



Welcome Spencer LeGrande New Junior Coach



Coach Spencer and the Opti 1 Sailors *Photo by Bill Records*

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Happy
Mother's
Day!

Bring Mom out
for the race and
the Sunday Social!!



Turnback Canyon Regatta 2019

Saturday, May 11th – Sunday, May 12th, 2019

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

Turnback Canyon Regatta

Keelboats, Multi-hulls, and Beach Cats are welcome.

Off-the-Water Activities Include:

Breakfast tacos Saturday morning at AYC, 8-9 am.

[LagoFest activities](#) Saturday afternoon and evening.

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

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

Awards Social with dinner for purchase for \$8 after the races on Sunday, approx 4 pm,

Benefitting our Road Runner Youth Sailing Program.

Registration:

Registration can be done online at www.austinyachtclub.net prior to Wednesday, May 8th 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, 5-7 pm, with light snacks provided, 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: <http://austinyachtclub.net/>
or contact the Austin Yacht Club at 512-266-1336,
or email Dane Ohe, Regatta Co-Chair, at diohe@att.net

From The Commodore

by Annie Lancaster



I am thankful that Spring is here and we made it through a Winter of wind and cold.

I am thankful for all of the interim coaches that helped us through February and March Opti practices. With **Coleman** just coaching high school on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings, we needed Wednesday evening and Saturday help. Many thanks to **Bill Records, Linda McDavitt, Jeff Brock, Lucy Brock, Stefan Froelich, Ethan Froelich, Julius**

Heitkoetter, Emily Verdoia, Keith Denebeim, Ed Pierce and all the parents who joined in to keep the practices going.

I am thankful for our new full-time junior coach on staff at AYC. **Spencer LaGrande** started sailing Optis when he was 8 years old and then moved to Laser and FJs. He started the varsity sailing team at St. Michael's High School and won the 2016 Texas Friendship Award for his sportsmanship and Corinthian spirit. He will be coaching Opti I, II and III along with FJ/Laser. And I am thankful for **Emily Verdoia** who has been coaching Wednesday evening Optis. She is also now on staff part-time to co-direct with **Spencer** the AYC Summer Camp. It should be a fun summer here at AYC. Sign your kiddos up soon!

I am thankful for the time **Coleman** gave AYC as Sailing Director and Coach. **Coleman** resigned at the end of March. He will be graduating from Concordia University (I had him going to the school in the last Telltale) at the end of April. AYC wishes you well **Coleman!**

I am thankful for all the racing that has been going on at AYC...the J24 Spring Informal regatta followed by the J24 Texas State Championship, the McCarthy Cup Open Team Race regatta hosted by UT Sailing Team, the Spring series races and the Governor's Cup regatta (well, we did not have any racing but it was a great event anyway! Thanks **Ed Pierce and your committee!**), DF95 RC sailboat weekly practices.

I am thankful there is more racing to come... Beer can racing started April 12th, Late Spring series started April 14th, the Annual Laser/Aero Easter regatta, Wednesday night Sunfish/Laser sailing, Turnback Canyon regatta up to Lago Vista in conjunction with the LagoFest event, the Women's Sailing Clinic.

And I am thankful that Austin is one of the NYAC American Magic stops. **Skipper Terry Hutchison and TV Sailing Commentator Tucker Thompson** will be giving an exclusive multimedia presentation at the Bob Bullock Museum on June 1st at 6pm. Mark your calendars and get your tickets now at www.austinyachtclub.net!

Sailing Director/Program Director

The AYC Board and others have been discussing the idea of a *Sailing Director/Program Director* position at AYC. The intention of this position is to 1) continue to grow the AYC Junior training program, 2) further develop adult training programs and 3) provide general racing support.

If you remember, some years ago AYC invested in the development of a junior training program by hiring a Sail Training director to teach classes, direct camp and provide on the water sailing experiences. The program became very successful and currently has programs for the very young (PB&J) to competitive teams for high school and college. With the increasing demands of the program, an assistant coach was hired. When the director left AYC for another position, the assistant coach became the director. Efforts were made to find a qualified assistant but no permanent replacement was found. Recently, after the resignation of our current coach, AYC hired a replacement coach for the junior programs and summer camp.

AYC has attempted to make available to all AYC members classes for sail training including start and spinnaker training clinics and classes for women and novice sailors. There are several Club members who teach ASA classes and private lessons on their own boats for nominal fees which create revenue for the Club. Also, there are others who routinely volunteer to teach sailing skills to new people before our sailing series. These efforts could be brought together into an overall plan for teaching sailing and racing to all sailors.

A core value of AYC is to promote sailboat racing and sailboat racing-related social activities. The AYC board has specific officers to fill this need. The Vice Commodore is in charge of regattas. The Sail Training Commander is in charge of racing classes/clinics. The Race Commander is in charge of series races. Regatta and series races management draw from members of the Permanent Race Committee for PROs and the general membership for volunteers. AYC staff is responsible for keeping the gas and race committee supplies filled. With the ever-changing volunteers, there are challenges in providing a consistent racing and race management experience.

The position of Sailing Director/Program Director would assist and support the board members in all these aspects and help to define the overall strategy for AYC sail training classes and events. The SD/PD would report to the General Manager and the coach would report to the SD/PD. All sail training marketing, communication and administration for sail training events and classes would be the responsibility of the SD/PD. Classes can be run by the SD/PD or by volunteers or invited instructors. The income from the sailing program and various classes would generate revenue to cover the SD/PD salary. The AYC Fund has offered to contribute financial support for the position, gradually phasing out as the revenue generated increases. A dedicated director will allow focus on AYC sailing and racing goals and foster innovative ideas and opportunities.

The AYC board is providing this description for further membership discussion and to receive membership feedback. We look forward to the opportunity to search for the right person to continue elevating AYC to the next level of sailing skills, racing and training. Promoting sailboat racing with a Corinthian spirit is what AYC is all about!

From The Vice Commodore

by Dane Ohe



The Governor's Cup Regatta was a smashing success! The food was wonderful, the band was rocking and the company was fantastic. It was so good in fact that I don't think anyone realized we didn't get a single race off due to the weather! **Ed Pierce** and his team threw a great regatta and everyone enjoyed the weekend. A big **Thank You** to all who participated and again, **Job Well Done to Ed and his Team!**

Planning is underway for the next regatta, Turnback Canyon, May 11th and 12th. As this regatta falls over Mother's Day weekend this year, plan on bringing Mom out for the race or at least out for the party after the race. Dinner will be served by the Roadrunners for \$8/person, so Mom doesn't have to cook. What better place to spend time with Mom than at AYC! Early registration is open now until 5pm, Wednesday, May 8th. After that a \$10 late fee is charged. More information about the party at Lagofest can be found on their website, www.lagofest.com. The lake is full and it should be a great race up and back. If you aren't racing, please consider volunteering for either Saturday, Sunday or both days!

Also coming up is the 36th Annual Easter Laser Regatta, April 20th and 21st. **Fred Schroth** is planning another amazing event and this year the regatta also includes AEROs, so come out to see what those boats are all about.

Beer Can Races started Friday, April 12th. Come out for the fun races, and invite someone new onto your boat. It is a great way to meet new members or get experience on many different boats.

With a full lake, it should be a great summer for racing! Look forward to seeing you out there.

Race Commander Report

by Jim Casto



Due to family issues, I was unable to participate in as many Spring Series activities as I would have liked. But I was humbled to watch the members of PRC carry on the support of AYC's racing activities. For Spring Series, you may have seen **Stu Juengst** and **Hazel Sanchez** conduct PRC briefings with the duty fleet PROs, and **Kurt Carson** chaired a mediation/protest committee one weekend, and **Bob Leonard** continues to be sure all our supplies and

equipment are in place. In addition, we had experienced Club members who volunteer for RC service for fleet events, such as **Ray Shull and team**, for the J24 circuit regatta.

Governor's Cup RC volunteers included several members of our own PRC team, a visiting PRO, and although we did not race Saturday due to storms and no wind, then no race Sunday due to lightning & rain all around, it was a valuable experience for RC. We planned for 3 separate racing areas, 3 separate signal boats & finish lines, as well as the required extra marks, ground tackle and flags. This preparation will be valuable for future regattas with multiple lines, such as Roadrunner and Centerboard Regattas.

For the Late Spring Series, we will be using 2 leeward buoys instead of 2 windward buoys. The J/80 fleet has had some difficult leeward roundings, with their very different speed and approach angles compared to the other fleets. These differences are less noticeable at the weather mark but are potentially dangerous at the leeward mark. I think a separate leeward mark, which is not a new request, is warranted. For next series, we are then considering 2 windward *and* 2 leeward buoys. It is extra work for the RC team, but may enhance the racing experience for all fleets.

Turnback RC volunteers are needed. Please contact Regatta Chairperson **Dane Ohe**.

RC equipment & AYC Chase boat check-in after series races continues to be somewhat inconsistent. We have provided a laminated checklist on each boat indicating what to do when returning the chase boats, but we still see RC duty fleets leaving ice chests with melting ice, and RC bags with wet gear in the RC room. And missing boat keys. Please be courteous and leave the RC equipment in good order.

