



## Opening Day Celebrates AYC Past, Present and Future



2019 AYC Board of Directors Photo by Deborah Mathison

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Erickson 27 skipper Chris Thompson and crew  
battle Frostbite 2 conditions  
*Photo by Anne Morley*

## From The Commodore

by Annie Lancaster



My life as Commodore has been busy. The first board meeting was packed with Facility Usage Requests and motions for activities to start filling-up the AYC calendar. The racing calendar is set up with series races and regattas. The AYC website, [www.austinyachtclub.net](http://www.austinyachtclub.net), is the best place to keep informed.

I had the opportunity to attend the National Sailing Programs Symposium with **Bill Records** in Jacksonville, Florida at the beginning of February. We were presenters for the PB&J program that teaches 4-8 year olds the love of sailing. Many thanks to **Ed Pierce** and **Anthony Yen** for their help in creating a great PowerPoint presentation. Although it was cold, wet and dreary, I got to sail a RS Neo at the Florida Yacht Club Demo Day.



Florida Yacht Club Demo Day fun! Photo by Bill Records

Unfortunately, **Coleman's** student teaching schedule has taken him from his Sailing Director duties. As a result, his position changed to part-time coach for high school and college teams. When he graduates from Southwest Texas University in April, he will be heading off to his elementary school teaching career. **Coleman**, thanks for taking these teams to the next level. We wish you well.

The Frostbite Series lived up to its name with 2 weekends cancelled because of cold weather. And who would imagine fog coming in during the afternoon.

The February board meeting was also filled with reports, motions and FURs. Lakeside Marine will be upgrading old docks and installing a fifth wheel on the sail training docks as well as moving dock 6 back to its original position. The clubhouse will soon have new chairs and table tops. More and more sailing opportunities are being added to the calendar. Again, I will plug the AYC website where you can find the minutes, reports, motions and facility usage requests for the board meetings. Almost forgot to announce the Audit Committee as **Annie Lancaster, Diane Covert and Dane Ohe**.

The AYC Opening Day Brunch and Ceremony was a great success thanks to **Pat Manning and the Social Committee, Bob Gross** and the Bloody Mary bar, **Sea Scouts** and the flag raising ceremony, **Andre De la Reza** and his bag pipes, **Cliff Price's** blessing and **Tom Romberg's** words about the history of the Club. And personally it was wonderful to have the **Commodore mother** in attendance.

Happy sailing!

## From The Vice Commodore

by Dane Ohe



Planning for The Governor's Cup Regatta is well underway, with **Ed Pierce** at the helm as Regatta Chair. Scheduled for April 6th and 7th, it will be a big regatta with Sunfish, J-22s and J-80s holding their Circuit Regattas in conjunction with our regatta. There will be three different courses, Long Distance down the lake for PHRF Keelboats and Multihulls, around the buoys for One Design fleets and another round the buoys for Sunfish and other centerboard

fleets. There will be great food, music and dancing on Saturday night and lunch Sunday will be available for purchase from the Sea Scouts. The Lake is full, so come out and be part of the fun. Volunteers are always needed so if you would like to help, please get in touch with **Ed**.

The Turnback Canyon Regatta will be held on May 11th and 12th in conjunction with LagoFest. You can find out

more about LagoFest at their website (<http://www.lagofest.com>) or on their Facebook page. The lake will still be full, and as we won't be racing on the holiday weekend, the race should not have to deal with the normal heavy traffic on the lake. As this is Mother's Day weekend, bring Mom along! If not on the boat, then bring her to Lago Fest on Saturday and then to the party after we get back on Sunday at the Club. The RoadRunner Fleet will have lunch for sale and we will celebrate another Turnback Regatta in the books. I will be acting as the Regatta Chair so please contact me with any questions.

The Centerboard Regatta is scheduled for October 26th and 27th, with **James Bland** serving as Regatta Chair. Make sure to save the date for some centerboard fun.

None of these events can be a success without volunteers to help with both Regatta and Race Committee functions. Please consider pitching in, there are plenty of different things that need to be done! Meals are usually included as well as some Regatta SWAG.

In other news, we are upgrading our computing infrastructure for billing and accounting and will be looking at other IT needs for the office.

Opening Day was cold and wet, but it was great to see everyone out!



Regatta Chair Ed Pierce Photo by Marilyn Jackson

## From the Immediate Past Commodore

by Bill Records



### PB&J MEETS US SAILING AT NSPS

Three years ago at the National Sailing Programs Symposium, held in Austin, AYC's junior program was recognized as one of the fastest growing in America!

At the time, I spoke with **Stu Gilfillen**, US Sailing's Director of Education, about our program and specifically the PB&J classes. He was amazed that we started kids at age four, and we may be the only Club that starts them that young. Last summer, I was contacted about presenting PB&J at the 2019 Symposium in Jacksonville, Florida, and immediately wrote and submitted a proposal. Two months later I was informed that they had accepted our proposal and we would present at the symposium. We were asked to prepare an hour and a half PowerPoint presentation, the last half hour being Q&A. We were told to bring two co-presenters, so **Commodore Annie Lancaster** and I went to work on the presentation. Neither of us had done a PowerPoint slide show, so we sought help from the membership. We



*Cheers to a successful presentation at NSPS Photo submitted by Bill Records*

first met with **Doug Kern** who had coached PB&J for 15 years. He was a big help in tailoring the show to fit the theme of the symposium (Growth Track). We decided that the presentation would be driven by photos, so I went to work editing and storyboarding. **Tony Yen** stepped up, taught us how to use PowerPoint, and spent hours guiding us through the process. **Ed Pierce** gave generously of his time and helped us edit the first draft. Next, a dry run was shown to some of the board members. Afterward, **Anne Morley** gave us much appreciated logistical advice. I want to thank all of these members for being so generous with their time, making this presentation first rate.

We arrived in Jacksonville on Wednesday afternoon, checked in, and gave our presentation (thumb drive) to the AV pros. After a semi-sleepless night, with the help of lots of coffee (au lait) we were first up the next morning. The presentation and Q&A took up all of the allotted time and was very well received. Since then, I have received lots of calls and emails and I think a lot of Clubs will follow our lead and create PB&J programs.

In preparing this presentation, we researched the history of PB&J at AYC. It all started in 1993 when **Claudia Bartlett**, Sail Training Commander, set out

to organize the junior program. The youngest group consisted of kids from 4 - 8 years old and was called the "PB&J Sailing Series". **Claudia**, along with **Tom & Karen Presswood** and **Kirk & Janis Livingston**, introduced little sailors to Optis on Saturdays. The emphasis was on having fun and learning at one's own pace. A few years later, **Doug Kern** (Olympic Medalist) took it over and with **John Morran**, added a unique steering drill and fun games on the water. I started coaching PB&J eight years ago and added the junior coaches (PB&J alums) to the mix. In the early years, most of the kids were children of members. Now, about half the parents start out as non-members, resulting in a good source of new AYC members.

When it comes down to it, the key to success of a solid junior sailing program is its effect on Club growth. AYC's PB&J program leads the way, with continuous increases in membership at our Club and increased interest throughout the US.

## Race Commander Report

by Jim Casto



Snakebite Series – well it's named Frostbite, but it surely seemed like we were snake bit. Jan 19th & Feb 9th were cancelled due to weather, before anyone went out. Feb 2nd was wisely abandoned after the start, due to incredible fog. Jan 26th was a difficult light air day handled well by the Ensign fleet, and Feb 16th only saw two fleets finish a shortened race handled by J22 fleet. For the Series, we had excellent PRC Rep support from **Kurt Carson** and **Steve Pervier**, with scoring from **Ed Pierce** and

**Larry Ratliff**. Multihulls did race once, but their only start was abandoned. Here are the winners:

J80	2 races, 10 boats ea wk, 13 overall: John Bartlett 1st, Scott Spurlin/ Jeff Jones 2nd, John Burke 3rd, Ray Shull 4th
A Fleet	2 races, 7 boats total: John Maddalozzo 1st, Norm Meyer 2nd, Dane Ohe 3rd
B Fleet	1 race, 8 boats: Brian Carlson 1st, Ed Pierce 2nd, John Durfor 3rd
J24	1 race, 4 boats: Stu Juengst 1st
J22	1 race, 1 boat: Jim Bridgewater
C22	1 race, 1 boat: Louise Miller

Spring Series is scheduled for 5 consecutive Sundays, although we already cancelled the Opening Day race for cold weather. We will continue to use the 2018 course card; the order of starts is different from series to series. March 23rd-24th is a J24 circuit, so that Sunday will be somewhat hectic with the changeover of RC boats.

Governor's Cup planning is well underway, this year the regatta will include several fleet "Circuit" stops. With 3 race areas planned, we will have 3 separate starting areas, kind of like Wurstfest, I guess. We will need more RC support than usual, so we will be looking for RC volunteers for this "flagship regatta". Please contact me or the Regatta chair **Ed Pierce**.

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Motorboat driver training will now be offered by PRC. A dedicated team, including **Jorge Marín-de-Nicolás, Ed Pierce, Chris Schuffter, Kurt Carson and Harry Polly**, has developed a very practical and focused curriculum, adopted from various authorities (**Vic Manning, USCG, US Power Squadron, Boy Scouts, Sea Scouts, etc.**). We will be testing it out in March on various PRC members and Fleet Captains. After that, we will be pushing hard to get as many members through the training as possible. My goal is to transition from "we have no list" to "almost everyone is on the list" by the end of 2019.

