number in my speed dial and I can assure you that I know how to text you. It's been my true honor to serve side by side with you and to take care of all those things you didn't want to (chuckle, chuckle).

**Ms. Carolyn** – my husband always said that I reminded him of the Energizer Bunny, well you're definitely that bunny on steroids. You took on Sail Training with a gusto. You didn't wait around for anyone to do things, you knew what you wanted done and POOF you did it. You took over **Coleman's** laptop as though it was your own and proceeded to spit out emails and flyers. You kept me on my toes trying to figure out who speakers were, who was picking up lunch, if we were serving lunch, if we were charging for lunch and if we were charging, HOW MUCH were we charging. You and **Annie Lancaster** and your team of volunteers kept the office running smoothly while I was out taking care of my family. You've been a constant source of positive energy, hugs and constant love and encouragement.

2018 has been quite a year. We had weather extremes and yet there were constant races, parties and volunteer activities going on. There hasn't been a lull yet.

A quick reminder of some of the things we dealt with this year:

- We experienced a few un-invited guests so we beefed up our security measures by having the Sheriff patrol our grounds and by having members re-program their gate clickers. Things have calmed down for now.

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- **John Grznich** has been busy, busy this year. . . .he's helping us move to a more electronic reservation system for the work space and the hoist. We hope to continue getting the cabin reservations online as well. He's also created Online probationary Review forms so that the new members can log their probationary points electronically.
- Our accountant, **Lynn Weir**, and I have worked diligently this year on getting both the AYC Accounting Manual and Employee Manual updated. We've been working on getting the Fixed Assets register updated as well; however, this task seems to be cursed. It seems that just as we get a bit of momentum going something happens – like the lake coming up 30 feet and AYC being evacuated! We won't give up though. This task WILL be completed by early 2019.
- A few members who left the Club (whether by resigning or being IPSO'd) "forgot" to take their personal property with them. The Harbor Commander, B&G Commander and staff are working to rectify these "gifts".
- The Sea Scouts took on the grueling task of painting names on trailers in dry storage. Remember – all boat trailers of AYC members should have the letters "AYC" and the member's last name affixed to both sides of the trailer tongue. All boat cradles, dollies or other storage equipment stored on Club property shall have similar identification affixed in a prominent location.
- An audit of the dry out area found many boats had been there for months (there's a maximum of 30 days allowed). It was also discovered that empty trailers were parked there.
- A walk through the trailer parking area found trailers that do not belong to members assigned to AYC wet slips or board boat slips. The trailers that are not authorized in this area will be removed from the trailer storage area and dealt with one at a time.
- A few members who joined the Club due to having purchased a boat from another AYC member had to be notified that our wet slips are non-transferable. The new members were required to remove their boats from their current wet slip, submit a Storage Request form and then were assigned to a different slip.
- OH YES! We experienced a Flood! An evacuation. A flood recovery. All within a week's time!!!!!!!!!!!! THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS AND BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF!!!!!! We survived the flood of 2018!

Thank you to **Tom Cunningham and Diane Covert** for doing a superb job of guiding us in preserving our assets and getting them out of harm's way. There's NEVER a dull moment around here!

Thank you to **Tom** for moving docks and equipment back and forth and for ferrying members to and from their boats.

Thank you to **Coleman Terrell** for driving the Uhaul back and forth and for helping **Tom** with tasks outside of your Sailing Director job description.

Both for when I was out of the office unexpectedly.

I look forward to working with the 2019 Board of Directors, Committee Chairpersons and Fleet Captains in achieving their goals and dreams.

## Sailing Director Report by Coleman Terrell



I think it's safe to say that we have the number one Junior Sailing Program in Texas!

This year has truly been a breakout year for the junior sailors of Austin Yacht Club. Recently, at the end of the year regatta at Rush Creek, AYC took home the following overall awards:

**Lucy Brock & Julius Heitkoetter** – 1st Place in C420 for 2018

**Taylor Snyder & Hannah Progelhof** – 3rd Place in C420 for 2018

**James Brock** – 2nd Place in Opti RWB (all fleets) and 1st Place in Opti Blue for 2018

**Kynes Cabrera** – 12th Place in Opti RWB and 5th Place in Opti Blue for 2018

**Keen Cabrera** – 16th Place in Opti RWB and 1st Place in Opti White for 2018

**Nicholas Carew** – 14th Place in Opti RWB and 8th Place in Opti Red for 2018

**Lucy Brock** – 2018 TSA Friendship Award

These results are just from the sailors who attended at least seven TSA regattas this year. I also want to recognize **Zachary Romberg, Katie, Fiona, Wendi, & Ethan Froelich, Richie Amato, Eli Ortiz, Andrew Butler, Nathan Gantala, Max Ross, Abby Amato and Ramzi Matous**. These sailors all participated in either TSA regattas or Wurstfest this year and represented AYC very well!

We also had many of these sailors race outside of Texas or in adult regattas. The **Froelich girls** sailed all over in their RS Feva, while **Ethan** spent a lot of time in Europe, sailing at Kiel Week as well as other venues, and the northeastern US. **Jeff Brock** took his merry band of C420 sailors all around the northeastern US this summer, coaching a large gulf coast team. Immediately following this trip, **Lucy Brock, Taylor Snyder, and Julius Heitkoetter** represented AYC at the Sears Cup for the second year in a row! This was after they kicked off the summer by winning the Flying Scot Junior North Americans. We also have sailors travelling again this winter, down to Orange Bowl in Miami. I'm not sure who all is going, but I'd expect to see the usual cast of AYC Roadrunners. Good luck!