Chase boat usage is offered to fleets as a courtesy to foster racing of all types, year-round. For the upcoming Sunfish / Laser "season", we would ask that all users please follow the checklist procedures we have developed, and the posted link on Sunfish/Laser fleet pages. Although many of the Wednesday night racers also use the chase boats as part of their "other" fleet, some are less frequent chase boat users, and less experienced. Please avail yourself of the motor boat training, the checklists, and think about the next user when returning materials.

Looking long term – due to the efforts of our Dinghy Fleet Captain and Finn "Master" **James Bland**, AYC has been granted a bid for a National Championship! In October 2020, AYC will host the Finn Masters Championship. See **James** for more details.

Sail Training Report

by Keith Denebeim



Spring Sail Training and a BIG Welcome to Spencer

AYC Sail Training has officially embarked on our new era as we all welcome new Junior Coach, **Spencer LeGrande**. On top of that, we have many events and training sessions that will keep us on the water, sailing strong, and racing fast!

Spencer LeGrande is the new kid on the block, or we should say, "in the office" and "on the water."

We are so happy he has joined the AYC Staff and for many of us, he already has made an impact. **Spencer** is in full mode with all our Opti Sailors, Laser, FJ, and High School teams along with everything else we will be throwing at him. If you have not met **Spencer**, take a minute to go into the office and introduce yourself. You'll see immediately why we are so excited to have **Spencer** on the AYC team!

And here's more exciting news! AYC Sailing Summer Camp FUN is just around the corner and **Spencer**, along with our own UT Sailing Team President **Emily Verdoia**, have been named co-directors! These two young, energetic and awesome sailors are already lining up a great camp staff for what we are calling:

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SAILING SUMMER CAMP FUN – 2019

We are offering seven total weeks of Summer Camps this year and they are filling up fast. In fact, our co-directors were in full bloom pushing camp at the annual Austin Baptist Church Camp Fair this month with a full-on race Opti on display catching every kid's attention! They also were passing out our NEW AYC Sailing Summer Camp FUN Lip Balm! We have a few more of the lip balms in the office – introduce yourself to **Spencer and Emily** and get a FUN Lip Balm for your pocket.

CPR Training Class

The AYC Sail Training Committee is offering a fantastic CPR / First Aid / Water Safety Class that will be open to all members. Go to the AYC Website and register for this essential training that every sailor should have on their CV. This is a great opportunity to refresh yourself if you have been previously certified or more importantly if you have never received these certifications.

Sailing Summer FUN Counselors and Counselors in Training will be required to take these classes. In addition to the basic First Aid and CPR certifications, we have added the RED CROSS Water Safety class. The total cost will be only \$55 per person. Sign up fast as seats are filling up.

American Magic Coming to Austin

Tickets are now on sale for this amazing multi-media presentation, An Evening with American Magic Skipper, **Terry Hutchenson**, and Sailing TV Commentator, **Tucker Thompson**. This is your chance to meet and listen to one of the premiere American sailors and the skipper of New York Yacht Club's entry into the 36th America's Cup. Learn all about the MULE and these spectacular foiling monohulls along with all the plans for 2020 and beyond!

The event is Saturday night, June 1st and will be at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum, located behind the Capital Building. The night will kick off with a no-host cocktail reception at 6:00 PM sponsored by Princess Craft RV of Round Rock with a spectacular presentation beginning at 7:00 PM.

Tickets are going fast and are available on the AYC Website by following the links on the HOME page. Members can add the ticket purchase right to their AYC account and non-members will be sent directly to PayPal. Tickets are only \$20 each so make sure you do not miss this great event!

Sailing / Program Director Position

Our main focus for Sail Training will be to work with the Commodore and staff toward the addition of Sailing / Program Director as outlined in the Commodore's report. We have some great candidates and we will carry on this monumental task.

Thanks for Pitching In!

Lastly, we have to give an incredible shout-out to our many members who truly stepped up with Junior Coaching duties this past month. Thank you notes go out to **Jeff Brock, Bill Records, Linda McDavitt, Emily Verdoia, Stefan Froelich** and a super kudos to **Lucy Brock and Julius Heitkoetter**. Thanks team; what a great set of coaches.

Thanks again for everyone's support, input and most importantly, your warm welcome to **Spencer**.

Do carry on!

Building & Grounds Update

by Diane Covert



All the doors and frames on the ground level below the clubhouse have been replaced due to flooding. This included new hardware, hinges, door closures, locks, knobs, pulls etc. for the RC closet, the pool storage room, icemaker room, phone closet, the bathhouse, and the sail training room. Big thanks go to **Steve Digby**, for installing wood trim around each door. Remaining is painting the trim and doors.

If you haven't noticed, there are new chairs and tabletops in the clubhouse. They match the barstools and should last for a long time. Big thanks go to **John Parker**, and UT club members **Rikin Shah, Joao Encarnacao** and **Chris** for switching out 40 of the old chairs, and to **Marilyn & Jeff Jackson** and **Curtis Hutchinson** for helping with the tabletops.



We have a new beer dispenser in the clubhouse so cheers of "no more foam" can be heard around the Club. **Tom Cunningham** also coordinated the repair of the lawn sprinkler system, which included replacement of the controller due to last year's flood. April projects will include asphalt repair, patch pot holes and improving parking at the playground area, repairing the pool fence and replacing the pool gate, and adding a new water fountain on the ground level.

From the AYC General Manager by Jackie Wheelless



New to the AYC Staff is **Spencer LeGrande** in the position of Sailing Coach. He's not a brand new face to AYC because he grew up here. **Spencer's** full of energy and ideas so please come by and welcome him aboard the AYC family!!!

Probationary Members...

The upcoming months are full of volunteer avenues for the newer AYC members to either begin or complete their probationary requirements. If you're a probationary member and need assistance with activities to give you credit towards your requirements, please don't hesitate to contact **Fred Ford** (ffordf@gmail.com) or myself so we can direct you to on the water or service activities!



New Junior Coach Spencer LeGrande and his newly designed water bottle for Summer Camp
Photo by Bill Records

The swimming pool is targeted to open each year no later than the Turnback Canyon Regatta. This target date is due to the oak trees that surround our grounds. If the pool were to be uncovered earlier, the massive dumping of leaves and pollen would cause an intensive amount of manual labor to keep the pool clean and clear. That being said, Turnback Regatta is a couple of weeks earlier this year so please bear with us as we work to get the pool open and tested for swim worthiness.

DID YOU KNOW?!

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

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

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

Harbor Commander **John Kuc** (JK) and I have been sending notice of "neglected boats" so that everyone has had a chance to check on their boat or their neighbor's and get them seaworthy. In the very near future, JK and I'll be contacting members one-on-one if their boats are in need of "special attention." We're hoping to get all boats cleaned up and ready for racing.

A reminder to everyone that Associate members are not allowed to store boats at AYC. If you want to be able to store a boat at AYC, please be sure to

upgrade to Senior member status, apply for storage rights and be assigned a spot for your boat prior to bringing your boat to the Club.

I'm not sure if the newer members are aware that the Dry Out Area is for members who have a wet slip and need to dry their boat out in order to work on it. Please check in with the office prior to parking your boat in the Dry Out Area. Empty trailers should be in the trailer parking area or in an assigned dry storage slip.

It's been a very busy, whirlwind (literally) kind of first quarter! Wind, rain, cold, heat, more wind, lightning, pollen, more pollen, even more pollen.through it all, AYC members get HUGE kudos! Everyone keeps coming out, they keep smiling and they keep giving it their best effort to get out there and race!!! AYC versus Mother Nature!

Social Committee Report by Pat Manning



Please enjoy these photos of Social Committee activities in preparation for the Spring End of Series banquet. Photos were provided by **Marilyn Jackson**. Thanks, **Marilyn**, for your photos and for all your help on the Social Committee!

We have a great time and a great team, and we are always looking for volunteers. If you are new to the Club, cooking and serving (and clean-up) are excellent ways to meet and greet members.



Pat Manning-Elizabeth Quintanilla-Rona Thronton-Marilyn Jackson



Pat Manning-Jeff Jackson

36th Annual Easter Laser & AERO Regatta

APRIL 20-21, 2019

Join Fred for a rollicking time on the water. Good friends, good sailing, and a fluffle of bunnies. Here's a little ELR history for your enjoyment.



1957 Easter Laser Regatta



2002 Regatta Gail and David Bernstein accept the US Sailing award



2008 ELR Regatta: The fleet let me win one. Photo by Bill Records

An excerpt from the Spring 1993 Telltale, "Laser Fleet News":

"...When the Board let me try the first Easter Laser Regatta in 1984, I had no idea if it would be an event or a bust. When I sailed out of the harbor there were 4-5 boats in front of me. The lake level was 660 and **Hap** and work party were moving docks to the point. **Rolly Lawson** loaned us a powerboat so we could have the regatta at all because the club boats were needed to move docks. I didn't know how many sailors had registered. All I knew was that I'd missed the skippers' meeting and it was time to go sailing. When I looked back at the harbor, boats were streaming out onto the lake. The low water level made it impossible to see the launch area so as each boat rounded the point and entered the harbor it was a surprise. About the time boat number 25 sailed out I had developed one of those silly grins that wouldn't go away. 38 boats started the first race. We ate dinner Saturday night and passed out chocolate bunnies after the regatta on Sunday.