On the RC boats we have posted a convenient checklist for shutdown / closedown procedure. Please review next time you are on a chase boat, we think this will help with more consistent return of equipment. Also, we've noticed a trend that Chase #3 rarely gets used, since people tend to take out "Chase1" first, then "Chase2". It seems "Chase3" is only used when three boats are needed – please use Chase 3 first, to keep it in rotation.

For the cold races during Frostbite, we had a few days when the "Go-No-Go" chart would have advised us to race, but the guideline in the RC Policy (which uses just the air temperature) advised us from going out. We are discussing whether for next year's Frostbite, we may waive the temperature limit in the "RC policy", setting the expectation in the NOR for competitors, that 2020 Frostbite will be a cold series. Additionally, we are considering adjusting the scoring to see how we can reward boats that come out and race, in situations when the race is abandoned. Currently the series scoring points are the same for abandoned races, even if you sailed half the course distance before the race was abandoned, or if you stayed home.

## Building & Grounds Update

by Diane Covert



### Upcoming projects

Hull Supply Co. has supplied commercial grade doors and frames in Austin for 30 years, and has been hired to replace all the doors and frames on the ground level below the clubhouse. This past flood, and previous floods, have left the doors and frames warped, rusted and in bad shape. Hull has been hired to replace the doors and frames with

hollow metal doors and frames. This will include new hardware, hinges, door closures, locks, knobs, pulls etc. The project will include the RC closet with a new combination lock, the pool storage room, icemaker room, phone closet, the bathhouse, and the sail training room.

Asphalt extensions and patching should begin in March. We have hired Texas Asphalt Co. to extend the parking area by the play scape so that the road to the launching ramp is easier to maneuver. Patching of potholes will also be part of this project.

The beer cooler in the clubhouse has had issues and a new one has been ordered. For now the cooler from downstairs has been moved into the clubhouse for use.

The sprinkler system relay, motor controller and electrical controller were damaged by the flood. Tom has called the company to replace these items and have the entire system checked out for proper usage.

Finally, new chairs for the clubhouse have been ordered. They will match the bar stools purchased at the end of last year. A decision on what to do with the old chairs has not been made at this time.

I am planning to host a volunteer work day on Saturday March 23. The Club is in good shape in general but we may do some painting of the new doors under the clubhouse and other areas. If you like to paint, come on down.

## Sail Training Report

by Keith Denebeim



### New Sail Training Times

Sail Training will be transitioning into a new era. As the Commodore mentioned, Sailing Director **Coleman Terrell's** status has changed as he moves into his new career as a schoolteacher. We are confident we have all aspects covered for coaching both weekdays and weekends as we go through this transition. This leads to our number one priority of finding the right

person to join the AYC at a very high level. It might develop into a new type of administrator/coach/director position. There are many ideas on how to shape this new role with input from present and past board members as well as the AYC Fund. We will shape this opportunity once we have found the right person. I encourage the membership to continue with the support for the search of our new sailing coach.

Summer Camp is filling up and we will be ready to announce our camp directors in the next few weeks. In the meantime, we are in the process of putting all the final steps for a great staff for another great 7 weeks of summer camp fun!



Brad Davis leads Racing Rules Seminar Photo by Bill Records

Sail Training offered another well attended seminar in February, Racing Rules by **Brad Davis**. We had more than 30 attendees. We will continue with our monthly series in March with our Race Start Seminar and Clinic on March 16th. This will be put on with assistance but the J/ 24 class. Look for info and registration on the website for details.

We also have many additional training opportunities that we encourage all to pass on to their crew, friends and guests, including:

- ASA Sail Classes lead by **Harry Polly** and our ASA Trainers, and

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- PreSeries Racing School for 2019 led by **John Parker and Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás and the J/24 Fleet**

Both of these experiences are designed to move AYC sailors to the next level when they competing are on the water.

We look forward to seeing you at the Club and on the race course.



Steve Gay drilling students during Level 1 class Photo by Bill Records



Keith Denebeim answers a question during the Rules Clinic Photo by Bill Records

One more thing ...

**The Magic is coming!**  
**Saturday, June 1st 7:00pm**  
**at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum**  
**Tickets go on sale April 1st \$20 per person**

# NEW YORK YACHT CLUB AMERICAN MAGIC



CHALLENGER 36TH AMERICA'S CUP

Skipper **Terry Hutchinson** and TV Sailing Commentator, **Tucker Thompson** will be presenting American Magic – Challenger to the 36th America's Cup in a spectacular multimedia production titled, "Bringing the America's Cup to Texas, and Texas to the America's Cup".

American Magic was formed in 2017 to win the America's Cup, the highest prize in sailing and the oldest trophy in international sports.

"American Magic is coming to Austin, one of 29 cities on the tour and the only city in Texas," said **Keith Denebeim**, Sail Training Commander of the Austin Yacht Club, "We are excited to help promote the sport of sailing as American Magic pursues the oldest and highest prize in sailing."

"We are excited to bring American Magic to Texas and Texas to the America's Cup and to help our sport grow and become more accessible," said **Terry Hutchinson**, executive director and skipper of American Magic, "We are very excited to join the Austin Yacht Club, which provides sailing instruction and promotes racing, locally, regionally and internationally."

Prior to the America's Cup in 2021, American Magic will participate in the America's Cup World Series, a circuit of regattas leading up to the Prada Cup, the Challenger Finals, and then the America's Cup match in Auckland.

Award-winning TV commentator, producer and public speaker **Tucker Thompson** will emcee the evening and attendees will enjoy footage of American Magic's cutting-edge boat. The audience will learn about the engineering, technology, skills and vision of the America's Cup team.

Tickets will be available April 1st for online purchase. For more information contact Keith Denebeim at [sail\\_training@austinyachtclub.net](mailto:sail_training@austinyachtclub.net).

This will be one spectacular event that you don't want to miss!

The Austin Yacht Club is dedicated to promoting the sport of sailing with sailing instruction, racing, free clinic and social events. Thank you for everyone's support and assistance as we move into a new AYC Sail Training era.



Terry Hutchinson, executive director and skipper of American Magic



Tucker Thompson, official host of the 35th America's Cup

## From the AYC General Manager by Jackie Wheelless



The code for the AYC Gate Openers (aka clickers) changed on March 6th and just as I thought it would be, it was a very smooth transition. Thank you members!

The 2019 Fleet Captains and AYC Committees listings are complete and have uploaded to the website. Here's how to access the lists:

– To find the Committees list you must be logged in on the AYC website, under the MEMBER MENU, click on COMMITTEES.

– To find the list of Fleet Captains, click on the RACING Tab, click on FLEETS AT AYC, scroll to just above CONTACT A FLEET CAPTAIN EMAIL FORM, click on LIST OF 2019 FLEET CAPTAINS.

Volunteers are still needed for upcoming events – particularly Governor's Cup and Turnback Canyon Regattas!! Whether you've been a member for 30+ years or you've just joined, please jump in with both feet and go outside of your comfort zone! You'll be surprised at what a rewarding feeling it is to own a piece of the AYC action! You can email me ([gm@austinyachtclub.net](mailto:gm@austinyachtclub.net)) if you want to assist and don't know how to get involved, rest assured I'll get you in touch with someone who needs and wants you on their team!!

The 2019 Member Directory is in the office. If you haven't picked up your copy, please do so during normal office hours. First come first served! A HUGE thank you to Secretary **Karen Bogisch** and Telltale Editor **Susie McDonald**.

The membership dues and slip fees have all been updated to reflect the increase that was approved at the January board meeting.

I'd like to thank new member **Morgan Ward** for spending approximately 5 hours with me in the office updating the slip fees and membership dues. This is a very tedious task and she was such a joy to work with. Also, **Carolyn Howard** who is ALWAYS willing to help out in the office with whatever project is available!

As you've noticed, there are notices going out memberwide reminding everyone that if you're keeping a boat at AYC it should be in "usable" condition. Please check your boat and be sure that you're in compliance with the rules.

The AYC dumpster is once again being hit with large household trash (mattresses, box springs, etc.). PLEASE remember that the dumpsters are for disposal of AYC trash and should not be used for personal, household garbage. We really don't want to start locking the dumpsters.

Thank you to everyone who has stepped up to help with the coaching of the Junior Program participants. It does indeed take a village!

It was heartwarming to see everyone who attended the Opening Day brunch and ceremony, it was cold outside but very warm inside.

Spring is upon us and I look forward to seeing everyone come out of hibernation and go sailing again!!

## Social Committee Report by Pat Manning



This year's Social Committee members are **Chris Bataille, Krissy Amato, Margo Bower, Marilyn & Jeff Jackson, Becky Pearce, Rona Thornton and Elizabeth Quintanilla**.

We have been busy preparing hearty meals for the Frostbite Series which were very well received on the cold days when races were run or at least attempted. We prepared 65 to 70 servings and everything was always consumed.

We had a very successful Opening Day Brunch on March 3rd. The food was again catered by Central Market and Randalls provided our beautifully decorated cake. Our color theme for decorating the clubhouse was royal blue, orange and lime green. We found beautiful flowers and greenery from



*Opening Day tradition - A beautifully decorated cake! Photo by Deborah Mathison*

Southern Florists at wholesale prices. The fresh flowers were all arranged by our Social Committee members into round glass vases for the tables and two large cobalt blue vases for the buffet and beverage tables. The plates, napkins, plasticware and cups were all orange and lime green on top of the royal blue tablecloths. **Bob Gross** provided our Bloody Mary bar with his special flavor infused vodka and everything you could possibly imagine to "spice" your drink up. There was also a Mimosa table which was also very well received. **Deborah Mathison** served as our official photographer. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this a very special day.

