



Love Those Summer Evenings

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J80 Air Supply with Ed Taylor and Crew, Summer Evening Series. Great wind from the north, fun was had by all. Photo by Anne Morley

AYC FLEET CHALLENGE and New Member Social

Sunday, Sept 1st (Labor Day Weekend)!!



A big, fun event to bring summer to a close and kick off the fall sailing season! The AYC Fund Board is hosting a FUNdraising event on Sunday of Labor Day Weekend. The event pits fleets against each other in fundraising, and celebrates our new members and their families. Calcutta, DragonFlite 95 racing and crazy games for all ages. Dinner and music and much much more.



We hope to see you all there!

Noon-2:00pm Calcutta
2:00-4:00pm DF95 Racing
4:00-6:00pm Games
6:00pm Dinner
7:00pm Awards
And the music continues!

From The Commodore by Annie Lancaster



What a great summer it has been. Good winds, tolerable temperatures and lots of sailing!

With that being said, a few reminders. 1) Safety is always first. 2) Avoid collisions. 3) Render aid.

And did you hear about **Ethan Froelich** and Team USA at the 2019 Youth Worlds Championship? **Ethan** and skipper **Oliver Hurwitz** delivered a 6th place finish in the boys 420. The USA Girls 420 team got the gold to help Team USA finish 3rd place overall. AYC is so proud of you, **Ethan!!!**



Earlier this month we had a candidate/adviser come to AYC to discuss the Sail/Program Director position. **Bobby Brooks** shared his thoughts and ideas about taking the Director's position to the next level. As we move forward in considering the position, we will keep **Bobby** and his ideas in mind.

SAVE THE DATE!

I hope you all have heard about the movie MAIDEN and are looking forward to seeing it. And I hope you will consider watching it with your AYC family. Tuesday August 20 at the Village Alamo Draffthouse, AYC is sponsoring a private showing. Theater opens at 6pm and the show starts at 6:30. If all goes as planned, **Linda McDavitt** has arranged for **Dawn Riley** to speak to us after the show about her experience on Maiden, her thoughts on its current tour, what it has been like to participate on her sailing adventures and her current work with youth sailing. She was the watch captain, engineer and diver on Maiden in the 1989-90 Whitbread Round the World Race.

Registration for the event is on the website. Seating is limited. There will be a donation to cover the theater and Dawn's expenses. It's too hot to sail so come join us for an inspiring show. The YouTube link is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4SGpb6K9C5s>

Happy Sailing!

MAIDEN

SONY PICTURES CLASSICS

The incredible true story of the women who dared to make waves.



Private Showing for AYC members and friends

at Village Alamo Draffthouse

2700 W Anderson

Tuesday, August 20, 6pm doors open, 6:30pm movie

Panel Discussion after the film
with Linda McDavitt and special guests

Complimentary pass for \$15 donation
Seating limited. Reservations at AustinYachtClub.net

Full Alamo Draffthouse menu available



Immediate Past Commodore Report by Bill Records



PB&J

PB&J was greatly anticipated this year. Our presentation at the U.S. Sailing Symposium was very well received, confirming that AYC had something special! PB&J is the beginning of the "Pipeline" to lifelong enjoyment of sailing.

Early registration was disappointing, partly due to **Coleman's** unexpected resignation. **Steve Ward** and **John Grznich** came to the rescue, placing Google ads and the sessions filled to expected levels.

We were happy to see that sessions one and two were made up of mostly first timers. Day one began with predictable light winds (3 - 6 knts) and all of the kids sailed quite a bit. Day two threw us a curve! When I arrived at 8AM it was blowing 16-22 knts, too much for first time Opti sailors! So we decided that it was time for "capsize drills" These drills help alleviate any fear the kids might have about losing control. In fact, the kids had too much fun doing these drills!

After the drills, we loaded the kids on Picos, helmed by our junior coaches. Loud shrieks of joy pierced the air as the Picos screamed around the south

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Happy PB&J campers! Photos by Bill Records

cove! In past years we might have provided on shore land drills, but the kids are there to sail and have fun. Day three and four had the optimal breezes, so back to Opti sailing. Most of the kids were single handed by day four.

The most significant improvement made in the last few years has been the addition of junior coaches. The kids learn so much faster if someone close to their age is helping. The junior coaches for June included: **Kate Froelich, Nicholas Carew, Wendi Froelich, and Fiona Froelich**. In July, we added **Evelyn and Rowan de la Reza and Roni Sela**. I can't thank them enough for their contributions to the program. This year, the junior coaches and I are making an effort to identify the sailors who are ready to move up to Opti 1 in the fall.

Endless Summer Series

Through the years, the gap in the "Pipeline" has been between PB&J and junior Opti racers. Several years ago, **Yolanda Mares, Doug Kern, and I** started having "Green Fleet" practices.



Endless Summer sailor Roni Sela builds Green Fleet proficiency

For various reasons, participation waned and this stage of coaching was left to parents willing to coach their kids. Recently, thanks to **Jeff Brock and Stefan Froelich**, Endless Summer Series was created. Throughout most of the summer these Green Fleet practices coincide with Wednesday Sunfish/Laser racing. This summer we have up to 10 young skippers participating. And as **Jeff Brock** mentioned "there are no Froelichs and only two Brocks!" WOW!

That's progress! Volunteer parents make up the race committee and coaches. A big "AYC" thank you goes to **Gal Sela, David and Ming-ru Chu, Greg Matous, Nagla Elerian** and of course, **Jeff Brock** (when he's not traveling). As I have learned, the most significant factor in sustaining a junior program is hard working parents!



Parents join in the fun



Coach Wendi with fearless PB&J sailors



Endless Summer competitors William and Calvin

Race Commander Report

by Jim Casto



Beer Can Safety

Beer Can sailing is fun, or at least it is supposed to be. Since this Keel Fleet event is held in the evening, and there is no Race Committee and no chase boats, safety needs to be the prime concern, not just fun.

In a recent Beer Can event, a collision with significant damage occurred, and no one stopped to help the damaged boat. I have spoken at length

to both the skippers involved, as I typically do after collisions at AYC. After those conversations, I am motivated to ask our members to remember several things about sailing in the Beer Can event.

1. Please stop to help a damaged boat, and check on the other boat after a collision. Rule 1.1 is so much more important than getting to the dock first.
2. Avoiding collisions is everyone's responsibility, whether cruising, sailing Beer Can, or racing.
3. The Beer Can course allows rounding the mark from either direction.

https://www.austinyachtclub.net/wp-content/uploads/AYC_BeerCanCourse.pdf

Sailing the Beer Can course is different from our normal "NASCAR" style of "just turn left" sailing events, and it can be fun. But not all our members are as familiar with the proper and safe way to do this kind of rounding. Not knowing the rules for this type of rounding can end up with unsafe mark roundings.

- a. Rule 18 Room at the mark is not relevant in the Beer Can course – see Rule 18.1.
- b. A boat which has rights (e.g. starboard) but is changing course (when rounding a mark) must give time & opportunity for the other boat to keep clear – see Rule 16.1.

To improve safety of Beer Can racing, I have asked the Keel fleet to post formal documents online and on the notice board downstairs, showing the list of Rules and explicitly providing an annotated diagram showing the proper and safe way to round the marks. I truly hope this will help preserve this fun event, and keep us safer.

RC Training

PRC will again provide RC training, on Saturday September 7th. Please sign up with either **Kurt Carson** or **Jim Casto**. We will have sessions on motorboat driving and docking, anchoring, scoring, RC equipment, flags & start sequences. Each fleet should send representatives, as we prepare for RC duty during the Indian Summer and Fall series.

Building & Grounds Update

by Diane Covert



Huge thanks go out to **Justin Dillon and Boy Scout Troup 271** who, during a weekend event in June, had their annual sail and volunteer project at the Club. With one week's notice they raked and bagged 4-5 drums, branches, and trash from the lawns.

Weirdly, after another giant storm, the mast hoist pole was hit by lightning and completely burned up. The integrity of the pole is in question and efforts are

under way to remove the pole and install a new one. However, this will take some time, so please be patient.

An upcoming project will include replacing the clubhouse sliding glass doors to a new UV filtering low E glass. The U value of this glass is 50% better than standard insulating glass. This replacement has been budgeted for this fiscal year and awarded. This replacement will mirror the location and style of the existing sliding doors we have now but they will be new white vinyl coated with maximum glass possible. The replacement will help reduce our energy costs while hopefully keeping the clubhouse cooler in summer and warmer in winter. This will further our GREEN initiative to use less electricity and in addition, it should slightly improve our noise absorption. The installation should take only 2-3 days and can be scheduled at our convenience in August.

Have a great summer!



Thank you, Boy Scout Troop 271!

