



Turnback Racing Worth the Wait



Turnback! Renee Ruais and Anthony Yen racing Pearson 26, "Tacking Tiger, Jibing Dragon" (aka Tigerfish), with crew of Christian Ploetz and his wife Carlita (Summer Yen below deck mixing Mother's Day Mimosas) *Photo by Cheryl Pervier*

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SAVE THE DATE

Jun 8-9	Roadrunner Regatta	Jul 14	Single/Double Handed Regatta
Jun 15, 22, 29	Summer Evening Series	Aug 3	Big Bros/Big Sis After Party
Jun 30	J24 Summer Informal Regatta	Aug 3	Sea Scouts NOW
Jun 30	DF95 Sailing/Racing	Aug 4, 11, 18, 25	DF95 Sailing/Racing
Jul 3, 10, 17, 24	Endless Summer Opti Series	Aug 10	Keel Fleet Raft Up
Jul 6	Independence Cup Regatta	Aug 16	MoonBurn Series
Jul 7, 14, 21, 28	DF95 Sailing/Racing	Sep 1	Fleet Challenge
Jul 12	MoonBurn Series	Oct 26-27	Centerboard Regatta
Jul 13, 20, 27	Summer Evening Series		



Congratulations and a Warm AYC Send-off to Ethan Froelich

After a year of building up qualifying points, it came down to the last race, but Ethan Froelich and his team mate, Oliver Hurwitz (NY), pulled it off and have qualified to be the US representative in the men's I-420 at the 2019 Hempel Youth World Championship in Poland in July!!! This is such an exciting achievement and we are so thrilled to have one of our own go so far! The team has put together an aggressive training schedule that includes coaching, invitational training clinics, and the US Youth Championships June 21-25 in New Jersey before they head to Poland for the Worlds. Ethan spoke about his journey on June 2nd at the Late Spring Series End of Series post-race event.



Photos, left and right, by Marilyn Jackson

From The Commodore

by Annie Lancaster



First, I just wanted to give my deepest and heartfelt thanks to the AYC family for the outpouring of love and support at the passing of my Dad, **Hap Arnold**. But as my brother **Charlie Arnold** said, Dad would want us to continue on and "find the wind and keep the boat moving." So off we go.

May has been filled with lots of wind and lots of sailing...

Kudos to **Dane Ohe, Krissy Amato and Bob Gross** for a great "Turned-back" Regatta. Their last minute scramble to put on a fun regatta (despite Lago Fest canceling due to the flooding at the Bar-K Park) was a great success. Two days of sailing up and back the lake was enjoyed by many.

Sunfish and Laser races on Wednesday night have been well attended. And if there isn't enough wind, or if there is too much, there are always conversations about sailing and life in general. All are welcome. Byob... bring your own boat!

Spring Series and Beer Can races have been along the same line with lots of wind or not enough wind, but in AYC fashion a good time is had by all.

Summer is upon us so that means Roadrunner Regatta! On June 8-9 AYC will be overtaken by Opti sailors! Ask **Jeff Brock** how you can help. These young sailors need our support and encouragement.

And Summer Camp Fun is almost here along with PB&J. These programs help build future sailors! Many thanks to **Spencer, Emily and the counselors** for their commitment to camp! And thanks to **Bill Records** for another year of PB&J!

Look for an AYC Juniors Special Summer Edition of the Telltale scheduled for release in July. Happy Sailing!

Immediate Past Commodore Report

by Bill Records



Membership News

Total membership numbers have been holding steady this year. The number of new members pretty much keeps up with resignations and IPSOs. However, the rate of IPSOs is unfortunately going up and the reason is hard to discern since these members just stop paying their bills and don't return calls or emails.

Article III, sec.9.B states simply that if a member's dues/charges are not paid within 90 days, membership is automatically terminated. However, the debt is not forgiven. The committee feels that the IPSO'd member should not visit the Club until the balance is paid. So, if you are behind on your payment, please contact the office and work out a payment plan.

The membership committee is very encouraged by the variety and backgrounds of sailors who are applying for membership, i.e. keel boaters,

center boarders, wind surfers, and juniors. A frequently asked question is what sailing activities do we offer other than racing? I personally love to race but enjoy cruising as well. Maybe the Club should offer more non-racing activities, such as cruises, raft ups (just had one), and dinner cruises. On a recent Saturday evening, some members and I sailed up to a restaurant (Shack 512), had a great meal, and enjoyed a "sunset sail" back. Shack 512, a frequent sponsor of Turnback, has a courtesy dock for customers and great food. As the book, [Saving Sailing](#), points out, a sailing club needs to emphasize the "Fun Factor" to stay viable.

Texas 200

Members **Paul Carew and son Nicholas** are sailing their Compac 16 in the Texas 200, a five day sail from Port Isabel to Matagorda Bay. Each boat entered must carry all provisions necessary for the entire trek! We wish them Bon Voyage and eagerly await their return.

Summer Reading

When conditions are 105 in the shade without a breath of wind, stay cool and read books. Here are some recommendations:

[Saving Sailing](#)

by Nicholas D. Hayes

Mr. Hayes chronicles the decline in sailing since 1990 and suggests ways to bring it back.

[Temple To The Wind](#)

by Christofer Pastore

Great book about the 1905 America's Cup Regatta between Nathaniel Herreshoff and Sir Thomas Lipton.

[Airborne](#)

by William F. Buckley

Often humorous account of Mr. Buckley's first Atlantic crossing.

[John Paul Jones, sailor, hero, father of the American Navy](#)

by Evan Thomas

Amazing bio of a great sailor and patriot, and how sea battles were fought from sailboats.

From The Vice Commodore by Dane Ohe



For this year's Turnback Canyon Regatta, Mother Nature and Lago Vista threw us several curves, but we were still able to have a regatta with some fun racing.

The Lago Fest party was scheduled on Mother's Day weekend this year, and initially this seemed to depress attendance. Several members said they were unable to sail due to Mother's Day commitments, so the regatta was planned for 30 boats, versus some 43 that attended last year's races. Then,

Mother Nature stepped in and delivered a lot of rain in the drainage basin for the Highland Lakes chain. The lake started creeping up, and on Thursday morning before the regatta, Lago Vista called off Lago Fest due to parts of the park being underwater and no electricity.