Commodore **Annie Lancaster**, planned and executed a lovely Opening Day Ceremony which was attended by more members and guests than I think I have ever seen at any of the 12 or more Opening Days that I have attended. A great time was had by all, despite the freezing cold weather.

I look forward to serving as your Social Committee Chairperson for the rest of the year. Thank you for the opportunity.

**Saturday April 6th-Sunday April 7th, 2019**  
*The Austin Yacht Club cordially invites you to participate in the annual*



# GOVERNOR'S CUP REGATTA

AUSTIN YACHT CLUB

*Including J/22 (District 5) and Sunfish (Texas) circuits.  
Keelboats, Multi-hulls, and Centerboards are welcome.*

#### OFF-THE-WATER ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

Late Registration and musical entertainment on  
**Friday** evening, 6-8 p.m.

Late Registration, breakfast tacos on  
**Saturday** morning, 7-9 a.m.

Texas BBQ and a great band on  
**Saturday** evening, 6 p.m.

Awards Meal and Social after the races on  
**Sunday**, around 3 p.m.

**Early Registration**

[www.austinyachtclub.net/2019gcregistration](http://www.austinyachtclub.net/2019gcregistration)



#### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Austin Yacht Club at 512-266-1336, or Ed Pierce, Regatta Chair [edpierce206@gmail.com](mailto:edpierce206@gmail.com)

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## 2019 Opening Day Ceremony

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*Tom Romberg delivers Opening Day address Photo by Anne Morley*

Good Morning to all of you who have joined with us to celebrate and commemorate the 2019 opening day of a new year at the Austin Yacht Club.

It is an exciting time for us! We have a full lake to sail upon. We have a strong junior sailing program. We have a second generation commodore to quite capably lead us. We have a growing 17 member J80 fleet racing. We have a growing over 40 member DF95 radio controlled boat fleet that is racing nearly every week of the year. Our grounds, docks, facilities, and finances are in great shape. Our membership is strong. Our deeds reflect our commitment to be here for 100 years.

Some might say that we are very lucky.

It is my honor to share a few words this morning with you about our early history. Each of you were asked to review your data in the Club directory recently so that it could be accurate and ready for printing in time for this opening day, which has now been accomplished. In making my review, I also looked at the section on the history of the Club. It was about that history that I suggested some changes to fill in some details, make it more accurate, and share with all the membership how lucky indeed we were to have acquired the Club property.

Perhaps you all know that a common definition of luck (the attribution for which I do not remember) is that luck is what occurs when preparation meets opportunity. Our property purchase is a manifestation of that definition.

In researching the changes I would suggest, I came to appreciate again the preparation which led to the ability to capture the opportunity to buy our property.

In the spring and summer of 1967, some 52 years ago now, a small group of sailors searched far and wide, long and hard, on Lake Travis and even Decker Lake (now named Walter E. Long Lake) for a permanent home for the then Austin Sailing Club. **Cliff Price and Hap Arnold** reminded me recently how they and others looked and visited on both sides of Lake Travis at least as far up the lake as Leander.

By the month of September in 1967, several of our group of searchers had looked at many harbors as potential sites for our permanent home.

Then, on the weekend after Labor Day we came upon this site while looking for our boats in the marina here, but they were gone. The marina operator had lost his lease and moved out. Along with the surprise of not finding the boats here, there was the beautiful site of this magnificent harbor.

That was the opportunity that our long and diligent preparation led to, which sent us promptly upon the path of securing an earnest money contract from **Walter Carrington**, the property owner at the time, who had already platted it for development.

From that success came the formation of the Austin Yacht Club Trust, which provided the necessary funds to close upon the contract and proceed on to build docks and this Club.

Yes, it was great luck for us to be able to do that.

Please also remember that this Club was built for fun! Have fun! Sail fairly! Sail with good sportsmanship!

Thank you.



*Cliff Price delivers the Opening Day blessing, Commodore Annie Lancaster on the left. Photo by Anne Morley*

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# 2019 Opening Day Ceremony

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Photos by Anne Morley

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# 2019 Opening Day Brunch



Photos by Deborah Mathison



Saturday May 11th – Sunday May 12th 2018

The Austin Yacht Club cordially invites you to participate in the annual  
**Turnback Canyon Regatta.**

Keelboats, Multi-hulls and **Centerboards**, are welcome.

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

Breakfast tacos Saturday morning, 8-9 am.

LagoFest ([www.lagofest.com](http://www.lagofest.com)) activities Saturday afternoon and evening.

Breakfast tacos for purchase Sunday morning, 8-9 am.

One free bag of ice Sunday morning, 8-9 am.

Awards Social with dinner for purchase after the races on Sunday, approx 4 pm.

**Registration:**

Registration can be done online at [www.austinyachtclub.net](http://www.austinyachtclub.net) prior to Wednesday May 10th at 5:00 pm for a \$10 discount on registration fees.

Late registration can be done online from Wednesday May 8th at 5:00 pm until Friday May 10th at 5:00 pm.

On-site registration can be done on Friday evening, May 10, 6-8 pm.  
and Saturday morning, May 11th, from 8-9 am.

Competitor's briefing at 9:00 am in the AYC clubhouse.

First Horn Saturday May 11th at 10:00 am

First Horn Sunday May 12th at 10:00 am

**For More Information:**

See the Austin Yacht Club website: [austinyachtclub.net](http://austinyachtclub.net)  
or contact the Austin Yacht Club at 512-266-1336,  
or Dane Ohe, Regatta Chair at [djohe@att.net](mailto:djohe@att.net)

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# Frostbite Photo Highlights

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Race 2 January 26 Light winds

Photos by Anne Morley



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# Frostbite Photo Highlights

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Race 3 February 2 FOG

Photos by Cheryl Pervier



Pearson Flyer Namaste, Norman Meyer and crew



MHB Two Hot, Jim Casto



Catalina 30 Camelot, Kurt Gustafson and crew



Onward through the fog Tom Meyer, PRO



J80 Air Supply, Ed Taylor and crew



J80 Merlin, Gretchen Douglas and crew



J80 Too Much J, Matt Romberg and crew

# Frostbite Photo Highlights

Race 5 EOS February 16 *Photos by Marilyn Jackson*



*Catalina 30 Risin' Moon, Wade Bingaman and crew*



*Catalina 22 Strings Attached, Louise Miller and crew*



*Capri 25 Omery, John Maddalozzo, Dan Dennison, David Mok*



*J/80 Wild Thang, Jeff & Carrie Jones and crew*



*Columbia 26 Banshee, Hector Lujan and crew*



*Pearson Flyer Namaste, Jeff Jackson, Sally Bittick, Marilyn Jackson, Cass Meyer, Dan*



*Sailboats on the water: a chilly sight*



*J/80 The J.A.C.K. Chris Thompson, Jim Pearce, Keith Denebeim, Andre de la Reza*

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# Frostbite Photo Highlights

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## EOS Banquet & Awards

Photos by Marilyn Jackson



Rona Thornton, Jeff Jackson, Marilyn Jackson, Pat Manning prepping EOS dinner



Drew McNeely, Edwin Johnson, Joao Encarnacao and Jorge Martin de Nicolas



James Parsons, Chris Renner enjoying dinner



Carolyn and James Wilsford enjoying EOS banquet



Claudia Bartlett, John Bartlett, John Foster and John Horn 1st place J80 fleet



Kirt Carson (PRC), Stuart Juengst, Jack Cowley and Pat Caughey 1st place J24



David Mok, John Maddalozzo, Dan Denniston 1st place A fleet



Brian Carlson 1st place B fleet

# CLUB NEWS

## HEAR YE, HEAR YE!!!

There is an amazing perpetual trophy that is not making its rounds in the AYC Kingdom!

It is called the **Hap Arnold Perpetual Beacon** and it made its debut many moons ago when **Hap and Sandy Bauman** (both founders of AYC) tried becoming pirates and took a sailboat down an intercoastal canal. Because they were superstitious and not sure what would become of their journey, they took along this amazing prism to keep them safe from harm and guide them on their way.



When **Hap** heard that I was going to participate in the 2015-16 Clipper Round the World Race, he had me take it with me to keep me safe and help me return home unscathed. It was kept safely in my kit, made it around the world, visited many places and cultures and was always close to me. It did make me feel a bit safer and it was something that always kept me in spirit with AYC and its members. It has not been handed out the past few years though many of us have had more adventures on the high seas and would have been honored to let it continue seeing the world from a sailboat.

Sooooo, now we are working to find adventuresome and enthusiastic sailors who might want to take this amazing prism with them as they venture out and sail the seas.

If you are going to be making a remarkable journey beyond AYC, Texas or possibly the US, please contact **JACKIE** in the office and put some more blue miles in this Special Prism's life.

This will also allow us to follow your journeys as we will put a map up and mark your journey for all to see. Awesome voyages, amazing races, bucket list items... they are all counted.