Sail Training Report by Keith Denebeim



Summer Sailing Camp Fun 2019 has been a tremendous success this year with a special thanks to our Co-directors **Emily Verdoia and Spencer LeGrande**. Seven perfect summer camp weeks concluded and the weather couldn't have been better! The camp was extended this year by one surplus week which looks like the perfect amount for both staff and campers alike. The addition of the parents joining the camp on the Friday afternoons of

each session to join **Coach Spencer** on the water and watch the activities will be added to our regular camp curriculum.

Three Cheers to our AYC Junior Sailors and their Coaches!

Speaking of a great summer! Several of our AYC Youth Sailors have truly put on some miles this summer with our own **Ethan Froelich** taking 6th place overall at Youth Sailing World Championships in Gdynia, Poland. An incredible feat on the world stage!

Adding to trophy list, let's add **Lucy Brock, Julius Heitkoetter, and James Brock** as they all qualified for the Bemis US Sailing Junior Double-handed Championship in Redwood City, California. Where in the world will the burgee end up next?

Adult Sailing Class

We are really excited to announce the Adult Sailing Class with **Coach Spencer** that is now locked on the calendar for four (4) consecutive Sundays starting September 8. It will be from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon. The class will be sailed in FJs and is designed for the beginner to the intermediate sailor

Adult Sailing Class
with
Coach Spencer
4 Sundays!
Sept. 8, 15, 22, & 29
9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

The class will be sailed in FJ's and is designed for the beginner to intermediate sailor who wants to take their sailing / racing to the next step.

Tell your crew to come on out before the Indian Summer Series

\$100 for AYC Members - \$150 non-member

who wants to take their sailing/racing to the next step. Tell your crew to come on out before the Indian Summer Series. They can get great training at skippering and small boat skills, and then join you on the big boat for the 1:30 PM race start.

Cost is \$100 for members and \$150 dollars for non-members. Sign up early as we know this will fill up fast! It is limited to the first 20 sailors!

Search for Sailing Program Director Continues

We are continuing the steps as reported by **Commodore Lancaster** in our search for our Sailing Program Director. Our next steps will be to post the job position on national sailing sites as well as the most common corporate sites. We will close the application on September 15.

Don't forget to take advantage of all the sail training opportunities out there including The AYC Sailing School, or take advantage of a private lesson. It is a great way this time of the year to pick up some direct instruction.

"Do Carry On!"

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Dave Ferreira
Associate Probationary Member

Dave and his wife have a son in our Junior program and are looking for a family friendly sailing home. Dave has sailed competitively in saltwater and freshwater venues with various clubs, including AYC. His family is excited about being members and developing sailing skills as a family activity.



Christopher Falone
Senior Probationary Member

Christopher has some Sunfish and dinghy experience and is looking for a sailing home where he can be with sailors and dedicate time to improve his skills and enjoy sailing. Now that he is separated from the Military and settled as a civilian, he has the time.



Nick Pedrazas
Senior Probationary Member

Nick and his wife, Theresa, own a S2 and have been sailing for a little over a year. They want to join AYC to move to the next level.

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From the AYC General Manager by Jackie Wheelless



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" under the Member Menu.

The dry storage area has proven to be somewhat of a project lately. There are slips that have way too many boats in them, boats that are parked willy nilly and numerous slips that have one or more boats parked in the grass behind the slip. Some slips that are supposed to be vacant have boats in them. . . . please be sure that you request a storage slip BEFORE putting your boat, etc. into a slip. I'll be reaching out to the Sea Scouts or UTST to get assistance with labeling the unlabeled trailers.

I've received the member cards for members who joined June 2018 through July 2019. I've emailed each of you to please come pick up your card. These cards are for identification purposes when you travel to other yacht clubs that recognize reciprocity privileges with Austin Yacht Club. I encourage you to contact yacht clubs prior to traveling to them in order to verify that they will honor reciprocity. Please inquire as to whether or not the club you intend to visit requires a Letter of Introduction as well as your identification card and get contact information as to where and to whom I should email the Letter of Introduction. The cards are only valid as long as you are an active member (you have not resigned or IPSO'd) and your account with Austin Yacht

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Kiersten McDonald
Young Adult Probationary Member

Kiersten is an accomplished sailor who began sailing at the age of 7. She has competed at the championship level on several boats. She has served as an instructor and racing coach. She sailed competitively in college and is currently racing her Laser Radial.



Mathew Scott
Associate Probationary Member

Mathew is actively improving his skills and has completed ASA courses up to ASA 3. He sailed with a sailing club in Seattle and crewed on the UT J24. He is looking forward to being a part of the AYC community of sailors.

Club is in Good Standing (please see the AYC Member Handbook for more information).

Things have been hopping around here this past month with the high winds and massive lightning but, as usual, the Board members, member volunteers and Tom are on top of things.

Social Committee Report by Pat Manning



The Summer Evening Series meals during June and July were prepared and served by Sea Scouts as a fundraiser to raise money to buy new sails for their boat. All the meals were delicious and the Scouts served between 40 and 70 meals each of the six weeks of the Summer Series.

They finished off the series with "Thanksgiving in July," featuring a full spread of turkey, cornbread stuffing, cranberry sauce, green bean casserole, garlic mashed potatoes, salad and apple pie. As Social Chair, I worked with the Scouts and their leaders to show them the ropes in the kitchen and we appreciate that this fundraiser allowed full meals to be served each evening during the series, while the rest of the Social Committee had the summer off. My thanks go out to Jeff Sabuda and all the Sea Scouts who worked hard to make this fundraiser such a success.

Commodore Annie Lancaster has arranged for a private viewing of the movie MAIDEN on August 20th at the Alamo Draffhouse. MAIDEN is an inspiring documentary about a group of pioneering women on the high seas. The theater has a capacity of 126 seats. Reservations are required. This should be a fun summer event sponsored by the AYC Social Committee.

The next event for the Social Committee will be the Indian Summer Series that starts on Sept. 7th and lasts for 5 weeks. Now that everyone is used to having meals available after the races again, the full Social Committee will dust off our aprons and conjure up some culinary delights to serve to all who are willing to support us by buying our meals.

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



Jeff Sabuda and the Sea Scouts with Pat Manning Photo by Marilyn Jackson

Independence Cup Regatta

by Ed Pierce

Independence Cup Regatta



The 2019 Independence Cup Regatta brought together a diverse fleet of 35 sailboats (over 100 participants) in light southeasterly winds to compete for the "great silver bowl."

And what makes this (and every) AYC event great is the collaboration of volunteers that make the event happen. Kudos to the team of 20 who collaborated (on short notice) to promote, register, manage races, score results, prepare and serve food and drink —

many of these volunteers were able to do all this and also race!

The shifty zephyrs made the day a classic AYC test of skill. Coyote III led by **Brigitte Rochard** took gold for the Multihull Fleet. In C-Fleet, **Anne Morley** skippered Ensign Abaco briskly to a tie with C22 Moonlight Sonata led by **Brian Grothues**. And Vang Go sailed two minutes faster than other B-Fleet boats to earn **Stu Juengst** a gold medal. **Jeff Jones** team on Wild Thang earned both the A-Fleet gold medal and also the best corrected time (1:40:16) — The Independence Cup!

The event was a fun-sharing day of Club racing where different models of boats are rounding marks together and playing a wide range of tactics for converging breeze to speed. Wind, waves, and sunshine — freedom!



Jeff Jones team earned A Fleet gold and best overall *Photo by Elizabeth Quintanilla*



Stu Juengst Vang Go topped B Fleet *Photo by Bob Leonard*



Brian Grothues and crew on Moonlight Sonata ties with Abaco for first in C Fleet *Photo by Elizabeth Quintanilla*



Anne Morley's Abaco ties for a 1st in C Fleet *Photo by Bob Leonard*

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Independence Cup Regatta



Kurt Carson and crew sail 2nd in A Fleet *Photo by Bob Leonard*



Ed Pierce and crew in Broken Arrow take 2nd place in C Fleet *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



Jorge Martín de Nicolás and crew on Stray Dog sails 2nd in B Fleet *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



The JACK crew takes a 3rd in A Fleet *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



Vang Go and Flyer *Photo by Bob Leonard*

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Independence Cup Regatta



Jeff Jones wins the Independence Cup *Photo by Elizabeth Quintanilla*



Vang Go team takes a gold in B Fleet *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



Kurt Carson and crew of Knot Rite take 2nd place A Fleet *Photo courtesy Elizabeth Quintanilla*



Vang Go cap'n Stu Juengst *Photo by Elizabeth Quintanilla*



Brian Grothues of Moonlight Sonata ties for 1st C Fleet *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*

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Independence Cup Regatta



Anne Morley of Abaco ties for first in C Fleet *Photo by Elizabeth Quintanilla*



The Booty! *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



Thank you, Social Committee! *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



Crew of The JACK take 3rd place A Fleet *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



Successful party after Independence Cup Regatta *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



Jorge Martín de Nicolás accepts 2nd place B Fleet *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*

Single & Double Handed Regatta by Bruce McDonald

Single & Double Handed Regatta



Sunday July 14th was the Single and Double Handed Regatta. At the beginning of registration with only 17 boats registered and no significant wind either on the lake or in the forecast, it looked as though the race would be a major disappointment. Then, thanks in part to co-chair **Elizabeth Quintanilla's** publicity, sailors began showing up swelling our registration to 29. **Kurt Carson** and his committee of both seasoned veterans and new members set

forth on the lake to find wind. Before long, an unusual north wind appeared and the race was off. The wind was a comfortable 10 knots, but you could tell that the understaffed boats had some pretty busy skippers and crew on board. At the finish line, it was no surprise that the top places in the double handed race were all J80s with **John Bartlett** finishing first, followed by **Claudia Bartlett** and **Ed Taylor**.