The Regatta Team, led by **Co-Chair Krissy Amato** and **PRO Bob Gross** jumped into action to come up with an alternate plan, modifying, in basically a day, plans that had been brewing for months. A local meal for Saturday was procured (Pizza!) and some of the local AYC musicians offered to play that evening. **Bob Gross** donated his sound system and helped rewrite the Sailing Instructions at the last minute to allow for racing in the basin, and close to AYC, as thunderstorms were forecast for Saturday morning. Surprisingly, or not, we had six extra boats sign up for the regatta once the decision was made to not sail down the lake. We ended up with more than 40 boats registered, including eight Pearson 26s that sailed as a one design fleet.

Mother Nature did not disappoint. Sometime after the first start on Saturday, a line of thunderstorms rolled in, causing the race to be abandoned and postponed ashore. Unfortunately, either through miscommunication or misunderstanding, several competitors thought the racing was done for the day and left, effectively ending their regatta. However, the storms passed and the Race Committee got the fleet back out for a short but fun race that afternoon! Pizza and beer were enjoyed by the crowd that evening, and there was even some karaoke thanks to the Junior Sailors!

Sunrise Sunday morning was glorious, and heralded a beautiful day for sailing. The RC sent the fleet up the lake to and past Arkansas Bend in a fresh breeze. It was a very fun day for racing.

When it was all said and done, **Aaron McCulley** took First Place in the Multihull A Fleet, **Steve Vaughn** topped A Fleet, **Brian Grothues** won C Fleet in a Catalina 22, **Michael Roher** finished First in the Beach Cat Fleet, and **Ed Pierce** took the One Design Pearson 26 fleet. Oh yeah, some guy named **Dane Ohe** won B Fleet. Look for pictures in this Telltale!

After the Races, even on Mother's Day, **Constance Heitkoetter**, with help from **Stefan Froelich**, **Mary Carew**, and **Markus Heitkoetter**, served up Markus Burgers for the fleet, with the proceeds benefitting Junior Sailing at AYC.

Regattas cannot be successful without a lot of help so I would like to single out several people without whom this regatta could not have happened.

First **Marilyn and Jeff Jackson**, who laid so much of the ground work before having to hand over the reins of the regatta. Next, and most importantly,

Krissy Amato, who quietly served as Regatta Co-Chair, mostly out of sight, but without her organization and management skills this regatta would not have happened. She wrangled the food, the t-shirts and the trophies, along with keeping me on a mission. Also **Ed Pierce** and **John Grzinich** for website work. **Bob Gross** provided excellent Race Committee leadership as the Principle Race Officer. **Karen Bogisch** for leading the registration table. **David and Anne Morley** for photography, along with **Cheryl Pervier** and **Marilyn Jackson**. A special thank you to **Ed Pierce**, both for scoring and, with **Cathie Martin**, for paying it forward and donating much of what they had intended to give away at their Governor's Cup Regatta. **Nan Taylor** for moral support, food prep and serving. **Pat Manning** and her committee for Saturday night dinner. And so many others, with food prep and serving, race committee and other support roles. New members showed up in droves to help and to earn their S-points, and special thank you to the existing members for training the new members in these functions so they can take them on in the future!

Another special thank you to the AYC staff, **Jackie, Tom and Spencer**, for their flexibility and their input during rapidly changing conditions. A big thank you to **Selema Tacos** out of Lago Vista for driving the balance of the breakfast tacos down on Sunday morning. And finally, our sponsor, **Celis Beer**, a local brewery that provided enough beer to get us through until Sunday lunch.

Finally, a special thanks to my crew, **Krissy, Nan and Stephanie**, for putting up with me during this hectic time.

I will be reaching out to Lago Vista in the next month to try to insert AYC into the planning process for next year's Lago Fest. They have been informed that Mother's Day weekend is less than ideal for our purposes. I will also ask them to itemize the expenses they ask us to cover for our visit to Lago Fest so we may have a better understanding of the expense and can make a decision on how to proceed for next year. I feel that the future of this regatta may need some more discussion based on their responses.

James Bland is proceeding full-throttle with planning and preparation for the Centerboard Regatta, coming up in the fall. Looks like it is going to be a well-attended event and James has it well in hand.



Knot Rite skipper Kurt Carson and crew, Elizabeth Quintanilla, Lisa Porta and Rick Kole at Turnback Canyon Regatta Photo by Anne Morley

Secretary Report by Karen Bogisch



Attention Members:

As a reminder, all Facilities Use Request forms (FURs) should be submitted and received by the the Secretary no later than 7:00 pm the Tuesday prior to the regular board meeting for them to be approved at the current month's board meeting. The Club has become busier and busier; to allow the board ample time to review and discuss events

that members wish to host at the Club, we need to have a deadline for FUR submissions.

The board meetings are the 4th Thursday of each month (except for November and December). Please review the website calendar and the timeline for any event you wish to host, and make certain that your FUR is received within the timeline stated above. If your FUR is not received by 7:00 pm the Tuesday prior to the board meeting, the FUR may not be considered until the next regular board meeting.

This month's board meeting is Thursday, June 27th; therefore, new FURs must be received by Tuesday, June 25th by 7:00 pm.

As a reminder, all FURs must have a representative present at the board meeting when voting takes place, so that board members may discuss any questions pertaining to the FUR.

We encourage you to begin submitting your FURs as soon as possible. When submitting your FUR, please make sure you receive a confirmation that your FUR was accepted and, if not, re-submit the form before the submission deadline.

Please feel free to contact me via email or you may email or call Jackie at the office if you have any questions or need help with form submissions.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

LAGO FEST is Back On!

Sunday, June 16, 2019

NOON – 9 PM

Bar K Park on Lake Travis, 6608 Bar K Clubhouse Court
Lago Vista, TX 78645

Come by land or come by boat to the biggest live music, arts, and food festival on the shore of Lake Travis. LAGO FEST is FREE and fun for everyone!

LIVE MUSIC LINEUP

- 1:00-2:00 PM Lion Heights (reggae)
- 2:30-3:30 PM South Austin Moonlighters (country/Americana)
- 4:00-5:00 PM Tomar and the FCs (soul/funk/old school)
- 5:30-7:00 PM Aaron McDonnell & the Neon Eagles (Texas Swing & 2-step)

AND HEADLINER

7:30-9:00 PM RAY WYLIE HUBBARD

The Man, the Storyteller, The Original Texas Outlaw

Building & Grounds Update by Diane Covert



The Austin Yacht Club is making several efforts to "go GREEN" and be more environmentally friendly.