Include us in your life on your amazing journey! Put yourself on the map and let us follow you til you're safely back home with the **Hap Arnold Prism!**

*Linda McDavitt*



Photos by *Bill Records*

## 2019 AYC Membership Survey

If AYC knows that you have an email address, you should have received a Membership Survey request. Look for it! Please respond by the end of the month (March 31). We care what you think, and what you want AYC to be. If you can't find that email (check your spam folder!) the link is:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AYC2019>

And no, you can't respond multiple times. But please respond!

*Ravi Subramanian*

## ATTENTION AYC PHOTOGRAPHERS!

Mark your calendar: Free sailing photography clinic!! Learn the tricks of the trade from professional photographer **Bill Records**. March 24, 10:00 am in the clubhouse. See the back inside cover for more information.

*Bill Records*

## Two Burgee Exchanges

Last summer I caught up with **Rob Bruins**, past commodore of Bremerton Yacht Club in my hometown of Bremerton, Washington. Rob was a high school classmate – a classmate made good in the local sailing scene. And in January, four of us traveled to Havana where I met **José Miguel Díaz Escrich**, commodore of Hemingway International Yacht Club of Cuba. Email is unreliable and censored, so a hand-carried AYC Letter of Introduction came in handy. We exchanged burgees, took photos and viewed some of Marilyn Jackson's excellent pictures of Wild Turkey 2018. He took particular note of our Race Committee in action. So, two exchanges at opposite corners of the continent – nice that Texas is centrally located!

*Owen Crouse*



Above: *Rob Bruins and Owen Crouse*



At left: *Owen Crouse and José Miguel Díaz Escrich*

## IN MEMORIAM

### Carol Niemann May 24, 1939 - January 7, 2019



Carol was born May 24, 1939 in Austin, Texas and was the daughter of Woodrow Wilson Patterson and Eileen Bertha Wilson Patterson. She left us on January 7, 2019 after a brief illness. During her lifetime, she found endless (and often hilarious) ways to accomplish her goals, all the while maintaining her endearing

southern belle kindness and poise. One such example that she often recounted to her family with a twinkle in her eye was her meticulous and masterful plan to make sure a young man she wanted to date took note of her. For weeks she and her girlfriends set up residence at church a few pews in front of him. At the end of the service she scurried out to make sure she could "happen to be standing" in just the right place outside of the sanctuary to catch his eye. Needless to say, her plan succeeded and that fellow churchgoer, Larry Niemann, became her husband for more than a half century.

After graduating from UT, she applied her energy to teaching, serving as a public school special education teacher in Annapolis, Maryland and later in Austin at Pease Elementary and O'Henry Junior High. She married Larry on August 7, 1965. Just four months later on their way to a skiing vacation, she and Larry were passengers in a private airplane that crashed. The crash left her paralyzed from the waist down. That permanent disability would put her resourcefulness to the test...and she passed with flying colors for the remainder of her life. She endured many months of hospitalization after the crash, but her spirit persisted and she poured herself into motherhood, family, and volunteerism.

Carol is survived by her husband of 53 years, Larry Harkness Niemann, and by her daughters Connie Catherine Heyer of Austin, Sherry Suzanne Willerson and her husband Trey of Houston, and Nancy Nicole Weeks and her husband Jamie of Stanley, Idaho. She is survived by four grandchildren, Nicole Catherine Heyer, William (Will) Thomas Heyer, William Darrell ("Dare") Willerson IV, and Hale August Willerson. She is survived by her siblings Don (Carroll) Patterson, Kirk (Carol) Patterson, Susan Patterson Johnson, Scott (Carolyn) Patterson, and by many nieces, nephews, cousins. She is predeceased by her parents Woodrow and Eileen Patterson and her sister Connie Patterson.

Her strength and spirit will be remembered by every person who knew her. Donations in her memory may be made to the Helping Hand Home for Children in Austin, TX.

### Mildred Douglas June 22, 1925 - January 31, 2019



Mildred "Millie" Williams Douglas, 93, passed away with grace and dignity on January 31, 2019. Born on June 22, 1925, in Chicago, Illinois to Phillip and Evelyn Williams, Millie is preceded in death by her husband of 47 years Dr. John Evans Douglas.

Millie graduated from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1946 and the University of Texas in Austin graduating with a Masters of Arts degree in Educational Psychology in 1968.

Millie developed several compelling interests that would continue through her life: a love of learning, a passion for reading, a lifelong interest in sailing and traveling which often led to appreciating and often studying the various cultures she encountered.

After her marriage to John Douglas, a Navy medical officer in 1946, they moved to Austin, Texas where John established his medical practice and they began their family.

Millie was very involved in her community: working tirelessly on issues relating to environmental impact, issues involving mental health in the community and career counseling for women. During this time and in her many capacities, Millie remained very active in numerous organizations, both professional and civic including: being a founding member of UT LAMP (Learning activities for mature people) in 1989 and then eventually the chair in 1998-1999, Austin Area Phi Beta Kappa Association, Rotary International, University Chapter, Austin Friendship Force international exchange, Theta Sigma Phi, We Care Austin division of environmental issues, past President of Jung Society of Austin, member of the UT International Hospitality Committee, Town and Gown. Millie was active in Democratic politics and organizations and enjoyed actively working to support causes she was passionate about.

Millie will always be remembered for her innate ability to reach out to others and maintain friendships easily. She was always generous with her time and attention and will be forever admired and missed by so many who sought her calm, caring and insightful counsel.

Millie is survived by her daughter Pamela, her son Keith, daughter-in-law Nancy, and her granddaughter Katie, whom she adored, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Millie is also preceded in death by her longtime companion Professor Forest Hill who passed away in 2017. During their time together, Millie and Forest delighted in sharing many travels and intellectual pursuits as well as many memorable shared family occasions.

The family wishes to extend a special heartfelt thank you to Millie's personal caregivers Mozell Swist and Margie Ford for their constant care, support and love. As well as the skilled nursing staff at Westminster Manor and Austin Hospice.

The family requested memorial contributions be made to The Hogg Foundation for Mental Health in Austin, TX.

## What Started Me Sailing!

by Linda McDavitt



Those who know me will never believe this, but when I was in 10th grade and it was time to decide my next phase of scouting, I was kind of a designer girl. I found that there was a Mariner troop in San Antonio and after seeing their uniform I knew that was the place for me. It was cool looking, blue and sharp and NOT the old yucky white blouse and even yuckier green skirt. Did I know what a Mariner Scout was all about? No, I had no idea, I just wanted to wear that awesome looking uniform if I was to be in Girl Scouts in high school.

Then, I found out that it had something to do with sail boats. Hmm, that was not expected, and I knew nothing and really had no ambition to be on a sailboat. I wanted to hike, climb mountains and camp out. But I had chosen the uniform so was willing to see what it was about.



You know I had to look way cool wearing this!! I still have my hat!

My first experience was one that I have long remembered for having laughed more in one day than any other time in my life.

Imagine, looking at this funny looking square thing with a giant diaper sticking up that did not look like anything I had ever seen in a picture and knowing that I was supposed to get in it. Once in, we managed to get about 100 yards from shore and Bette (in picture below she is the one in the stern) says "what do we do now?" I just looked at her and

said "I have never been in one of these things, I thought you knew what to do." Bette replies, "No, I have never been in one without someone that knew what to do." I asked her what she did know and she told me that "if we go over, pull that thing in the center up and out (centerboard)."

"No problem, I can do that." Well we kinda went in circles and after about 5 or 6 hours, the older girls in the Snipe came to us and said that we needed to get to shore so we could begin getting dinner ready. Bette and I just looked at each other and laughed. We had been trying to get there all afternoon. We did manage to get a great tan/sunburn, had shoes off and feet hanging out. Really enjoying the day and splashing each other.



*We did not sail in uniform. This was for news.*

The Snipe contingent then threw us a line and said to hang on and they were going to tow us in. Awesome!! We asked what we should do and they said just pull on the line in the boat (mainsheet... finally a name for something!) and have fun. OK, we can do that so off we go being towed and us just playing with the mainsheet. THEN... along comes a gust!! The Snipe did something and we pulled on the mainsheet and "\*\*\*pow\*\*%^#@\*\*" (small giggles, no bad words) over we went. And being a well trained person in following orders, I quickly pulled out the thing in the middle. The girls in the Snipe hollered N0000000000000! But alas a little too late. Now we couldn't turn the boat back over so we swam around trying to figure out the next move when a motor boat came up and asked if we needed some help. They grabbed the mast and we undid it and then the mast and the boat went over their bow as did the centerboard, and we hopped on and they took us to shore. So, first sailing adventure accomplished! Truly I never had such fun and was hooked and less one pair of tennies.



*Mary Marcia Mott, Bill Records, Karen Riply and Bette Rumble (my master teacher!)*



*Mary Marcia, Me, Karen and Bette (who still makes me laugh)*

## OK Dinghy World Championship – Auckland, NZ

by James Bland



*Robert Deaves, OK Dinghy International Association writes, "This year's championship also welcomed two sailors from the USA, once a strong OK nation. Coached by a certain R. Coufts, both went home from their first OK Dinghy regatta full of enthusiasm to rebuild the class in North America, and with lots of ideas and actions to put into place. As is often the case it only takes one person with enthusiasm*

*to develop a fleet, so the class hopes this is the beginning of a revival.*

*There is certainly a lot of OK history and OK lore in that vast potential*

*market." [http://2019.okworlds.org/everything-is-ok-at-outstanding-symonite-ok-dinghy-worlds?fbclid=IwAR0bjg9Nah9ROMgpy-MBiaCnlWA-Uibo115yQnk0YwEMUhp8k59f\\_PNyE8](http://2019.okworlds.org/everything-is-ok-at-outstanding-symonite-ok-dinghy-worlds?fbclid=IwAR0bjg9Nah9ROMgpy-MBiaCnlWA-Uibo115yQnk0YwEMUhp8k59f_PNyE8)*

I accepted an invitation to sail the OK Dinghy World Championship, Feb 7-15, in a class which was completely foreign to me. The AYC Foundation paid for my entry fee. The results weren't going to matter to me, I was going for the experience and be the best sailor I could be. Not that many sunsets left, so best to be about the task.