In the single handed race, **Ray "who needs crew" Shull** turned in an impressive performance to finish first in his J80. He was followed by **Tom Groll** in an Ensign and **Cass Meyer** in a Pearson Flyer. **Doug Casey** took first place in the Multihull category.

After the race, **Elizabeth** and her social committee put on quite a feast for the trophy presentation. **Meiling Parker** made her frozen Blue Hawaiian drinks which were quite a hit. **Amanda Casey** chose our party to announce her engagement to **Chris**. The post race social turned in to an engagement party. Fortunately, we had plenty of food and drink, as the party went on for several hours. Thanks to all of the volunteers who made the event click.



SH 1st place, 5th overall Ray Shull Photo by Bob Leonard



DH 2nd place, 2nd overall Claudia Bartlett in Knot Rite
Photo by Bruce McDonald



DH 4th place, 4th overall Claude Welles Photo by Bruce McDonald

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Single & Double Handed Regatta



MH 2nd place, 22nd overall Bill Coon Photos by Bruce McDonald



SH 5th place, 14th overall Chris Hammel



DH 6th place, 7th overall Bob Gross



DH 10th place, 17th overall Chris Thompson



DH 7th place, 8th overall Amanda Casey



DH J80s battle it out

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Single & Double Handed Regatta



DH 1st place, 1st overall John Bartlett (right) Photos by Elizabeth Quintanilla



SH 2nd place, 9th overall Tom Gross (left)



DH 2nd place, 2nd overall Claudia Bartlett (center)



DH 3rd place, 3rd overall Ed Taylor (center)

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Single & Double Handed Regatta



SH 1st place, 5th overall Ray Shull (left) Photos by Elizabeth Quintanilla



SH 3rd place, 12th overall Cass Meyer



MH 1st place, 21st overall Doug Casey (center)



Congratulations to Amanda and Chris!

Summer Evening Series



J80s Photos this page by Anne Morley



Ed Pierce, Pearson 26 Broken Arrow



Dave Weeks, Pearson 26

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Tom Groll, Ensign Brews'er

Summer Evening Series



Gretchen Douglas on J80 Merlin *Photos this page by Cheryl Pervier*



Sea Scouts: Matthew Sabuda, Chris Ballard, Caleb Bui, Dee Chow, Jeff Sabuda and Ryan Ballard



C22 Strings Attached, Louise Miller with Kevin and Joe Roddy



C22 Trivial Pursuit, Peter Broberg and crew Jim



Catalina 22s downwind



J80 Air Supply, Ed Taylor and crew

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Finn Fleet / Dinghy Handicap Fleet / OK Dinghy Fleet by James Bland



Announcing AYC Centerboard Blue Chip Regatta

October brings back cooler temperatures, fresh breezes and warm lake temperatures, ideal dinghy competition weather. The AYC Centerboard "Blue Chip" Regatta is the annual celebration of all things dinghy for all ages and boat types.

Planning and execution are well underway and we are reaching out to Finn sailors, among others, promoting this regatta as a good test event for next year's North American Master's Championship. Additionally, we are reaching out to the WAZP / Int. Moth sailors and any other interested dinghy fleets that would like to have a fun end of season event.

The NOR is posted (page 1 is below) and we have registration opening on the Club website if you haven't already seen an announcement from Jackie. We are looking for volunteers and helpers and would like to make this the biggest and best Centerboard Regatta in memory.

Notice of Race

2019 AYC CENTERBOARD BLUE CHIP REGATTA October 26-27, 2019

INVITATION

Austin Yacht Club [AYC] cordially invites you to attend the 2019 Centerboard [Blue Chip] Regatta to be held on Lake Travis on October 26th and 27th, 2019. Classes expected are: Sunfish, Laser, FJ, C420, Optimist Dinghy, Aero, Portsmouth Centerboard, and Portsmouth Catamaran. Finn Class will be hosting their Texas State Blue Chip Championship. WASP and Int Moth competitors are being welcomed. Over 50 boats are expected. Austin Yacht Club is a private yacht club, located on Lake Travis at 5906 Beacon Drive, Austin, TX 78734.

The only USA Finn Gold Cup World Champion and an OK Dinghy Masters Champion and Laser Master Champion are expected to be in attendance. Additionally, Rob Couffts has been asked to conduct a racing clinic on Friday 25 Oct 2019.

1. RULES – The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 [RRS] and individual class rules.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1. The Regatta is open to all Centerboard boats and beach catamarans. AYC will provide up to 18 double-handed Flying Juniors on a "first come, first serve" basis. For FJ boat reservations, contact AYC Sailing Director Keith Denebeim at (512) 266-9804 or keith@denebeim.com.

2.2. Early registration is greatly appreciated. Austin Yacht Club is an all volunteer effort and the cost of the regatta is kept extremely low to maximize participation. We would appreciate all competitors registering by Oct 13, 2019. People registering late or on site may not get some items that require advance planning. Online registration will be accepted until Thursday, October 24, 2019.

2.3. On-site registration may be performed at the registration table in the AYC Clubhouse from 18:00 to 20:00 on Friday, October 25, 2019 and 08:00 to 09:00 on Saturday, October 26, 2019. All competitors must check in on Saturday morning to pick up regatta package and pay any expenses not charged to an AYC account.

2.4. You may register online at <https://www.austinyachtclub.net/2019-ayc-centerboard-regatta/>. You may also register directly with the AYC office in person or by telephone [Call 512-266-1336]. NOTE: The AYC office is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays.

The above is page 1 of the NOR. Please use the link above to access the NOR in its entirety.

The Rob Couffts Presentation

Rob Couffts is a highly regarded Sailing Coach, International Sailing Champion and the **Couffts** family name has become synonymous with winning [NZL Americas Cup, SailGP -<http://www.sportspromedia.com/interviews/sailgp-americas-cup-russell-couffts-interview>].

Rob has a very keen and intuitive eye and a deep understanding of the sport of sailing. He began sailing P boats in Auckland, NZ and has competed in a number of Olympic Classes. He has the ability to motivate sailors of all ages. He has been a professional sailing coach in New Zealand and abroad. **Rob** studied Fine Art at Canterbury University [NZL] in the the mid seventies and is an accomplished artist and illustrator, specializing in oil painting. He has authored "Kiwi Goes Sailing" as a adjunct aid to young Optimist Sailors and the book is used at Austin Yacht Club.

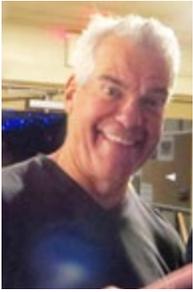
Rob and his wife Karla reside in San Diego and are members of the Mission Bay Yacht Club. **Rob** is currently the Southern California Vice President of the USA Finn Class, the President of the US OK Dinghy Racing Association and actively sails OK dinghies and the Finn.



USA 8!

B-Fleet Update

by Ed Pierce



We had very light participation in the Summer Evening Series, and I would like to see B Fleeters come out en-force for the Indian Summer Series starting this September.

Join your fellow sailors for the Raft-up on August 10. It's great fun to cruise, swim and dine together. And if you need crew or help with your boat, let me know. We have many new members who would be like to share sailing this fall.

Ensign Fleet Update

by Anne Morley



The Ensign Fleet has been very active in Friday Night Beer Can races, the Summer Evening Series and the Independence Cup! It was great seeing so many members of our fleet on the water!

There were uncommonly breezy conditions this July – it made for some fun races!

Summer Evening Series

Most of the Summer Evening Series races were won by the Dahmans on Styf Kop, with regulars **Danny Lien** on Gravy, **Lewis Price** on Dos Locos and **Annie Lancaster** on Eagle consistently racing. It was great to see **Tom Groll** on Brews'er and the **Morleys** on Abaco out for Series #5 races.



