

AUSTIN YACHT CLUB

TELLTALE

September 2019



2019 FLEET CHALLENGE

Something for Everyone, All for the AYC Fund



Congratulations UT Sailing Club, Winner of the 2019 Fleet Challenge! *Photo by Anne Morley*

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SAVE THE DATE

Sep 7	RC Training-Fall Edition	Oct 19	Kathryn Hammond Regatta
Sep 7	UTSC Alumni Regatta	Oct 19	Intro to Sailing Class
Sep 8, 15, 22, 29	Indian Summer Series	Oct 24	AYC Board Meeting
Sep 8, 15, 22, 29	Adult Sailing School	Oct 26-27	Centerboard Regatta
Sep 13	MoonBurn Series	Nov 21	Annual Membership Meeting
Sep 14-15	ASA 101	Nov 23	Wild Turkey Regatta
Sep 14, 21	AYC Racing School	Dec 7	Annual Banquet
Sep 26	AYC Board Meeting	Dec 8	Children's Holiday Party
Oct 6	Chaparral de Mar	Dec 31	New Year's Eve Party
Oct 10-12	Ensign Region IV Regatta	Jan 1	Red Eye Regatta
Oct 12-13	ASA 101		



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 _____

From The Commodore

by Annie Lancaster



I'm not sure if it is because of the hot weather or not, but I feel like the Board has spent August putting out fires.

I wrote on the AYC website about the issues with the UTSC. At the August Board meeting the Board approved the motion to sign a one-year contract with UT RecSports and UTSC along with a Memorandum of Understanding stating the UTSC is on formal probation. A committee, the AYC-UTSC Review committee, has been formed to propose specific actions to remediate all concerns and issues. The AYC-UTSC committee members are past commodores **Johannes Brinkmann and Jim Tillinghast, John Parker, Russ Shermer and me**. The committee will review all UTSC processes and requirements as set forth in the current contract. If you have any input, ideas or comments, please let us know. The goal is to repair the current relationship so both clubs can share their love for sailing.

Also, at the August board meeting, a number of members attended to discuss the Sailing Director position for which we are currently accepting applications. I tried to make it clear that an AYC dues increase is not being considered to pay for this position. Most of the members in attendance agreed that AYC is understaffed. We appreciate all **Jackie, Tom and Spencer** do to make AYC the piece of heaven we get to enjoy. We want to keep them happy and not over-worked. This effort will take some time.



Dawn Riley Q&A Photo by Bill Records

For those of you who attended our showing of Maiden, I hope you enjoyed the movie and meeting **Dawn Riley**, the American crew member. It was **Linda McDavitt's** vision to get a group together and her influence to get Dawn to come. Dawn conducted a Q&A after the movie and coached AYC juniors on Linda's J22. I personally thank the **Commodaughter Sarah** who knew how to get the ball rolling with Alamo Drafthouse.

In September, some AYC competitors will be attending two world class sailing events. The Mallory Cup, noted as US Sailing's most coveted Adult Sailing Championships, is being held at Beverly Yacht Club in Marion, Massachusetts September 5-8. In 2008 and 2006 **Scott Young, John Morran, Doug Kern and Mike Haggerly** (in 2008) won the cup. **John Bartlett** was on the winning team in 1989. This year AYC has been invited to compete with the team of **Matt Romberg, John Bartlett, John Horn and Jonathan Baker**. AYC sends this team out with our deepest support and admiration! Also, last October **Lucy Brock** won the Women's Sunfish North American Championship so she qualified for the 2019 Sunfish Worlds in Bonaire, Dutch Caribbean. The regatta is September 23-25 and AYC also sends our support and admiration to Lucy. Sail fast AYC!

Happy Sailing!

From The Vice Commodore

by Dane Ohe



The Dog Days of Summer are upon us! Although the lake is slowly falling, it is still well above normal, so come on out.

As we start getting closer to those elusive cooler temps, activity at the Club is starting to ramp up. First, the Annual Fleet Challenge Fundraiser and New Member Social was held on Sunday, September 1. Like last year, the Challenge was sailed in DF 95s off the Rylander Pavilion in the South Cove. A Calcutta auction preceded the race, and after the race there were Family Activities and a DJ back at the clubhouse. Thanks to all the AYC families who came out to support both the Club and the AYC Fund, and a big welcome to our many new members. More details and photos in this edition of the Telltale.

The last Beer can race for the season was on the 6th of September, followed the next day by Race Committee Training and the UT Sailing Team Alumni Regatta. The Adult Beginner-Intermediate Sailing class taught by **Coach Spencer** begins on the 8th as does the Indian Summer Series.

Many thanks to **Coach Spencer** and **Coach Emily** for rounding up High School and other Junior sailors to help move boats to the new docks installed in the South Cove on August 23, and to **Tom Cunningham** for helping to build new cradles for some of the FJs. They were able to install the new cradles, move some old cradles and to move all the FJs to the new docks in record time. The new docks look great and are a definite improvement over the older wood docks that were out there.



High school and Junior sailors move boats to the new docks Photo by Dane Ohe

A word of caution for those of you who swim in the main cove. As you know, Zebra mussels have invaded our lake. As a consequence of this, they have also covered our safety ladders that are on all the docks. Please be very careful when using these ladders. The mussels can easily cut bare feet and hands as you climb the ladder. We are studying how to resolve this situation and will let you know.

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Future Harbor projects include sprucing up the Pavilion, replacing the last remaining wooden board boat docks in the North cove, improving the South Cove Rigging Dock and general repairs where needed. Please let me know if you have any Harbor Issues you would like to discuss.

We still have a few boats that could use some care in the harbor. If one of these is your boat, please go visit your boat and give it some TLC. Your boat misses you!

Race Commander Report

by Jim Casto



PRC will again provide RC training on Saturday, September 7. Please sign up with either Kurt Carson or Jim Casto. Our PRC crew will freshen up the curriculum since the January edition, but we will still have a session on RC equipment, flags and start sequences as well as some motorboat driving and docking and anchoring. We will also have more focus on expanding the familiarity with recording/scoring. Each fleet should send representatives as we prepare for RC duty in the Indian Summer and Fall Series.

Safety while sailing is important, and AYC takes safety seriously.

There are several ways you can see that at AYC – we have railings around the pool, Automatic External Defibrillators, backboards, specific and rigorous procedures for Junior sailors, campers, and camp counselors to follow. At various time we have hosted CPR training. AYC has made significant upgrades to the north cove dock walkways/stairs to the docks to make it safer to get to keelboats. And of course in the event of an unfortunate incident, we have insurance.

When you are racing, do you also consider safety? Maybe you have life preservers, a throwable, a first aid kit, whistle, flare? Do you have insurance? Maybe you check the weather before you go out, and maybe for longer events, you file a "float plan". But what about racing safely? Do you race safely, or do you push it to the very edge, potentially endangering other skippers in your pursuit of a tactical advantage? Please stop and consider whether you could race, just as fast, but more safely. And if it is slightly less fast, maybe that's OK, since it would be so much safer.

As you know, Keel Fleet sent an email to all members about safety issues at Beer Can mark roundings, which I also covered in my last Telltale article. I am still working with Keel Fleet, and hope they will still publish diagrams of both-way mark rounding to illustrate the text document that was already published. I hope this diagram can be published by the Keel fleet prior to the November Keel Fleet meeting.