I learned that preparation is a key aspect of big regattas, an aspect that we often neglect or forget. My sailing partner Peter was constantly battling his tendency to be a workaholic and lost focus at times. One of the winning sailors traveled to New Zealand with his own boat, 5 weeks in advance, a champion in his own right, to prepare for the Regatta.

Nothing substitutes for tiller time. I don't care how many different types of boats anyone has sailed. In the end, each boat is different and you have to develop a sense of the trim and what makes the boat go fast. I like to focus on how to depower the rig for the big air, but making the boat move in chop or confused seas and working the rig in light air are just as important. What is the current doing? How can I get a drink and keep the boat sailing. It all just takes time. I was just starting to get a feel for the helm when the regatta ended.



*Tiller time*

Physical conditioning. I swim and lift weights. At 62 I'm more athletic than most, but I was not prepared to hike out, bend and flex and pull on a mainsheet continuously for 4 hours or more. The pros are sailing constantly and this championship has a big speed split between the hikers and those more or less sitting on the rails. Put the bow down and foot off. Use your weight to steer the boat. We're talking about straight leg hiking for about 15 minutes each beat over an hour long race and gold cup course (Triangle and sausage). It's a matter of intensity.

Boat Kinetics. You have to be in great shape to work the boat off the wind, steering with your weight, not the rudder. It takes a lot of energy. Hiking pants are essential, especially when traveling on a plane long distances.

Mental toughness. The boat I chartered was good for a Sunday sail, but was not ready for a major championship. It took a week to figure out how to make the boat work for me and in the process I was cut and bruised. I eventually had to sit out 3 days, missing the first race of the Series due to a staph infection in my foot and lower leg along with some intense sunburns. (I covered up too late from the intense UV Radiation – any exposed skin burns quickly there. Childhood melanoma is a growing threat.)



*Race prep with training partner, Peter Frissell, Finn Class secretary. The sun was intense.*

Focusing while you're in pain requires discipline.

Jet lag is real and deep vein thrombosis is a threat. Compression socks and hiking pants are almost safety items. Plan for it.

Do what the coach says, period. I blew a few starts learning how to hover, control the boat, and dominate the start. Without a clean start, you're already assigned to the middle of the fleet, so winning the start is key to scoring well. If you don't get a black flag once in seven starts you aren't trying hard enough. I had daily goals, one of which was to win every start.



*USA 8 starting in the front row*



*Battling at the start*

The Race Committees vary and can become part of your story – ignore them. People spend a lot of money to make these events. The pros use the results to get sponsors and business. They have to score. The USA doesn't have this type of competition, anywhere.

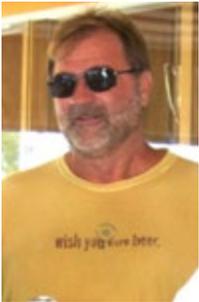
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and thanked me for reminding him about what we were all there for – to race hard and have fun doing it. Lake Gardia, Italy is two years away.

## Ensign Fleet News

by Tom Groll



I wish there were some great races with exciting stories I could rehash here, but unfortunately the sailing has been sparse. At least for me it has. I think the last race I completed was the Wild Turkey. Since then there has been surgery, recovery, no sailing, dreaming of sailing, fog sailing, deciding not to sail because it was too friggin cold (imagine that, me saying it's too cold – I'm getting old). So, hopefully spring weather will kick in soon and the sailing will be phenomenal. I can't wait.

I received this little write up from **David Stark**, a fellow Ensign sailor from way back in the day. Some of you have met **David**, and maybe some others have only heard of him. Most, if not all have met **Harold** since he was here last summer. The race **David** refers to in this story happened in 1989 – 30 years ago! I just wanted to share it with you because it's a great little piece of Fleet 30 history, and because it reminds me of why I love Ensign sailing so much. Enjoy...

### TWO ENSIGN NATIONAL CHAMPIONS IN OUR WAKE BILL FAGET 308 N.O.Y.C. & DEAN SCHNYDER 1724 H.Y.C.



It all began one Saturday evening in the mid 1970s when I escorted my then wife Karolyn to one of her office parties. There I chanced to meet a man who was the husband of one of her colleagues. He and I gravitated towards each other. Neither of us knew anyone else at the party aside from our respective spouses, and neither of us was particularly good at inserting ourselves into

light social chitchat. **Jim Baker** it turned out was a political reporter for the local newspaper. His passion was sailboat racing. It didn't take long for him to steer our conversation in that direction. Had I ever been sailing? No. Would I like to give it a try? Yes.

Coincidentally he happened to be planning to go sailing the following day. As luck would have it, we lived just blocks apart, so at the appointed hour **Jim** arrived at my front door to pick me up. It was to be the first of many such morning pick-ups over the next several years, and off we went to Lake Travis for a day of sailing.

It wasn't apparent from the previous night's conversation that we were there to participate in a sailboat race. It turned out that **Jim**, having learned by trial and error, liked easing newbies into the racing aspects of sailing. Too much talk of racing too soon tended to frighten off possible participants, therefore any mention of it was best left until after arriving at the yacht club.

**Jim** was an accomplished if inconsistent sailboat racing skipper with many trophies to his credit. He performed best in open water, but in close proximity encounters, where split second decisions were called for, his stress level would often get the best of him, resulting in a bad call. **Jim** had three personalities; his low tone if somewhat awkward everyday soft spoken personality, the one I had met at the party the night before, his loud and abrupt skipper personality, and finally his abusive Captain Bligh personality that manifest itself in tight, high stress situations.

It is said by those in the know that watching sailboat racing is like watching grass grow. That having been said there has been no other experience in my entire life where the term "split second" has had more immediate or profound consequences. Once things settled back down, after a bad split-second decision had produced less than optimum results, say the loss of a place or two or more in the race, **Jim** would say aloud in a dejected voice to no one in particular, "f...k me to tears"!

I had been sailing with **Jim** for a few years by the time I hooked up with **Harold Neel**. I was a self-employed general contractor by profession. I was both salesman and workman for all of my jobs. My reputation and workload had been steadily increasing until finally I decided that running an ad in the "construction help wanted" classified section of **Jim's** newspaper to see what sort of respond I might get, would be a good idea. As **Harold** remembers it, the ad read something like this: "Construction help wanted. Must be honest, dependable, skilled in many trades, have your own tools and transportation, and be willing to work long hours for a pittance. Call David..." It was the first and only such ad I ever ran and **Harold** was its only respondent. "This was to be the start of a beautiful friendship."

**Harold** is fifteen years my junior. He had then and still has to this day, maintained his energy and optimism for all things. It turned out that he did have considerable skills that he had developed working construction during summers over the years. He had his own tools and transportation too, and was honest and dependable to a fault. It was springtime and he had just dropped out of architecture school with only a few weeks left until graduation. When I asked him why he would do such a thing, he told me that he had recently awakened in a sweat from a horrible dream. In his dream he realized, presumably for the first time, that the dweebs he had despised so throughout his years in architecture school would soon become his

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colleagues for the next five decades. Besides he was anxious to have a crack at some real-time impact with his own design ideas and not be relegated to years of drawing bathrooms in high-rise office buildings or other such onerous tasks, while working his way up the ladder of seniority in some big architecture concern.

**Harold** proved to be a refreshing addition to my business. I had come up with many old school ideas, for instance using a bucket half full of an assortment of nails. This I had learned in my youth from old geezer craftsmen in Colorado who had in their youth learned it from other old geezer craftsmen. Harold had up to date ideas like using a nail gun instead of picking matching nails from a bucket, and soon with his energy and input we were knocking work out at a rate not known to me since my early years as a mason's apprentice working with **Dean Shepherd**.

There was reciprocity in our relationship too, for I introduced **Harold** to one design sailboat racing. **Harold** had enthusiasm for this too, and was a fast learner. He quickly became a devoted team member. I was **Jim's** loyal first mate and as such tried never to miss a race, but the two of us were forever trying to pick up a third and fourth crew at the yacht club. It was rare for anyone that **Jim** had interested in "sailing" to stay with our boat for even as long as a single series of six consecutive weekends of races. It's one thing to sail with pick up crew for a regatta every now and then but in match racing you are sailing against other boats exactly like yours manned by skilled crew. It's not possible for any skipper, no matter how good, to be consistently competitive at match racing with a crew of amateurs who haven't sailed together. Each member of a crew has his or her own responsibilities and is able to hone their skills to become part of a well-oiled machine.