Independence Cup Ensign Skippers Annie Lancaster, Anne Kitzmiller, Anne Morley, Anne Riggs

Independence Cup Regatta

The Ensign Fleet had a great showing at the Independence Cup. The Ensign Fleet raced in the C Fleet. Ironically all four of the Ensigns were skippered by the women of the fleet: **Ann Kitzmiller**, **Anne Riggs**, **Annie Lancaster** and **Anne Morley**. The Anne/Ann's rocked the C Fleet! **Annie Lancaster** placed 7th, **Anne Riggs** placed 6th, **Ann Kitzmiller** placed 5th, and **Anne Morley**, with crew, **David Morley** and **Terry Schertz**, tied for 1st place.



Karl Dahman sails with George Dahmen and Tom Groll

Summer Guests

The Ensign fleet hosted many guests this summer. **Karl Dahman**, **Frans' daughter Zoe**, and **Marin Dahman** were seen out on Styf Kop. Styf Kop also hosted **Cliff Price** for a couple of Friday evening races. During Series 5 **Tom Groll's** nephew raced on Brews'er and **David Morley's** cousin raced on Abaco. **George Dahman** and **Anne Kitzmiller** hosted a prospective Ensign sailor!

Race Committee Duty

Race Committee went extremely well! We received many compliments for setting a great course and long starting line! Thank you, **James**, for being a great PRO!



Ensign Fleet Working RC

Catalina 22 Update

by Steve Pervier



Summer Evening Series has had a big variety of weather. It started 6/15 with a strong wind and four C22s with seven skippers aboard: **Joe Roddy** joined **Louise and Walter** on "Strings Attached", **George Robison** coached **Dave Meredith** on "Dumbo(at)", and **Bob Stephens** assisted **Don Garcia** on his new boat. I enjoyed sailing with **Vickie Stones** as **Cheryl and Lizette** were away. **Joe, Louise, and Walter** looked fast on the first beat, but then disappeared.

After W, Dumbo(at) was close behind us, with **Don's** boat not far back. Then we saw, near shore, a C22 heading leeward under headsail only. Strings had suffered a suddenly parted halyard! A bit later Dumbo passed us and rounded L first, looking to win until they sailed to the starting line side – allowing us to sneak in for the win. After that breezy contest we all agreed to skip race 2.

Brian and Margarito didn't sail Summer Evening, and recently they've gone to the dark side! That is, with "Moonlight Sonata", they sailed a moonlit MoonBurn evening for a 2nd place. I'll bet they would have liked saving a mere second of that correction for their return to the sunny side in Independence Cup! That's when they placed as otherwise impossible for one-designs – into a tie for first place! Given their higher rating number, shouldn't they have been listed first? Congrats, you guys, for showing the potential of a well sailed Catalina 22.

Our biggest turnout was for race committee on 6/29, as over a dozen fleet members combined with a solid crew of South Coast 21 friends who always do well as our PRO, Signals lead, and Chase driver.



RC volunteers from C22 and SC21 fleets, and new AYC members, from left Bob, Cathie, Lizette, Cheryl, Steve, Louise, Bob, Daven, George and Dave Photos by Cheryl Pervier

We included new AYC members plus our regular racing crew to make a great reservoir of RC volunteers. Thanks to **Doug Powell, Bob Norton, Bob Musselman, then Brian Grothues, Margarito Morales, and their crew Shane** who braved a hot sun to search for wind. It wouldn't arrive til over 90 minutes late, leaving only about 45 minutes to series time limits. We'll have to rethink this for next year. To complete our RC let's credit **Cathie Martin,**

Bob Stephens, Louise Miller, Cheryl Pervier, Walter Payne, and George Robison, who stood by until (after consulting PRC and others) PRO **Tom Meyer** and I pulled the plug.

On the latest Summer Evening date **Peter Broberg and his crew Jim** (also a former owner) won both races! **Louise** sailed with daughter **Lauren**, and with **Joe** and his friend **Kevin**, **George** raced with **David**, and **Cheryl** was there with me. We struggled with rerigging our small jib mid-race to get 4th in race one. Dumbo(at) finished with a second in the good breeze. We port tacked



Dumbo with former owner George Robison and new owner David Meredith (look for son Daven someday!)

the fleet to be nearly first at W in the second race. **Joe** improved "Strings Attached" to 2nd place and we covered Dumbo(at) to a beam reach finish for a 3rd. That second race W mark saw a series of close tacks and dives into inside holes, and somehow not a touch. We have photos, the rulebook, and the August recess to discuss this! But what fun – go C22 Fleet!

We're holding our breath for the last date of Summer Evening Series. Can the team of **Dave and George** hold 2nd place, or even improve? **George** has been very helpful (as **Dave's** experience runs more to Seidelmans and other bigger boats). **Dave**, himself, was helpful as RC for Independence Cup. Meanwhile we're seeing a lot of C22 interest, and looking forward to a bigger turnout in Fall Series. We'll miss the great Sea Scout dinners! But it will be warm water and milder days, with the typical shifty challenges of Lake Travis to keep the racing as good as ever. See you there!

J80 Fleet News

by Bonnie Lackey



As I write this tonight, it's hard to believe we're ending July with weather in the 80s. We can only hope it stays like this for the last weekend of the Saturday Evening Series this coming weekend. This Series has had a little of everything wind wise, heavy winds where half the fleet chose not to race the second race, and then a weekend of no wind. We can hope for the average of these winds this coming weekend – with the perfect winds on a perfect summer day. We have had 13

boats race this series, which is great with all the summer vacations. Going into the last weekend Speed Racer, **Claudia Bartlett** is in first with a hefty margin, followed by Flyer, **Ray Shull** and then Air Supply, **Ed Taylor** in third. Tough competition! The fleet continues their Rum and Munchies social after the races along with a quick chalk talk by the winner that day.

Beer Can races continue to be a favorite; nice and chill and a great way to end the week. The 80s have been getting an average of eight boats out for this Friday night race. What's not to like about an hour race ending at dusk followed by visiting with Club members over a burger and beer. Life is good.

The Independence Cup was split into four fleets; A, B, C and Multihull. With 12 boats in A fleet, the J80s brought nine of those 12 boats and all of the 80s placed in the top 9 spots. Very impressive! The top three finishers were Wild Thang with **Scott Spurlin/Jeff & Carrie Jones**, followed by Knot Rite, **Kurt Carson** and The J.A.C.K. team in third place.

It's been a busy summer, and the racing continued with the Single and Double Handed Regatta on July 14th. The J80s represented this regatta with gusto! In the Single-Handed race **Ray Shull** on Flyer was first out of 13 boats. Congrats **Ray**, you'll have to share your tricks! The Double Handed Race had



12 boats racing, and seven of those were J80s. Of those seven J80s, the top six finishes went to an 80. A family rivalry here with **John Bartlett** and **John Horn** taking first, **Claudia Bartlett** and **Bay Peterson** second and **Ed Taylor** with **Steve Vaughn** taking third. Congrats to all who raced in this regatta.

The 2019 J80 North American Championship Regatta will be held on Lake Winnepesaukee, NH, on September 18-23, 2019. Our fleet will be represented by the team of **Ray Shull** (skipper), **Kurt Carson**, **Tommy Gairloff**

and **Rick Cole**. Thanks to **Claude Welles'** connections, the hosting fleet has offered to provide a boat and lodging for an AYC team to be able to fly up and participate in this regatta. It will be interesting to see how our AYC team does. With the competition we have every weekend, it feels like a NAs all the time. Good luck guys!

We can't do all that racing without taking a turn at race committee duty. On July 20th the following people did RC for the fleet; **Ray Shull**, **Kurt Carson**, **John Burke**, **Bob Gross**, 2 crew members from **Shotglass**, **Keith Lackey**, **Bonnie Lackey**, **Carolyn Wilsford** and **Will Hawk**. Thanks everyone for taking a turn at this task.

As the fleet now has 19 J80 boats, it's great to hear a little something special about our newest fleet members. This month's member bio features **Bob Gross**, owner of **Shotglass**.



Bob Gross and crew on J80 Shotglass Photos by Cheryl Pervier

Member Bio: Bob Gross, Owner of J80 #398 "Shotglass"



I was fortunate to discover sailing when I was 12 years old when I purchased a Dolphin Junior, which I learned to sail on a six-acre golf course pond in my parents' neighborhood. From the first moment held the tiller I knew I would be a sailor for life. I eventually saved enough lawn mowing money to trade the Dolphin in for a used Hobie 14 and later a Hobie 18. Up to this point I was content with reaching back and forth along the beach, trying to impress girls with my limited sailing skills.

In the early 90s a friend asked me to crew for him on his 470 at the Governor's Cup Regatta in Austin (my big introduction to AYC). Not having any idea what I was jumping into I immediately said yes (I figured anything named Governor's Cup had to be a big deal) and was introduced to sailboat racing. When the first signal went up and we began jockeying for position on the line, I knew there was no turning back. I was hooked; from that moment forward all I wanted to do was race boats.