We did this for 8 other years and sent 7 winners to the Olympics. This year **Steve Bourdow** sent us our best greeting yet: "You have been chosen as a selection regatta for the United States Sailing Team."

As of Telltale time, we had 60 folks promising to come race at this year's Easter Laser Regatta. I hope you have heard larger numbers but the regatta will be the largest one-design event in the short history of AYC. If sailing will ever be a spectator sport in Austin, this Easter weekend might be that time. There will be some boat handling wizards and the mark roundings will be cluttered to say the least. So if you can't race, watch. But PLEASE don't bring your sails. Nothing ruins a good Laser race faster than a 30-footer and its dirty air." 1993 Spring Telltale, "Laser Fleet News"

*Fred's note: We had 84 boats that year. All of them were Lasers. **Matt Romberg** and **Hank Kleespies** qualified for Olympic Committee funding to go to Europe and do some Laser sailing. US Sailing noticed us 10 years later when we had 84 boats again.*



2008 ELR pre-start Photo by Bill Records



2008 ELR Eric Faust first place -- broken mast didn't stop him!
Photo by Bill Records

**AYC Members:
Sail a Laser or Aero!
Easter Regatta is a
great opportunity to
test your skills and
have some fun!**

2019 Membership Survey Results

by Ravi Subramanian, Jeff Brock, JoAnn Welles (Long Range Planning)

Thank you to all the respondents to this year's Membership Survey! This survey followed-on to those conducted in 2012 and 2015. We received responses from 144 of the 401 survey requests (36%), about the same (a little less) than the past two surveys. Apologies to those who lost the email to their spam folder or missed the announcement in the March TellTale or on the bulletin boards at the Club....we do care what you think and tried to reach out!

Doug Kern compiled a great summary of the responses and we'll send this by an email blast to the membership. You can also download it at bit.ly/AYCsurvey-2019. Highlighting the key findings:

Active racing is key. More than 60% of respondents list this as their primary reason for being a member and 78% participate in weekend races. Cruising (56%), volunteering (48%), and social programs (38%) followed in program participation. I suspect that there's some survey bias here – those who participate are probably more likely to respond – but those are the numbers that what we're working with.

Those who participate do so frequently. Nearly three-fourths of the respondents visited the Club at least once a month, with almost 40% coming out every week. AYC is an important part of their lives. Encouragingly, 72% of respondents were 'extremely likely' to recommend AYC to a friend or colleague, carrying forward an upward trend from 2012 (56%) and 2015 (63%). Metrics on customer satisfaction are 'excellent', exceeding other top brands such as Apple and USAA...we're doing something right!

Also encouraging is that respondents rated AYC as 'good' (~4 out of 5) on a wide range of areas from club grounds to big events to member dues and dock fees. We were a little low ('ok' at ~3 out of 5) on new member intro and adult sail training. We should all consider ways to improve this.

Relatedly, we do 'great' at the core value of supporting active sailboat racing (4.7/5.0) but are only 'good' (~4/5) at other core values – being attractive to all sailing enthusiasts, volunteerism, and sustainable operations. Some room for improvement, but also raising the question of what we want this Club to be.

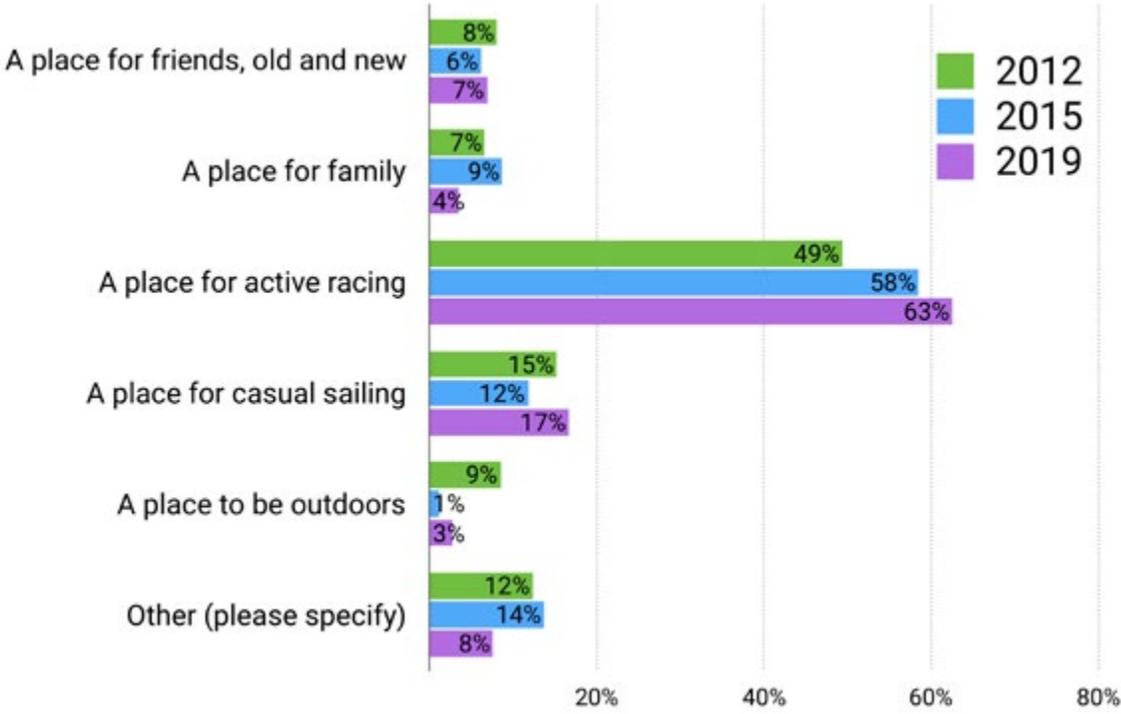
On volunteerism, a majority (57%) thought that AYC, which maintains a relatively low overhead of staff and services compared to other sailing clubs, strikes a 'just right' balance between volunteer support and paying to have things done. It should be noted, however, that 22% hoped for better participation by volunteers...so come out and help if you're not already doing so!

Thanks, also, for all of the detailed comments to the open-ended questions! (What does AYC do best? What should we do to improve? Any additional comments?) Good feedback there, and we appreciate you all for the effort to provide it.

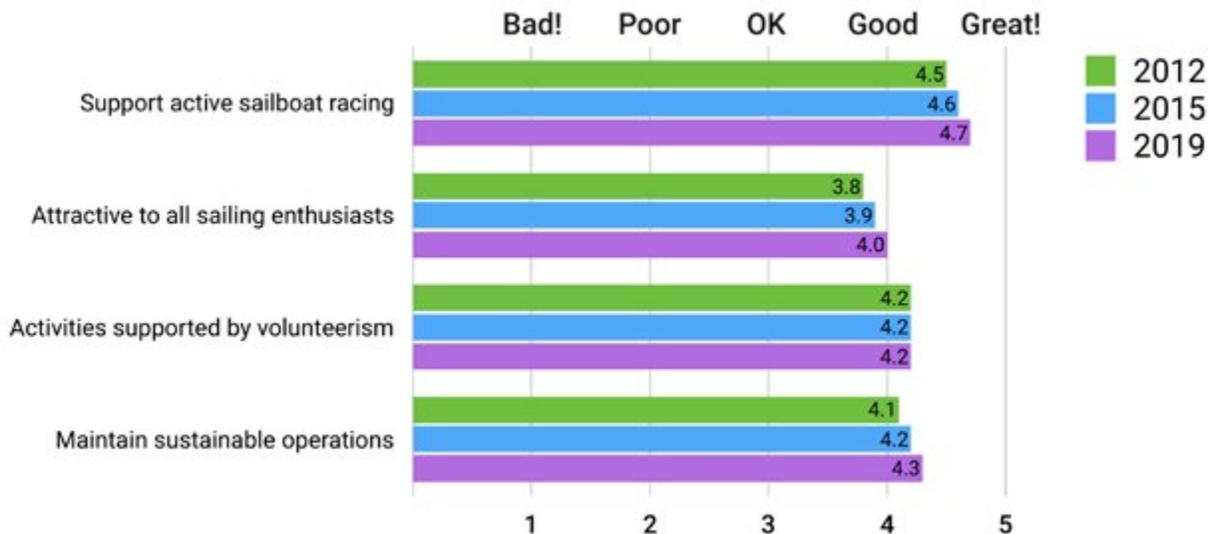
According to your responses, AYC provides an attractive venue for racing, keeps it affordable, and kudos to the expanding junior program and the social gatherings. We do well at making people feel welcome, so additional kudos to everyone who reached out and introduced themselves to someone they didn't know. All of this builds the sport and sustains AYC.