I say his or her skills because not long after **Harold** came aboard as regular crew, he extended an invitation to his girlfriend **Michelle** to come for a sail and after a few races she too decided to become a regular member of our team. There we were for the first time, a team of four who knew their jobs and were good at executing them. Soon **Jim's** Ensign began to finish in the top two or three boats regularly. We sailed every series and every regatta, even the "red eye", so called because it was sailed on New Year's Day, come rain, sleet or hangover. The following summer we sailed in our first Ensign regional event that was hosted at our own Austin Yacht Club. The Ensign National fleet has seven regions, two in the midwest and the rest on the east coast. Our region, region four, is the furthest west and south. It is comprised of the Austin, Dillon, Houston, and New Orleans yacht clubs. The Dillon club is on lake Dillon in the mountains west of Denver. Each of the clubs on a rotating basis hosts the annual regional regatta.

One fall **Harold** and I had a chance to do a job for a venerable senior member of the Austin Yacht Club. He was an Ensign skipper getting up in years who hadn't sailed his boat in quite some time. Harold and I cut him a deal to receive his Ensign as part payment for the job. His Ensign had been tricked out for pleasure sailing with state-of-the-art double stroke self-tailing winches and other labor-saving devices not allowed in Ensign match racing, so after taking possession **Harold** and I had to swap our super deluxe expensive winches for a lesser pair that were compliant. We made other strategic modifications including giving her a careful and complete "bottom job" and having a local sail maker build us a new spinnaker to our specifications. **Harold** had to join the yacht club so that we could keep our boat in the water at one of the docks, and not have to get on the waiting list for a slip. At the end of the spring series we four gave **Jim** our notice and bid

him farewell to begin our own illustrious racing career.

**Harold** was inexperienced as a racing skipper though he had a head for it and all he lacked was time at the tiller. Within a year **Harold, Michelle, Tom** and I became one of the two Ensigns at our Club to beat. We four loved sailboat racing and sailing together. Soon we sailed in every out of town Ensign event, hauling our boat to each regatta. It is one of those regattas in particular that I will tell you about.

The Houston Yacht Club has hosted an Ensign Mid Winter Regatta for many years. It takes place near the holidays. It regularly attracts top Ensign skippers and their crew from all the seven regions. It is informally known as the "Ensign Winter Nationals". In all the seven regions, only the Austin, Houston and New Orleans yacht clubs have mild enough winters to allow us to keep our boats in the water year-round. All other Ensign skippers are forced to pull their boats at the end of the fall racing season. Ensign racing skippers know that the only game in the off-season is the Houston Mid-Winter Regatta, and the best of them came to race in it if they can.

In general yacht clubs are formal, stodgy places, the Austin Yacht Club being the exception. We had sailed in Houston the previous summer and fall so when bare chested **Harold** with his wavy hair streaming down to the middle of his back, his two gorillas, "mighty **Tom**" and me, and a shapely blond in a bikini **Michelle** arrived at the Houston Yacht Club with our Ensign in tow behind Harold's ten year old hippie van, heads once again turned. "What do these interlopers think they are doing here," club members thought. Well we were there to sail, and if our topsides looked a bit shabby, we had a lightning fast bottom and newish sails, and we meant business.

We four regularly participated in a communal indulgence that had over time come to the attention of many of our competitors; drinking shots of Jose Cuervo strait from the bottle between and after races. This cooled us in summer and warmed us in winter.

Regattas at the level of the Houston Mid Winters are decided by the best 4 of 5 races, 2 sailed on Friday, 2 on Saturday and the final race sailed on Sunday. At the end of the second day, after 4 races we had 3 great finishes and one stinky one. If we were going to finish on the hardware, we'd have to finish near the top of the fleet in the Sunday race, and we did. A first-place win on Sunday enabled us to throw out our stinky race and gave us the lowest total score. Ensign 578 had won the regatta!

After the boats were docked and the sails were folded it was time for the trophy presentation. Houston Yacht Club is a wealthy club and they have always presented lavish trophies. There on the podium were the first, second and third place trophies. The first-place trophy was a sizable double handled loving cup already inscribed:

**FIRST PLACE**  
**Houston Yacht Club**  
**Ensign Mid-Winter Regatta**

There was a blank space too, just below the inscription for the name and sail number of the winning skipper. **Harold** graciously received the trophy on behalf of his crew. Once the presentation ceremony was complete the party began. A young HYC skipper who had fancied himself the probable winner of the regatta, and who had unsuccessfully challenged us on three or

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four separate occasions came up to **Harold** to congratulate him. Shortly he slipped away unnoticed with our trophy, then just as quickly he returned with the loving cup filled to overflowing with one giant frozen margarita. **Harold** acknowledged the gesture with a nod and a smile then putting the trophy to his lips, took a mighty glug. Next he passed it along to **Michelle**, mighty **Tom** and me. It's good to be a winner!

## Catalina 22 Update

by Steve Pervier



Happy Spring! I think I can say that now, looking back ... though Spring Series #1 looked much like the first day of Frostbite with sub-guideline temperatures and plenty of wind chill, races being canceled on both days. Frostbite Series continued with a good but short light air race day (thanks, **Bill Hawk** and **Ensigns**). Then was our RC day and day too cold to sail (though a good J/24 RC was ready).

It ended with another light day that somehow saw two starts succeed (thanks to **Ken Berringer** and J/22s) – but not our start. Anyway, vernal equinox comes soon, and it's probably 70 or 80 degrees this week... so have you forgotten all that cold weather yet?

Just check the Frostbite Series results! C22s had a strange day for race committee with a rare fog not clearing as forecast, but descending again and taking the wind with it. One clue – the horn canister became wet after a few blasts. On that day, we thank **Tom Meyer (PRO)**, **Bob Musselman**, and **Doug Powell** of the SC21 Fleet, and C22 fleet members **Bob Stephens**, **James**



C22/SC 21 Coalition: Tom, Bob, Louise, Bob, Walter, Doug, Cheryl and Steve  
photo by Hector Lujan

**Denny, Walter Payne, Louise Miller, and Cheryl Pervier** for attempting to get races off. I was on that RC too, served with **Kurf Carson** as a PRC Rep, and wrote the race summary.

On our one Frostbite race day **Robert Anderson** sailed with **Louise and Walter** – one Catalina 22 finishing a short W-L and scoring first for the series – congratulations! Yes, one boat gets scored, giving series racers incentive to show up even down to one boat. It wasn't enough to be awarded (trophy hats) nor noted in results as a first place series, but you did well just the same!

**Cathie Martin and Steve Digby** sailed with **Louise and Walter** on the last day of Frostbite while I served as their racing school coach. With **Walter** on the helm the crew did all the preparations and learned to keep close to the RC

or at least upwind in a light air, and to keep checking conditions. During the final postponement I pointed out two J/80s on their course, one on port, one on starboard – and going in about the same direction! Not a good sign, but most J/80s and A Fleet finished a race shortened to two legs.

Catalina sailors have been active meanwhile – **Cathie and Louise** have learned much in Racing School and are looking forward to racing together. **Donald and his crew Mike** attended the Racing Rules Seminar, while **Brian, Louise, Walter, and Cheryl** attended Race Committee Training. (Thanks to **Ed Pierce** for more good iPad instruction!) I was at the US Sailing Race Management Seminar (thanks to **Jim Casto** for arranging) and I passed my test! At Opening Day **Cheryl and I** saw several from the All-Catalina cruising fleet including long-ago C22 alumni like **Deb and Bob, Annie and Charlie, and current members Diane, Robert, Cathie, Owen, Gary, and Griz**. Catalinas of all sizes are welcome, see [CatFleet69.org](http://CatFleet69.org).

We've sprung forward into the warmer days of Spring Series, set for every March Sunday. Late Spring Series (and our next Race Committee on 4/14) is immediately after Governor's Cup on April 6-7, in which we should see fleet members on two of three starting lines. If you're not racing C22 or Sunfish you could find crew places on Catalina 30s, which may show up in quantity since there are now nine of these big beauties in AYC. Then let's enjoy our Catalina 22s for racing, daysailing, cruising, trailering, and teaching and learning!



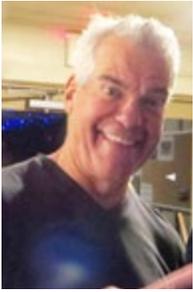
Frostbite Series Race #3 Dos Locos, Lewis Price and crew photo by Cheryl Pervier



Frostbite Series Race #3 J80 Restless, Dave Wahlberg, Carolyn and James Wilsford  
photo by Cheryl Pervier

## B-Fleet Update

by Ed Pierce



Hello B-Fleet! **André** has passed the fleet captain role to me, so please let me know your ideas for making fun sailing in 2019!

We will long remember how Frostbite 2019 was snakebit by weather, but B-fleet was able to get good sailing in nonetheless. Weeks #1, #4, and #5 were abandoned before starts but...

Week #2 found us facing that rare east wind from Cypress Cove with PRO **Bill Hawk** hosting a good playing field for racing with a Windward/Leeward two-laps RTB course which B-fleet mayor **Bill Records** had lobbied to be a non-spinnaker fleet commitment, but this author didn't comprehend the memo and sailed double-handed with spinnaker. Eight boats made the line including Rusalka (**Brian Carlson, with the Past Commodore Records on board looking like Dennis Conner**), Broken Arrow (double handed with **Erik Engh**), Incognito (**Dave Weeks**), Blue Moon (**James Parsons**), ?unknown? (**Todd Middlebrook**), Three Hour Crewz (**Chris Thompson**) and Etrusco (**Chris Renner**). Rusalka managed to take a great 2nd leeward rounding and make speed toward the finish leaving Broken Arrow in #2. The best news was that the fleet finished in the same order both Elapsed Time and Corrected Time so we're approaching 1 Design experience.