In 1998 I packed up the family and moved to Canyon Lake where I bought the best boat I could afford; a Catalina 22 that we named "El Feo" (Spanish

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for "The Ugly"). I immediately set out to improve my racing skills dragging El Feo around the state, like Don Quixote on Rocinante, sailing in every regatta we could find.

When it was time for my first set of new sails, I was introduced to **John Bartlett** who agreed to come out on the boat for a tuning session when he delivered my new sails to Canyon Lake. We were not on the water 10 minutes before **John** threatened to beat me with the winch handle if I kept moving the tiller. Despite the threat, we broke out laughing and instantly developed a lifelong friendship.

Fast forward to 2012, after getting divorced and selling my Catalina, I began commuting up to Austin for sailing therapy on the Bartletts' J80, Speed Racer; making the 1 1/2 hour drive each way, every weekend, to race at the Austin Yacht Club. I relocated to Hudson Bend in 2017 and joined AYC. Last December I decided it was time to leave the **Bartlett** nest and get back on the helm purchasing Shotglass J80 #398 from **Randall Massey** at DCYC.

I cannot express how much I enjoy being a member of the J80 fleet and part of the AYC community. I appreciate the encouragement, generosity, and mentoring from the fleet. There is no doubt that I have found my sailing home; we truly have something special.

Multihull Update

by Mike Beuerlein



Allegedly, for the last 40 years, any reasonably aware Central Texas Multihull sailor knew that the first Saturday of August each year (the hottest and usually most windless point on the calendar) was reserved for Big Brothers/Big Sisters Take a Kid Sailing Day. And, that such a day promised an almost perfect opportunity to have a warm, calm, sunny day to show off proficiency at handling a boat, give little kids a wholesome thrill, appreciate a day of sailing

with new friends and all the like. I've been beating the drum for years and, frankly, its a pretty easy sell.

This year, for BB/BS and any other shore-based event, we also need to be mindful of the massively increased zebra mussel population. They are not just at the surface but fairly deep. AYC shore crew volunteers have been warned but the Lake Travis beach experience has been irrevocably altered. **Brigitte** and I are planning on one last beach reconnaissance but early visits suggest it would be prudent to bring sturdy water shoes.

The Multihull Fleet is also expanding. We've a number of new members, most notable to me (since we crewed together on Mike's F-18 in the last GT300) **Mike Rohrer** and his wife **Laurinda**, who've got a wicked looking Corsair F-28 "Rush Hour". Expect that there will be another Multihull on nearly every start line and **Mikey** is no slouch.

Lastly, in a bow to reality, I've requested the AYC F-18 racing rating be modified from +3 to -75, a 78 point knock. Given our new mission to concentrate on sailing by the rules, we won't be concentrating on our blistering speed so much as being nice ... We'll not foul you but don't automatically expect us to cede rights just because you didn't appreciate how quickly we can close.

Sunfish Fleet Update

by Annie Lancaster



Wednesday night Sunfish/Laser sailing is a great mid-week revival. Once you get through the traffic and get your boat rigged, there is a no better escape from the world than racing with your fellow escapees.

One of the best things about Wednesday night, besides the evening breezes and Corinthian spirit, is that there are not as many motorboats and jet-skis buzzing around you. And the sunsets, don't forget the on-the-lake-view of the sunsets. Many thanks to Sunfish captain, **Louise Miller** and Laser captain, **Steve Keckler** for their efforts in ensuring a capable race committee team is in place for our retreat. There is always room for more boats on the line. Consider yourself invited!



Photos by Robert Bennett

Keel Fleet Beer Can Rules

by Bruce McDonald



How to Properly and Safely Round a Mark When Boats are not Required to Leave it to the Same Side (AKA Beer Can Rules.)

1. Rule 18 does not apply. What this means is that there is no zone and no room required to be given for inside boats. If you are approaching a mark and have a boat to leeward of you, think of this as the same situation as at the start rounding the committee boat.

If you are inside overlapped, you are essentially barging and the leeward boat could legally pinch you off at the mark if they have luffing rights. However, this is intended to be a relaxed, friendly race. It is suggested that overlapped boats intending to round a mark on the same side should provide room for all such boats to round the mark. Just be aware of this situation and plan accordingly and don't assume that another boat will do what you plan for them to do unless you hail them and agree on the plan of action

2. When rounding any mark as an upwind mark, if there are other boats rounding, be aware that rounding the mark on port tack (mark to to starboard) will potentially put you in a position of collision with starboard tackers rounding in the opposite direction while you are on port.
3. At leeward marks, as with the others, you can also round it to port or to starboard. If you are rounding it on port tack (mark to starboard), think long and hard about whether you really want to go head to head with starboard tackers coming in the opposite direction. If you really want to round on port, make sure you take inventory of all the boats that are in the general vicinity and develop a plan to avoid collision with them. In a collision between a port and starboard boat, there is little defense for the port tacker.
4. In summary, the most important rules that you need to know on rounding beer can marks are 10—starboard has right of way over port, 11—on the same tack overlapped the leeward boat has right of way over windward boat, 12—the boat clear astern needs to keep clear of the boat clear ahead, 13—the boat which is tacking shall keep clear of other boats until on a close hauled course, 16—a boat that acquires right of way will initially give the other boat room to keep clear, and most importantly 14—avoid contact.
5. The Beer Can Races are supposed to provide an alternative to the more formal series races and regattas. They provide a chance to use tactical skills as selecting a course that will get you to the finish line faster. With this come some challenges that are very different from the other more formal races.
6. Safety. The Beer Can Races occur without race committee supervision. There are no chase/rescue boats out there. Remember we at AVC are a family and as such need to take care of each other. If you see someone in danger or disabled, go to their aid. It's just a beer can race.

In Memoriam



Erhard Rudolf Albert Sudermann

Erhard Sudermann passed away peacefully on July 13, 2019 at Baylor Scott & White Hospital in Lakeway, TX with his wife of almost 48 years, Sylvia, and his sister and brother-in-law, Ellen and Richard Vercruyse from Port Charlotte, Florida, by his side. He is also survived by his brother, Albrecht Sudermann and wife Sabine of Berlin, Germany, nieces and nephews, Heidi (Robert) Beaudine, Peter (Cindy) Vercruyse, Mark (Mae) Vercruyse, Tim (Elaine) Vercruyse, Christian (Christina) Sudermann, Uta (Harold) Sudermann, Anja (Willie) Sudermann, their children & grandchildren, an aunt, Alice Weiswurm, and many cousins.

Erhard was born December 16, 1938 in Berlin, Germany to Hildegard (von Mutius) and Alfred Sudermann, and at age 3 moved to Aschaffenburg, Germany. Toward the end of WWII in February 1945 at the age of 6, he, his mother, sister and brother were traveling through Germany by train and stopped in Dresden, since the trains did not run at night. They miraculously survived the Allied Bombing attack of Dresden – where an estimated 25,000 or more people were killed.

He grew up in Aschaffenburg where he went to school, enjoyed endless miles of bicycling, skiing, rowing, swimming, boy scouts, and studied tool making – till he moved to the USA with his mother to join his sister and husband in 1957.

His first job was as an Orderly at Manchester Memorial Hospital – just to better learn the English language. He studied Mechanical Engineering at the University of Hartford, Syracuse University, Auburn Community College and Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), mostly in night school while working during the days. He was also active in rowing, fraternities and soccer. In 1962 he joined the US Army Reserves and was ordered to Active Duty at the cusp of the Cuban Crisis.

Most of his work was in manufacturing for G+W Industries in Seneca Falls, NY, Glasgow, KY, and Austin, TX – working his way up from a Production Foreman, to Manufacturing Manager, Plant Manager, Engineering Manager, VP and Director of Operations. He left Corporate to become an Operations Consultant and Business Owner, and then formed a partnership as President and CEO of a tool remanufacturing company in Fredericksburg, Lockhart and Waco. His work took him to many countries including Mexico, the Dominican Republic, China, South Korea, Japan, England and the Isle of Man. He retired in 2000 to pursue his career in Residential Real Estate – which he continued for 19 years. He loved to meet and talk with people. Everything he did was with great passion.

During his 40 years in Austin, he was a member of the Austin Yacht Club and enjoyed sailing and racing with his wife and friends on Lake Travis. Besides his wife, his other loves were always his dogs (Ashley & Simba), all other animals – both pure-breds and rescues, obedience training German Shepherds, Tai Chi (Black Sash), Karate Judging, Poker, traveling, and sailing in the Virgin Islands.

His desire was to become a Centenarian - but his heart gave out before he could reach his goal.

Please mark "Organ Donor" on the back of your driver's license. It costs nothing and may save multiple lives.