This month, a new water fountain and bottle filler was installed below the clubhouse. (This replaced the 40-year-old fountain that finally bit the dust after it was underwater from the flood.) Along with the similar water fountain upstairs, this will allow AYC members, summer campers, and others to use refillable bottles

this summer in lieu of store-bought plastic water bottles. To encourage this environmentally friendly practice, **Spencer LeGrande**, our new junior coach, will be providing refillable water bottles this summer to youth sailors.

Separately, and based on an initiative suggested by the Roadrunners, we will also be making the effort to "go GREEN" when it comes to food and beverage here at AYC. We have recently added more recycle bins on the Club grounds. We will be using up, and then replacing the existing plastic plates, cups and utensils in the clubhouse with substitutes that are biodegradable and more environmentally friendly. This will start with the Roadrunner Regatta, and will be part of the Roadrunners' efforts to put on a "Clean Regatta" based on some of the standards of the "Sailors for the Sea" organization.

"Sailors for the Sea" is a NGO (non-governmental organization) formed in 2016, headquartered in Newport, RI and focused on addressing issues like plastic and climate that are impacting the health of our oceans. Nearly 1.4 million people in over 40 countries have engaged with "Sailors for the Sea" programs and social media. Their programs include: Clean Regattas, K.E.L.P (Kids Environmental Lesson Plans), and a Green Boating Guide – check them out at <http://www.sailorsforthesea.org/programs>. As their website says, "Whether you race your sunfish on a lake, or you are on your 20th circumnavigation, you have the power to make a difference."

Environmentally responsible boating practices are being adopted worldwide, even right here in Texas where the Corpus Christi Yacht Club (CCYC) has recently been recognized internationally for its environmental stewardship. CCYC was the recipient of the "2018 World Sailing Sustainability Award." That was a big deal. World Sailing is the international governing body for the sport of sailing, officially recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), and responsible for the Racing Rules of Sailing and for managing the sailing competitions at the Olympic and Paralympic Games. Their "11th Hour World Sailing Sustainability Awards" recognize the effective execution of ongoing, high impact, highly replicable sustainable initiatives by sailing-related organizations. When the CCYC hosted the Youth World Sailing Championships last year, they had a full array of environmental initiatives associated with the regatta. For more information on the Corpus Christi effort, please see: <http://11thhourracing.org/projects/world-sailing-sustainability-award/>.

We hope that AYC's adoption of more sustainable practices helps make a difference and will set an example for our youth and others.

Sail Training Report

by Keith Denebeim



Young and Old: Our Training Continues...

It's amazing that our sport of sailing offers so many opportunities to absorb and gather teaching advice that makes us faster and better sailors. The chances continue right along with us here at the AYC!

June has us focusing on summer camps for our younger sailors. Past Commodore **Bill Records** kicked off this year's PB&J with an incredible large group.

These 4 to 8 year-olds demonstrate that ability to throw away any inhibitions about sailing and just go for it. It's no wonder we are producing such talent at the youth level. If you haven't seen the PB&J in action, it's worth the visit to the Rylander Pavilion on a Saturday morning. Come see what you can learn too.



Past Commodore Bill Records checks in 2019 PB&J Photos by Cheryl Pervier

Then it was MAGIC time in Austin! What a night we had at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum when **Terry Hutchinson and Tucker Thompson** of AMERICAN MAGIC put on their incredible multimedia presentation. The night kicked off what became a very popular cocktail party on the museum's mezzanine as our two guests of honor met a handful of our young sailors and caught-up with a few old friends and competitors from many years ago.

Commodore Annie Lancaster opened the presentation portion with a wonderful welcome and a brief history of the AYC. She then honored Staff Commodores and Club Founders, **Cliff Price and Tom Romberg**, who were in attendance. From there, **Terry and Tucker** took the stage. The American Magic production was so engaging and entertaining that you couldn't help notice everyone in the audience was digging in with an appetite for the 36th America's Cup! Do you want to guess how many AYC folks will be heading to New Zealand in March of 2021?

The Q&A portion of the night was just as insightful, as there were many thought provoking questions and discussion that made it a full night. It clearly showed that we had a full auditorium of MAGIC FANS!

Our highlight of training for summer is the start of 2019 Sailing Summer Camp – FUN! We will be kicking off seven full weeks of Sailing Summer Camp under the direction of our Camp Co-Directors, **Emily Verdoia and AYC Junior Coach, Spencer LeGrande**. We have a few spots left so if you know any friends whose kids are ready for some Sailing FUN, visit our website and registration: "Junior Program Events" located on the "Training" drop down menu.

Coming in July, we look forward to hosting our candidates for our New Program/Sailing Director position. Our goal is not only to go through formal interviews but to introduce the applicants to our great Club and sailing vision we all share at the AYC. This has to be team effort so your input will be important.

Take advantage of Free Sail this summer when you can and get ready for our adult sailing class that is in the works for the FALL. Get your crew and friends as we get the adults into the FJs! Keep training and sail fast!

Do carry on!



L-R: Terry Hutchinson, Keith Denebeim, Tucker Thompson



Commodore Annie receives American Magic cap from Terry Hutchinson

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Young sailor Rowan De La Reza asks Terry and Tucker a question *Photos by Cheryl Pervier*



L-R: Peggy and Tom Romberg, Sue and Cliff Price



Sold-out crowd at Bob Bullock Museum



Young and old enjoyed the evening

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 prepared snacks only for the Late Spring Series because fewer members were willing to pay for full meals after the races. When the beer kegs were open, the snacks were served. On June 2nd for the End of Series, we had **Ethan Froelich** as a speaker

and donations were made to the AYC Fund, which will in turn support our youth sailors as they represent AYC in their overseas competitions.

During May, the members of the Social Committee stepped in to help with other events being held at AYC. For example, on May 4th, **Krissy Amato, Marilyn & Jeff Jackson, Chris Bataille and I** served food and beverages for **Hap Arnolds' Celebration of Life.**



Social committee members Krissy Amato, Chris Bataille, Marilyn Jackson, Pat Manning and Jeff Jackson at Hap Arnold's Celebration of Life

On May 11th, during the Turnback Canyon Regatta, when the Bar K destination for the first race had to be changed because of flooding, members of the Social Committee made sure there was pizza and salad for the evening meal.