This fall, as the sailing season was winding down, AYC hosted the Women's Sunfish North Americans. AYC's own **Lucy Brock**, who had been sailing an old beat up sunfish this summer in the Wednesday night races, bought her own racing sail, borrowed spars and a good hull, and proceeded to successfully dominate this regatta from start to finish! By winning this event, she has also qualified for next year's Worlds. The Top Youth trophy was awarded to the second highest youth finisher, **Fiona Froelich**.



*Fiona Froelich earned the Top Youth trophy in Women's Sunfish Championship Photo by Bill Records*

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Now that we've covered our kids' outstanding results from this past year, I'd like to take the time to talk about what goes on at AYC in terms of junior sailing. We have a lot of good things going for us in Austin, one of which is our great location. There are quite a few clubs that would love to have a program like ours, and their only impediment is that they are not located in an area that is conducive to holding afterschool practices. Fortunately, this is not a problem for us.

As I'm sure many of you have noticed, we have a giant group of high school sailors that meet here twice a week. We're actually adding a 3rd practice



High School Fall Classic Photo by Constanze Heitkoetter

day next season to accommodate for this large turnout. This fall, we had 50 sailors sign up for high school sailing, and on average about 30-40 showed up each practice. This means that all the FJs were in use and there were still extra kids in the coach boats! Sailing is taking hold as a fun sport for high school kids and we are seeing the interest build. The high school program is very racing oriented and is designed to teach newer sailors quickly how to sail through racing.

Most of these high school sailors also participated in the AYC Fall Classic regatta. I was out of town for this event but the reports I got back from the sailors made it seem like they had a lot of fun. It was apparently very windy and there were a lot of capsizes, which made for a very interesting first regatta for about half of the sailors here. Lake Travis High School qualified for the Great Oaks Regatta in New Orleans by winning A Fleet! Thank you to **Jeff Brock** for organizing this event and for **Ray Shull** and his team of volunteers for running race committee/rescue operations.

We don't just have high school sailing however. We also had full Opti 1 & 2 classes this season, with quite a few PB&J & Summer Camp recruits. These classes meet on Saturdays and are focused on learning basic sailing skills and comfort in the boat in medium



AYC little sailors Photo by Bill Records

winds (Opti 1) and beginner racing tactics, rules and boatspeed instruction in all winds (Opti 2). Opti 2 practices with our Opti 3 (travelling racers) kids when they are in town and Opti 1 has its own class time. This fall, I've used some of our summer camp counselors and UT sailors to help cover classes when Opti 1 and Opti 3 meet on the same day. Thank you to **Emily, Karina, Taylor and Maggie** for coming out to coach!

We also have a beginner/intermediate class for FJ and Laser sailors on Saturday afternoons. This course is more focused on sailing skills and destination sailing rather than racing and is perfect for those sailors that are too old for optis, but are not interested in racing.

This year, we've had over 200 sailors pass through our programs, from PB&J, to Summer Camp, to Junior Sailing, with skill sets ranging from brand new sailors to national champions. I am extremely proud of all of my kids and their accomplishments, as well as the positive attitudes they bring to practice each day. Additionally, I could not do what I do without the support of great junior sailing parents. Thank you for bringing your kids to practice each day, encouraging them to better themselves, and supporting them on the road at regattas!

In addition to the junior program, we also ran a very successful adult program this year. All of our clinics filled up and ASA had their most highly attended courses ever!

We also started an adult Sunfish class this fall on Sunday mornings. We had a great turnout for the class, however, the wind and weather were not very pleasant. We are looking to include more adult dinghy classes this spring, so be on the lookout!

The UT Sailing Team has been sailing very well this season and is working hard to raise money for new boats in a few years as well as a trip back to nationals this May. Please consider donating to support these hardworking sailors! Contact team president **Emily Verdoia** at [emily\\_verdoia@utexas.edu](mailto:emily_verdoia@utexas.edu).

It was another great year at AYC, both in terms of participation and results. I am truly thankful that I have been able to be a part of this program for the last few years.

### Sunfish Worlds

This fall, I was able to attend the 2018 Sunfish Worlds. I had qualified in the past, but hadn't been able to go. I was fortunate enough that this year's was in Wrightsville Beach, NC. I have family in Wilmington and I have spent a lot of time in that area.

The regatta was looking great, with medium to heavy winds forecasted for the whole week. I picked up my charter boat on Sunday and sailed in the practice race, adjusting to the task of sailing a sunfish in the ocean. By Monday morning, the waves had nearly doubled in size from the previous day, and the wind had picked up as well. By the time the first gun sounded, the wind was pushing 20kts and the waves were 6-10 feet high. Now, I had never been motion sick in my life before this week. I felt a little queasy on Sunday so I took Dramamine before sailing Monday. It did NOT help unfortunately. I was getting very sick upwind and I decided during the second race that I needed to make the decision to sail in to the dock, or risk

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becoming too dehydrated and weak to make it back. Our sail out and back in was about 3 miles each way.

When I got back to the dock, I realized that I had made a good decision. EMS was already there, treating sailors who were so dehydrated from motion sickness they could barely stand. While it killed me to come in early, I knew that I had made the right call. Tuesday came, and the waves were even larger. This coupled with the tide going out in the morning, made for very dangerous conditions when trying to sail out through the jetty. In fact, a 70 foot motor yacht almost capsized trying to come into the channel that morning.

They postponed racing until 2 PM, with the first gun at 3 PM. With the waves as high as they were and still windy, I decided not to sail on Tuesday. The jetty was too rough and I didn't want to risk my safety or my charter boat trying to navigate that channel. Many people made the decision on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning to pack up their boats and go home.