On the improvement end (always awkward...who wants to be called out on their shortcomings?!), we could do better at reaching out to new members and to those outside of established fleets and friends. Improvements to the website layout and 'how to...' info were suggested. More clinics (both junior and adult) to improve our sailing abilities. Better long-term financial planning. Power on the docks. Maybe some charging stations for electric vehicles.

To all of these 'could be better' points...keep up the discussion! Talk to others, talk to Board members, but just keep talking. AYC will be what we make it. So, thank you all for the feedback, for your time, and for being active in this Club.



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CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

AYC Sail Training Committee presents



CPR TRAINING
First Aid & Water Safety

When: Saturday, April 27, 2019
Time: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Where: AYC Club House
Cost: \$55.00 per person

Space is limited!

Go to the AYC Website and register now!

TURNBACK CANYON REGATTA NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

Turnback is coming up the weekend of May 11 and 12. This annual two-day event takes the fleet up to Lago Vista Bar-K Park on Saturday and back home to AYC on Sunday.

If you aren't sailing, please volunteer! This event takes a lot of effort and can't be successful without the support of volunteers. Breakfast and lunch will be included for the day(s) that you volunteer.

We need:

- RC for both days
- Registration help for Friday evening and Saturday morning
- Help with breakfast on Saturday
- Cleanup help on Sunday, and
- Help with various other chores.

PROBATIONARY MEMBERS: All volunteer activities will count towards your Probationary Requirements!!

To lend a helping hand, please contact Regatta Chair Dane Ohe at vice_commodore@austinyachtclub.net.

Neglected Boats: FINAL NOTICE

Please be aware of the policies in effect for storing boats on site. The Harbor Commander, Harbor Committee and Board of Directors are gathering a list of boats that do not appear to be in usable condition. The list will be utilized to contact members about their boats and discuss options for getting their boats into a usable condition. Please take time to check on our boat and get it cleaned up and usable prior to April 15, 2019. For more details, refer to IV Slip Usage Policy beginning on page 145 of the 2019 Handbook.



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\$20.00
On SALE
Exclusively at
www.austinyachtclub.net

- Relive the Storied History of the Oldest Event In Sports
- Examine the AC75: The Future of Cup Racing
- Hear What to Expect in New Zealand for the 36th Cup
- An Exclusive Look At New York Yacht Club American Magic

AUSTIN YACHT CLUB
Presents
AMERICAN MAGIC
with
Terry Hutchinson
and
Tucker Thompson
for a regatta like the rest
America's Cup
June 1, 2019
800 BALLOCK TEXAS STATE
HISTORY MUSEUM
Austin, Texas
7:00 PM

PHRF QUARTERLY MEETING APRIL 25

Be aware – the quarterly PHRF committee meeting will be held April 25. If you have a rating to be reviewed, please complete a Ratings Review form from this page:

<https://www.austinyachtclub.net/racing-documents/>

And, if you haven't "registered" your racing sail # this year, please do so at: [Series Racer Registration](#).

Spring Series Highlights



Spring Series Race #2 Photos this page by Bill Records



Kurt Gustafson and crew on Camelot – first place in A Fleet and first series at AYC!



Spring Series Race #2



A Fleet



Bob Gross and crew on J80 ShotGlass



Bonnie & Keith Lackey and crew on J80 Farfrumwerken

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Spring Series Highlights



L: Andrea Lesh with crew of Ranger 28, R: Karen Bogish with crew of Jazztacks
Photos this page by Marilyn Jackson



Dane Ohe, Krissy Amato, Stephanie Froelich – crew of Aphaia



John Maddalozzo with crew of Orneri



Bill Records and crew of Café au Lait



Crew of FastBreak – L-R John Thurston, Nick Gallagher, Christa Wilke, Shawn Walsh



Crew of The Kitchen – Pat Manning and Jeff Jackson

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Spring Series Highlights



Spring Series Race 3, JACK crew Andre, Keith, Chris, Jim Photos this page by Cheryl Pervier



Spring Series Race 2, Dave Wahlberg and crew



Spring Series Race 4, John Halter and crew



Spring Series Race 4, Danny Lien and crew



Spring Series Race 3, Peter Broberg and crew



Spring Series Race 3, Jennifer Loehlin, Mike Mashi and David

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Spring Series Highlights



Spring 5 EOS, Bill Records 1st place PHRF B, Pearson 26, Café au Lait
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Spring 5 EOS, John Parker 1st place J24 on Chupacabra



Spring Series Race 5 EOS, J80 1st place John Bartlett with crew on Speed Racer



Spring Series Race 5 EOS, John Halter 1st place for J22 on Project Mayhem



Spring Series Race 5 EOS, Steve and Cheryl Pervier 1st Place Catalina 22 on Affinity
photo by Elizabeth Quintanilla

Governor's Cup Regatta

by Ed Pierce



"A regatta is a marriage between a series of races and a series of parties – and the chances of both being great is thereby reduced."

– regatta chair's axiom

First, and foremost, this 2019 Governor's Cup Regatta was remarkable for the quality and number of volunteer hours that went into the production. 48 folks

(including race officials **David Patterson** from Dallas and **Jack Yoes** from Houston) coordinated a Long Distance course, J/22 Circuit stop and round-the-bouys course and Centerboard course along with **Cathie Martin** raising sponsorships from **Rudy's Country Store**, **Michael Chris Vinyards**, **Infamous Brewery**, **Tito's Handmade Vodka**, **Wisky's Liquors**, and **Stitch Gallery**. There was only one item incomplete on my ToDo-list – weather.

We started the party Thursday evening with wine and packet building to be ready for Friday's check-in party with the Irish music of **Ken Berringer and Tom and Tom**. Then Zeus humbled our racing once again with a long series of thunderstorms on Saturday, followed by clearing in the evening (for the party, of course), and another series Sunday morning including tornado warnings. With N over A (racing abandoned) flying both days we came together as a Club to make the most excellent regatta party of the year. **Bill Benker's** 14hr smoked BBQ brisket, pork and chicken paired nicely with the beers and dancing to the music of **Gary Michael Dahl Band** from Houston. So, as I pack away the trophies (yep, we can reuse them for the next GovCup) I'm feeling the bittersweet half of a great regatta – an excellent series of parties begging for some races.



Breakfast volunteers Marilyn Jackson, Jeff Jackson and Frank Lynn



Registration volunteers Chris Thompson, Ed Pierce and Carolyn Howard



Cathie Martin and Ann Riggs prepare gift bags for would-be Governor's Cup sailors
Governor's Cup photos by Marilyn Jackson



Captain's meeting, L-R Jim Casto (PRO Long Distance Course), Dave Patterson (PRO Centerboard Sunfish), Ed Pierce (RTB One Design and Regatta Chair)

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Governor's Cup Regatta



L to R: Bill Coon, Katey Levihn, Annie Lancaster and Bill Records



L to R: Andre De La Reza, Caleb Man, Jim Pearce, Becky Pearce, Keith Denebeim, Ethan Froelich, Victor Gofay and James Parsons



L to R: Jeff Wigzell, Ben Miller and Michael Tita



Crew of Catalina 30 L to R: Cheryl Pervier, Steve Pervier, Lizette, Cathie Martin and Dan



Ravi Subramanian and Pam (from Colorado)



L-R Keith Lackey, Anne Morley, David Morley, Kristin Morely, Bonnie Lackey, Claudia Bartlett and Bridgette Rochard

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Governor's Cup Regatta



L-R Tom Fuller, Gina Estrada, Alan Stanard, Steve Vaughan, Robert Brann, Colleen & Ed Taylor
Governor's Cup photos by Marilyn Jackson



L-R Wendi Froelich, Kate Hennig, Fiona Froelich, Richie Amato and Spencer LeGrande



BBQ chef Bill Benker



Day one partiers

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L-R Bob Gross, Rhonda Galloway, Brian, Elizabeth Quintanilla

Governor's Cup Regatta



L-R Tom Holdridge, John Burke, John & Claudia Bartlett, Elizabet Quintanilla, Keith Denebeim, Ethan Froelich and Fiona Froelich *Governor's Cup Photos by Marilyn Jackson*



Anne Riggs and Hazel Sanchez



L-R Fred Ford, Caleb Man, Annie Lancaster (showing storm radar on phone) and Linda McDavitt



Dane Ohe and Krissy Amato



L-R Jorge Martín de Nicolás, Cheryl & Steve Pervier, Victor Gotay and Steve Ward



Charlie and Commodore Annie Lancaster

J.A.C.K.ed in Miami
by Chris Thompson & Ed Pierce



**One Design Sailing
Bootcamp, and
Bacardi Cup Bronze**

About a year ago **Keith Denebeim** voiced a wish – to go to a “big” regatta with a bunch of friends and a sailing coach. His

salesmanship had us signed up within a month and following AYC Opening Day we packed our PFDs and AYC fashion wear to head to The 92nd Bacardi Cup Invitational Regatta and Miami Sail Week. We ignored the speculation of others that five C-fleet “cruisers” (4 Pearson 26s and an Ericson 27) on a one design race boat would be “something to see.”