The Sea Scouts will be preparing the meals for the Summer Evening Series dates as fundraisers and using the proceeds to support the Sea Scouts' activities. I will be consulting with them in their efforts and this will allow the Social Committee to enjoy the Summer off.

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



DID YOU KNOW?????

You can stay up to date and informed about all the business of the Club by either attending the monthly Board Meetings or by signing in on the AYC website and clicking on "Board Meetings" underneath the Member Menu.

In other news ...

The 2019 Membership Dues and Harbor Fees for the Austin Yacht Club were increased beginning with the February 28th billing statement. Please be sure to update your monthly payment amount with your bank (if you process through auto payments with your financial institution).

Effective June 1, 2019, the Board of Directors approved rate increases for the RV spots and the cabins at the May 23rd board meeting. The RV parking areas increase from \$15 per night to \$25 per night for members and \$40 per night for non-members.

Effective June 1, 2019, the rates for the cabins will remain \$80 per night for members but will increase to \$115 per night for non-members (previously \$95 per night).

Please be mindful of the following policies:

- Guests of the Club must be accompanied by their host AYC member, except for regattas.
- An AYC member may not have more than 12 guests at the Club at one time without Board of Director's approval.
- Non-AYC events may not be held on AYC property on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday.

We continue to work diligently on getting Hoist and Work Space Area reservations online. We'll keep you updated as this process moves into reality!!

SPEEDING ISSUES

Our neighbors are concerned about the speed at which some AYC members and visitors are traveling up and down Beacon Drive – especially within a few feet of the Club entrance. PLEASE SLOW DOWN! There are children, pets and deer all along Beacon Drive. Help keep our neighborhood safe.



Andrew Stoss
Associate Probationary

Andrew grew up on Lake Michigan and began sailing at the age of 3. He has sailed Sunfish, Hobie 16, Pearson 28 and Hunter 29.5. Andrew recently raced/sailed with the Palm Beach Sailing Club on various saltwater boats and is anxious to make AYC his new sailing home.



Carl Deckard
Senior

Carl is an active sailor/racer with extensive racing experience and is eager to come home and race with AYC. Carl had resigned as a member in good standing.



Sally Caraway
Senior Probationary

Sally grew up sailing Minnesota lakes and the great lakes. She loves to sail and now has the time to return to her passion. Sally owns a Sunfish and looks forward to sailing with AYC.



Liz Stansfeld
Senior Probationary

Liz sailed/raced out of Houston for 15 years and has owned a Force 5 and a Catalina 27. After moving to Austin, she was unable to continue sailing due to family and career commitments. She is a Sunfish sailor and the guardian to an 8 year old who she enrolled in our youth sailing program. She now has the time to return to sailing.

Turnback Canyon Regatta



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Turnback Canyon Regatta



Photos this page by Marilyn Jackson

and the trophies go to ---

Turnback Canyon Awards

Turnback Award Photos by Cheryl Pervier



A-Fleet First Place J80 Air Supply, Steve Vaughan and crew



B-Fleet First Place Pearson 31 Aphaia, Dane Ohe and crew



A-Fleet Second Place J80 Knot Rite, Kurt Carson and crew



B-Fleet Second Place Cat 27, Pat Caughey and crew



A-Fleet Third Place S2 9.1, Kalo Taxi, Debbie Adams and crew



B-Fleet Third Place J24 Momentous, Simon Valencia and crew (accepted by Amanda Casey)

Turnback Canyon Awards



C-Fleet First Place Cat 22 Moonlight Sonata, Brian Grothues and crew



Multihull First Place F28R Rumline, Aaron McCulley and crew



C-Fleet Second Place Ensign Eagle, Annie Lancaster and crew



Multihull Second Place Corsair F31 Tribology, Doug Casey and crew (accepted by Krissy Amato)

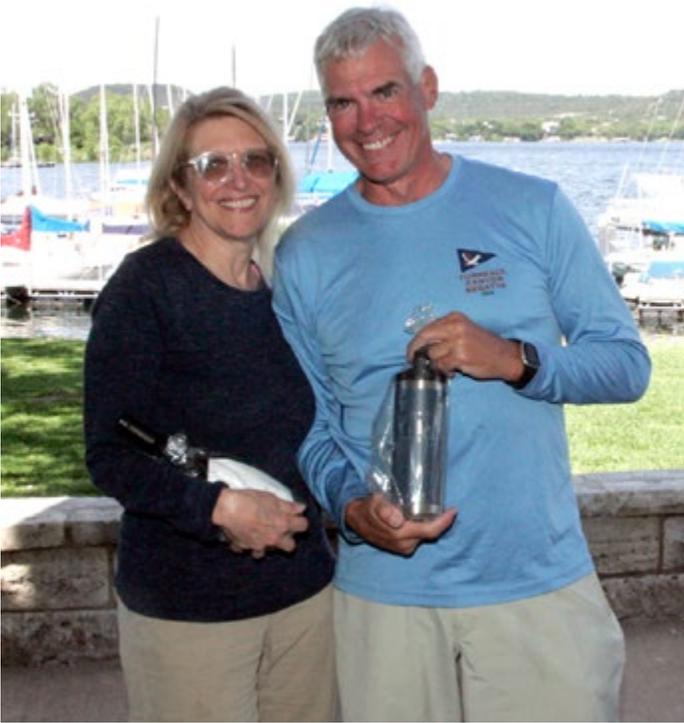


C-Fleet Third Place SJ24 Blue Moon, James Parsons and crew



Multihull Third Place Farrier F33RX Nelda Ray, Peter Pattullo and crew

Turnback Canyon Awards



P26 First Place Broken Arrow, Ed Pierce and crew



P26 Second Place Cafe au lait, Bill Records and crew



Beach Cats First Place F18 Fake News, Michael Roher and crew



P26 Third Place Slip Kid, Keith Denebeim and crew

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Turnback Mothers Who Cooked on Mother's Day (and crew)



Breakfast crew Krissy Amato, Katie Froelich and Nan Taylor



Lunch crew Constanze Heitkoetter and Wendi Froelich



Lunch crew Mary Carew with Ed Pierce



Lunch crew Marcus Heitkoetter and Stefan Froelich



Kitchen crew Fiona and Wendi Froelich



The chow line

Photos by Cheryl Pervier

Late Spring Series

Photos this page by Marilyn Jackson



Anthony Yen and crew Tacking Tiger Jibing Dragon



John Halter and crew Project Mayhem, Michael Tita and crew Big Air



John Maddalozzo and crew Ormery



Scott Young, Lucy Brock, Curtis Hutcheson, Karen Bogisch, James Brock, Thad Hutcheson on Jazz Tacks



Patrick Caughey and crew of Prim Plus, Kurt Carson and crew of Knot Rite, Jeff Wigzell and crew of Nessus



Here they come!