Week #3 had eight boats groping through fog for a windward mark: Incognito, Banshee, Etrusco, Blue Note, <unknown> (when will **Todd** name his boat?), Tacking Tiger Jibing Dragon, Blue Moon (with extraordinary costumes), and Broken Arrow. While we had no chance of finding the windward mark in a dying south wind, we were well entertained conversing with other boats with the hope of seeing them only a couple of boat lengths away. Again, kudos to the RC (C22 & SC21) for abandoning the blindness and taking us home in one piece.



#1 Rusalka Pearson 260D, Brian Carlson with crew

Rusalka took the series #1 spot with Broken Arrow and Blue Moon bringing in second and third. Congratulations to the crews that make this all possible!

In the midst of our A/B-fleet restructuring, we have a nice tight 29 boat

PHRF group ranging from Catalina 27s (204) and Pearson 26s (210) to S2 and Ericson 27 (234).

Welcome to boat: Incognito – thanks **Dave Weeks** for giving her a name. Congratulations **Jeremy Peters** on splashing Talisman! So, if you're on the line, you're going to get a great racing experience. I wish you fast sailing for Spring Series!

Aloha to our former competitors who have jumped into the new J/80 fleet: **Jim Pearce (Entheos)**, **André de la Reza (Los Manos)**, **Chris Thompson (Three Hour Crewz)** and **Keith Denebeim (Slip Kid)** – watch for them yachting in what are now their "other boats," and B-fleet racers have some great crew available in their departure. I encourage each B-fleet skipper to reach out to their former crews to make your boat a winner!

## J24 Update

by John Parker



I hope that everyone is looking forward to the Spring Sailing season as much as me. There has been great activity in the J24 fleet in January and February introducing non-sailors to the sport, training new crew, boat repairs and preparation, as well as the racing and Race Committee events.

### Frostbite

Though we only had one race scored for the series due to the weather conditions, we are happy to report that six J24s participated in the series. GIGGLES, Stray Dog, Momentous, Out of Control, Vang Go, and Chupacabra teams braved the cold and not-so-cold days during the series to compete. Congratulations goes to the Vang Go team as they took the number one spot and to the Stray Dog team that took the second place trophy!



Team Giggles sails foggy Frostbite photo submitted by John Parker



Kudos to Team Vang Go, 1st place trophy Frostbite Series

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## Spring Series

Though the first race was called due to weather, it appears that we will have a good turnout for Spring Series with good likelihood of having 10 or more J24s participating. We look forward to starting the excitement of windward-leeward racing.

## Upcoming Regattas



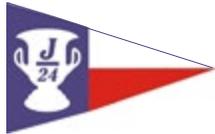
### Informal Regatta

We have the J24 Spring Informal Regatta scheduled for March 16. After this competitor officiated regatta, we will hold our first 2019 fleet social which will include a St. Patrick's themed dinner as well as some interesting games. We expect to have both AYC participants as well as out of town participants for this event. We have also organized that participants of the Informal Regatta can attend the "chalk talk" associated with AYC

Start Clinic. For those who may need some time to prepare for the following Texas State Championship regatta, this will be a good opportunity to do so.

### Texas State Championship

The first stop on the J24 Texas Circuit will be at AYC on March 22-24, 2019. We expect 15-20 J24s to come to AYC for this circuit season opener. Our local sailors or invited to compete in this regatta.



It is a great opportunity to race against some of the best J24 sailors in Texas. We thank **Ray Shull** to lead our Race Committee and the J22 fleet for providing race committee volunteers for the event.

Anyone interested in volunteering for this Regatta can contact **John Parker**. There are several volunteer opportunities for this regatta.

### Governor's Cup

The Governor's Cup will quickly be coming up on April 6-7, 2019. We look forward to having a fleet compete in this event. I have on good authority that we will have some out of town J24 participants compete in the event as well. As this is the J22 Circuit stop, we need to provide volunteers to help support race committee.

Please contact **John Parker** if you are interested in volunteering for Race Committee for Governor's Cup.

## Remaining Circuit Schedule



April 27-28 Annual Regatta, Fort Worth Boat Club  
May 18-19 Heritage Cup, Dallas Corinthian Yacht Club  
June 15-16 Surfin' Safari, Corpus Christi Yacht Club  
Sept. 21-22 HOOD, Houston Yacht Club  
Oct. 26-27 J/FEST Southwest, Lakewood Yacht Club  
Nov 9-10, 2019 Wurstfest, Lake Canyon Yacht Club

## Keel Fleet Events

by James Parsons



I'm back from my travels. And have some exciting plans to collaborate with others this year.

2018 was amazing, between racing in Antigua, Irma construction volunteering, going back to NZ (where I lived from 24-31), volunteering with Sailability Wellington again (how I learned sailing), Australia, and a surprise 40th anniversary for my parents.

MoonBurn is going to have 5 races this year. Dates: 5/17, 6/14, 7/12, 8/16, 9/13. Dinner 6-7. Meeting 6:30. First Gun 8pm.

Other potential events to think about:

- Poker night at the clubhouse.
- Brewery night at a brewery (first drink free).
- Brewery night at AYC.
- Beachside Billie's night.
- Raftups.
- Relay race where pool noodles are batons, followed by a raftup.

### Sailability Austin: Sailing nonprofit for those with disabilities

I am thrilled to announce that Sailability Austin is aiming to provide a space on Lady Bird Lake to help grow to sailing, have unique volunteer opportunities, and provide a place to go sailing for those with disabilities, limited mobility, and the disadvantaged.

Taking people with disabilities out sailing, and introducing people to sailing via volunteering is how I got my start in sailing in 2007 in New Zealand. It's been a missing piece of my life, and I'm thrilled to make this announcement after several positive Sailability Austin meetings.

During my 2018 travels, I was inspired by seeing how Sailability in Wellington, NZ has been doing since I left NZ in 2012 (for yachting). There have been a lot of advancements (to an already great org), that make it possible to not have to be onsite at a yacht club. They have Sailability locations up to 40 minutes from a yacht club, and can sustain themselves without the convenient (or inconvenient) facilities of a yacht club.

Stay tuned for more information in the coming months. If you would like to volunteer, help behind the scenes, donate (we will have a 501(c)(3) designation), or help fundraise, please contact [sailability.austin@gmail.com](mailto:sailability.austin@gmail.com).

## A Fleet Update

by Andrea Lesh



The Frostbite series was its usual unpredictable self – too much wind, light wind, fog, no wind, and cold. But, A Fleet showed up anyway. **John Maddalozzo** (Capri 25) skillfully won the series with **Cass Meyer** and **Dane Ohe** right behind keeping him on his toes. It made the races extra exciting to have **Frank Kopankawitz** and **Kurt Gustafson** bring their Boats down from Sail and Ski to race.

A-Fleet was well attended at the Race Rules Clinic.

It was a lively discussion and chalk full of great tips and hand-outs. Even the saltiest of dogs learned a few new tricks.

Old man winter blew in like a boss just in time for opening ceremonies, making the celebration a bit chilly! Hopefully it is a sign of good winds ahead!

A-Fleet will be hosting the Spring Series race on 3/17, and on 4/28 for the Late Spring Series. We will be looking for volunteers!

Look to see a few more Catalina 30s race the Spring Series in preparation for the Governor's Cup.

We want to welcome **Ben Barnett** to the A-Fleet! He'll be racing his San Juan 7.7, so please say hello!



Please welcome Ben Barnett to the A-Fleet photo Jackie Wheelless

## Dinghy Fleet News

by James Bland



### Dinghy Sailors!

I'm your new Dinghy Handicap Fleet Captain – My hope and long range vision/goal is to eventually rationalize the types of dinghies at AYC from a diverse handicap fleet and grow dinghy sailing with active sailors who will grow in the sport and support a pipeline of established international one design classes and competition.

As a first step, we can look at informal pursuit racing on Thursday Evenings using a pre-constructed time of departure sheet, and then eventually transition to more formal racing on a weekend day opposite the Keel boat fleet so that sailors can compete and support each other on either day.

Subject to the first meeting of dinghy constituents ... I hope I'm on the track of something each of you can support.

I'm also the Centerboard Regatta Chairman this year, and I will need volunteers to make it a huge event – potentially, the site of the USA OK Dinghy Nationals. Let's enjoy the benefits of strapping the boat on and being physical. Contact me by email with your interest. [jfbland@me.com](mailto:jfbland@me.com)

## Why Dinghies!

Dinghy sailing is the foundation of every world class sailor. Everyone has to start somewhere, and small boat racing is the fastest and surest way to learn how a sailboat reacts to steering and sail trim to go fast.

Sailboats are boats – with sails. Simple, right? But, sailboats can be anything from dinghies to super yachts. Dinghy sailing is a great way to start. There are probably over 150 One Design dinghy classes in all price and size ranges. A previously owned boat in good condition with a good record in a big class is often the best choice/value for the new racing sailor. Look at the class numbers world wide and what is being sailed locally before making a choice. At AYC different small boats compete using the Portsmouth Handicap system or PHRF Handicaps – <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/dpn/> <https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/2017-Portsmouth-Precalculated-Classes.pdf>

The fundamentals of racing are most easily learned in small boats. Many small boats are designed specifically for younger sailors, and most provide a lifetime of enjoyment for adults as well. Because of their size and simplicity, many small sailboats can be sailed singlehanded or with a crew member or two.