Avoiding collisions is everyone responsibility, whether cruising or racing. We seem to be having about one serious collision per series at AYC this year. We had another collision on the last day of Summer Evening series, fortunately no injuries. Interestingly, the "at fault" boat had no insurance, and even though the skipper is doing the right thing by helping get the other boat fixed, I am sure the skipper wishes he had paid the insurance premiums, several years of which are usually cheaper than paying to fix damage from even one collision.

Our regular AYC Series race course configuration has a potential safety challenge for our sailors, one that we discuss in PRC frequently, and have left in, as a compromise. Perhaps you have not experienced it yet, but you probably will at some point. While the finish line is an obstruction (see SI 10.2), the start line is not. This means you can, actually, sail through the start line either upwind or downwind while sailing your course, even while another fleet is starting their race, all lined up along that start line. While many of our AYC members think sailing through a starting fleet is impolite and even dangerous and therefore to be avoided, it is actually done fairly frequently, since the tactical advantage of sailing into that part of the lake is often hard to ignore.

Please note, as of Sept 1, motorboat drivers are required to use the "kill switch" lanyard which is on the motorboat. We have made new signs for the signal boat and chase boats.

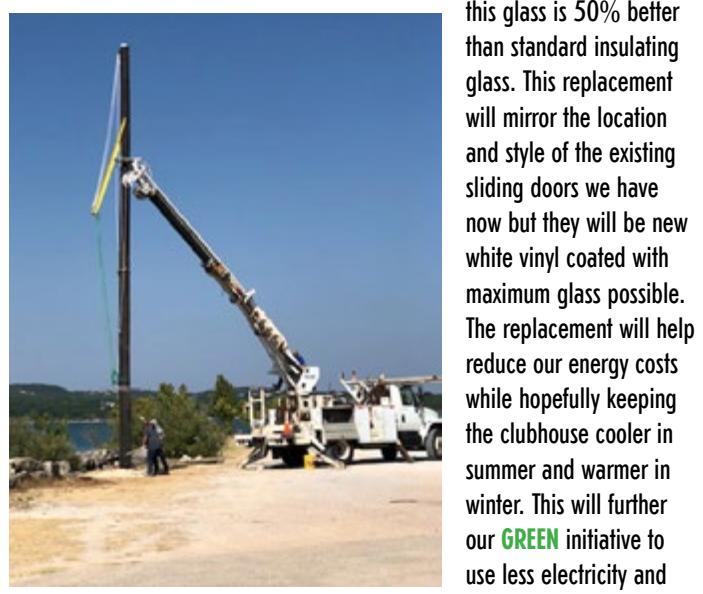
Building & Grounds Update

by Diane Covert



As everyone knows by now, during the storm in early July, lightning struck the mast raising pole making it unusable and perhaps unsafe. The pole has since been removed saving the arm mechanism to reuse. Big thanks go to Tom Cunningham and Fred Schroth in their efforts to remove the pole from the flatbed trailer. Fred and Kurt Carson will be involved in re-rigging for the new pole.

The replacement of the clubhouse sliding glass doors to a new UV filtering low E glass should be installed by the time of this publication. The U value of this glass is 50% better than standard insulating glass. 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.



New pole replacing the one hit by lightning

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. New wood trim pieces will be installed by the contractor but we will organize a member work party in order to paint the trim.

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CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS



New clubhouse sliding doors Photo by Marilyn Jackson

Tom Cunningham and I met with the City of Austin/Travis County Health Department this month, for a safety pool inspection. Only a few new updated modifications will need to be made and some items have already been completed. Lighting for the pool deck is one of those required items. In addition I am getting other estimates on lighting improvements at the Club such as low voltage tree lighting that is night sky compliant, and will subtly light area walkways, ramps and stairs. However, the pool is open and perfectly safe for members and their guests.

Stay cool!

Social Committee Report by Pat Manning



On August 20, AYC members and their guests filled the 126 seats at the Alamo Drafthouse for the private showing of Maiden, an inspiring documentary about the all-women crew that sailed the 1989 Whitbread Race after four years of preparation. The only American crew member, Dawn Riley, was at the Alamo Drafthouse and after the showing to tell us about her adventures and inspire everyone to follow their dreams and never say never.

"Where there is a will, there is a way."

Many thanks to **Annie Lancaster, her daughter, Sarah, and Linda McDavidt** who made this special event possible. It took tons of communication and coordination and it was certainly enjoyed by all.

The Social Committee members are all dusting off our aprons and pulling out our favorite recipes to provide meals after the five-week Indian Summer Series races that start on Sunday, September 8. We appreciate all the support we get from our members and their guests. We will be publishing our intended menus and hope people will sign up so we can prepare the correct amount of food.

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

2020 AYC Officer Nominations

Each year the Nominating Committee is responsible for collecting nominations and proposing the slate of candidates for the AYC Officers for the following year. The slate will be presented to the membership for a vote at the AYC's Annual Membership meeting on November 21.

Please consider whether you or someone you know would be a good candidate to serve as an AYC Officer.

Nominations should be sent to one or all of the following:

Molly Lewis misbell.lewis@gmail.com

Wade Bingaman wadebingaman@gmail.com

Bill Records brecordsfotos@yahoo.com

Please contact any of the three committee members if you have questions about the nominations process.

FUR Submission Deadline

As a reminder, all Facilities Use Request forms (FURs) should be submitted and received by the Secretary no later than 7:00pm the Tuesday prior to the regular 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 implement a deadline for FUR submissions.

All FURs must have a representative present at the Board meeting when the vote takes place to answer questions, if any, related to the FUR.

We encourage you to begin submitting your FURs as soon as possible. Keep in mind that FURs may not be reviewed after the Tuesday submission deadline. 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.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

DF95 Summer Regatta

by Claudia Bartlett

DF95 Summer Regatta



It was HOT...but that didn't stop 25 enthusiastic DF95 sailors from enjoying a fun-filled one-day Regatta at AYC! We had sailors from the Dallas, Houston and San Antonio areas join a few of us from our local AYC fleet for some great races with an amazing breeze.

We sailed five qualifying races with one throw-out. After the scores were calculated, the fleet was split into A & B. Racing started around 1:30 and ended at 6:00. Trophies (etched Yeti's) were awarded to the top three finishers in both A & B Fleet. The party continued at Los Pinos with a group dinner and pitchers of margaritas! The out of town sailors couldn't have been happier and we received excellent feedback regarding the regatta and the venue.

Here are the results:

A Fleet

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| 1-Greg Gust | 1-Mauricio Dantas |
| 2-Chris Macalusoo | 2-Todd Carrico |
| 3-Ethan Froelich | 3-Ray Shull |

B Fleet

A big THANK YOU to Ray Shull (NOR, SI's), Stefan Froelich (PRO), Bob Gross, Nan Taylor (RC), Renee Ruais (scoring), Leon Lance (Technical support, parts, tuning), Ethan Froelich (tuning support), Elizabeth Quintanilla (drone video) and John Bartlett (shade, float daddy, loading and carrying ice chests, clean up).