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Late Spring Series

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SC 21 skipper Bob Musselman



John Maddalozzo with crew Rachel and David



Doug Powell on South Coast 21 Nolo Contendere



Pearson 26s meet at the weather mark - John Durfor and Anthony Yen



Robert Anderson on Catalina 250 Flying Cloud with Marilyn and Jeff Jackson



J80 Race Committee

Finn Fleet Captain / Dinghy Handicap Fleet Update

by James Bland



Finn Fleet

The Finns spent the month of May recovering from a busy spring season with two National events. I have taken ownership of the US Finn Association boat and will be making some minor upgrades and repairs over the next couple of months. The Class boat is a 1998 Devoti that was involved with the Olympic trials and has some history. Anyone interested in taking a check

ride or training with me is welcome, just let me know of your interest.

Plans are underway for the 2021 championships at AYC and Corpus Christi Yacht Club.



Taking off the road dust on a historic boat Photo by James Bland

Dinghy Handicap Fleet

My new boat has arrived and was officially wetted down on Saturday in 12 kts, gusting to 20 kts. USA 1008, "Secretariat." A plywood "kit" boat.

Many interested people stopped by, asked questions and looked at the boat. The OK is a singlehanded boat for sailors. Complete in its design, it can be built by the owner to fit their needs under tolerances tight enough to keep it level with the rest of the class. I'll be tuning and putting some graphics on the boat before I start training again. Kits to assemble the hull will cost about \$1200 plus shipping, anyone interested, please contact me. New boats can be purchased and I'm working with Ovington to order from OK Boats in Houston.

The weather in May was uniquely stormy or slack. There are still plans for informal sailing on Friday Evenings with the other Beer Can participants. Please contact me with your interest.

A Brief History of the OK

In 1957 Axel Dangaard Olsen of Seattle, U.S.A., asked the Danish yacht designer **Knud Olsen** to prepare drawings for a light and fast singlehanded sailing dinghy based on conventional plywood construction.

The resulting design was named the OK, using Knud Olsen's initials in reverse (I guess KO would have sent the wrong message).

The OK was intended as a preparation class for the Olympic Finn and it has followed its technical evolution ever since.

Sometimes the OK even sets new standards in singlehanders.

In the beginning, the OK was something like a revolution. Some national authorities tried to prohibit the OK, because it was 'not sailable', but after a while it became clear that it was the sailor not good enough for the OK and not vice versa. OKs are built in plywood, G.R.P and composite construction, and all forms enjoy equal racing success. Freedom of choice in hull construction is replicated in choice of rig, with choice of mast, sail and fitting entirely open. Consequently, every OK develops to suit the owner's style of sailing, while the shape of the hull is designed by a comprehensive set of rules ensuring a long competitive life span. Old boats often only need a rig update and minor constructional modifications to make them competitive, provided they meet modern buoyancy requirements.

In the 60s and 70s, the OK class enjoyed an explosive success, with the total number of boats exceeding 10,000 and large racing fleets building up. In the 80s, the success of the popular one design singlehanded Laser affected the success of OK.

In the eastern countries, the OK was the official youth singlehander and after the breakdown of the socialist system, many 'old' sailors came back to the class of their youth, now with their own boats instead of club-owned.

Today we are seeing a remarkable revival of the OK class. Lots of older boats are being restored and updated, new boats are being built and participation in club races is on the rise.

The OK was elected as singlehander for the Asian Games 1998.

This strong comeback can be attributed to the unique characteristics of the International OK-Dinghy: a light, responsive sailing dinghy that may be raced in fair and equal competition all over the world, without getting into cut-throat Olympic competition, and with the freedom to appeal to the individual that is in each of us.

Since 2003 carbon masts have been introduced to the class.

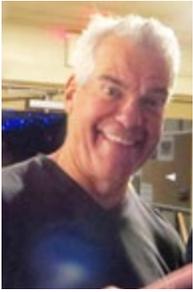
Based on a strong history, the International OK class is facing a bright future.



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B-Fleet Update

by Ed Pierce



Late Spring Series participation was very good with 10 competitors overall. Kudos to Tacking Tiger, Jibing Dragon skipper **Anthony Yen** and his able crew for making a three bullet debut to top the fleet. We also had a return performance to B-fleet by Three Hour Crewz along with the steadfast contenders, Blue Note, El Gallo, Incognito, Etrusco, Flying Cloud, Prime Plus and our Broken Arrow. Moonburn#1 also showed a good turnout of six in the over two-hour

night race including a return visit of Los Monos taking first!

If you're reading this, please come out and race with us. Our fleet is the best introduction to getting back into racing – join us as crew, or we can assist you getting your boat back on the course. As we shift to Summer Series (June 15, 6pm start), B-fleet is hosting Race Committee. Join us for a wonderful evening on the lake.

Ensign Fleet Update

by Bill and Kelly Hawk (with Fred Ford)



*The Ensign Fleet was deeply saddened by the loss of one of our oldest and most respected members – **Founder and ex-Commodore Homer "Hap" Arnold**. Much has been written about Hap, his history with and impact on the Club, and the great memories we all have. Suffice to say that the Fleet has and will continue to miss his presence; we are each grateful*

for having had the chance to get to know and sail against such a fierce competitor and wonderful guy.

Congratulations to Ensign sailor and **Commodore Annie Lancaster**, who came in a solid 2nd in the Turnback Canyon C-Fleet. With crew **Cathie Martin, Colleen Minor, and husband Charlie Lancaster**, Annie drove the Eagle to two second place finishes to lock second overall.

The Late Spring Series, at the time of writing this article, is being dominated by **George Dahmen** with 5 bullets out of 8 races, with **Danny Lien and Tom Groll** in 2nd and 3rd with 18 and 19 points respectively.