Our travel crew included:

- J. – Jim “the Bruiser” Pearce** on mast and pit.
- A. – André “Captain Hulk” de la Reza** taming the spinnaker and calling tactics.
- C. – Chris “Jib in, out, in, out…” Thompson** tweaking the headsail trim.
- K. – Keith “I’ve got blister on my fingers” Denebeim** on main trim (sorry for the Beatles reference)
- ed – Ed “Quit Pinching” Peirce** handling the tiller.



Bacardi Martina Orsini



We booked us a modest Airbnb cabana across from Kennedy Park, a short walk from the sailing venue, and we discovered the joys of Biscayne Bay, first with a visit to Coral Reef YC, refreshments along “yacht club row” and a shopping excursion to provision the necessities for breakfast and lunches.

Tuesday morning kicked off two full days of coaching on the water as the seven Flying Tiger 7.5 teams met for the initial briefing and coach assignments. We had the good luck of drawing **Rod “You Guys are Keelin’ Me!” Favela** of Rockwall, TX as our coach and his Venezuelan sailing passion was contagious. We all have a new sailing “brother”. **Rod** told us afterwards that he had pushed us as hard as any team he ever had coached. None of us had any appreciable experience racing a one design boat with high aspect sails and an asymmetrical spinnaker but two days of “boot camp” drills gave us the basic skill set we needed to sail this boat. By now we were all bruised and had found aching muscles we didn’t remember we had, but totally **JACKED** to start real racing.

Jim and André were the stabilizing influences in our crew, combining dry wit, good sailing knowledge and strong leadership, and when the races started on Thursday, we were still climbing the skills curve and making sense of weather, tide and wind patterns on Biscayne Bay.

We had an OK start in the first race on Thursday and pulled out a third. In true AYC style we were early to the line for the next race and had to claw back to 4th after being OCS. Third race start found us where we wanted to be, just a second early, again. On our turn around the pin end boat we caught their anchor rode and spent about 8 minutes dosey doe-ing with the RC boat. Freed but determined, we sailed hard but ended the first day with a DFL finish and we were a bit dejected. Very soon, though, **André** reminded us that we just had our throw out and we could maintain 3rd if we got it together.

Day-2 saw us clawing up the course with finishes of 5th, 3rd, and 4th. In one of those races we brushed the windward mark (penalty turn) and in another we had the spin halyard pop the cleat to do some “shrimping” in the bay. A lot of learning from mistakes was accomplished in these 4 days. The key factor in every race was we never let down and managed to claw back when we lost ground to mistakes.

By Saturday we were holding onto a tenuous third place but we knew we could win one, and that’s just what we did. With a mid-pack start and fifth at the first windward mark we reached down and found our groove – a good tactical call combined with spot on spinnaker launch and haul work by **Chris and Jim** and some great jibes by the back of the boat, we hit the leeward gate in first. We were finally able to recover from our past errors and turn our new experience into the desired result. **Keith’s** main trim teamed up with **Ed’s** improved tiller work and **André’s** monster work on the spin helped to land a



1st and (photo finish) 2nd to win the last day and hold on to third overall. It tasted so sweet in the warm Florida sunshine! The little silver tray was a nice validation of our efforts.

We are so grateful to our hosts, Bacardi, Coral Reef Yacht Club, and the regatta experience program put together by 1DSailing and North U. We learned new things – such as the “furious gopher” spinnaker hauling technique and to watch for “Jimmy Bag-of-Donuts” and “Muscles Marinara” (recreational cruiser boats). Not to mention some awesome sailing knowledge.

The nightly parties were as fun as the on the water time with Corinthian spirit (and rum) flowing freely. Socializing with sailors of all ages from all around the world further cements what a fantastic sport we were a part of. The weather was postcard perfect. It was an amazing adventure and probably the most fun we’ve had while getting beaten on and yelled at. On the way to the airport we were already discussing next year’s excursion.

Many thanks to Keith's dreams and a boatload of experienced and passionate sailors. When we booked this trip last fall, we (The J.A.C.K.) were only

2019 Bacardi Cup Invitational Regatta Preliminary Cumulative Results

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Bow	Sail Number	Yacht Name	Yacht Design	Skipper/Crew	Race	Race	Race	Race	Race	Race	Race	Race	T O	Total
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Our First Adventure into the "Shallow" Blue ...

by James Denny



(an ode to "Coyoacan")

A few weeks ago, we took our boat, "Coyoacan", to a secret sailing spot called Rockport, Texas. We stepped, rigged, and launched out of Rockport Beach Park, and then sailed to a wet slip in Rockport Harbor. For five days and four nights my wife, Sarah,

and I lived aboard, sailed our Catalina C-22 along the IntraCoastal Waterway, across Aransas Bay to Port Aransas for a night, not quite into the Gulf of Mexico

(we did a U-turn in Aransas Pass), back to Rockport, and around Nine Mile point for our last "sunset sail". It took more than our limited knowledge and experience of sailing, assembling and disassembling the boat for trailering, and years of camping together – it took trusting our boat. We've enjoyed racing Coyoacan with the AYC – and have learned much from that rigor, but we also enjoy cruising with the All Catalina Fleet (the other "Fleet 69") too. We've overnighted on Lake Travis enough to know that Arkansas Bend has our favorite cove, and we've raced enough to know that Turnback Canyon Regatta is a yearly tradition aboard our little RV with sails. This first trip to the coast was an awful lot of work, but so terribly worth looking out across the most open stretches of water we've ever sailed, so far.



We've never been to "open" or "blue" water, and probably won't aboard Coyoacan. The ICW channel is 20'-0" in depth. Corpus Christi Bay averages 12'-0", Aransas Bay only 10'-0", and both have areas miles from shore as shallow as 3'-0". The swing keel that makes our C-22 easily trailerable was very handy when bushwhacking outside the channel. We got stuck on an

uncharted "spoil" once, but only had to crank the keel up a bit to free the boat. "Coastal" versus "Blue" aside, sailing across 14 nautical miles of water that looked and felt wide open, on the same beam reach for several hours, being shocked at Coyoacan sustaining 6.7 knots (that's well over hull speed) and at the oddly calm smoothness of it, feeling gusts as gradual changes in a consistent wind, and then doing it over again the following day – all made this trip an amazing experience. We didn't have any prior sailing history before our C-22 found us, seven years ago. She needed "a little work", and lots of care, but was complete. The more I'd work on her, the more I'd learn that she was perfect for Sarah and I.

Our first time moving under wind alone, we fell in love with the Zen of sailing. We focused on learning to sail for a couple years, and only fixed what was broken (we also found a few new things to argue about too). When it was time for the nightmare bottom job I'd known was coming since scraping inches thick biomass from Coyoacan's hull, everything became its own project (bottom, hull, box seam, bow eye, rub rail, keel, pivot assembly, rudder, trailer, bilges, deck, upgrades, reinforcements, modifications, and on and on). Before spending so much time under the boat, I'd made the cabin and the cockpit "nicer", so the goal became what she could be. I needed to make her safe too, because we'd already imagined sailing her on other waters. So went my free time for two years, but so also went every fear we'd had about the parts you can't see that nobody wants to ever think about failing. Understanding how she was put together, and making our boat what she should've been gave us confidence. Racing gave us a steep learning curve, but we pushed through those stresses, and became better sailors because of it.



We joined the AYC two years ago, and found many new opportunities to enjoy Coyoacan. Catalina's C-22 was never the fastest "racing" sailboat, but her feedback and responsiveness are significant – and extremely educational. Because of the one-design fleet, it is a pleasure to race her within sight of other C-22's (even when most other boats leave us behind). Coyoacan was never the most accommodating "cruising" sailboat either, but her simply defined cabin works extremely well – and is enough. Because very little space is wasted, she can be reconfigured for different trips and for different gear (as long as you're tidy). We stowed two folding bicycles in the space where the galley and the grill usually go, so we could explore Rockport and Port Aransas like tourists and so we could have most meals in restaurants. Because we overnighted in centrally

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Finn Fleet Captain's Report / Dinghy Handicap Fleet Report by James Bland



located municipal harbors, we only needed a single burner stove to make coffee for our breakfasts. When we overnight on Lake Travis (without the bikes), we tend to go all out on the "camp" dinners that we cook or grill. For those outings, our cooking gear is as excessive as our meals are enjoyed.

Our first "coastal cruise" was an adventure made of wonderful moments. Some lasted hours (our crossings of Aransas Bay), some were so fleeting they couldn't be photographed (more than a dozen times we saw or heard dolphins), and a few were so beautiful they demanded we stay in the present (a near full



moon rose every night with sunset, reflecting across the water and illuminating everything around us). It was just one week: five days aboard, with a night in hotels at either end before the stepping and after the unstepping, to and from. The one thing we got "wrong" was how much we thought we needed to be ready to do. All we really needed was to keep changing the horizon and keep sailing together. I think that "Zen of sailing" thing means relishing the quiet moments – whether you're sitting still taking in a new harbor, or whether you're sailing faster than you ever have before. We're already planning to explore Lake Belton next, and Turnback Canyon is coming up again soon...