Wednesday and Thursday were washed out because tropical storm Michael was blowing through so we didn't race those days. Friday, the last day of racing, was just about perfect. It was windy, but out of the north this time so the ocean was almost flat. Calm 2-3 ft waves rolled through and we were able to start one race. However, the wind died on the last beat and only 26 boats were able to finish during the time limit.

Overall, I did not have a good event sailing-wise. I was disappointed in that I was not able to sail the whole time, although I think that was the best decision to make. I had a whole lot of fun while I was on the water sailing downwind. Sailing downwind, my head would clear and I would no longer feel sick. I never thought that I would get to experience sailing a sunfish down a 10 ft wave in 20kts and it was so much fun! Unfortunately we also had to go upwind during the races and that led to my motion sickness.

All things considered, it was a really good experience. I want to thank the AYC Fund and the Austin Yacht Club for helping support me. This past weekend at Wurstfest, I did qualify for the 2019 Worlds as well. Hopefully I will get to go again next year!



## Social Committee Report

by Margo Bower



I had a wonderful year heading up the Social Committee! A lot of fun times were had by all who came out to work alongside me getting all of the hungry sailors fed.

Our Opening Day was spectacular. The Luau was also well attended despite the brutal heat wave we suffered through. The ice cream/new member social was also a big success and I know the kids had a lot of fun participating in all the activities and filling up on the many choices of ice cream and toppings. Our Fall Series was a bit too warm so we kept the meals light, serving appetizers for some of the races. The Late Fall Series was abruptly halted due to the destructive flooding. Cleanup is still being done on the grounds as of this report.

We had a nice little party at my house to get the invitations out for the annual banquet.



Invitations party at Margo's house Photos by Marilyn Jackson

Our annual meeting was held at Vintage Villas because our parking lots are being resurfaced.

We were able to serve quite a few meals bringing us in under budget this year but what a year it was!! Suffering the loss of beloved members, brutal heat, and destructive flooding we managed to get through!

I know we are all looking forward to the annual banquet on December 8th. Thank you to all the people who came out to help make this year a success. I wish you all many blessings in the year ahead! Happy New Year!

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## Welcome New Members!

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**Jesse Smith (Senior Probationary)** is a paramedic who has sailed at the Club for a number of years and now would like to officially join. He has extensive centerboard experience and J/24 circuit experience.



**Benjamin Barnett (Young Adult Probationary)** is from Philadelphia and is a surf instructor. Benjamin has sailed throughout the Caribbean and had a 5 month sail from there to Norway. He is eager to learn to race.



**Anne Riggs (Associate Probationary)** loves to sail and has crewed often in AYC's Ensign fleet.



**Larry Hartley (Senior Probationary)** is an IT security engineer. He has sailed off and on since he was young and now would like to become a more active sailor along with his six year old daughter.



**Matthew (& Kiera) Anders (Associate Probationary)** is from the UK. His experience is mainly with Lasers but he intends to take ASA courses so he can skipper his own yacht.



**Hazel Sanchez (Associate Probationary)** loves to sail and has been crewing at AYC for several years. She has extensive sailing/racing experience.

## Women's Sunfish North American Championship

by Pat Manning and Annie Lancaster



### Lucy Brock Wins the 2018 Women's Sunfish North American Championship

Austin Yacht Club's youth sailor, **Lucy Brock** (age 15), is the next female sailor to have her name added to the Linda Tillman North American Championship

trophy. **Lucy** was fast and consistent with 4 bullets, one second and had to throw out a 3rd as she outsailed her other 35 competitors from all over the U.S. during the 2-day regatta hosted by AYC on Sept 29-30. She read the light air shifts smartly and avoided the holes that some sailors seemed to find. Twelve of the 36 sailors were from AYC and other competitors came from as far away as Florida, Mississippi, North Carolina and Connecticut. Winning this United States North American Championship also earns **Lucy** a slot at the 2019 Sunfish World Championship to be held on the Island of Bonaire. Way to go, **Lucy!!!**

The Top Youth trophy was awarded to the second highest youth finisher, **Fiona Froelich** from AYC, since **Lucy** had already received the highest award of First Place.

**Sun Hi Casey** made the most beautiful stained glass trophies that you have ever seen and **Bartlett Sails** donated six Sunfish board bags which were awarded to the lucky recipients whose name were drawn.

And no regatta is complete without a huge, huge thank you to everyone who made it happen: the committee chairs **Annie Lancaster & Pat Manning**, **Chris Bataille** who coordinated housing with members who live close to AYC for some of our out-of-town guests, and **Carolyn Wilsford** who organized and kept tabs on the twenty some boats which were volunteered by their Sunfish owners for use in the event; **PRO Ray Shull** and his dynamic race committee team; the hard-working and talented volunteer chefs in the kitchen led by **Constanze Heitkoetter** who prepared meals fit for the most discriminating appetites; the "tuxedo'd" boat boys who helped with getting boats on and off the board boat spaces each day and served the ladies a glass of champagne when putting away the boats on the last day; and of course our outstanding **AYC Staff** who attended to our every request.

It has been said that this regatta will go down in the AYC annals as one of the best ever. Thank you again to everyone who helped to make this happen.