Speaking of the **Dahmens**, on Memorial Day weekend we celebrated the 100th birthday of one of our most revered sailors, **Karel Dahmen**. Also celebrating birthdays were two of his sons (**Franz and Martin**)



Karel Dahmen with son Franz Dahmen, granddaughter Zoe Dahman and son Martin Dahman

and his granddaughter, **Zoe**. **Karel** regaled us with his stories of sailing across three continents; we sang birthday songs in Dutch, which nobody understood, and ate cake. Happy 100th birthday, **Karel**.

James Bland, who has been sailing worldwide in the Finn Class, now has an OK Dingy on the Club property and is awaiting the kit to build his own. The Finn Fleet and OK Dingy Fleet are investing a great amount of effort to bring their fleets to AYC. These are fun singlehanded boats for those who wish a little more adventure than sailing an Ensign or larger keelboat, and should fit well with our existing fleets.

Two membership changes – **Jane and Jim Lanshe** are spending much of the sailing season in New York, so have decided to sell their boat. Resolute needs a little TLC (purely cosmetic) but is a solid craft with a complete sail inventory. The price is very reasonable and we are hoping to keep her at AYC.

The AYC Membership Committee has accepted the resignation of **Elliott and Mary Bray**. **Elliott and Mary** have moved to Sun City in Georgetown, where **Elliott** sails/races a collection of radio controlled boats in an active fleet on a local pond. We have enjoyed having **Elliott and Mary** in the Fleet, and wish them well in this next phase of their sailing adventure.



Saturday, June 1st, was our 5th SAIL 4 KIDS co-hosted with the Round Rock Kiwanis Club. SAIL 4 KIDS is an Austin Yacht Club and Kiwanis outreach program brought to us by **Doug Laws**, a Round Rock Kiwanis member and Ensign sailor. The unique part of SAIL 4 KIDS is that we cannot make it work without the help of all the Fleets at AYC. **Doug** chairs and organizes the event while **Fred Ford** coordinates the sailing. The Kiwanis Club hosts a post-sailing cookout/swim party on the AYC campus for the children from the Texas Baptist Children's Home. Since the beginning of AYC's involvement in this program, the volunteers who have served have always asked to be considered for the next year's event.

Unfortunately, the weather was against us...no wind for a sailboat day. We had, as always, plenty of volunteers from the Club, but due to the weather and other issues, fewer children were in attendance this year. Because of really light, fickle winds (sound familiar?) we opted only to use boats that had engines. Fortunately, we had 3 Multihulls and a Pearson 31 among our volunteers. The wonderful part was that all the crews from boats we did not use elected to stay, greet the children, fit them for PFDs, and escort them to the boats. Most of our volunteers who did not sail ended up crewing for boats that sailed. Kind of makes you proud to be an AYC sailor!

In our safety briefing, we covered rules on the water, including a few for the epic water fights that take place every year between the boats (buckets,

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hoses and major squirt devices were the rule of the day). The children returned (some quite wet) ready to eat and swim. Their energy, hardly used up on the water, made the pool great. The sound of laughter...it made you smile.

A special thank you to our volunteers:

Skippers: Dane Ohe, Doug Casey, John "JK" Kuc, Russ Shermer and crew/helpers, Nan Taylor, Sun Hi Casey, Theresa Meyer, Charlie Christie, Sally Bittick, Ray Shull, Kelly Hawk, Bill Hawk, Hazel Sanchez, Bob Gross, Lewis Price, Bill Records, Sally Caraway, Fred Ford and Doug Laws

There is some talk of reintroducing the *Sailing On Tuesday* for Seniors (SOTS) if there is enough interest. Please feel free to reach out to **Fred Ford**, or just wander by the club at 2:30-3:00 on Tuesday afternoon, if this sounds like a good time.

Finally, we recently had an incident that causes us to remind the entire Fleet and AYC sailing membership: safety is not just a good idea, it is Rule 1 of our sport. If we see a boat in trouble, or that we even think might be in trouble, we are required by the Rules of Racing to stop our racing and make sure that all possible aid is rendered. We had a boat severely disabled during a Beer Can, most of the rest of the racers sailed by without asking if there was a problem, and they wound up taking several hours to limp back to the Club. If you see a boat that looks like they are having problems, please hail and ask them!

Catalina 22 Update

by Steve Pervier



Congratulations to **Brian and Margarito** for winning an extended Late Spring Series! A total of six Catalina 22s raced on one or more of the five dates, which spanned three Telltale months and three regatta or holiday weekends. We had a ladies team of **Louise, Cheryl, and Cathie** racing on one date, and they made it interesting as they were in second for a while, only losing one place by the finish. On other dates, at least two skippers found the risk of not covering competitor boats. Lessons learned? For my own sake I hope so...



Peter and crew, Thomas, wing and wing, enroute to a first place race. *Photos by Cheryl Pervier*

In one race we had fallen behind by the second W mark, but with a big wind shift at that mark we didn't follow the starboard tack parade downwind. We gybed onto port and went west of the finish line, eventually passing one boat and nearly catching the leader. It was then that, while **Brian** covered us on the last beat, **Peter** got away from both of us to that same west side. Once there he found the same big right shift and passed us both. Kudos to **Peter and his crew Thomas** for winning both races that day.

Other skippers have been at times distracted from series racing – by blue water! **Steve and Meri** sailed aboard **Ted and Barb's** Leopard 43 to Bermuda, as a big contingent of AYC sailors joined a Virgin Islands fleet charter. Those crews included C22 sailors **Louise and Walter, Cathie, Joe, Gary and Paulette**. **Gary and Joe** are each ASA instructors and served as charter captains. OK everyone, we want to hear about your adventures. How were the passages between Tortola and St Croix? Did your big cats go fast? Whose was faster? Did you watch the depth go past 200 to a huge number then "--" ?

C22 owner and AYC Vice Commodore **Dane** ran a great Turnback regatta despite some difficult circumstances – like high water closing Bar-K park, and storms delaying Saturday morning races. I was on the Signal Boat, where we decided to abandon the first race, N over H, with lightning approaching. Eventually we had two good races, with **Brian and Margarito** and their crew **Shane** taking first in PHRF C.

Coming soon, it's Summer Evening Series, scheduled for 6/15, 22, 29, 7/13, 20, and 27. We have one race committee date and five dates for evening racing. And if your lights are working, consider some after-dark MoonBurn racing on 6/14, 7/12, 8/16, and possibly 9/13. Don't forget the All-Catalina cruising fleet, CatFleet69.org, with monthly dinner meetings and theme cruises. I hope we'll see you and your C22s at many of these events!