An Oktoberfest Party will be planned in his honor.

J/24 Fleet Update

by John Parker



Time Also Races

J/24 Fleet 21 has been quite busy since our last report. Here are some highlights associated with Fleet 21 and its members.

J/24 Fleet 21 National Events

March-April 2019 – GIGGLES finishes Top 10 in J/24 North Americans

Natalie Harden and the GIGGLES team traveled to Club Nautico in Valle de Bravo, Mexico to compete in the J/24 North Americans. They finished sixth in a field of 27 boats.

June 2019 – Fleet 21 is well represented at the Lady Liberty Regatta in NYC
Natalie Harden takes third place with the help of her local crew member, **Rachel Loziuk**.



Team Giggles Natalie Harden, Rachel Loziuk (NYC) Photo courtesy Molly White

Regional Events and the J/24 Texas Circuit

April 2019 – Team Miss Conduct takes the Cowtown Stampede

The second stop of the J/24 Texas Circuit took place at the Fort Worth Boat Club. Fleet 21 entered three of the 12 J/24s competing in moderate to heavy breeze. **James Freedman** and Team Miss Conduct easily took first place with bullets in four of the five races completed. **Stu Juengst** and the Vang Go team finished in sixth place, **John Parker** and the Chupacabra team in ninth, and **Amanda Casey** and the Momentous team in 10th. Congrats to all of Fleet 21's top ten finishers.

May 2019 – J/24 Southwest Championship is rescheduled

Due to excessive rain and resulting floodwaters at Lake Lewisville and the Dallas Corinthian Yacht Club, the third scheduled J/24 Texas Circuit stop was cancelled.

June 2019 – Surfin' Safari Regatta is dominated by Team Miss Conduct

The fourth stop of the J/24 Texas Circuit took place at Corpus Christi Yacht Club in Corpus Christi, Texas. Fleet 21 entered three of the nine boats that competed in heavy wind and wave conditions on Corpus Christi Bay. **James**

Freedman and Team Miss Conduct from Dallas Corinthian Yacht Club took first place with bullets in all four races and was awarded the 2019 Southwest Championship trophy and Worlds berth for 2020. **Stuart Juengst** and the Vang Go team took fourth, **John Parker** and the Chupacabra team sixth, and **Amanda Casey** and the Momentous team took eighth.

Local Fleet 21 Activities at Austin Yacht Club

Spring Series

The Spring Series brought nine Fleet 21 J/24s to compete, including our out of town guest competitor **Graham Marshall** and the Clairbouyant team. **John Parker** and team Chupacabra brought in first place for the series followed by **Stuart Juengst** and the Vang Go team in second and **Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás** and the Stray Dog team in third. Only two points separated the top three boats.

Late Spring Series

The Spring Series brought five Fleet 21 J/24s as well as **Josh Bowens-Rubin** and the Zero Gravity team to compete. **Miranda Grummons** and team Stray Dog easily take first place for the series followed by Team Chupacabra helmed by **Scott Loyd** in second place.

MoonBurn

Amanda Casey with team Momentous as well as well as our J/24 guests, team Zero Gravity are competing in this series.

AYC Governor's Cup

The Governor's Cup was cancelled.

Turnback Canyon Regatta

Amanda Casey with team Momentous represented Fleet 21 during this regatta.

Beer Can

J/24 Fleet 21 members enjoy the Beer Can racing. It is quite frequent to see three or four J/24s racing/relaxing in the Beer Can race on Friday evenings with guests and different crew members.

J/24 Fleet 21 Informal Regattas

March brought the first Informal Regatta of 2019. Our visiting team Miss Conduct took first place, team Vang Go second, and team Gray Wolf from Dallas Corinthian Yacht Club took third. Other Fleet 21 participants included Chupacabra, Jolly Bevo I, Momentous, and Stray Dog.



Amanda Casey on Momentous, Turnback Canyon Regatta Photo courtesy Marilyn Jackson



Team Vang Go, Beer Can Races Photo courtesy Elizabeth Quintanilla

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J/24 Fleet 21 Socials

St. Patrick's Day Party

Immediately following the first Informal Regatta, Fleet 21 was host to a St. Patrick's themed event with the several of the team Chupacabra crew going the extra mile to dress the part. Green beer, Irish stew, and soda bread were served to the fleet members to celebrate the event.

Q1 Birthday Social

March ended with a bang during the J/24 Q1 Birthday Social for those in the fleet celebrating their birthdays between January and March. Several took this opportunity to enjoy the photo booth, celebratory birthday songs, and tasty birthday treats and sweets.

American Magic – Americas Cup comes to AYC Special Event

Several members of the J/24 Fleet 21 enjoyed this educational and entertaining presentation from America's Cup Skipper, **Terry Hutchinson** and sailing commentator **Tucker Thompson**. In addition to **Mr. Hutchinson's** presentation regarding the Americas Cup program and their monohull sailboat prototypes, it was refreshing to hear **Mr. Hutchinson** reminiscing with local Austin Yacht Club members about his early days as a J/24 sailor.

Race Committee – Late Spring Series #5

The J/24 Fleet 21 team did a great job of Race Committee for the Late Spring Series #5. Though the wind was quite shifty and variable before the races, we were able to get everyone started and finished. Thanks go out to many on the team such as **Miranda Grummons, Jesse Smith, Scott Loyd, John Feinberg, Meiling Parker, Pat Caughey, Joao Encarnacao, Stu Juengst, Chris Hammel, Drew McNeely, Greg Freeman**, and our newest young sailor and Race Officer in training, **Damien Freeman**.

AYC Racing School

J/24 Fleet 21 has been actively developing future crew members through AYC Racing School coordinated by **Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás**. On average, there have been three J/24s engaged as well as several J/22s, Catalina 22s, J/80s, Ensigns, and Pearson 26s.

Spring Series

There was an average of 20 students attending.

Summer Evening Series

Summer Evening Series is breaking attendance records with up to 50 people signing up. To meet this demand, multiple classes per day are being scheduled to accommodate the students.

Looking forward to H2 2019

There is plenty of activity to come in the second half of 2019. Upcoming events include:

August

- J/24 US Nationals - Rochester, NY – August 21st – 25th
Representing Fleet 21, GIGGLES, Chupacabra as well as two other Texas boats are currently 4 of the 40 boats registered for this National event.

September

- AYC Fund Fleet Challenge and New Member Social – September 1st
- Race Committee Training – Fall Edition – September 7th
- Indian Summer Series – Begins September 8th

- Fall Informal Regatta – September 14th
- Houston Open One Design - Shoreacres, TX – September 18th-19th
The second half of the 2019 J/24 Texas Circuit begins with the fifth stop at Houston Yacht Club. We look forward to a solid representation from Fleet 21 at this event.

October

- J/24 Worlds – Miami, FL – October 19th-26th
Currently, there are 79 boats signed up for this event from 14 different countries. We have two J/24s from Texas already planning to compete in this international event comprising of the best J/24 sailors in the world.
- J/FEST Southwest - Seabrook, TX – October 26th-27th
The sixth exciting stop on the J/24 Texas Circuit will be located at Lakewood Yacht Club. Plan to see a variety of J/Boats and experience some J/Boat history at this fantastic event.
- J/24 Halloween Party – October 31st

November

- Fall Series – Begins November 3rd
- Wurstfest Regatta II - Canyon Lake, TX – November 9th-10th
The last stop on the J/24 Texas Circuit will be at Lake Canyon Yacht Club. As this event is within 45 minutes of the Austin Yacht Club, we look forward to several Fleet 21 boats competing.
- Wild Turkey Regatta & Keel Fleet Annual Meeting - November 23rd
The last Keel fleet event for 2019. We'll see if we can get in some more J/24 on-the-water activities in before year end.

December

- J/24 Christmas/Holiday Party – December 14th



Chupa Cabra, Corpus Christi Photo courtesy Wyatt Davis

MoonBurn Series Update

by James Parsons



MoonBurn Race #2 Recap

The weather was great, wind steady, and waves following. We did a longer course, sailing to 9 and back to the start.

Things looked primed for a straightforward race. Until, **Ed Taylor's** Air Supply jumped the J80 gun at the start by about 10 seconds. Air Supply knew they were early, did a large 360 around the signal boat,



Late Start Photos by Marilyn Jackson

and started roughly a minute late. The J80 fleet stayed on a starboard tack, meanwhile Air Supply decided to hunt for unicorns on a port tack to make up some ground.

First around mile marker 4 was **Kurt Carson's** Knot Right. Air Supply wasn't last any longer, in fact they were 2nd to round. Meanwhile, **Ed Pierce's** Broken Arrow from start #1 was way out in front of the entire fleet, having started first. The only other entry in B Fleet for the evening was **Pat Caughey's** Prime Plus.