...peace be the journey.



Finn Fleet Captain's Report

Three weeks after attending the OK Dinghy World Championships, the AYC Finn Fleet traveled to Sarasota Florida to compete in the Finn National Championships. 34 boats were registered in the Multiple Class Midwinter regatta. The Finns welcomed a new club, the Sarasota Sailing Squadron and the location was beautiful. The weather did not

fully cooperate and only 5 of 8 planned races were sailed. USA 88 sailed a consistent set of races and finished a respectable and improved 23rd, beating a few higher placing boats in a few races. Unfortunately, I was fouled at a leeward mark rounding in the second race, causing damage to the boat that threatened the remaining races. After careful inspection and a little duct tape, Audacious finished the regatta and headed home to Fred Schroth's boat yard for repairs.

I'm registered to sail in the Finn Masters Championship April 11-14, a nice birthday present. and hope to take another step forward.

Part of the Finn Nationals is the Annual General Meeting. I'm pleased to report that AYC and Texas were rewarded for participation. Texas is now a separate region within the USA Finn Association, free to develop and conduct our own affairs. Texas has 40 yacht clubs in the Texas Sailing Association and it is my hope that many of these will start thinking about sailing Finns. Next, Texas and Corpus Christi Yacht Club won the bid for the next Nationals, June 20-28 with a Republic of Texas Blue Chip Championship June 20,21 and the Finn National Championship June 25 - 28. Finally, Austin Yacht Club won it's bid to host the 2020 Finn Masters National Championship , tentatively Oct 1-4. I will be working with the board to narrow down the dates and develop a Notice of Race in the next month.

In OK Dinghy news, as Secretary / Treasurer I am recreating the class foundation and I'm looking for a kind hearted lawyer to help me with Incorporation/ Association, and Tax 501c7 filing status for Social Clubs. I have found the previous officers and will be using their documents to update the Association status. We've started a Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/OKUSAClassSecretary/?modal=admin_todo_tour, and the OK Dinghy International Association has commended us on our current ramp up.

Lots of small items to track. AYC could use the next year to ramp up Finn sailing and train for the nearby Nationals in Corpus Christi, maybe a once in a generation opportunity.

If you want to learn to sail well, you have to start small, sail a dinghy.

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Dinghy Handicap Fleet

While the Keel boats have been wrestling with the weather, fair and foul, Dinghy Fleet business has not been slack.

The Sunfish and Lasers are planning for their opening series and a familiarization sail and party in late April should be on the calendar by now.



James Bland's new plywood OK Dinghy [built by **Rob Coultis**] has been measured and certified by the class. USA 8 has been placed in a container and is in route to Los Angeles as we speak. **James** has taken over as USA OK Dinghy Racing Association Secretary/Treasurer and has spoken with the last Class officer, busy updating and writing documents to place the National Class Association on a current business and 501c7 tax basis. **James** is negotiating with OKDIA members on kit pieces to build a second boat. The OK is thriving internationally and the current association members have been working hard to get a critical mass of sailors to relaunch here in the USA. When **James'** boat arrives, there will be a fleet party to inspect the OK and Finn as well as talk about Dinghy Racing and what we can do to fire up centerboard racing. All ages welcome.

Last note, take a look at your boats and trollies in dry storage. Wash, clean the boat and hardware, look at your sails and get ready to enjoy your boat. If you haven't touched your boat in a while, inspect the standing and running rigging. New lines and a little polishing will make the boat at least seem faster and more comfortable to sail. I would recommend a solid trolley wheel, as it seems our summer heat blows the inflatable tires out, <https://www.tridentuk.com/gb/flat-free-solid-tyre-dinghy-trolley-wheel-16-x-4-boat.html> and here a good jockey wheel <https://www.tridentuk.com/gb/pneumatic-jockey-wheel-with-48mm-telescopic-shaft-and-clamp-mp437.html>.

Sail fast, have fun.

Ensign Fleet News

by Anne Morley



This Spring Series has had challenging weather conditions. One race had too much wind and very cold conditions and then we had races with no wind.

With that said we did get one race off this series. On March 10th, **Annie Lancaster** on Eagle (773) placed 3rd. She had the Styf Kop (588) crew on board after Styf Kop had to retire early due to an encounter with a J24 before the first race. **Lewis Price** sailed Dos Locos (929) to second place. **Tom Groll** on Brews'er (578)

finished in first place. Looking at the times of the 6 boats in the race, there was less than 5 minutes between the first and last finishers. We have a very competitive fleet!

On March 17th, the Ensign Fleet had their first social event of the season. Everyone wore green and enjoyed socializing. Thank you to **Fred Ford** for organizing this event!

The Governor's Cup that Wasn't

Due to very stormy conditions over the entire weekend, no races were run. That didn't stop us from having fun though. It was great watching a group of the Ensign Fleet completing a jigsaw puzzle in the clubhouse.



Ensign Fleet group working on a jigsaw puzzle during a break in the action
Photo by Anne Morley

Saturday night, the weather cleared for a bit and we all had a great time at the party. We saw many members of the Ensign Fleet out dancing to the great band. We didn't let a little (or a lot) of rain stop us from having fun!

I think it is amazing to see how the Ensign Fleet extended a helping hand to the **Dahmen bothers** while Styf Kop was under repair. **The Hawks** generously offered Festina Lente and **Fred Ford** offered September for their use to finish the series. For Governor's Cup, **Annie Lancaster** provided Eagle to the Dahmens. The Ensign Fleet is truly a family providing for each other.

Catalina 22 Update

by Steve Pervier



Spring Series 2019 weather improved on Frostbite's one race day for Catalina 22s, with three completed race days out of five scheduled. The last Spring Series date looked so cold and breezy that most C22 sailors stayed home, leaving **Cheryl** a chance to sail with **Harry's** ASA boat and **Steve** a chance to join a J/22 crew aboard Scorchier. (Thanks to **Chuck and Sally** for taking me along!) Anyway, most better sailing days this March were mid-week!

Aside from Spring Series, at least one C22 skipper or crew participated in: ASA 101 Sail Training Class, Race Start Seminar, Sailing Photography Class, and possibly the AYC Racing School.

For Governor's Cup, **Cheryl and Steve** signed up their Catalina 30 with four others to make the first one-design class on the long distance course. But storms washed out both days in the first raceless regatta I've ever been in, and one of very few in memory at AYC. I'd like another chance at Governor's Cup 2019, with its three race courses, attractive shirts, tasty BBQ, and great competitors getting together, all thanks to **Ed Pierce** and his dedicated volunteers.



Spring Series Race 2, New Catalina 22 racer Donald Garcia with crew Photo by Cheryl Pervier

So let's talk about Spring Series, when two more C22 skippers joined our active group. **Donald Garcia, with crew Johannes and Mike**, sailed C22 #10162 on 3/10. They have a fast boat, and we're expecting a real contender to develop when they sail again. We also saw the return of **Peter Broberg** with Trivial Pursuit, and except for the fluky light air that favored us somehow on 3/17 they might have won 2 of their 3 races this series.

One of the best performances was posted by **Brian and Margarito** on Moonlight Sonata, as they came from far behind in the first race of Spring #2 to take 1st by a split second. They won that race on the final beat, sailing into a progressive header as we fell into their backwind, then tacking with us onto a progressive luff – winning both times by being on our port side. Then they won the second race that day by over a minute! **Cheryl and I** had our moments too, one in Spring #4 first race when we nailed the pin end on starboard and beat all others in our start to the first W mark. Some of the Ensigns and **Bob's** fast SC21 passed us on that W2 but we held on to win in C22.

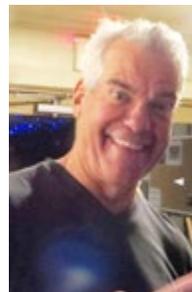


Spring Series Race 3, Walter Payne, Cathie Martin, Louise Miller Photo by Cheryl Pervier

So we have a competitive fleet going – **Louise** and some combination of **Walter, Cathie and Robert** improving race after race, **Griz** expected to show his talent soon, **Donald** getting faster with great help from **Johannes and Mike, Peter and Jim** dusting off the few cobwebs remaining, **Brian and Margarito** consistently good, and the expected return of **Bob** on Be-Bop and also **James** with his beautiful Coyoacan. Maybe we need some newer sails! In any event it's definitely time to race Catalina 22 in the Late Spring Series (4/28, 5/5, 5/19, 6/2) after our 4/14 Race Committee. Between races, look up CafFleet69.org – the cruising counterpart to our C22 racing fleet.

B-Fleet Update

by Ed Pierce



Springtime sailing is here, begone winter abandons!