Brian, Margarito and Shane celebrate a first place victory in Turnback 2019.

J80 Fleet News

by Bonnie Lackey



As I write this update, May is coming to an end and we have one more Sunday race to complete the Late Spring Series. After 4 weekends of racing we have had 17 boats show up for this series with an average of 15 boats. The competition is tough, and you know it when you miss a shift and drop 5 spots. We wouldn't want it any other way – good tight one design racing only makes you better! This series we requested a separate leeward mark to avoid the

congested mark rounding with other fleets. This has been wonderful, and we thank race committee for working with us to find a solution that works for all fleets. Going into the last race it looks like JazzTacks with **Scott Young and Karen Bogisch** will be trying to fight off Too Much J with **Matt Romberg and Jonathon Baker** for the gold.



Guess who? Photo by Bill Records

The racing is fantastic, but it's also about socializing and enjoying your fleet members and friends. The J80 fleet has the Social part down – with the Rum and Munchies happy hour after each race. The winner of that day's race takes 5 minutes to explain what they did or saw and have a little teaching moment. The goal is to help everyone improve and help bring up the level of racing for everyone. Everyone is welcome to join us; all we ask is that you pay a social fee of \$10 for the year to **Claudia**.



Kurt Carson, Keith Denebeim, Scott Young, Andre De La Reza and Karen Bogisch



Dave Wahlberg, Scott Young, John Horn, Felipe and Richie Amato

Turnback Canyon Regatta has a reputation for either no wind, too much wind or crazy storms. Even moving the date from Memorial Weekend didn't avoid weather and high-water issues. The J80s had three boats race in Division A. Air Supply with **Steve Vaughan** took home the Gold, followed by **Kurt Carson** and his Knot Rite crew getting second place. The Shotglass team, skippered by **Richie Amato**, took fourth. Nice job everyone!

The J80 Fleet cooked burgers for the May Beer Can races. A huge thanks to the following teams for their cooking: **Team Romberg/Baker, Bartlett's and Taylors, Claude and JoAnn Welles, Ray Shull and Team Restless**. And a special thanks to **Larry Ratliff** for doing the large Costco shopping each week.

With each article we want to start sharing the bio on one or two new fleet members. This month **Kurt Carson** gets the spotlight, and here's his bio. Thanks, Kurt!

Kurt Carson

*"I first set foot on a sailboat in the late 70s on Galveston Bay. In about 1982 I purchased my first sailboat, a 420, and then I started racing in 1984 which was the same year I joined AYC. At that time, I bought a Holder 20. **Jim Draheim** who was working for **Pete Reinhart** at Trump Sails, got on the Holder and showed my friend **Bart Lindholm** and myself actually how to race. Before that, **Bart** and I had heard tales of free beer after the race, but by the time we made it around the course and somewhat safely back to port, there were only drunk sailors, and not much beer left. **Jim** changed all that for us.*

*Several years later I was fortunate enough to hook up with **Eric Nelson** and started sailing with "mr. happy", racing J24s from around '86-99. I was a trimmer, I was mainly used for "the neck down" those years, and we traveled all over, sailed several world championships, sailed with several other J24 teams after 99, European Championship and Worlds.*

*Then I got my first taste of sailing this wonderful boat, the J80, in 2003 on Lickety Split with **Bob Leonard** and **Greg Buck**, had a lot of fun!*

*I've owned several "cruisers", then ended up with a J29. The next time on a J80 was when **Ray Shull** let me drive his boat for Beer Can for my 60th birthday! And it's all downhill from there.*

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Kurt Carson and the crew of Knot Rite

I bought #670 "Knot Rite" and have been loving it ever since. I am lucky and have great crew, we are learning, and having fun! World Class One Design Racing, right here, no traveling, almost weekly, can't get any better! Let's go J80 racing!!"

Here's to more great racing this summer! And seeing if the rumors about the continued growth of the J80 fleet are true. We will have to wait and see who will be #20.

Happy sailing!

Multihull Update

by Mike Beuerlein



During the recent 2019 Turnback Regatta, the multihull fleet enjoyed some very fine racing (congratulations to **Aaron McCulley** and **Mike Rohrer**, winners of MHA & MHB respectively) but also had an unfortunate situation where a boat on port tack upwind collided with a boat on starboard tack upwind in the middle of the lake when both boats were in plain view of each other and both skippers were very experienced.

Bo Kersey, owner of Abandoned Assets, states he was unable to blow the mainsheet and his boat would not bear off due to rudder cavitation. One young woman on *Nelda Ray*, the starboard boat, sustained a concussion, a sprained knee and wrist. Both boats sustained thousands if not tens of thousands of dollars of damage as a result of the collision and may not be able to sail for months.

I suspect "ducking" *Nelda Ray* would have cost Abandoned Assets no more than a few seconds of time. The other members of the Multihull Fleet who were racing that day were horrified and embarrassed about the incident; although the aggrieved and injured party, **Pete Patullo** of Longview, TX, has been nothing but gracious, despite *Nelda Ray* being in contention for the lead at the time.

Bo Kersey's insurance company has been cooperative and **Patullo** hopes to be able to compete in the Queen's Cup Regatta from South Shore Yacht Club in Milwaukee, WI to St Joseph, MI and St. Joseph River Yacht Club, June 27, 2019.

This incident has led to a lot of serious conversations amongst the fleet. We realize we do not have the most sterling reputation for adherence to the tenets of safe sailing. Our boats typically sail at higher closing speeds and hotter angles than our monohull brethren.

In the interest of improving our reputation, increasing our focus on the Racing Rules of Sailing, in better self-policing the Racing Rules of Sailing amongst our own and all the other AYC fleets, I will share a situation **Philippe Bettler** and I experienced a few weeks back during the Friday Beer Can race. The situation involved two boats sailing on a port tack downwind to B mark. We overtook the lead monohull, hereafter denoted as "Blue." We'll call our F-18 "Yellow." The situation is described here: <https://sailzng.com/rule-17-proper-course/>. We made a mistake by going under Blue because it was closer to the rumline for B, but once under and overlapped we discovered we could not force Blue to take it up nor get clear ahead due to their wind shadow. There was no contact, no collision, nor damage, nor protests but **Philippe and I** wondered how we could've handled the close encounter better.