Women's Sunfish North American Champion Lucy Brock Photo by Jeff Brock



Top Youth Trophy winner Fiona Froelich Following photos by Bill Records

# Women's Sunfish Championship



Lynn Randall



Chris Bataille



Pat Manning



Sarah Faust



Annie Lancaster



Claudia Bartlett

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# Women's Sunfish Championship



Commodore with Dick Tillman



Tillman family



Susan Tillman Berg



Lauri Tillman Ward



Libby Tillman Fitzgerald



Sunfish chefs

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# Women's Sunfish Championship



*Vicki Stones*



*Vickie Palmer*



*Taylor Snyder ahead*



*Louise Miller*

## Chaparral de Mar Regatta and Ensign News by Fred Ford



Weather surprised the sailors in this year's Chaparral de Mar Regatta. Chaparral was rescheduled from late spring due to cold gusty winds and rain finally had its day on Sunday, October 7. It was a beautiful sunny afternoon with a forecasted wind of 10 knots out of the NW. Thirteen boats had signed up in spring, but rescheduling whittled the number down to 8 competitors. We had our first all women crew headed by guest skipper **Linda McDavitt** with host

skipper **Kelly Hawk** and daughter **Erin Hawk** sailing PRICKLY PAIR. **Anne and Dave Morley**, hosted Anne's parents, **Bob and Sue Warters** aboard ABACO, **Annie Lancaster** hosted **Tom Romberg** on EAGLE, **George and Frans Dahmen** hosted our Commodore **Bill Records** on STYF KOP, **Fred Ford** sailed SEPTEMBER, **Dave Gamble** sailed ONE WITH THE WIND, **Tom Groll** hosted **Brad Davis** on BREWS'R, **Lewis Price** hosted **Bruce McDonald** on DOS LOCOS and **James Bland** sailed SPIRIT. The Regatta, embedded in the final Indian Summer Series Race, got under way with a freshening and gusty NW wind in the mid-teens... a little more than forecast. Winds continued to build and the last leg was sailed in a fast-moving squall line with heavy rain and 30 knot winds, gusting to 40. Several boats withdrew due to damage and the deteriorating weather, one withdrew due to injuries and one boat was disqualified due to a crewmember washing overboard when the hiking strap parted. The photo boat rescued the overboard crewmember. What started as a pleasant sunshine afternoon became a challenge. All boats returned home safely with stories to tell. The weather surprised us but years of sailing experience brought everyone home safely.

**Brad Davis** was awarded first among the "Old Salts" (over 75) and **Bill Records** was first among the "Juniors" (ages 70-74).

Every year we honor the oldest Chaparral Sailor with the title of Chaparral de Mar (Legendary Old Salt). This year **Tom Romberg** (86) was our Chaparral de Mar. Congratulations to all the Chaparral sailors.

### More Ensign Fleet News

For the Indian Summer Series, **Bill Hawk** on Prickly Pair and **Lewis Price** on Dos Locos traded 1st and 2nd place enough times to end up tied for 1st. **Tom Groll** finished 2nd to round out our Indian Summer finishers.



Tied for 1st place Indian Summer Series Bill and Kelly Hawk, Lewis Price

The Fleet was truly busy this Fall season. **Annie Lancaster** co-chaired The Women's Sunfish North American Championship with **Pat Manning**. Ensign sailors **Annie Lancaster** and **Sarah Faust** competed in the Championship which brought 36 sailors to the line. **Annie** placed 8th and **Sarah** finished right behind her in 9th place. Great sailing and great fun.

**Anne Riggs** and **Fred Ford** represented the Ensign Fleet in the AYC FUND FLEET CHALLENGE. They sailed their DF 95s, made money and had fun.

The Fall Series was cancelled due to the flood. A big thank you to the



James Bland, 2019 Fleet Captain and Anne Morley 2019 Secy/Treasurer

following Ensign sailors who answered **Jackie Wheelless'** call for help. It became apparent that the water would rise a lot higher and a lot quicker than forecasted. **Kelly Hawk, Bill Hawk, Danny Lien, Tom Groll, James Bland and Fred Ford** joined the long list AYC volunteers who worked through the afternoon and evening to move clubhouse, office contents and boats and trailers threatened by the rapidly rising waters.

The Ensign Fleet had their Annual Pot Luck Supper and Business Meeting on November 18 at the AYC clubhouse. We sat around the fireplace and had dinner and conducted business. Our officers for 2019 are Fleet Captain **James Bland, Anne Morley** Fleet Secretary/Treasurer. An AYC burgee was presented to **Anne Morley** for her dedicated service as 2018 Fleet Captain. **Lewis Price** remained as Regional Commander and a new position of Social Chair was filled by **Fred Ford**.

The Fleet will sponsor Chaparral de Mar Regatta and Sail 4 Kids again for 2019.

Discussions were held on possibly hosting the Regional Championship and adding more LD racing.

On behalf of the Ensign Fleet we wish you all the best of the Holiday Season.

*"Believe me, my young friend, there is nothing – absolutely nothing – half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats."*

*Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame*

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# Chaparral de Mar

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*L-R: Tom Romberg, Legendary Old Salt; Bill Records, 1st place among juniors (age 70-74); Linda McDavitt; Brad Davis, 1st among Old Salts (age 75 and older); Fred Ford; Bruce McDonald*



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## Catalina 22 Update

by Steve Pervier



Indian Summer Series concluded on 10/7, following two storm-canceled days and just one good race date. Again the weather looked wet, but two C22s went out to race. The rain arrived in big drops for about two minutes on the last downwind leg. Then, on the final beat, the wind quickly went to about 30 mph. Some nearby boats struck headsails and went in. **Cheryl and I** luffed our reefed main far out

and started the jib sheet to about a close reach, while holding a low close hauled course. This was slower but kept enough drive for good control and continued upwind progress. Congratulations to **Louise, Walter, and Robert** for also sticking with it! Despite the sudden blow, both C22s finished the race.