Our DF95 sailing continues every Tuesday afternoon/evening starting between 5:30-6:00. If you haven't been out lately you really need get out again. We usually have a nice breeze and with the shade of the Pavilion and a beer in hand it's all good! It's the easiest fleet to get into and our motto is...What's better than DF95 sailing on Tuesdays?....Nothing!

See you on the water!



Leon Lance



At the start!



Ethan Froelich, Claudia Bartlett and Bob Gross

DF95 Summer Regatta



DF95 Summer Regatta participants



Ray Shull takes a third



DF95 Summer Regatta photographers:
Marilyn Jackson, Elizabeth Quintanilla, Nan Taylor

Keel Fleet Raft Up



Dan Culica, Casston Meyer and Jennifer Meyer



Casston Meyer enjoying a sail and a view



Jeff Jackson and Victor Gotay



It's a party!



Photos by Marilyn Jackson



Jim Bridgwater and crew of Silicon Ship

Sea Scouts NOW



Spencer teaches rigging to scouts



Scouts practice capsize drills



Scouts sail Picos



Scouts sail keelboats



Scout Troop 201 Photos by Bill Records

Beer Can Races



John Bartlett and crew of Speed Racer *Photos by Marilyn Jackson*



Bo Kersey and crew of Abandoned Assets



John Maddalozzo and Jeff Jackson, crew of Namaste *Photos by Marilyn Jackson*



Jason Wortham, John Maddalozzo, Randy Armstrong, Cass Meyer, Matt Young – Crew of Namaste



Left, John Halter and crew of Project Mayhem Right, Michael Tita and crew of Big Air

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Beer Can Races



Photos by Elizabeth Quintanilla



AYC Fund Fleet Challenge

by Terry Schertz



What a day!! How to sum it up? There was heat and humidity and light air and thunderstorms and sunshine. There were pulled pork sandwiches and calculated bids on amazing sailors followed by amazing sailors racing those little DF95s in some super light wind. The racing wrapped up just in time for some unexpected (and much needed) rain complete with thunder and lightning. After the storms passed, there were water balloons and sail bag races, and fierce tug of wars, and eggs tossed at an Opti with a hole in the sail and pinatas. The day wrapped up with an epic party including BBQ, Dark and Stormy drinks, ice cream, cake and music! That was a lot to fit in a day, and about 200 AYC members and their family and friends were there to join in the fun.

Fleets competed for the **Bernstein-Brinkmann Fleet Challenge Trophy** in four categories: fundraising, participation, DF95 racing, and on-shore games. The Fleet Challenge, established in 2011 and championed by **Scott Young** from 2011-2016, has been the primary fund raiser for the AYC Fund (founded in 2005). Some of the initial founding members of the Fund board include **Linda McDavitt, Danny Lien, Gail Bernstein, and Doug Kern**. As a special treat, **Gail and David Bernstein** flew in from Florida to join **Johannes and Liza Brinkmann** to award the trophy that bears their name!

And an interesting competition it was this year! Let's start with the racing. These DF95s will move in even the lightest of breezes, which is a really good thing because that is what we had. After six races and some strategic throw-out purchases, **Ethan Froelich** sailing for UTSC finished 1st, **Matt Romberg** sailing for the J-80 Fleet finished 2nd, and **Leon Lance** sailing for the J-24 Fleet finished 3rd. Even without any throw-outs, these were the top three finishers!! And just like light air racing in ANY type boat, six first place finishes were won by five different competitors (**Ethan Froelich, Leon Lance, John Horn, John Bartlett, and John Kuc!**) **Matt Romberg** was by far the most consistent at staying at the top of the fleet with three second places and two 3rd places.

The On-shore Games, which do favor the young and young at heart, were dominated by the Roadrunner Fleet! The UTSC and the Laser Fleet finished 2nd and 3rd, respectively. All the other fleets were well behind these three.

And now for the fundraising and participation (number of individual donors). The J-80 Fleet jumped out to an early lead and was very strategic about looking out for incentive matching funds to get the most for their pledges. In their first ever entry in the Fleet Challenge, UT Sailing Club, with a tremendous show of support from alumni and from AYC members, got in the game with a serious challenge to the J-80s. Without the Calcutta winnings, the UTSC was actually ahead in fundraising. But the J-80 Fleet was far and away the winner of the fundraising when the Calcutta winnings were included. And these two fleets also dominated the participation with 62 donors for UTSC and 49 donors for the J-80s!

Overall, the UTSC finished 1st, the J-80 Fleet finished 2nd, and the Roadrunner Fleet finished 3rd in this 2019 Fleet Challenge. But all of the

AYC Fund Fleet Challenge

Fleets and their supporters share in the astounding outcome of more than \$40K raised by 253 individuals from this Club. The contributions to the Dark and Stormy Bar (sponsored once again by **John and Claudia Bartlett**) brought in more than \$1,000 to put the total from pledges for fleets (more than \$31K), the Calcutta (more than \$5K) and throw-outs (\$3K) over that \$40K mark.

The current AYC Fund Board members (**Terry Schertz, Steve Keckler, Lauren Crouch, Molly Lewis, Ravi Subramanian, and Ray Shull**), as the current stewards of the AYC Fund, are honored to be part of this fun and very generous sailing community. A big thank you to **John and Claudia Bartlett, Jeff Brock and Dane Ohe** for being part of our team to make this happen and all the volunteers who helped us set up, keep it running and clean up afterwards. Thank you to all of you who participated to make this such a huge success.

Further details, photos, and maybe some cool drone footage will be posted on the 2019 Fleet Challenge page AYC Fund Web site: <https://www.austinyachtclub.net/ayc-fund/>



UTSC sailors, with 62 donors – overall winners of the Bernstein-Brinkmann Trophy
Photo by Marilyn Jackson



Placing 2nd overall, the J-80 fleet won in the category of fundraising, including Calcutta winnings – with 49 donors Photo by Cheryl Pervier

AYC Fund Fleet Challenge

Behind the scenes



VIPs David and Gail Bernstein *Photo by Cheryl Pervier*



Terry Schertz and Molly Lewis – Calcutta *Photo by Cheryl Pervier*



Steve Keckler, Johannes Brinkmann, Annie Lancaster – DF95 Races
Photo by Cheryl Pervier



Nan Taylor, DF95 Races *Photo by Cheryl Pervier*



Jeff Brock, Molly Lewis, Terry Schertz – DF95 Races *Photo by Cheryl Pervier*



Bill Records, James Bland, Willis Thorstad, Steve Pervier, Ray Shull – New Member Welcome *Photo by Cheryl Pervier*



Lauren Crouch and Claudia Bartlett – Games *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



Elizabeth Quintanilla, Lauren and Madeline Crouch – Watermelon Patrol
Photo by Cheryl Pervier

AYC Fund Fleet Challenge

Calcutta Auction Betting on DF95 competitors in hopes of winning part of the total bets (the pot) for a participant's fleet. This has NO effect on the Fleet scores in racing, but can have a really big effect on the Fleet scores in funding!



Claudia Bartlett wins a bid *Photos by Cheryl Pervier*



Ethan Froelich enjoys the show



David Bernstein places a bid



Brad Davis, Claude and Joanne Welles, David Bernstein, Susan Davis



Scott Young places a bid



John Bartlett calls a bid

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AYC Fund Fleet Challenge

DF95 Racing DF95 scoring is based on each skipper's total finishing points after applying any purchased throw-outs. If a fleet has two competitors in the race, only the best on-the-water scoring competitor is scored in the Fleet Challenge overall scoring.