I love sailing, and I love music. A few years ago I scored tickets to see Vladamir Ashkenazy in New York and as I was hoofing it from my hotel to 57th street feeling pretty disoriented I asked a local busker, "How do you get to Carnegie Hall?" Her reply didn't help me find the concert, but it summed up all I've learned about sailboat racing in the last two years – "Practice, practice, practice."

Our B-fleet is a wonderful place to do that – affordable, welcoming, instructive, and competitive. Kudos to the mayor of B-fleet, **Bill Records**, who has nurtured a flotilla of Pearson 26s to AYC – but that's not all. We race with Catalinas, Columbias, a Ranger and an S2. Our PHRF racing keeps everyone in the trophy chase.

We started Spring Series with this winter's offering to Aeolus, an abandon. Then we served the Spring #2 admirably as Race Committee with **Barry Thornton, Brett Wilson, Bill Records, Anthony Yen, Mark Bradford, Edwin Marty, Brian Carlson, Carrie Craft, Caleb Man and Robert Bennett**. Light (drifting?) air on Spring #3 had eight boats starting and my boat was schooled by Café Au Lait, Incognito, and Talisman on how to focus on the goal. Spring #4 brought more familiar SSW winds and the competition heated up.

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Spring#5 wrapped up the series very competitively with Broken Arrow's first victory over Café au Lait. Overall the series had **Bill Records** 1st, **Ed Pierce** 2nd, and **Dave Weeks** 3rd and eight boats a' racing including **Ryan Larson's** Pura Vida and **Jeremy Peters' Talisman**.

We're going to start an after-race debrief tradition for B-fleet, and anyone is welcome to join in. We'll meet around a table under the clubhouse after each series race and compare notes and learnings from "what's just happened." Bring your questions about sail trim, race tactics or rules and we'll find answers together. B-fleet is learning and growing, and every day we spend on a sailboat is a practice day – I look forward to joining you on the water, anytime.

PS – The joke is older than me, but so is the message – Practice!

A Fleet Update

by Andrea Lesh



While the Spring Series had its mix of weather, it proved to be just right for **Kurt Gustafson** on his super-fast Catalina 30, Camelot, our winner of the Spring Series. You don't hear super-fast and Cat 30 together too often, so hats off to you **Kurt!** **Cass Meyer** (2nd) and **John Maddalozzo** (3rd), congrats on your finishes as well! It's always close out there.

Thank you to all the A-Fleet volunteers for our 3/17 race. **Dane Ohe** did an outstanding job as PRO, and

we were able to squeeze a race in during a rare window of some wind. I'd also like to thank **Rachel Bailey**, **Frank Kopankewitz**, **David Butler**, **Peter Marsh**, **Rob Wilson**, **Cass Meyer**, **Bruce McFarland**, **Russell Johnson**, **Gal Sela**, and **Larry Ratliff** for helping on the RC, chase boats, and scoring. My apologies if I overlooked anyone. We can't do it without you!

A big thank you for all the people who put on the Governor's Cup! When it rains and pours, you just need to drink and dance! The team did a fantastic job of making the most of it and serving up a great weekend of fun, food, and great music. I didn't know we had so many snazzy dancers at the Club. Rest assure that the A-Fleet will bust out some new moves at the next party.

This is such a great time of the year at AYC. The sun us out, it's under 100 degrees, and we have a lot of races to join. The Late Spring Series started on 4/14, the Friday Beer Can Races started on 4/12, and the Turnback Canyon Regatta is coming up on 5/11-5/12. Ladies – don't forget the Women's Sailing Clinic on 5/18. It's always a big hit.

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

Thank you to all the organizers!

The B-Fleet's next Race Committee day is April 28th. We need volunteers so please contact me to help (andrealesh@yahoo.com). We look forward to seeing everyone on the water!

Laser Fleet Update

by Steve Keckler



Spring has sprung and Laser racing is right around the corner.

Calling All AYC Laser Sailors – Easter Laser Regatta April 20-21

First up is the 36th Annual Easter Laser Regatta chaired by **Fred Schroth**, everyone's favorite bearded sailor and boat repair guru. The regatta runs from Saturday/Sunday April 20-21 at the

Club. Registration is at 8:30 on Saturday morning, and I understand that ten boats from Dallas have already committed to come. *AYC Laser sailors, Fred is counting on you to make a good showing this year.* Get your Lasers out and join the fun! If you don't want to sail, then please consider volunteering for race committee or shore duty. Contact **Fred** directly at keeldude@sbcglobal.net to volunteer.

The Laser Season will kick off on Monday May 1 with a first start whistle at 6pm. The season runs through the end of September, but come out for great early season racing before the summer heat chases the wind away! It's time for a new sailor to take the Laser Fleet Champion crown from **Dave Grogono**, who has held it since 1879 (just kidding). As penance for winning the championship, he was convinced to serve as fleet scorer this season – thanks **Dave!** While you are at it, check out the refurbished Laser Fleet perpetual trophy hanging in 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. I would be happy to add those interested in AYC Laser racing to the fleet email list.

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This regatta will be raced on identical J/24 sailboats provided by Manhattan Yacht Club. Races will be held in New York Harbor. All races will start and finish from the Honorable William Wall, Manhattan Yacht Club's floating clubhouse anchored north of Ellis Island.

ENTRIES:

Any team of US women sailors can apply to participate. To be considered for an invitation, email office@myc.org

ENTRY FEE & DEADLINE:

The entry fee is \$350 which covers the cost of the boat charter. The damage deposit is \$500. **Deadline: April 17.**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Friday, June 7, 2019 (optional)

1000 – 1600 Practice sailing permitted in the harbor.

1600 Practice Race

Saturday, June 8, 2019

1100 Race 1 followed by Races 2 & 3

Sunday, June 9, 2019

1100 Race 4 followed by Races 5 & 6

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J80 Fleet News

by Ray Shull



This year has been an amazing year for the growth of the J 80 Fleet at AYC. A year ago there were 11 J 80s in the Club. We were having good numbers of boats racing, with typically 7-8 boats racing in A Fleet. Then, last fall, the interest in joining our fleet from other sailors seemed to significantly increase. We decided to transition to a one-design fleet just as several new boats joined our fleet, and the numbers of boats in our Fleet have just exploded. First **Jeff**

Jones and Scott Spurlin joined with Wild Thang, then **Chris Hargett** brought Kicks to AYC, the **Romberg and Baker** team arrived with Too Much J, then the **Douglas and Payet** team brought in Merlin, then the **J.A.C.K** syndicate acquired their boat The JACK, then **Bob Gross** brought in Shotgun, then Kurt Carson brought in Not Rite, and now **Bob and Deb Mathison** are picking up 80 Proof this week. We now have 19 J 80s at AYC, and the racing and fun are better than ever.

The recently completed Spring Series saw a total of 16 boats race during the series with an average of 13 boats on the line for each race.



Above: Spring Series Racing, Below: J80s heading to leeward mark Photos by Russ Shermer



The Series was won by **Claudia and John Bartlett** on Speed Racer, second was Too Much J with **Jonathon Baker** driving, third was Flyer with yours truly, fourth was Jazz Tacks with **Scott Young**, and fifth was Wild Hare with **Claude Welles**. I can't remember a one-design fleet with an average of 13 boats for a series at AYC in a long, long time. The start lines were crowded, the mark roundings were always interesting, we were always near other boats eager to pounce on any mistake, and the finishes were extremely close. Just perfect racing on Lake Travis.

We started the year with a Fleet organizing meeting. There we elected **Bonnie Lackey** as our Fleet Captain, **Claudia Bartlett** as the Fleet Treasurer, and a Special Appointment of **Bonnie, Claudia, and Ray** to continue as the Ad-Hoc Social Committee. The Fleet last year started a tradition of an after-race party hosted by the crew of one of the boats after each race where food was not served at the Club. These events were well attended and were enthusiastically agreed to be continued. We had also included a short chalk talk to begin each party to discuss something that occurred on the race course each day. These were informative, lively, and a great way to start each party. These will be also continued.

Governor's Cup was held this past weekend and 10 J 80s had signed up to compete. Unfortunately the weather had other ideas about whether or not sailboats should be out on the lake. The J 80 Fleet was forced to shift gears from racing mode to party mode much earlier than planned. I think we rose to the occasion and everyone had a great time. Special thanks to everyone who volunteered to organize and run this regatta. We know how much work these events are and sincerely appreciate everyone's efforts.

Next up for the Fleet is the start of the Beer Can series, then the Late Spring Series, and before too long the first race of the MoonBurn Series. It's a great time to be racing at AYC, especially on a J 80.



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Roadrunner Fleet Update

by Mary Carew



There was great AYC participation at the Spring Fling regatta, at Lake Canyon Yacht Club on March 16-17. We were happy to see **Ramzi Matous** sailing in the Opti green fleet. He did really well, finishing in top 10. On the Opti RWB Fleet, **Lucas Tenreiro** finished 1st overall. The other sailors in RWB were **Nicholas Carew, Catherine Froelich, Kynes Cabrera and Keen Cabrera**. **Fiona Froelich** competed in Laser 4.7,



Ramzi Matous, new Green Fleet sailor at the Spring Fling Regatta *Photo by Nagla Matous*

while her siblings, **Ethan Froelich** and **Wendi Froelich** sailed Laser Radials, with **Ethan** finishing in 2nd place. AYC dominated the C420 fleet with **Lucy Brock** and **Julius Heitkoetter** finishing 1st, **Hanna Progelhof** (RCYC) and **Taylor Snyder** coming in 2nd and **James Brock** and **Vivian Heitkoetter** finishing 3rd.