### OK Dinghy Fleet at AYC!

I am in the process of importing a new OK Dinghy [founded 1957], always a homebuilt and OEM class, now self-certifying. OK Dinghies were big before the Laser in the 1960s and 1970s on the West Coast and Florida. The Class is ahead of their 10-year marketing plan and they're targeting the USA to be a big part of their class again. They've followed the technical developments of the Finn with less costly technology. Old boats in good shape can be competitive, but the new homebuilt kit hulls are inexpensive and can be customized to each sailor. These homebuilt boats won 5 of top ten spots at Worlds. The sails and masts have a maximum size, but can vary to the abilities of each sailor.



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We have great Laser and Sunfish Fleets, some of my best friends. We have a Club fleet of FJs and there are Lightnings, Flying Scots and Thistles in the parking lot, all large, active, and established classes not to mention C420s. The boats need some TLC, but these classes are a nucleus we can build around. The OK, Lightning, Finn and FJ are international classes. I'd love to see teens and master sailors going head to head in One Design dinghies. I had my eyes opened at the OK Worlds – there's a big competitive world out there with lots of new friendships to be made. If you haven't already, please read my report on page 24 of this Telltale.

For more information, please visit these pages:

[www.OKDIA.org](http://www.OKDIA.org)

[https://www.facebook.com/OKUSAClassSecretary/?modal=admin\\_todo\\_tour](https://www.facebook.com/OKUSAClassSecretary/?modal=admin_todo_tour)

And take a look at the new Dinghy Handicap Fleet web page: <https://www.austinyachtclub.net/centerboard-fleet/>

Help me build a fleet here in Austin. These small boat options provide great racing opportunities:

- One Design (FJ, Lightnings, Thistles, Flying Scots, Snipes, C420, OK Dinghy, Finn, Laser, RS Aero, Sunfish, Optimist Dinghy, Sabot . . . ) – many of these classes will have international regattas with hundreds of boats in attendance.
- Learn more at <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/small-boat-racing/>

## Roadrunner Fleet Update by Mary Carew



The first TSA regatta is in the bag and AYC was well represented by our junior sailors. **James Brock** took 1st place overall in Opti RWB and **Lucy Brock and Julius Heitkoetter** also took 1st in c420. Also sailing optis were **Nicholas Carew** (8th overall), **Kynes Cabrera** and **Keen Cabrera** (11th and 12th overall). **Keen** also took 2nd in White Fleet. **Richie Amato** sailed Laser 4.7, while **Taylor Snyder** sailed c420.

The c420 sailors travelled to Jensen Beach in Florida for the 2019 c420 Midwinter Championship on February 16-18. Congratulations to **Lucy Brock and Julius Heitkoetter** who took 9th place overall out of 103 boats and came in 2nd in the Under 17 category. **Taylor Snyder**, sailing with **Hannah Progelhof** from Rush Creek Yacht Club came in 48th position and made the gold fleet. **James Brock and Vivian Heitkoetter** sailed impressively together in their first c420 regatta, and ended in 83rd place.

**Ethan Froelich** was also in Florida on February 16-18, sailing in the final qualifier for the i420 2019 Hempel Youth World Championships, hosted by Miami YC. **Ethan** and his skipper **Oliver Hurwitz** ended in 4th place and qualified to represent the US in Poland this summer. Congratulations to **Ethan and Oliver**. What an amazing achievement!

The next TSA regatta is at Lake Canyon Yacht Club on March 16-17. Please let any of the board members know if your junior sailor would like to compete.

Speaking of the board, I am happy to work with a stellar group again this year; please let us know if you have any questions about the Roadrunner fleet!

Treasurer/Communications	<b>Stefan Froelich</b>
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Equipment & Maintenance	<b>Dallas Grant</b>
Safety Chair	<b>Robert Cabrera</b>
Membership Chairs	<b>Bob Gross / Krissy Amato</b>



*James Brock and Vivian Heitkoetter sail C420 Midwinter Championship in Jensen Beach photos by US Sailing Center of Martin County*



*Lucy Brock and Julius Heitkoetter sail C420 Midwinter Championship in Jensen Beach*

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Editor's Note: The article by Fiona Froelich in the January issue of the Telltale was included inadvertently. It was a duplicate of her 2018 submission. Apologies to Fiona!



Lucy Brock and Julius Heitkoetter sail C420 Midwinter Championship in Jensen Beach  
photo by US Sailing Center of Martin County



Lucy Brock and Julius Heitkoetter sail C420 Midwinter Championship in Jensen Beach  
photo by US Sailing Center of Martin County



Lucy Brock and Julius Heitkoetter, 2nd place U17, 9th place overall (out of 103 boats)  
photo by Markus Heitkoetter

### Tony Slowik III Sails the Mar del Plata Youth Regatta in Argentina

February 1-10 was the annual Semana Internacional del Yachting, hosted by Club Nautico Mar del Plata Yacht Club. This competition is the most important and one of the most competitive youth regattas in South America. This year, the regatta attracted 730 sailors in 14 different fleets, with a record number of 233 Optimists. The USA was represented by sailors coming from Lauderdale, LISOT, Chicago and Miami, as well as **Tony Slowik III**.

Tony, alongside his **Opti Coach Bernat Gali Bou**, sailed five days of fantastic sailing, with a wide range of conditions (from 10 to 25 knots) blowing from different directions and a swell difficult to find anywhere in the US.

After 15 races, **Tony** led the team once again, finishing in a strong 11th position overall. **Tony** proved to be able to adapt very well to the variable conditions, and ended up 2nd USA Sailor to finish.

Next year, they will be hosting the IODA South American Championships, so expect another fantastic regatta!

Results can be found here: <http://www.siy.org.ar/uploads/files/TimonelesR15.pdf>.

Gael Slowik



Tony on the water day two photo submitted by Gael Slowik



Tony accepting his award for 11th place overall out of 233 competitors 2nd USA Sailor to finish photo submitted by Gael Slowik

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SESSION	DATES	TIME
1-Saturday	June 1, 15, 22, 29	9:30 - 11:00
2-Saturday	June 1, 15, 22, 29	11:00 - 12:30
3-Saturday	July 13, 20, 27, Aug. 3	9:30 - 11:00
4-Saturday	July 13, 20, 27, Aug. 3	11:00 - 12:30



AYC MEMBERS - \$100  
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## AYC 2019 RACE CALENDAR

Mar 16	J24 Spring Informal Regatta	
Mar 17	Spring Series #3	1:30 start RC: A Fleet
Mar 22-24	J24 TX State Championship	
Mar 24	Spring Series #4	1:30 start RC: Multihull
Mar 30-31	McCarthy Cup Open Team Race Regatta	
Mar 31	Spring Series EOS	1:30 start RC: Ensign
Apr 6-7	Governor's Cup Regatta	
Apr 12, 19, 26	Beer Can Races	5:30 start
Apr 14	Late Spring Series #1	1:30 start RC: C22/SC 21
April 20-21	Easter Laser Regatta	
Apr 28	Late Spring Series #2	1:30 start RC: A Fleet

## AYC 2019 NON-RACING EVENTS

Mar 16	Race Start Seminar	10:00a - 3:00p
Mar 24	Photography Seminar	10:00a
Mar 28	Board of Directors Mtg	7:30p
Mar 29	J24 Q1 Birthday Social	5:00-11:00p
Apr 13	ASA 101 Sail Training	9:00a - 530p
Apr 25	Board of Directors Mtg	7:30p
Apr 27	Intro to Sailing Class	10:00a - 2:00p

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



**Jeff Sabuda** (Associate) is active in Sea Scouts and is working on becoming an ASA instructor. He is a skipper in the Sea Scouts. He has no racing experience but is eager to learn so he can introduce the Sea Scouts to racing and further their interest in sailing. He would like to expand his personal enjoyment of sailing to include racing.



**Kate Hennig** (Junior) is an active member of the Lake Travis High School Sailing Team and is enrolled in the AYC High School Pre-season Program and AYC Team Racing Sessions. She is interested in advancing her sailing skills in dinghy and keel boats.



**Wyatt Davis** (Associate) learned to sail in China while studying abroad. He continued sailing and racing as crew while in the Army and college. Wyatt is a licensed K-12 physics teacher. He enjoys teaching and would like to help teach sailing.



**David Michael** (Senior) and his wife, **Ming-ru Chu**, have sailed as crew with AYC members and are interested in expanding their sailing experience. They plan to be boat owners someday and look forward to racing and participating in AYC activities. They have a son who is active in the junior program. They see AYC as a place for their family to enjoy sailing.

# Calling All AYC Photographers!

Build new skills (and confidence!) for shooting sailboat races.



Professional Photographer Bill Records and accomplished AYC photographer Bruce McDonald will help you master the art of sailboat race photography. Learn how to shoot great photos in a variety of weather conditions. Learn to use the best settings for shooting, how to adjust for b&w vs. color printing, and some great tricks for post-production techniques when corrections are needed.

Sunday, March 24  
10:00am in the clubhouse  
It's free!

Questions? Get in touch with Bill at  
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**LAKE TRAVIS BLOOPERS AND BLUE DUCKS**

Lucky for him, this driver wasn't an AYC member. Starting this issue, your photos of LT Bloopers and Blue Ducks will be printed each month in the Telltale. Be on the lookout and you can immortalize (provide evidence for) 2019's Blue Duck recipient.