Photo by Anne Morley



Tough to call! Photo by Anne Morley



RC Stefan Froelich hard at work Photo by Anne Morley



Tony Slowik and friends, pre-launch Photo by Cheryl Pervier



John Halter, John Horn, John Bartlett, John Morran, Scott Young Photo by Anne Morley



Fleet rivalry at its best Photo by Anne Morley



Photo by Anne Morley

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AYC Fund Fleet Challenge

Pool, Dockside and Patio Games Tokens are given to winners of any game. There will be scorers waiting to add those tokens to the Fleet's tally. The total number of tokens will determine the Fleet rank.



Tug-O-War Photo by Anne Morley



Tug-O-War Photo by Marilyn Jackson



Tug-O-War Photo by Marilyn Jackson



Egg and Spoon Relay Photo by Anne Morley



Water Balloon Toss Photo by Marilyn Jackson



Water Balloon Toss Photo by Marilyn Jackson

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AYC Fund Fleet Challenge



Sail Bag Races *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



Sail Bag Races *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



Egg Toss *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



Egg Toss Target *Kurt Carson Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



Penny Dive Game *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



Piñata Game *Photos by Marilyn Jackson*



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AYC Fund Fleet Challenge

Schmooze, Dine and Dance



Gael and Tony Slowik Photo by Cheryl Pervier



Mark Zion and Diane Covert Photo by Marilyn Jackson



Steve and Cheryl Pervier Photo by Marilyn Jackson



John Bartlett, Ethan Froelich, Wendi Froelich Photo by Marilyn Jackson



Anne Riggs and friends Photo by Anne Morley



Stu Juengst, Kurt Carson, Elizabeth Quintanilla and Anne Morley Photo by Marilyn Jackson



Cathie Martin, Candace Miller, Gordon Miller Photo by Marilyn Jackson

AYC Fund Fleet Challenge



New Members L-R Dave Ferreira and family, Constanze Heitkoetter, Andrew Stross, Monica Paredes, Colleen Minor, Hazel Sanchez, Nan Taylor, Anne Riggs, John Horn, Liz Stansfield and grandson William, Nick and Theresa Pedrazas, Kiersten McDonald *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



Claudia Bartlett and Nan Taylor *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



Julius Heitkoetter, Lucy Brock, James Brock, Taylor Snyder *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



On the dance floor *Photos by Marilyn Jackson*



J24 Fleet Update

by John Parker



J/24 Fleet 21 continues to be busy with a variety of activities over the summer. Here are some of the highlights associated with Fleet 21 and its members from July through August 2019.

Regional Events and the J/24 Texas Circuit

August 2019 – Reggae Regatta, Houston Yacht Club

Team Stray Dog and Team Chupacabra visited HYC during August to participate in the Reggae Regatta as well as some additional long-distance racing with our J/24 Houston counterparts the following day. In this one-day Regatta, there were five entrants from the J/24 Fleet with 24 entrants overall. This regatta gave the full experience of low/no wind, moderate breeze, along with an unexpected squall all in the same day. **Barry Bailey** and team 99 prevailed in the regatta while Phantasm won the second-place trophy in the tiebreaker with **Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás'** Stray Dog. In addition to the racing at Houston Yacht Club, several of the J/24 participants decided to visit the Kemah Boardwalk for the traditional riding of the Boardwalk Bullet wooden roller coaster as well as spending some quality time at the NASA's Johnson Space Center nearby before returning home.



Stray Dog team enjoying the Boardwalk Bullet Photo courtesy Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás



Stray Dog team with guest UTSC members, receiving trophy for Reggae Regatta
Photo courtesy John Parker

Local Fleet 21 Activities at Austin Yacht Club

Independence Cup

Five J/24s participated in the one-day Independence Cup for Keel Fleet B Fleet. Vang Go came to win the B Fleet by three minutes over the second-place competitor, Stray Dog. Sforzando, Chupacabra, and Momentous participated as well.

Single-Handed/Double-Handed Regatta

In the Single-Handed Regatta, John Parker and Chupacabra came in a narrow fourth place after Cass Meyer's Pearson Flyer, Namaste 3rd place podium win. Chris Hammel and Sforzando came in within two minutes of a podium finish as well. In the Double-Handed Regatta, Amanda Casey and Momentous came in 7th in a pack of 12 competitors. Hats off to Amanda for taking on this double-handed challenge.

Moon Burn

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

Beer Can

July was Beer Can cook duty for the J/24 and J/22 fleets. John and Meiling Parker took the task of the purchasing the food and leading the four events in July, as we had a series of different cooks and clean-up teams throughout the month. In addition, Meiling brought some great beach tunes and provided samples of some of her tasty adult beverages for Beer Can participants to try. Thank you to all who participated in beer can, enjoyed some good food, drink, and gave a little donation to UTSC.



Beer Can cooks L-R Meiling Parker, Renee Ruais, Gordon and Candace Miller
Photo courtesy John Parker

Summer Evening Series

For the nine scored races, we had a total of seven different boats competing in the series. **Stuart Juengst** and the Vang Go team prevailed with a one point win over the Chupacabra team in the last race day. The remaining racers were **Miranda Grummons** on Stray Dog, **Amanda Casey** on Momentous, **Chris Hammel** on Sforzando, **Dave Broadway** on Superman, and the **UT Sailing Club** racing the substitute Jolly Bevo I.

Socials

Maiden

Several members of J/24 Fleet 21 enjoyed this inspirational movie as well as the follow-up conversation with **Dawn Riley**, one of the Maiden's competitors during the round-the-world race.

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UT Sailing Club's Jolly Bevo I Returns



Photo courtesy John Parker

UTSC's J/24 Jolly Bevo I has been receiving repairs by the UTSC students over the past 18 months in an off-site location. As of August 2019, Jolly Bevo I has returned to the Austin Yacht Club and the students continue to prepare the boat for use in racing at AYC once again. Pictured here, UTSC Commodore, **Christopher Tan** and member, **Drew McNeely** are remounting a spare tire carrier to Jolly Bevo's trailer after its return.

AYC Racing School

With no Series Races scheduled for August, the AYC Racing School has been taking a break with the traditional classes. However, several of the AYC Racing School students were participants in the out-of-town Reggae Regatta as well as have been participating in Beer Can locally with the J/24s and other fleets.

Looking forward to the Fall Sailing Season 2019

There continues to be plenty of activity to come in 2019. Many of the upcoming events are listed below:

September

- [RC Training – Fall Edition – September 7](#)
- [Indian Summer Series – Begins September 8](#)
- [Fall Informal Regatta – September 14](#)
- [Houston Open One Design – Shoreacres, TX – September 18-19](#)

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 19-26](#)

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 26-27](#)

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 31](#)

November

- [Fall Series – Begins November 3](#)

- [Wurstfest Regatta II – Canyon Lake, TX – November 9-10](#)

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](#)

J80 Fleet News

by Bonnie Lackey



August has been what summers are all about: a little down time but still getting out for the Beer Can races. The J80 fleet continues to have a great showing at the Beer Can races. It's been fun to watch different crews show up ad different people skippering.