Winning c420 sailors at Canyon Lake, L-R Julius Heitkoetter, Lucy Brock, Taylor Snyder, Hanna Progelhof, Vivian Heitkoetter and James Brock *Photo by Nan Taylor*



Ethan Froelich, second from left, accepts award for 2nd place Laser Radials *Photo by Nan Taylor*



Above: James Brock and Vivian Heitkoetter accept award for 3rd place, *Photo by Nan Taylor*

On March 30-31, many juniors participated in the McCarthy Cup Open Team Race Regatta, enjoying the strong winds and team-racing format! They had a lot of fun.

At Chocopalooza at Rush Creek Yacht Club on April, 6-7, **Tony Slowik** took 2nd overall and 1st in red fleet while **Nicholas Carew** finished 5th overall



Nicholas Carew, Receiving his 2nd place trophy for Red Fleet, Rush Creek Yacht Club *Photo by Paul Carew*

and 2nd in red fleet. **Keen Cabrera** finished 9th overall and took home the 3rd place prize for White Fleet. **Kynes Cabrera** finished in 11th place. **Ramzi Matous** achieved a 6th place finish in the Opti green fleet and we were happy to see **Eli Ortiz** sailing in Laser Radial. On the C420 line, the **Brock/Heitkoetter** combinations did great with **Lucy Brock** and **Julius Heitkoetter** coming in 1st and **James Brock** and **Vivian Heitkoetter** finishing 3rd. It looked like all Roadrunners also enjoyed the annual chocolate fountain!

Next up in the TSA calendar is the Kessel Run Regatta and 2019 Junior Aero Intergalactic Championship at the Viridian Sailing Center in Arlington, which is a regatta open to TSA sailors over 13 years old and their parents (RS Aeros are available for charter). The regatta take place on May 4-5. Shortly after that is the Silly String/TSA Girls Champs at the Grapevine Sailing Club, on May 18-19.

And of course, planning is underway for the Roadrunner Regatta on June 8-9. We could use all the help we can get so please consider volunteering that weekend!

Opti 1 Sailors



Opti 1 Sailors Roland and Edie *Photos this page by Bill Records*



Opti 1 Lena and Edie



Opti 1 Sailor Storey



Opti 1 Sailors Ford and William



Opti 1 Sailor Lena

The Ten Commandments of Beer Can Racing

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

- I Thou shalt not take anything other than safety too seriously. If you can only remember one commandment, this is the one. Relax, have fun, and keep it light. Late to the start? So what. Over early? Big deal. No instructions? Improvise. Too windy? Quit. Not enough wind? Break out the beer. The point is to have fun, but stay safe. Like the ad says, "Safe boating is no accident."
- II Thou shalt honor the racing rules if thou knowest them. The US Sailing 2017-2020 Racing Rules, unless specifically stated elsewhere in the Sailing Instructions is the current rules bible. Few sailors we know have actually studied it cover to cover: it's about as interesting as reading tax code or the phone book. For beer can racing, just remember some of the biggies (port tack boats shall avoid starboard ones; windward boats shall avoid leeward ones; and outside boats shall give room at the mark). Stay out of the way of bigger boats, pay your insurance premiums and keep a low profile unless you're sure you know what you're doing. Like most things, it boils down to common sense.
- III Thou shalt not run out of beer. Beer (a.k.a., brewskis, chill pills, thought cylinders) is the beverage that lends its name to 'beer can' racing; obviously, you don't want to run out of the frothy nectar. Of course, you can drink whatever you want out there, but there's a reason these things aren't called milk bottle races, Coca-Cola can races, hot chocolate races or something else. Just why beer is so closely associated with this kind of racing escapes us at the moment, but it's a tradition we're happy to go along with.
- IV Thou shalt not covet thy competitor's boat, sails, equipment, crew or PHRF rating. No excuses or whining; if you're lucky enough to have a sailboat, just go use it! You don't need the latest in zircon-encrusted widgetry or nobotanium sailcloth to have a great time out on the water with your friends. Even if your boat's a heaving pig, make modest goals and work toward improving on them from week to week. Or don't - it's only beer can racing.
- V Thou shalt not amp out. No screaming, swearing, or overly aggressive tactics. Save that stuff for the office or, if you must, for Saturday's 'real' race. If you lose it in a Friday nighter, you're going to run out of crew - not to mention friends - in a big hurry. Downing a quick chill pill on the way to the starting line has been medically proven to have a calming influence on the nerves.
- VI Thou shalt not protest thy neighbor. This is extremely tacky at this level of competition and should be avoided at all costs. Perhaps it's justifiable if one's boat is damaged and blame needs to be established, but on the whole, tossing a red flag is the height of bad taste in something as relatively inconsequential as a beer canner. Besides proving that you're unclear on the concept of beer can racing, it screws up everybody's evening, including yours. Don't do it - it's bad karma.
- VII Thou shalt not mess up thy boat. Everybody knows some hardcore weekend warrior who ripped his sails up in a Friday night race and had to sit out the championship race on Saturday. The point is that it's not worth risking your boat and gear in such casual competition: like the song says, you got to know when to hold 'em, and know when to fold 'em. Avoid other boats at all costs, not to mention buoys and other hard objects. If you have the luxury of two sets of sails, use the old ones.
- VIII Thou shalt always go to the yacht club afterwards. Part of the gestalt of beer can races is bellying up to the yacht club bar after the race. Etiquette demands that you congratulate the winners, as well as buy a round of drinks for your crew. Besides, the bar is a logical place to see old friends and make new ones. However, when meeting new sailors, avoid the gung-ho, overly serious types who rehash the evening in such gory detail that the post mortem (yawn) takes longer than the race. As much as we enjoy a quick romp around the cans, there's more to life.
- IX Thou shalt bring thy spouse, kids, friends and whoever else wants to go. Twilight races are great forums for introducing new folks to sailing, such as your neighbors, out-of-town visitors, co-workers or maybe even the family dog. Always bring your significant other along, too - coed crews are happy crews. And don't just make the newcomers watch - give them a job on the boat. Get everyone involved.
- X Thou shalt not worry; thou shalt be happy. Leave the cell phone in the car, bring the ghetto blaster. Lighten up, it's not the Big Boat Series. Have fun, and we'll see you out there!

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AYC 2019 RACE CALENDAR

Apr 19, 26	Beer Can Races	5:30 start
April 20-21	Easter Laser Regatta	
Apr 20	TX State HS Championship	8:00a - 5:00p
Apr 27-28	SEISA Women's Championship	
Apr 28	Late Spring Series #2	1:30 start RC: A Fleet
May 1,8,15,22,29	Sunfish and Laser Sailing	5:00p - 10:00p
May 5	Late Spring Series #3	1:30 start RC: J22
May 11-12	Turnback Canyon Regatta	
May 17	MoonBurn Series	5:00p - 11:00p
May 19	Late Spring Series #4	1:30 start RC: J80

AYC 2019 NON-RACING EVENTS

Apr 17, 24	Sunfish Race Clinic	5:30p - 9:30p
Apr 25	Board of Directors Mtg	7:30p
Apr 27	CPR/First Aid/Water Safety	10:00a - 2:00p
May 3-5	Troop 165 Campout/Ship 681 Sail	
May 5	Free Sail Sunday	1:00p - 4:00p
May 18	ASA 101 Sail Training Class	9:00a - 5:30p
May 18	Women's Sailing Clinic	9:00a - 8:00p
May 23	Board of Directors Mtg	7:30p

SAY HELLO TO APRIL NEW MEMBERS



Gregory Matous

(Associate Probationary) Gregory joined to support his son who has been training Optimist. Gregory is ASA keelboat certified, the former owner of a H16 and current owner of a Sunfish. He has racing experience on the the H16, including Wayward Winds, Wursthfest and Hill Country, and would like to join in on some of the racing on his Sunfish.



John Horn

(Associate Probationary) John joined AYC to do more racing in general, and to contribute to the Club. He is particularly interested in Laser racing. John's sailing experience is extensive. He owns a Hunter 31 and has captained charters with Texas Sailing. Racing experience includes crewing on J24, J70, J80 and Cal39.



Nicole Lusignan

(Associate Probationary) Nicole came to AYC from San Francisco where she and her partner James were members of Modern Living in Sausalito and Royal Vancouver Yacht Club. Nicole has completed ASA 101 and 103. She has participated in Beer Can races and would like to learn more about racing competitively.

Charles Christie (Reinstated Senior Probationary) Photo not available



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Coach Spencer and the Opti 1 comedians *Photo by Bill Records*