The rounding at 9 had Broken Arrow still in front with the 5 minute advantage from the start dwindling as much as the remaining daylight. The return leg was towards the moon and the returning signal boat after taking some pictures of roundings near mile marker 9.

J80 results: Air Supply was able to make up for their start, and won A Fleet. Knot Right was 2nd, followed by **John Bartlett's** Speed Racer. **Bob Gross'** Shotglass was 4th, almost able to take out his former skipper (**John Bartlett**).



Rumline takes a first in Multihull Photos by Marilyn Jackson

5th was **Ray Shull** on Flyer, 6th **Matt Romberg** on Too Much J, 7th the **J.A.C.K.'s** of J.A.C.K.

B Fleet results: Broken Arrow, followed by Prime Plus.

A Fleet results: **Jim Bridgwater** on Silicon Slip in 1st, followed by **Cass Meyer** on Namaste.

Multihulls: Rumline the new entry (for MoonBurn at least) skippered by **Aaron McCulley** was first, then Tribology with **Doug Casey**, and third was **Russ Shermer's** mean teal machine Trial Run.

Special mention to our beer sponsor: **4th Tap Brewing**. Some of the guys from 4th Tap are hoping to make it out for a MoonBurn in the future to see what it's all about (and of course, bring some more beer with them).

Fair winds and rising moons!

Richie & Abbey Amato Sail Highland Lakes, NJ

by Krissy Amato



Richie and Abbey Amato sailed FJs and Sunfish on Highland Lakes in northern New Jersey. Both **Richie and Abbey** and their partners sailed in 28 knots and did very well in their fleet, beating their own mom.

In early July, **Richie** took out his new Sunfish in very light winds against the senior sailors, several of whom are Sunfish Worlds Sailors, and came in a very close third place in both races! **Richie's** new boat made its way to New Jersey thanks to generous sponsorship by amazing AYC Junior Sailing supporter and board member **Bob Gross**. Other AYC members **Ray Shull, Pat Manning and Dane Ohe** helped load, fix and ready the boat for transport, and have provided technical support to **Richie** and other junior members to help them sail around the country over the summer.



As a new lifeguard and both Texas and New Jersey certified boat driver, **Richie** is now serving as the safety boat for the lake's many boat races, as well as continuing to sail in the Sunfish junior singles, doubles and FJ Fleets throughout this summer.

Abbey will sail in both the junior singles and doubles Sunfish Fleet through the summer as well!

Our Trip to the BVIs by Nicholas Carew



This summer, my family, a couple friends and I all went and chartered a 51 foot boat in the British Virgin Islands for a week. We arrived late on Wednesday and somehow, Delta had lost my dad's bag in Atlanta. The next day we went back to the airport to see if the bag had come in as promised. It still wasn't there so we stayed in a nearby beachfront bar until our friend from England, **Ben**, arrived. His flight was delayed and it turned out he had also lost

his bag. The day after that we had to go and buy new clothes because my dad didn't have any. **Mike and Lisa**, the third group had their flight delayed as well but they carried their bags instead of checking them so they wouldn't get lost. We eventually got our boat, which was a French boat named Saleya. The boat was leaking diesel into the cabins and had bad fumes in the back two cabins when the generator or engine was on. This doesn't sound great but was all part of the adventure!

We finally got going and sailed to Norman Island for our first night on the boat. The wind was just gusting 15, the weather was nice and the water was really blue. My main job on the boat was to hook the mooring ball with the boat hook. I also made sure that the main sail came down all the way and had to climb the mast a couple of times to pull it down. On Norman Island, we ate on shore and all had painkillers, even I had a non-alcoholic painkiller!

The next morning we all awoke early and had breakfast on the boat. That day we sailed up to Jost Van Dyke, where the famous Foxy's is. I went snorkeling



Photo by Mary Carew



Credit: <https://www.bareboatsbvi.com/bvi/map-of-the-bvi.php>

along the rocky part of the beach and got the fright of my life when a large ray suddenly rose up from the sand. On the third day, as planned, we cleared out of the BVIs and sailed down to St. John, USVI where we were going to clear in at Cruz Bay. The bay was so busy we had to anchor around the point and motor in on our dinghy.

Ben is from England and he traveled to the BVIs without entering the US. It turns out that if you're British and don't have a visa, you have to enter the US on a commercial vessel. We were then told we had to take him back and raced back under motor to Sopers Hole, BVIs. After that we decided against going to St. Croix and stayed in the BVIs. The next day we went to Cane Garden Bay, which is a really nice beach but is hard to get into because it has a channel through a reef but all of the channel markers had been blown away. Everybody except my mom and I went to go look at a 400 year old Rum distillery while we stayed on the beach.

The day after we had a long five hour sail to Anegada, which was a really small and flat island. My dad plotted our course on charts and we took bearings to check our progress. The last sail we did was going back from Anegada to Virgin Gorda, where the Baths are located. The Baths are a pile of boulders located on the southern end of Virgin Gorda. You are able to walk through the passageways they form to a really nice beach where we found the best snorkeling of the entire trip.

The BVIs are amazing and if you get the chance to visit the BVIs, do it. I would go back any time and that was in fact my second trip to the BVIs and third trip to the Caribbean.



Sunset on Lake Travis, MoonBurn Series Race *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*

My Summer Sailing Adventure

by Ethan Froelich



My summer sailing adventure started off full speed ahead and continued at that pace the entire time – sailing an average of 50 hours a week for eight weeks!

I was very honored to receive the Hap Arnold Prism to take with me on my summer adventures for good luck and safety.



We placed second at US Youth Champs, before heading to Portugal for training with the US Team. The pinnacle event



Ethan receives warm AYC send-off Photo by Stephanie Froelich

of the summer, the Youth World Championship, was unlike any regatta experience I have ever had. The boat park was fenced off, with security guards posted 24/7 and credentials required to enter – my mom wasn't allowed anywhere near the boats or to spectate on the water! We guarded our boat to keep our mast and tension settings secret. I stayed at a hotel designated only for athletes and roomed with other US sailors. The racing format was also very different because we had to share an I-420 boat with the women's US team. One team sailed in the morning session and the opposite team sailed the afternoon session with a 10-minute handoff in between, alternating each day. I much preferred the afternoon session because that meant more sleep! US Sailing sent three coaches to support us and we had access to all the resources that the official US Olympic Sailing Team has. For example, **Dave Perry**, rules expert and international judge, was on call if we needed guidance for a protest!

I learned that any and every advantage you can properly take advantage of on the water, you take it. Don't let any detail slip by! For our team, that included losing weight for the very light air venue in Poland. I would say I did very well, eating lettuce wraps and raw bell peppers every day for a couple of months. When the event was over, I went straight to get two huge Belgian waffles and they certainly felt like best ones I have ever eaten! I have already gained back the ten pounds.

The winner this year had a solid scoreboard, but teams two through eight shuffled around dramatically after every single race. Most were repeat teams to this event. The course was technical and the teams very elite so there was no margin to ever relax. All parameters were constantly processed and modified for each individual circumstance. In the end we placed sixth in the world and plan to make the podium next time.

Thank you to everyone at AYC who has supported and cheered us on.



Ethan and Oliver Hurwitz place second at the US Youth Champs Photo by Stephanie Froelich



2019 U.S. Youth Sailing World Championship Team

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About the Youth Worlds

Taking place from 13-20 July in Gdynia, Poland, more than 400 sailors from 66 nations are racing on boats supplied by Ovington Boats (Boy's and Girl's 29er), Nautivela (Boy's and Girl's 420), Laser Performance / Maclaren (Boy's and Girl's Laser Radial) and Nacra Sailing (Mixed Nacra 15). The RS:X racers are sailing on their own equipment for 2019. Even to make it to the Youth Worlds is an achievement in itself with only one nation represented in each fleet. From 420sailing.org

Six out of the nine US teams placed in the top ten, earning the Bronze Nations Trophy out of 66 countries.