But our most exciting news is the arrival of boat #20 at AYC. **Kirk and Janis Livingston** have just purchased a J80 out of Houston named Hammertime. We are thrilled to have them join our fleet,

As my husband just said, "Who's going to be Blackjack (boat #21)?

See everyone on the water.

Catalina 22 Update

by Steve Pervier



It's time to satisfy my tease from last month... Thanks to good skills and solid participation, the crew of **Dave Meredith**, his son **Daven**, and former owner and enthusiastic racing coach **George Robison** sailed "Dumbo(at)" to 2nd place in Summer Evening Series! **Cheryl** and I found our way into 1st, after likely series winner **Peter** was unavailable that last race date. Then came the August break with no series racing – but still Catalina 22 sailors have been active.

Many Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings we're seeing C22 skipper and Sunfish fleet captain **Louise Miller** steadily improving her racing. **Cheryl** is also getting started racing a Sunfish. Also on many Wednesdays **Brian Grothues** does well with his Laser, and you may see me working on getting back into shape with mine. I did try to promote a Laser for **Dave**, but he's now the proud owner of a Sunfish!

We sailed a breezy Friday evening Beer Can race in our Catalina 30, with **Steve and Meri Shepardson** (C22 "Chili Verde") and also with **Carrie** – not yet an AYC member, hint! Are more of us enjoying these sunset cruises disguised as races? Oh yes, **Brian and Margarito** scored 4th in PHRF B, to stand fourth in the Moonburn series so far. And that other C22 we've seen recently with the amazing double bimini, is **James and Sarah's "Coyoacan"**.

As of this writing (8/21) a combined effort of Catalina 22 and South Coast 21 fleets a.k.a. the Fleet Alliance leads total donations for the 2019 AYC Fleet Challenge. We gratefully thank long time AYC members **Gail and David Bernstein**, and Catalina 22 alumni **Liza and Johannes Brinkmann** for their

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matching funds that have allowed us to do so well in early going. Benefactors and Fleet Contributors, thank you all for your generous support of the AYC Fund!

Several of us have been traveling this summer, so I'm curious about where else you've seen Catalina 22s. In past years we've seen them afloat in Hawaii, the Bahamas, and Grand Teton, plus sightings in California, Florida, and other states. With over 17,000 built they are well known and available. Some of our new AYC applicants and a couple of established members have expressed their interest recently in racing with us. Let's turn out a good fleet in these next series races!

Please join us for series racing on Sunday, September 8, for a total of five consecutive Sunday afternoons (followed immediately by our October 13 Race Committee date). Race Committee Training on 9/7 could also use our support as they focus on scoring and other skills. If you let me know you plan to race, or you want to crew or need crew, I'll try to make connections. Let's meet as a fleet, a little before the competitor briefing which should be 12 noon on 9/8/2019.

Ensign Fleet Update

by Bill and Kelly Hawk



It's so satisfying to be part of a fleet that continues to demonstrate its presence at the finish line at Ensigns Nationals. This year, **George Dahmen and Ann Kitzmiller** crewed on an Ensign for a 2nd place finish! Here's Ann's retelling of the event:

"In August **George** and I traveled to Canandaigua, New York to participate in the 2019 Ensign Nationals. The name

Canandaigua derives from the Iroquoian word meaning 'chosen spot' and it certainly is a beautiful place. The races were held on Lake Canandaigua and hosted by Ensign Fleet 23 and the Canandaigua Yacht Club. **George** and I crewed for **Eric Jones** on his boat TeamWork, which is part of Ensign Fleet 57 at Thames Yacht Club in New London, Connecticut. This was our fourth time crewing for **Eric** and his son **Rick** at Nationals. **George** flew the main and called tactics, **Rick** trimmed, and I worked the bow. The wind on Lake Canandaigua was similar to what we see on Lake Travis and we were able to capitalize on our experience dealing with shifty conditions. Although four days of racing were scheduled, the wind did not cooperate. There was no racing on the second day and on the fourth day the only race that was started was abandoned. The best day by far was the third day when the Race Committee set a nice square course and sent us out for four races. Combined with two races held the first day we made enough races to have a throw-out, which was key for TeamWork since we had a 22nd place finish we needed to get rid of. Other than that race, consistent finishes in the top seven resulted in a second place overall finish for our boat. Former Texan **Buddy Brown** on Lorelei sailed a near perfect regatta and finished first by a big margin. Local sailor **Jonathan Gorbold** on Questar took third, and Houston sailor **John Cutler** on The Other Woman finished sixth. New to Nationals this year was the addition of the JAM (Jib and Main Only) Fleet. Seven boats competed for this new perpetual trophy with **Jim Knappe** on Lickety Split from Marquette Yacht Club taking home the honors. Canandaigua Yacht Club rolled out the red carpet for the fleet, sponsoring great shoreside entertainment. The launch

and haul-out went smoothly thanks to an army of volunteers. The PRO and his team did an outstanding job of setting square courses of an appropriate length and running fair and fun races. You can find some really nice pictures at <https://www.braymanphoto.com>. Next year the fun happens at Marquette Yacht Club on Lake Superior. I hope to be there, and I encourage you to do the same!"

David and Barbara Gamble hosted a wonderful congratulations party for **Ann and George** at their house in West Austin. Lots of Ensign sailors were in attendance: **George and Ann**, **Ann's parents**, **David and Anne Morley**, **Anne Riggs**, **Hazel Sanchez**, **Clift and Sue Price**, **Lewis and Joanie Price**, **Annie and Charlie Lancaster**, and **Kelly and Bill Hawk**. BBQ, salads, and cake/ice cream were served at the event; **George and Ann** both gave nice speeches about the event and the fleet.

Ensign regionals are October 5, 6, 7; right around the corner. AYC is expecting a heavy Club participation, with a few out-of-town boats attending. There are a lot of boats on the hard for repairs, bottom jobs, and other tuning and tweaks. As of this publication the Annual Ensign Fleet meeting is tentatively set for November 16, 2019. On this date, we will have a pot-luck supper, election of officers, and hopefully a football game on TV.



USA RISING

Enthusiasm goes a long way as the class is reborn in the USA

It was great to see two entries from the USA at the 2019 World Championship in Auckland. The USA has a long history in the OK Dinghy, with USOKDRA established way back in 1959, though the class has been very small for the past 20-30 years. As with anything it only takes one person to pick it up and make it run, and since James Bland returned home in February he has been tirelessly working to give the class a sound platform for growth.

James has been working hard for the last 100+ days, immediately establishing a US OK Dinghy Facebook page, restarting the class organization, writing a US OK Constitution and bylaws (last revision was 1969), shipping boats, hiring a lawyer, writing incorporating documents, filing for our tax exemption and putting US OK Dinghy Racing Association on a solid foundation to regain our status in the OKDIA tent. I tried to start each day with this thought: 'What's going to move the ball forward?'"

"The executive for the OKDIA and US Sailing continue to be very helpful. Through both organizations I was able to locate the last remaining original class documents which saved me a cold start on the writing I needed to do. Lee Parks, Inshore director at US Sailing, confirmed the road map on process and I was able to rejoin the USOKDRA to the US

Sailing One Design Class department and re-list the OK on their web page. I continue to communicate with Robert Deaves and Lee Parks, as our experience is being looked at as a case study / roadmap for others."