Wave breaking at our bow on October 7 Photos by Cheryl Pervier

Tempting fate perhaps, there was no free weekend before we began Fall Series just a week later on 10/14. But we had a beautiful race day with four C22s, in order of finishes: **Cheryl and Steve, John with Mark, Louise and Walter, and Bob**. These two races ended up being the whole series! (We could again have had a five-boat series average, but **James** was still recovering – we're relieved that he's better now.) So, why no more Fall races?

A big rain hit the Llano the next day, and Lake Travis rose from 666.49 on 10/15 to 690, 699, and 703 in the next three days! The C22 Fleet was largely moved to high ground on 10/16. A month later, C22s owned by **James, Gary, Donald, and Steve** were the first ones returned to Dry Sail.



Newest C22 fleet member, Donald Garcia, with alumnus Johannes Brinkmann

And on that day, Sunday 11/18, the latest addition to our Catalina 22 Fleet was our first Dry Sail C22 to go sailing, post-flood, on Lake Travis! Aboard C22 #10162 were fleet alumnus **Johannes Brinkmann** and new AYC member **Donald Garcia**. We are delighted to welcome new members **Donald and Jennifer** to AYC and our fleet.

Let's plan on some great Catalina 22 one-design racing in 2019. For a good start, please save two dates on your January calendar:

- Many of us should attend the AYC Race Committee Training on January 12th.
- More experienced racers, please also consider joining me at US Sailing Race Officer Training on January 5th.

We also may be racing and/or serving an early Race Committee duty during the Frostbite Series, currently on the AYC Calendar starting Saturday, January 19th.

Catalina 22 Sailors: You are all invited to a combined Catalina Holiday Party at AYC on Saturday December 15, at 6pm! This is our annual C22 Fleet 69 party, along with All-Catalina Fleet 69, with which our C22 Fleet shares a common origin and quite a few members. See [www.caffleet69.org](http://www.caffleet69.org) for party details, and please plan to attend!

## A Fleet Update

by Bruce McDonald



October saw the shortest Fall series ever for the A Fleet. Only two races were completed with **Ray Shull and John Bartlett** match racing for first place. Both have their boats in top condition and their crews honed. **Ray Shull** in the end prevailed coming from behind in one case passing at the leeward mark by accelerating to pass on the inside, then jibing to starboard to gain two boat lengths. In another maneuver, **Ray** held **John** out beyond the

port weather layline, then tacked back to barely cut in front of oncoming starboard traffic and put two boats between them. Two bullets for **Ray**. Good racing guys!

With the flood waters rising at a foot per hour, our fleet took the lead in mitigating the flood damage. **Ray Shull** organized the moving of the lower level of the Club, then evacuation of the upper level clubhouse and cabins.

**Karen Bogish** helped **Jackie** with the office evacuation. **Claude Welles** worked tirelessly all day moving boats from the dry sail area. **John Bartlett and Kurt Carson** made the rounds checking on the docks and wet sailed boats. As your fleet captain, having spent most of Thursday and Friday at the effort, I am impressed at the energy that our fleet as well as other club members exhibit in times of need. Good work all.

As most of you know by now, the Wild Turkey Regatta has been rescheduled to December 1. The docks and grounds should be completely functional by then thanks to the many volunteer hours and our tireless professional staff.

The J80 Fleet welcomes it's latest new members, **Scott Spurlin** of J-Boats Southwest and **Matt Romberg**. This brings our numbers to 15 boats. The J80 fleet has voted to break from the PHRF and form its own one design. What is to become of the orphans is on the agenda for the keel fleet annual meeting. Stay tuned.

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## What the Heck is the Long Range Planning Committee!

For those of you who are not aware of what the long range planning committee does, the committee was set up a number of years ago to ensure that the mission and long range viability of the Club was not lost during the shuffle of board members in out of the leadership, often with their pet projects which ignored the important infrastructure maintenance and improvements. Every year, we investigate dozens of concerns brought to us by various members.

LRPC members serve three year overlapping terms. Committee members are those who have previously served in board positions and have a long history of Club membership and involvement in various leadership positions. Under the tutelage of the LRPC, we have seen the gentrification of our docks from the old splintered wood docks to the new cement tile docks that now grace our north cove. These will give us many decades of service. We have seen the restoration of our buildings and improvement of our plumbing and electrical systems. There are many other important, but less expansive projects that the LRPC has recommended and have come to fruition. The LRPC has only advisory powers, but in years where there is a responsive board, great things have been accomplished. This year has been one of those.

Going forward, there is always much work to be done to ensure the Club's adherence to the mission and viability. As a forty-year member of the Club, I have seen the Club move into the modern era of marina management, while still maintaining the passion for yacht racing and fellowship and creating great value for our members. Our great spirit of community and volunteerism still prevails as evidenced in our recent response to the flooding of the lake. We have come a long way, but the journey is never over.

To give you an idea of some of the long range planning that has been going on over the last year:

The issue of low water pressure has been addressed with the help of **Diane Covert, Tom Groll, Tom Cunningham and Mike Parker**. As it turns out, there are formulas and math that can be applied to the problem. A fixture count shows that the 1" meter that we have is not sufficient to provide adequate pressure during time of heavy usage. Going to a 1 1/2" or 2" meter will make significant improvement in water pressure. Also needed is a new line going from the area of the cabins to the caretaker house and barn. The estimated cost for a 2" meter is \$20,000, presumably less for a 1 1/2" meter. The projected cost to run a line from the cabins to the barn and caretaker house is \$14,000-15,000. These capital improvements need to be prioritized and scheduled.