Two huge Belgian waffles after a couple months of dieting Photo by Stephanie Froelich

2019 Hempel Youth Sailing World Championships

13-20 July 2019 Gdynia, Poland

420 Boys Class

Sailed: 9, Discards: 1, To count: 8, Entries: 30, Scoring system: Appendix A

Rank	Nat	Name	Crew	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	Score
1		Seb Menzies	Blake McGlashan	1.0	(9.0)	2.0	4.0	1.0	7.0	7.0	4.0	1.0	27.0
2		Demetrio Sposato	Gabriele Centrone	6.0	14.0	9.0	3.0	5.0	5.0	(28.0)	2.0	3.0	47.0
3		Tal Sade	Noam Homri	11.0	(13.0)	5.0	7.0	4.0	1.0	10.0	6.0	8.0	52.0
4		Haydn Sewell	William Heathcote	7.0	6.0	6.0	1.0	8.0	(13.0)	9.0	11.0	5.0	53.0
5		Martin Wizner	Pedro Ameneiro	3.0	8.0	1.0	5.0	12.0	15.0	5.0	9.0	(16.0)	58.0
6		Oliver Hurwitz	Ethan Froelich	2.0	(12.0)	10.0	9.0	10.0	2.0	11.0	12.0	7.0	63.0
7		Patryk Kosmalski	Tomasz Lewandowski	(22.0)	11.0	11.0	2.0	13.0	6.0	6.0	3.0	11.0	63.0



Born-again JB1

by João Encarnação (UT Sailing Club)

This is October 2017, our Texas native and newly-returned from Arizona member **Drew McNeely** meets with our then commodore **Rikin Shah**. **Drew** is excited about UTSC's J24, which needs some deck work to be back in racing shape and reclaim old glories. **Rikin** needs someone to take over the racing side of UTSC and **Drew** just seems like an angel fallen from heaven. They meet at AYC on a Friday and jump right onto JB1's deck where **Rikin** explains the barbaric drilling she has been subjected to over the years. Some of it has been filled up with epoxy, most of it is just soft and barely holds the weight of a man. **Drew** has experience with RC aircraft and collegiate formula race car design, and his expert assessment, after careful consideration, is that he'd call **Rikin** by Sunday with the boat ready to sail.



The secret lab sheltering JB1 during her long recovery.

Someday in early 2019s Texas winter, I arrive at the Secret Lab for the first time. For those unacquainted with the arch-villain community at AYC, that's the famous storage unit of Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás. Doesn't look like much from the outside, but as soon as the doors open I see JB1 staring down on me. She's not happy, she's been holed up inside the Secret Lab for over a year. I climb onto the deck and I see dozens of holes on it.



Let's do this! Chris Tan takes the bull by the horns.

My very naïve interpretation is that **Drew** had to drill all these holes to be able to access something, or drain something. I have no idea what I'm looking at. Going into the cabin, I can see the gaping hole on the starboard chain place and most of the balsa around the mast area is gone. I don't see this boat sailing. JB1 is a shadow of herself.



Working upside down in close quarters with epoxy dripping down on you. Bliss! Chris Tan holds the balsa patch while I prepare the rig that will hold it all up in place and cover that starboard hole.

Over the next six months, after work, I travel the odd dozen miles to the Secret Lab. I often car pool with other UTSC members, mostly with **Chris Tan**, our current commodore, and we recollect with satisfaction that one time we drove through 2222 without hitting a red light, out of sheer luck. The work is slow, we count the number of sessions it takes to cure the epoxy to fix this and that hole on the deck. For me, it is like meditation. I am accomplishing something, there's purpose and an objective and it's slowly taking shape before my eyes.



Patching the severe case of chickenpox JB1 was hurting from. Drew stripped the fiberglass and I placed it gently with soft fingertip taps. I swear I could hear JB1 purring as I did that.

At the end of April, we are ready to get her back to AYC, take her to the lake and let her fly. This is about the time **Lyndon Looger** lost his mask to a failed chain plate/bulkhead. **Jorge** wisely suggest we inspect JB1's chain plates, just to be sure. As I pull out the chain plate, I notice the blackness coming from within the deck, in the form of a nasty dust. I start poking around and realize the area around the hole is all rotten and hollow. I also recall there's a soft spot near the lazarette, it must have gotten easier to tell as we climb on and off the boat countless times. We start tapping all around the deck and delineate what seem like continents on a map, land to be cleared out and made anew.

Drew chimes in, "See guys, I got her out one day before Sunday." Only nearly two years later, that is.



Welcome home *Jolly Bevo, the 1st. (JB1)*



The battle map is laid out before us. We are ready for the assault on the Dictatorship of Rotten Balsa, for the liberation of the native Solid Deck people and restoring the democratically elected Safe to Sail government.

We sit down with **Jorge** in the cabin, all facing each other in a bit of a somber mood, and listen to his wise words. "Guys, you came here with an objective: get this deck back to shape. Is it back to shape? Then my suggestion is that you get to it."

Last Saturday July 27, 2019, JB1 felt sunshine again. For the first time ever I was able to stand on her deck. You see, the ceiling in the Secret Lab is not very tall, so I was only able to monkey around on all fours, while on her deck. I am jumping up and down like a kid, so proud her deck doesn't budge one bit. The trailer rocks around annoyed, but JB1 couldn't be bothered with my weight.



That's the smile you get when jumping like a kid on a deck of a boat you helped restore. I highly recommend it!

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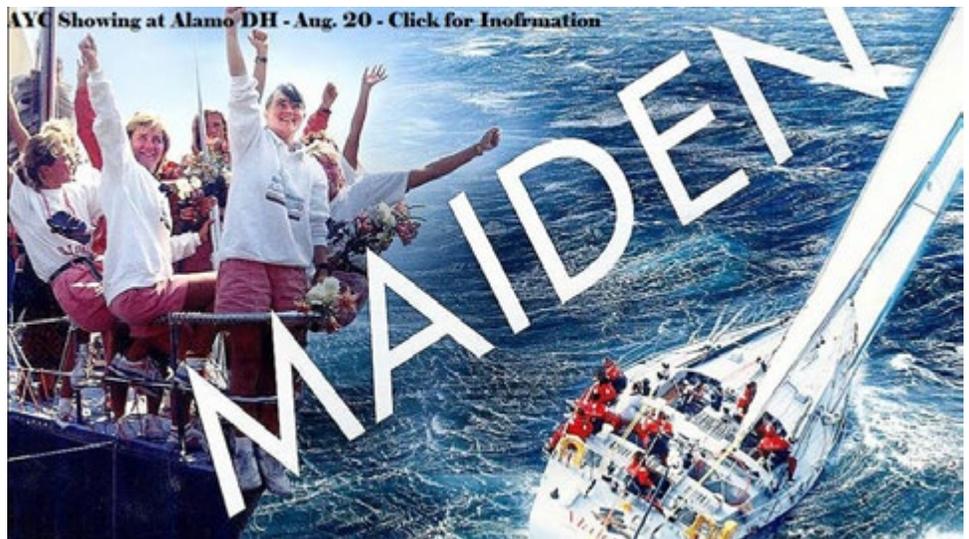
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AYC 2019 RACE CALENDAR

Aug 9, 23, 30	Beer Can Races	7:00p start
Aug 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 - 11:00p
Aug 10	DF95 Summer Regatta	2:00 - 6:00p
Sep 1	Fleet Challenge/New Member Social	10:00a - 9:00p
Sep 4, 11, 18, 25	Sunfish and Laser Sailing	5:00 - 10:00p
Sep 6	Beer Can Races	7:00p start
Sep 7	UTST Alumni Regatta	8:30a - 5:00p
Sep 8	Indian Summer Series #1	1:30p start RC: J/22
Sep 13	MoonBurn Series	5:00 - 11:00p
Sep 14	J/24 Fall Informal Regatta	7:00a - 8:00p
Sep 15	Indian Summer Series #2	1:30p start RC: A Fleet
Sep 22	Indian Summer Series #3	1:30p start RC: B Fleet
Sep 29	Indian Summer Series #4	1:30p start RC: MH

AYC 2019 NON-RACING EVENTS

Aug 10	Keel Fleet Ruff Up	5:00 - 11:30p
Aug 11	Boy Scouts Troop 201 Day at AYC	8:00a - 1:30p
Aug 20	MAIDEN the Movie, Alamo Draffthouse Village	6:00 - 9:00p
Aug 22	Board of Directors Mtg	7:30p
Aug 31	French Speaking Sailors Social	4:00 - 11:00p
Sep 7	Race Committee Training	9:00a - 4:00p
Sep 8, 15, 22, 29	Adult Beginning/Intermediate Sailing School	9:00a - 12 noon
Sep 13-15	Boy Scouts Troop 513 and 5131 Sailing	
Sep 14-15	ASA 101 Training	9:00a - 5:30p
Sep 26	Board of Directors Mtg	7:30





2019 Perpetual Award Nominations



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

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

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

Nominee & Why: _____

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

Nominee & Why: _____

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

Nominee & Why: _____

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

Nominee & Why: _____

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

Nominee & Why: _____

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

Nominee & Why: _____

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

Nominee & Why: _____

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

Nominee & Why: _____

Vic Manning Memorial Trophy: This award honors the club member who has made a deep and lasting impact on the sport of sailboat racing at AYC through excellence in Race Management. This trophy is awarded to the Club member who consistently and over a long period has given their time and expertise in support of race management at AYC.

Nominee & Why: _____

YOUR NAME: _____ **CONTACT EMAIL OR PHONE** _____

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No wind. No sail. Summer Evening Race #3 Photo by Cheryl Pervier