"On the publicity front, aside from the excellent OK publications and e-Newsletters, I contacted Wooden Boat Magazine and Sailing World Harken One Design Showcase. Both organizations responded positively to working with us to publish in the future. I try to post something on our Facebook page daily. I also lift material from other OK dinghy pages, so keep up the good work!"

ALSO A FINN sailor, James accepted an invitation to sail the OK Dinghy World Championship in Auckland, in a class, which was completely foreign to him.

"The results weren't going to matter to me, I was going for the experience and be the best sailor I could be. Not that many sunsets left, so better to be about the task."

"I learned that preparation is a key aspect of big regattas, an aspect that we often neglect or forget. People lose focus at times, succumbing to the time pressures of work and family. Nothing substitutes for tiller time. I don't care how many different types of boat anyone has sailed. In the end, each boat is different and you have to develop a sense of the trim required for the boat to go fast. The focus on how to decipher the rig for the big boat, making a boat move in chop or confused seas and working the rig in light air are just as important. What is the current doing? How can I get a drink and keep the boat sailing. It all just takes time. I was just starting to get a feel for the helm when the regatta ended."

"For physical conditioning I swim and lift weights. At 63 I'm more athletic than most, but I was not prepared to hike out, bend and flex and pull on a mainsheet continuously for four hours or more. The pros are sailing constantly and the championship had a big speed split between the hikers and those more or less sitting on the rails. Put the bow down and foot off. Use your weight to steer the boat. We're talking about straight leg hiking for about 15 minutes each beat over an hour-long race and gold cup course. It's a matter of intensity. You have to be in great shape to work this boat off the



[Click here](#) to check out OK Dinghy Magazine article "USA RISING" in the July edition of the magazine.

Roadrunner Fleet Update

by Mary Carew



After a summer of regattas and fun, here are some of the highlights from our junior sailors:

- **Ethan Froelich** started an internship with US Sailing as a Performance Analyst. He reviews all race results of Olympic qualifying events and feeds the timely information to the team.
- During the summer, **Kynes Cabrera** qualified for Team Trials in 2020 by finishing 8th overall and 4th in Blue Fleet.
- **Richie Amato** sailed Sunfish on the Highland Lakes CC & CA in northern New Jersey this summer. He placed first in the Junior Champions Division. He also participated in the Sailing Association of Northern New Jersey Lakes Championship Regatta and won the overall regatta.
- **Roni Sela** is the new AYC Opti Endless Summer champion! Thanks to **Gal Sela, David Michael and Bill Records** for running a great program over the summer.



Richie Amato (right) took a first in New Jersey Lakes Championship Regatta
Photo by Krissy Amato Amato

And courtesy of **Jeff Brock**, here is a summary of what the C420 sailors were up to during the summer:

"This summer the TEAM TEXAS traveling C420 team took both coasts by storm. **Coach Jeff** drove an assortment of 12 Texas Juniors from Austin to San Francisco to New England and back, driving 8781 miles to sail in five regattas, including three National and North American Championships. These regattas were huge – a typical fleet size was 140-160 boats, so you can imagine the size of the starting lines! Showing up early to each venue paid off – not just because we got to practice underneath the Golden Gate Bridge and in Newport Harbor – but also in results! **Lucy Brock, Julius Heitkoetter, James Brock, Vivian Heitkoetter, Taylor Snyder, and Nathan Gantala** represented AYC, and our kids are pushing the top ten in these huge fleets with national-level sailors packing the fleets.

The team finished the summer by sending the teams of **Lucy and Julius, and James and Nathan** to the Bemis Cup – the US Sailing Junior Double-Handed Championship – in Redwood City in South Bay San Francisco. Racing in big winds, big waves, and big currents, **Lucy and Julius** ended up tied for 3rd, and **James and Nathan** got a solid 8th. **Lucy** was the top girl skipper in this national championship!"

Back at home it's clear that this success comes from the incredibly supportive environment of AYC. Where else do you get home from a trip like that and find that **Dawn Riley** is visiting and is giving a couple days of private clinics for the juniors?

This September alone: Eight new Green Fleeters are already traveling. The high school program is gearing up with new recruits coming in strong. Six

high school young women – half of whom have never traveled – are heading to a SEISA women's regatta in NOLA. And **Lucy** is heading to Sunfish Worlds in Bonaire. The AYC program is going strong!



420s flying the spin in front of Alcatraz. James and Vivian in front, Julius and Lucy on the right
Photos courtesy of Constanze Heitkoetter



420s practice under the Golden Gate bridge



Team TEXAS at Buzzards Bay

UT Sailing Club Update

by Drew Allen McNeely



Before I begin, I wanted to give a word of appreciation: as I sit here writing this article Friday night, the UT Sailing Club is tied for first place in the 2019 AYC Fleet Challenge leader board. (*editor's note: They won!*) So far a total of 37 friends of UTSC including AYC members, UTSC alumni, and current UTSC members themselves have donated over \$4800 to the event, and these numbers are growing. This would not be possible without the generous support of those

who believe in our mission to be an active, contributing organization to AYC, the UT student population, and to the sport of sailing as a whole. Regardless of what happens this Sunday during the Fleet Challenge, I wanted to take this opportunity to say Thank You to those who are helping make this happen.

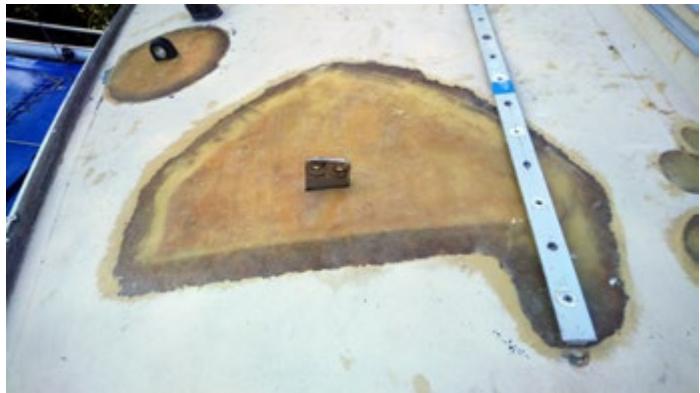
The hot summer days over Austin are slowly getting shorter, and slumbering orange pavers on Speedway are being woken every hour by the stomping of 103,000 shoes. For the bells in the tower that chime every 15 minutes, this week has been nothing short of routine. But for us students, and especially UT Sailing Club members, we're in the most important part of the year: the beginning of the '19-'20 academic session. This is prime time for recruitment, when we will be introducing people to sailing who in some cases will have never before been on a body of water, let alone a sailboat. We have a lot of upcoming work to do, but we're looking forward to knocking it out of the ballpark. Over the next year, we're collaborating with people at AYC to revamp how we run the club. We hope to be more active than ever, to provide new ways for students to participate in AYC events, and most importantly, we're working to ramp up our involvement in racing at AYC and throughout Texas! But the amount of upcoming excitement shall not diminish the activities we've been up to this summer.