Our mast hoists are an area of potential personal injury. A few years ago one of our mast hoists rotted through and fell to the ground, fortunately when no one was around when it happened. We can't let this type of thing reoccur. The mast hoist poles generally have a lifespan of 40 years. The lines for the poles were replaced ten years ago and are nearing time for replacement. The pulleys on the north pole also need replacement. The south pole arm is wobbly and needs replacement of the axle. Line replacement for the two lifts runs around \$700. Rental of a high lift runs \$150/day. Budget item for maintenance and inspection of the poles should be about \$1000/5 years. **Fred Schroth** who uses these hoists more than anyone generally has done the work and gives us the line and fittings at cost.

Our buildings were last painted in 2011. The paint, supposedly, has a lifespan of 9 years and will possibly need to be redone in 2020, although the paint has generally held up better than forecast. Shelters 1, 2 and 3 were not painted at that time. Inspection of the shelters reveals that the paint is definitely in need of refreshment. Since the shelters are located near the gate and are some of the first things that visitors see, the LRPC recommends that this should be a priority for the coming year.

There has been progress in the long range planning for trees and general landscape. **Diane** has met with a professional arborist and he has suggested species of trees that

tend to do better in the limestone that we have at the Club and are oak-wilt resistant. Trees are a great asset to the Club in some areas such as around the clubhouse, but a liability in others (i.e. near ramps, work area, dry sail, trailer parking). The next step is to develop a master plan based on what we would like the landscaping to look like in 10-20 years. Once this is done and approved by the board, scheduling, prioritizing and budgeting can be carried out. There is still much work to be done.

Our roads at the Club were not built to the standards of our public highways and hence are very susceptible to damage from flooding. Potential damage from the current flooding of our point and dry-sail areas has accelerated the schedule to repair the roads. It is expected that we will resurface the main roads that were subjected to flooding and restripe the dry sail area prior to allowing traffic in these areas.

Our current north cove docks have a thirty-year lifespan, so it will be quite a while before we will need to think about replacing them.

FJs were last replaced in 2012. There is a college nationals coming up in 2020 for which AYC and UT will be asked to provide 9 FJs each which will replace the current fleet. We will need to start getting bids. The rest of the replacement items are scheduled and will appear on the updated spreadsheet.

The south cove is currently a multi use facility that serves junior, centerboard and multihull sailors and now the DF95 fleet. The Club will need to come up with a plan to optimize the use of this area and perhaps some clarification of rules concerning the overnight and weekend mooring of boats on the junior dock. For 2019, the LRPC recommends that an expenditure of \$12,000 be made to replace the 18" high dock finger that currently is the first part of the rigging dock with one that is 8" high and will provide better access and less potential to damage board boats and multihulls. The training facility is already scheduled and budgeted for encapsulated foam replacement. The stair from the beach to the road has been built. There are a number of relatively small and inexpensive fixes that could add value and utility to the south cove that need to be considered.

One of the issues that have tended to frustrate the LRPC's efforts has been the lack of accessibility to documentation of exactly what, when and how previous improvements have been done. I would guess that more than half of our effort this year has been in chasing down this information. In many instances, many hours were spent investigating a member's concern, only to find out that the problem had been addressed and taken care of. With a central repository this would have taken minutes instead of hours. A case in point is the plumbing situation in April of 2014. A great deal of work was done to survey and plat the improvements, yet all of this material was lost and we still have not found it. To our committee members it meant a considerable amount of research and we are still not sure of the complete accuracy of this information. If there is anything that could be done as a new year's resolution for the Club is to make this registry with both digital and paper copies.

Climate change will continue to impact our Club and it is expected that there will be longer, more severe droughts interrupted by devastating floods. The Long Range Planning Committee has recommended that a disaster plan be initiated for the Club to make for more efficient evacuation and better communications during flash floods. Our recent response was gratifying, but it could have been helped by better communications (i.e. VHF radios), better identification and training of leaders and assignment of volunteers.

This year has been very productive with some major improvements including, but not limited to the grill replacement, pool railing repair, new docks, clarification of liability insurance issues, the mentoring program, improvement of the trailer parking area, engagement of an arborist to address the oak-wilt problem and the fabulous new entry sign.

I would like to thank my fellow committee members, **Ravi Submaranian and Fred Ford**, and our board for a great year.

## C Fleet Update

by André de la Reza



The weather was starting to cool, the winds started to get sporty, and I don't think I will be alone in just getting excited when the rains came and flooded them away. With the lake level rising by the hour I saw the rest of the Fall series (with a single race: **Keith Denebeim took 1st, Ed Pierce 2nd, and Bill Records had 3rd**) and any other sail outing disappear below the rising waters.

What I saw next was amazing. This was the first time since I joined AYC to experience a flooding event. The way everyone communicated, came together to not only take care of their own property but that of their neighbors and other AYC members they might not even know. That day I saw the embodiment of why we all love this Club. One day we will be cutthroat racing, trying to position ourselves to tactically take out a fellow racer, but off the course everyone will bend over backward to help each other. I tell ya, that will warm the cockles of your heart faster than a shot of Caribbean rum!

The days and weeks after the dry dock was emptied, and our piers were safe though out of reach, the Club was still a source of camaraderie. There were DF95 sailing under the clubhouse, work parties and drones being flown over the Club (legally from outside the club grounds of course).

The Board meeting at County Line was a fun change of pace, and I have heard many reports that the Annual Meeting was a rowdy good time (I had to miss due to a small work trip out west to California to help out with their fires – which in a way was torturous to be that close to great big waters and not get to sail like some of the AYC members that were tripping out to Catalina Island).

Well the lake is full, and I know many C-fleeters have been out enjoying the reopening so I will close out with a few pictures and an apology for all the other antics that I am sure I have missed recounting.