We realized, after reviewing the rules, that we very clearly should've gone over the top of the slower and deeper sailing monohull and gybed onto starboard when clear.

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I committed to the fleet, after the Turnback Regatta collision between Abandoned Assets and Nelda Ray, that things would change within our fleet so that personal injury and extensive property damage need not be a constant fear on the race course.

I would very much encourage every AYC member to spend more time studying The Racing Rules of Sailing rule book either through this source or others and sharing lessons learned with their fleet.

The multihull fleet commits to taking whatever actions are necessary to ensure we enforce the Racing Rules of Sailing and to promptly yield right of way when required.

Be the change you'd like to see in the world.



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IN MEMORIAM

Melba Bartlett, 82, passed away peacefully on Friday, May 3, 2019. Melba and Mike were members of AYC from 1970-1987. They desired a family activity for their three boys.

They purchased a SC21 and raced it for many years, eventually moving to the J22 fleet in the 80s. Their years at AYC were instrumental for the family with John making sails and canvas his lifelong career.

Melba is survived by her husband of 63 years, Mike, and their children John (Claudia), Matt (Dianne) and Pat (Lisa). Melba will also be missed by her grandchildren, Chris Bartlett (Jennifer), Kevin Bartlett (Angie), Travis Bartlett, Emily Bartlett, Lauren Crouch (Brendan) and John Foster.

A memorial service will be held in June in Terrell, Texas. Donations may be made to the AYC Fund at the Austin Foundation.

Corinthian Safety Suggestions from the US OK Dinghy Racing Association Code of Conduct

- I will play the game/sail with a spirit of good sportsmanship and greet other competitors with "Good Sailing" before and after racing.
- I will conduct myself in an honorable manner with integrity both on and off the water.
- I will not team sail, hunt a competitor or cheat to gain an unfair advantage.
- I will not tolerate another sailor who lies, cheats or steals.
- I will never knowingly break a rule, but if I do, I will divulge the breach and accept the penalty.
- I will take no action that could be interpreted as an attempt to intimidate, demean, bully, harass, or harm my opponents, teammates or umpires.
- If another sailor is in danger I will stop to assist.
- I will interpret the rules in an impartial manner, always keeping in mind that the purpose of the rules is to ensure that the game is played in an orderly and fair manner, creating a level playing field for all.
- I will humbly accept any penalty that the governing body at any level deems appropriate.

OPTI Sailors: Future Champions



William planing!



Storey and Edie



Opti 1 sailors with Coach Spencer (back center), Past Commodore Bill Records (back right) and dads *Opti photos by Bill Records*

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OPTI Sailors: Future Champions



Opti 1b sailors primed for action



Ford and Charles



Roland and Edie



Lena



Sanders and River

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AYC 2019 RACE CALENDAR

Jun 5, 12, 19, 26	Sunfish and Laser Sailing	5:00p - 10:00p
Jun 7, 21, 28	Beer Can Races	7:00p start
Jun 8 - 9	Roadrunner Regatta	
Jun 14	MoonBurn Series	5:00p - 11:00p
Jun 15	Summer Evening Series #1	6:00p start RC: B Fleet
Jun 22	Summer Evening Series #2	6:00p start RC: Multihull
Jun 29	Summer Evening Series #3	6:00p start RC: Ensign
Jun 30	J24 Summer Informal Regatta	
Jul 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Sunfish and Laser Sailing	5:00 - 10:00p
Jul 3, 10, 17, 24	Endless Summer Opti Series	5:30 - 7:30p
Jul 5, 19, 26	Beer Can Races	7:00p start
Jul 6	Independence Cup Regatta	
Jul 7, 14, 21, 28	DF95 Sunday Sailing/Racing	3:00 - 6:00p
Jul 12	MoonBurn Series	5:00 - 10:00p
Jul 13	Summer Evening Series #4	6:00p start RC: C/22, SC-21
Jul 14	Single/Double Handed Regatta	10:30a - 6:00p
Jul 20	Summer Evening Series #5	6:00p start RC: J80
Jul 27	Summer Evening Series #6	6:00p start RC: J24
Aug 2, 9, 23, 30	Beer Can Races	7:00p start
Aug 4, 11, 18, 25	DF95 Sunday Sailing/Racing	3:00 - 6:00p
Aug 7, 14, 21, 28	Sunfish and Laser Sailing	5:00 - 10:00p
Aug 7, 14, 21	Endless Summer Opti Series	5:30 - 7:30p
Aug 16	MoonBurn Series	5:00 - 10:00p
Sep 1	Fleet Challenge	10:00a - 9:00p

AYC 2019 NON-RACING EVENTS

Jun 10-14	Summer Camp Week #1	8:00a - 6:00p
Jun 15	ASA 101 Sail Training Class	9:00a - 5:30p
Jun 17-21	Summer Camp Week #2	8:00a - 6:00p
Jun 19	Sea Scouts Sailing Class	6:30p - 8:30p
Jun 24-28	Summer Camp Week #3	8:00a - 6:00p
Jun 27	Board of Directors Mtg	7:30p
Jul 8-12	Summer Camp Week #4	8:00a - 6:00p
Jul 13, 20, 27	PB&J Session 3	9:30- 11:00a
Jul 13, 20, 27	PB&J Session 4	11:00a - 12:30p
Jul 13, 20, 27	Sea Scouts Fundraiser Dinner	7:00 - 10:00p
Jul 15-19	Summer Camp Week #5	8:00a - 6:00p
Jul 22-26	Summer Camp Week #6	8:00a - 6:00p
Jul 25	Board of Directors Mtg	7:30p
Jul 29- Aug 2	Summer Camp Week #7	8:00a - 6:00p
Aug 3	Sea Scouts NOW	8:00a - 6:00p
Aug 3	PB&J Session 3	9:30 - 11:00a
Aug 3	PB&J Session 4	11:00a - 12:30p
Aug 3	Big Bros/Big Sis After Party	5:00 - 11:00p
Aug 4	Sailing Summer Campers Sunday Fun Day	11:00a - 4:00p
Aug 10	Keel Fleet Raff Up	5:00 - 11:30p
Aug 22	Board of Directors Mtg	7:30p



Go Charles!

Charles Yen sailing real fast in Opti 1 practice. He is preparing for Roadrunner Regatta Green Fleet.

Photo by Bill Records

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