Drew volunteering with Russ Shermer and Carrie Craft in the BBBS Hobie Day with Austin CATS

Many of our members have been away on internships, or have been visiting family on the other side of the planet. For those of us who stayed in town, however, the past month has been packed with volunteering, boat maintenance, and racing. Earlier this month, I was invited by **Russ Shermer** to crew for Hobie Day with the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Texas. While this was largely similar to many other crewing days, it also involved helping children get comfortable with the boat, and distributing our invaluable tools for self defense: water cannons. Our weapons helped keep some of the enemy attacks at bay, but some of us got caught in friendly fire. It goes without saying, the event was WET!

Some of you may have read our article in the August Telltale written by **João Encarnação** about the restoration of our racing boat Jolly Bevo (dubbed JBI), as we are planning on some day adopting a JB-II). I am pleased to report that work has been steadily chugging along since our last update. When we last left off, she had left the Secret Lab and returned to her dry slip. As we continue getting her ready to sail, it's refreshing be able to see our work in full sunlight.



No, our deck is not ugly ... Our deck is ROCK SOLID.

While the majority of the hard work has been done, UTSC Commodore **Chris Tan**, former UTSC Commodore **Rikin Shah** and I are shoring up the odds and ends before her first splash. Holes were carefully sawed out of our previously seamless deck, and chainplates have been installed. This required some awkward contortions down below, and this also required the right tool: an oscillating saw! One of the things I have found out in life is that having the right tool makes a big difference!



Chainplates are being installed as we get ready to step the mast for the first time in two years.

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We are currently working on building a template partner to step the mast and then we will decide on the placement of mast hardware (NO deck hardware!!!) and get it installed. Then, we launch and hope she doesn't sink! Some less discerning individuals may say the JBI deck is ugly, but I assure you it's rock solid. Out of respect for our itchy tiller fingers, we will worry about aesthetics at some other date. Top priority now is to get JBI racing!

Also this month, UTSC Commodore Chris and Quartermaster Rye Seekins accompanied former AYC Commodore Johannes Brinkmann to the private AYC showing of the movie *Maiden* at the Alamo Drafthouse Cinema Village. According to both of their descriptions, the movie and Q&A session were both fascinating. Chris described the movie as having empowering messages that can inspire anyone. These messages fit well with UT's reputation for promoting an inclusive campus culture for people of all backgrounds and identities.

Finally, this month was finished off with a bit of travel. UTSC member João Encarnaçāo, his girlfriend Giorgia Giardina (visiting from Europe) and I traveled with the crews of Stray Dog (Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás) and Chupacabra (John Parker) to race in the Reggae Regatta at the Houston Yacht Club. The weekend was action packed.



For some reason this is the clearest photo I have from our Bullet ride. Giorgia and João are in the back row and Jorge and I are in the front row. I am very disappointed that this photo was somehow "damaged," but maybe John Parker's article in this Telltale has another version of this photo :-)

The two races, peppered with squalls, were accompanied by wind shifts that are unusual for the Galveston Bay. João drove Stray Dog in the first race. Being used to the wind on Lake Travis, and with our impeccable UTSC sailing skills, we were able to predict a 30 degree counterclockwise shift five minutes out and tactically picked the left side of the course while everyone else went right. This gave us a roughly 60-second lead at the windward mark. We totally planned it out that way, and it had nothing to do with dumb luck whatsoever, I pinky promise. Being understaffed, we didn't fly the kite, but we had enough of a lead to make it to the leeward mark still ahead of everyone else. As we rounded leaving the mark to port, however, we noticed everyone else passing it to starboard, accompanied by a horn. We only then noticed the RC boat was flying the "S" flag, and to our dismay realized that we had just blown our opportunity for a bullet. We turned around and rounded the leeward mark again (but this time leaving it to starboard) for a 3rd place finish, and placed 3rd overall for the regatta.

Saturday night, we went to the Kemah Boardwalk and rode the wooden rollercoaster, conveniently named "The Bullet". This ride made up for the bullet we missed on the first race of the regatta when we did not see the shorten course flag. I added a photo to this article but for some reason the photo is damaged, and this is the clearest photo I could find. I can assure you my face under those scratches is cool, calm and collected, and I wasn't scared at all. I am not sure but I think John Parker's article in this Telltale may also include another photo of our Bullet ride ;-)

To finish off a great weekend, the next day we went to Space Center Houston and Johnson Space Center and took a tour of the newly restored Apollo-era mission control room, a must-see for any fan of the space program, and we also were able to tour SCA N905NA, the 747 Space Shuttle Carrier Aircraft... See photo below!!!



At this one-of-a-kind NASA exhibit, we saw the rare Yukon XL J/24 carrier vehicle. Specially designed for this purpose, the vehicle makes regular hauls back and forth across the country, towing its cargo! Oh yes, and on this rare exhibit you can also see some sort of airplane in the background. :-)



Big Brothers Big Sisters 2019!

by Mike Beuerlein



Every year since God was a boy, catamaran sailors in central Texas have known that the first Saturday of August means withering heat, light wind building to a nice afternoon breeze, warm fresh water in Lake Travis and hundreds of kids clamoring for sailboat rides at Windy Point.

Flash back to the mid 80s: while still a student at UT, the local Hobie Fleet 64 had already been holding Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Central Texas "Take a

Kid Sailing" day for longer than anyone could remember. When I returned to Austin in 1996, after being a Big Brother myself in Atlanta for four years, I took over the coordination of the event for our fleet. This has been a relatively easy task year after year because people volunteer so readily for this fun event. The multihull fleets, both the local catamaran fleet (now AustinCats (<http://www.austincats.net/>) and the Austin Yacht Club (<https://www.austinyachtclub.net/>) enthusiastically joined forces to support the cause.

We had 13 boats participating this year and, now that three trimarans are also participating thanks to clement winds and artful helmsmanship on the part of the increasingly competent trimaran skippers, kids are getting all the sailing they want. Our main issue this year: the bottleneck created by the wait for life jackets! We need to shoot for more life jackets next year!

There is something to be said about seeing the lake covered with sailboats and volunteers crowding the shallows, supporting what they are trying to do with their kids, to really get across the support the community feels for what the Bigs are willing to step up and commit to.

I took several riders this year who've returned each year for their favorite boats and several who had never been to the lake before, much less sailing on a high-performance racing catamaran! I've even spoken to littles who later became bigs and have now brought their littles out to share in the creation of memories they'll cherish their whole lives.

Of course, on my boat, everyone gets a chance to get out on the wire, helm the boat and trim the sails (and, some gossips may say, experience the occasional capsize). The kids' favorite role is usually shooting the water guns at the other boats. While a few favor the thrills of the trapeze, others are simply reluctant to give up the tiller when it is time to come in. It is always most rewarding to see a kid who, upon boarding, was reserved and fearful but leaving the boat was sparkling and triumphant.

This year, **Phil Bautista** brought two large inflatable floating platforms that were anchored in waist deep water so that the kids could more easily climb aboard the catamarans while the trimarans used the T-head dock near the sailboat launching ramp – adding fun (and less opportunity for falling into the warm, deep water) to the boat onboarding process.