Keith Denebeim couldn't wait to get Slip Kid out. Photo by Marilyn Jackson



The path doesn't quite reach shore! Taken during a work day by Chris Thompson



Rowan de la Reza being melodramatic of the lake levels. Photo by Evelyn de la Reza



**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.

## J/24 Update by Stu Juengst



### Indian Summer Series

With the Circuit boats missing almost all of this shortened series, it came down to a battle between **Miranda Grummons** as skipper of Stray Dog, **Stephen Burke**, and **Lyndon Looger**. **Miranda** was victorious with 4 points on 3 races.

### Fall Series

Due to the flood and more Circuit conflicts, the Fall series only saw two J/24s: Stray Dog (again under command of **Miranda Grummons**), and **Chris Renner's** bow 69. Unfortunately, **Chris** didn't finish either race, so **Miranda** took home the 1st place trophy again.

### Texas Circuit

The final 3 stops of the Texas Circuit have been completed, with racing at Houston YC, Lakewood YC, and Lake Canyon YC.

Houston: The HOOD Regatta – Winds were very light on Galveston Bay. 15 J/24s. We managed to get in 3 short races on Saturday and 1 drifter on Sunday. The final results showed **Natalie Harden** on Giggles in 2nd place, **Stu Juengst** (Vang Go) in 5th, and **John Parker's** Chupa Cabra 10th. Chupa Cabra had their moments though, a 3rd in race 2 and a 4th in race 4.

Lakewood: J/Fest Southwest – A couple of weeks can make a big difference on Galveston Bay, as we came back to strong breeze and big surf. At one point, I got spun around while surfing a wave downwind and my human boom preventer got launched off the boat in an accidental gybe. He managed to hang onto the toe-rail though, and we got him back aboard without turning around. 17 J/24s came out to race, and after 6 races we had **Natalie** and Team Giggles in 2nd again, **Dave Broadway's** Superman in 5th, myself and Team Vang Go in 6th. **John Parker's** relatively green crew on Chupa Cabra struggled with the conditions and finished in last place.

LCYC: WurstFest – LCYC requested that we combine our traditional stand-alone circuit stop there with the keelboat portion of WurstFest. They were

finding it hard to find enough volunteers to run regattas three weekends in a row! Conditions were light this time. 15 J/24s registered. We had enough wind to get 4 races in on Saturday, but Sunday was dead calm and we weren't able to race. Giggles took first place this time with 8 points, Vang Go won a tie-breaker to place 7th, Chupa Cabra was 12th.

Final Standings: With a series of 2nd place finishes, **Natalie Harden and Giggles** lost their grip on bow #01, finishing 2nd overall for the 2018 Texas Circuit. **Team Vang Go and I** repeated our 5th place overall result from last year. **David Broadway and Team Superman** ended up 7th due to DNCs at the HOOD and Wurstfest. **John Parker and Team Chupa Cabra** finished in 15th place (but they only sailed the last half of the season).

## Laser Fleet Update by Steve Keckler



We had a great Laser season with about 40 different sailors competing across 96 races throughout the summer. Participation was up noticeably year over year and we look to continue our recruiting efforts for next season. The top 5 finishers for the season were: (1) **David Grogono**, (2) **Fred Schroth**, (3) **Gray Rackley**, (4) **Steve Keckler**, and (5) **Claude Welles**. We had a new set of awards this year for the monthly winners,

which went to **Ethan Froelich (May)**, **Fred Schroth (June)**, **Claude Welles (July)**, **Mat Romberg (August)**, and **David Grogono (September)**.

The whole fleet gives a big thank you shout-out to **Dave Maguire** who served as fleet scorer this season. In addition to season trophies, we resurrected and refurbished the Laser Fleet perpetual trophy. It is now updated with all fleet championship winners dating back to 1994. You can see it and some intrepid members of the fleet in the photo below from the end-of-season awards dinner. The perpetual trophy can be found on the wall inside the clubhouse.

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



## Roadrunner Fleet Update

by Mary Carew



2018 brought many achievements for the AYC Roadrunners. The 2018 TSA Circuit just finished with the final regatta at Rush Creek Yacht Club where **James Brock** took 5th overall and 3rd in Blue Fleet, **Keen Cabrera** took 2nd in White Fleet and **Lucy Brock and Julius Heitkoetter** took 3rd in C420.

Once all the results were tallied at the end of the year (the best 7 races were counted), AYC sailors took 1st in Opti White (**Keen Cabrera**), 1st in Opti

Blue (**James Brock**), 1st in Opti Red (**Tony Slowik**) and 1st in C420 (**Lucy Brock and Julius Heitkoetter**). Essentially AYC dominated in 4 of the 6 fleets in TSA! And it didn't stop there: **Lucy Brock** was awarded the TSA Friendship Award. In the end, three Texas sailors competed in all 13 TSA regattas and 2 of them were from AYC: **Kynes and Keen Cabrera**. True Road Warriors! None of this would be possible without support from Roadrunner parents, on and off the water. Much gratitude especially goes to **Jeff Brock, Robert Cabrera, Paul Carew, Stefan Froelich** and all the parents who coordinated boat transportation, coaching and moral support throughout the year.

**Tony Slowik** also competed in the 2018 Bermuda Nationals where



USNT – 2018 Bermuda Nationals. Tony (with hat) finished 6th. 4th USA sailor.  
Photo by Gael Slowik

he finished in 6th place and was 4th USA sailor. Plus **Lucas Tenreiro** represented team USA in the IODA Asian Championship in Myanmar.

Closer to home, several Roadrunners competed in the High School Regatta with **Julius Heitkoetter and William Cranney-Fee** finishing in 1st place in the A Fleet while **Fiona Froelich and Vivian Heitkoetter** finished in 2nd place in the B fleet. You can read all about **Vivian's** fist regatta in her article.