Terri Reuwsaat, our beach captain emeritus, her son, **Chris Reuwsaat**, on his Hobie 18, and Austin Yacht Club volunteers **John Kuc**, **Theresa Meyer**, **Kurt Carson**, **Elizabeth Quintanilla**, **Linda Asaf**, **Mike Rohrer**, **Rick Nelson**, **Jim Casto**, **Aaron McCulley**, **Russ Shermer**, **Bill Coons**, **Owen Crouse**, plus many other AYC and non-AYC volunteers recruited for this event helped catch the

boats with assistance from scores of volunteers from Big Brothers/Big Sisters and the Young Men's Service League, all of whom were able to play in the water with the kids as they waited for rides. It's a full-day's work fending boats, corralling kids in the water and enduring the occasional water balloon to the head while ensuring safety and what passes for organization.

Travis County Parks has also graciously provided free admission to Windy Point park (normally \$12/car) for all the participants throughout all the years, despite the growing crowd size and the understandable envy from the paying guests.

After a full day of sailing with 350 people, 200+ rides, AYC then hosted an after-party for all the sailors and BB/BS, TCP&W and other volunteers at the air-conditioned clubhouse, serving ice-cold watermelon, chicken and seafood gumbo, slow-roasted Jamaican jerk chicken, **Brigitte's** fresh & French garden salad, rice and black beans plus plenty of frozen Bushwhackers, Cuba Libres, and cold beer!

This year was **Brigitte** & my fifth anniversary of our wedding ceremony on Tribology out on Rylander Pavilion, thanks to **Doug & Sun Hi Casey** and **Bo & Robbin Kersey**; so our anniversary celebration was complete when they joined. **Brigitte** and I met at this event seven years ago. This party has become even more meaningful to us each year as this event grows, and more and more multihulls and volunteer friends take part.

Completely coincidentally, **Brigitte** & I attended the Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Central Texas 2019 Ice Ball fundraiser this past Saturday night as guests of **Pam & Will Hurley**, serial entrepreneurs and longtime generous supporters of BB&BS. It was amazing to be in the presence of so many extraordinarily generous people here in Austin supporting the cause, and even more amazing that BB&BS of Central Texas' CEO **Brent Fields**, and so many of the BB&BS staff and volunteers recognized and thanked us, AYC and the multihull fleet for their contribution to what has become their second largest attended event on their annual calendar, "Hobie Day".

What more could one want? Bring your multihull out next year and join in the fun of this event in support of BB&BS' meaningful work in Central Texas.



Photos by Barbe Mariotti, volunteer from Young Men's Service League

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The Tiger Cruise

by Greg Scully

My son, Ethan, is a Lieutenant in the US Navy submarine division out of New London, CT. He called me one day and asked if I would like to go on a Tiger Cruise. I said 'sure' – not knowing what a Tiger Cruise was. But it did involve the word 'cruise' which sounded good.

He told me that 15 family members were to be chosen to go on the submarine he works on for a four-day trip and he called me a few weeks later to say I was one of the chosen. I was intrigued to see what was going to follow.

I flew to Boston where my son picked me up and we headed to New London submarine base. We arrived on the submarine at 6am and he was taking over as OD for the next 24 hours which meant he was running the ship.

I stowed my bag on my bunk and went to the control center where there was an array of monitors and the only thing that came to mind was Starship Enterprise. It was fascinating for me, but that was only the start of my adventure.

It's a big production to get a sub underway but after much deliberation we were off.



Sub out to sea

My son had to man the bridge for the first six hours on the outside on the top of the sub, which is called the sail in Navy terms and is 26 feet in the air. He asked if I would like to join him, so we climbed from the bottom of the ship to the top through a series of chambers. We drove out to the Atlantic, into the dark, out into international waters.

We got relieved and headed down for dinner.

My son was also in charge of the diving of the ship that night, so I was excited but also concerned as to what this entailed. After a few hours running safety checks, we were finally ready to dive. I was fascinated and excited to watch all that was going on. My only concern was when the Captain said we were going to sink the ship, words that didn't settle well with me, but I got busy watching everything going on.

At 23:30 we dove the ship, first to 155 feet where we remained for an hour and then to 600 feet where we remained for 18 hours. We were sitting underwater with no communication with the outside world.

They run eight-hour shifts so there is always something going on from ship maintenance to monitoring of all systems 24 hours a day.

We did a lot of drills, which were very exciting for me, from steep diving angles to tactical maneuvers. It reminded me of the "Hunt for Red October" and I was in the middle of it. The ship is like an underwater village and along with everything else the crew must be fed, which is not an easy task. The living quarters were very sparse to say the least – not my favorite



Ethan and Greg, New London Submarine Base

accommodations as the beds were very small and there were six bunk beds to a room.

I also got an opportunity to take the helm which was very cool for me, but I am not sure what the skipper was thinking.

We were on the submarine for four days. It was such an honor for me to be chosen to join my son on the submarine and I am very grateful to the Navy for allowing me to see how it all works.

After leaving the sub on Friday, I had arranged to meet Carol & Steve Frick, and Sun Hi & Doug Casey in Rhode Island to stay on the Frick's beautiful Beneteau for the night. We met at the Herreshoff Marine Museum in Bristol, Rhode Island. It was a lovely ending to fantastic adventure.



At the Herreshoff Marine Museum, L-R Doug & Sun Hi Casey, Greg Scully, Carol & Steve Frick

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Theresa and Nick Pedrazas



Liz Stansfeld and grandson William



Sally Carraway and son



Bojan Bogovac and family



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AYC BUSINESS HOURS

Wednesday - Sunday 9:00A - 5:00P
CLOSED MONDAY AND TUESDAY

Closed Club Holidays:

New Year's Day	January 1
Easter Sunday	April 5
Independence Day	July 4
Thanksgiving Day	November 26
Shopping Day	November 27
Christmas Day	December 25

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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AYC 2019 RACE CALENDAR

Sep 7	UTSC Alumni Regatta	8:30a-5:00p
Sep 8	Indian Summer Series #1	1:30p start RC: J/22
Sep 11, 18, 25	Sunfish and Laser Sailing	5:00-10:00p
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
Oct 6	Chaparral de Mar Regatta	1:00-5:00p
Oct 6	Indian Summer Series #5 EOS	1:30p start RC: J80
Oct 10-12	Ensign Region IV Championship Regatta	1:30p start RC: C22/SC21
Oct 13	Fall Series #1	
Oct 19	Kathryn Hammond Interconference Regatta	
Oct 20	Fall Series #2	1:30p start RC: J/24
Oct 26-27	Centerboard Regatta	
Nov 23	Wild Turkey Regatta	
Jan 1	Red Eye Regatta	

AYC 2019 NON-RACING EVENTS

Sep 7	Race Committee Training-Fall Edition	10:00a-3:00p
Sep 7, 14, 21, 28	UTSC Saturday Sail	Noon-6:00p
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 14	AYC Racing School Session 2	1:00-6:30p
Sep 21	AYC Racing School Session 3	1:00-6:30p
Sep 26	Board of Directors Mtg	7:30
Oct 12-13	ASA 101 Training	9:00a-5:30p
Oct 18-20	Scouting Merit Badge/Campout	
Oct 19	Introduction to Sailing	10:00a-2:00p
Oct 24	Board of Directors Mtg	7:30p
Nov 21	Annual Meeting	
Dec 7	Annual Banquet	
Dec 8	Children's Holiday Party	
Dec 14	J/24 Holiday Party	
Dec 15	All Catalina and C22 Fleets Holiday Party	
Dec 31	New Year's Eve Party	



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PB&J Mini Pirate *Photo by Bill Records*

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