There is more to look forward to as we approach the end of the year.

**Tony Slowik, Lucas Tenreiro and Nicholas Carew** compete in the USODA Midwinters 2018 in New Orleans starting on Thanksgiving Day and several AYC sailors travel to Miami for Orange Bowl in December. And most exciting, there is a chance to meet Santa at the annual Roadrunner Holiday Party on

December 9th (4pm – 6pm). We would love to see all our Junior sailors, as well as the children and grandchildren of members and their families.

### Lake Travis High School Fall Classics

by Vivian Heitkoetter

On Oct. 13 and 14, AYC hosted a high school regatta with a total of 36 competitors in two divisions. The top boats of A fleet would qualify for the 2018 Allstate Sugar Bowl Great Oaks Invitational in New Orleans.



Fiona Froelich and Vivian Heitkoetter  
Photo by Constanze Heitkoetter

The weather on the first day was cool, cloudy, and VERY windy, but this did not stop me and my skipper, **Fiona Froelich**, from sailing. The weather had startled everybody, for nobody had expected such heavy wind. This was my very first regatta, and there were a couple of races that I will never forget. In the first race, we were heading upwind, and our boat started swamping. After we had recovered, we realized that we had forgotten to tie our bailor to the boat and it was far from our reach. That race was soon abandoned which left us

some time to bail out the water with our hands. By the third race, the wind had reached about 18 knots and my skipper's hiking straps had come loose. We were doing fairly well when a huge puff came. Being the only one on the boat with hiking straps, I was ready to hike out, but sadly I missed the hiking straps and fell out of the boat. My skipper was able to pull me back into the boat, and we got a 4th in that race. In the beginning of the 4th race, before the race had started, my skipper was testing out the wind when this huge puff came that tipped us over. After a bit of a struggle to get the boat back up, **Mr. Stefan Froelich** helped us righting the boat, and we were ready to start the race.



High School Fall Classic Photo by Constanze Heitkoetter

On the second day, the weather was perfect – well, only for the lighter people. The wind was much lighter than the day before and the sun was shining. The first two races we got 2nd. With the last two races, however, my skipper decided to be a bit more creative. We had a good start on the third

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race and were again in second. Within a few minutes, **Fiona** decided to leave the fleet and began tacking again and again. We ended up port tacking the whole fleet and winning not only that race, but the race after that.

At the end of the second day, the overall results were posted. The results were: A Fleet: Lake Travis 2 in 1st place (congrats to **Julius Heitkoetter and William Cranney-Fee**), Clear Lake HS in 2nd, and Lake Travis 2 (**Lucy Brock and Kate Hennig**) in 3rd. B Fleet: Clear Lake HS in 1st place and Sterling Classical School 2 (**Fiona Froelich and Vivian Heitkoetter**) in 2nd. Great job everyone! Also, I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped with the regatta by being part of the RC with **PRO Ray Shull**, organizing the regatta with **Coleman Terrell and Jeff Brock**, and getting the sandwiches. I can't wait 'til the next regatta!



*Lucy Brock and Julius Heitkoetter, 1st overall in C420, 2018*



*Taylor Snyder and Hannah Progelhof (Rush Creek Yacht Club) 3rd overall in C420, 2018*



*James Brock, 1st in Opti Blue, 2018*

## Indian Summer EOS Banquet



*Danny Lien and Keith Denebeim in the food line Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



*EOS Banquet crowd and social committee Photos by Marilyn Jackson*



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## Fall Series #1 and Only

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*Fall Series photos – Top 4 by Marilyn Jackson, Bottom 4 by Cheryl Pervier*



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Wednesday - Sunday 9:00A - 5:00P  
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New Year's Day	January 1
Easter Sunday	April 5
Independence Day	July 4
Thanksgiving Day	November 26
Shopping Day	November 27
Christmas Day	December 25

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## AYC 2018 RACE CALENDAR

December 1	Wild Turkey Regatta
January 1	Red Eye Regatta
Jan 19	Frostbite Series #1 1:30 start (Check AYC calendar for RC duty)
Jan 26	Frostbite Series #2 1:30 start
Feb 2	Frostbite Series #3 1:30 start
Feb 9	Frostbite Series #4 1:30 start
Feb 16	Frostbite Series EOS 1:30 start

## AYC 2018 NON-RACING EVENTS

Dec 2, 9, 16	Free Sail Sunday 1-4p
Dec 8	Annual Banquet at the Oasis 6-11p
Dec 9	Roadrunner Holiday Party 4-6p
Dec 14	J24-J22-Multihull Holiday Party 6-11p
Dec 15	All Catalina Fleet & C22 Fleet Holiday Party 5:30-11p
Dec 31	New Years Eve Party 6p
Jan 1-5	Sea Scouts Winter Camp
Jan 5	US Sailing Race Officer Training 9a-5p
Jan 12	Race Committee Seminar 9a-4p
Jan 12	Sea Scout Ship 681 Quartermaster Bridge of Honor Ceremony 4:30-9p

**New Years Eve  
at AYC**

Featuring  
**The Shoal Brothers**

**FREE!**

**BEER \* BYOB \* SNACKS \* MUSIC \* DANCE**

**WHEN**  
New Year's Eve  
December 31, 2018  
8pm-???

**WHERE**  
Austin Yacht Club  
Clubhouse

*Bring your favorite Libations, Snacks and Friends!  
Beer and Light Snacks provided!*

# Indian Summer Awards



Photos by Anne Morley



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AYC  
2018  
Annual Banquet  
December 8  
At the Oasis

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