

October 2019



# Indian Summer Series

## Austin's Hottest September Ever Recorded



Indian Summer Series, Bob Gross' J80 Shotglass with crew Richie Amato, Spencer Legrande, Thomas Young, and Emily Verdoia *Photo by Mary Kadnik*

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### SAVE THE DATE

Oct 10-12 Ensign Region IV Regatta  
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Oct 19-20 Kathryn Hammond Regatta  
Oct 19 Intro to Sailing Class  
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Nov 9-10 ASA 101 Sail Training  
Nov 19 AYC Board Meeting  
Nov 21 AYC Annual Meeting  
Nov 23 Wild Turkey Regatta  
Dec 7 AYC Annual Banquet  
Dec 8 Children's Holiday Party  
Dec 31 New Year's Eve Party  
Jan 1 Red Eye Regatta

## 2019 CENTERBOARD / BLUE CHIP REGATTA



October  
26-27  
2019

### **Austin Yacht Club** cordially invites you to attend the **2019 CENTERBOARD / BLUE CHIP REGATTA**

Eligible Classes: Sunfish, Laser, FJ, C420, Optimist Dinghy, Aero, Portsmouth Centerboard and Portsmouth Catamaran.

Finn Class will be hosting their Texas Blue Chip Championship.

WAZP and Int Moth competitors welcome.

50+ boats expected.

For more information, please contact James Bland, [james@jamesfbland.com](mailto:james@jamesfbland.com).  
Details are included in this edition of the AYC Telltale, page 23.

## From The Commodore

by Annie Lancaster



### How can it be already October!!!!

The year moves on and AYC keeps sailing. The wind has been good for the month of September and the Indian Summer Series. October holds some opportunity for more sailing. Chaparral de Mar was held the same Sunday as the last Indian Summer Series, October 6th. The Ensign Regional is October 10-12. The Fall Series starts October 13 and the Centerboard Regatta is October 26-27. Sounds like

a busy month!

Also, on Sunday, October 13, at 10am and Tuesday October 15 at 7pm there will be Town Hall Meetings regarding the Sailing/Program Director position. The AYC Board has a presentation to show. Then there will be feedback and discussion with the AYC membership. I hope you will find time to attend one of the meetings so we can understand everyone's points of view on hiring a Sailing/Program Director.

Another issue I need to inform you about is the AYC 2019 Personal Property Tax Appraisal from the Travis Central Appraisal District (TCAD). It appears our tax appraisal has doubled, and our personal property taxes could be going up. TCAD says they have not correctly appraised AYC in the past, and they now have corrected this error in their appraisal formula by changing the depreciation schedule on the docks from 5 years to 20 years. On behalf of AYC, **Ron Little**, our appraisal consultant, filed an unsuccessful protest with TCAD. He then attended an appeal hearing where TCAD rejected AYC's appeal. Last month, **Ron** filed an open-records request with TCAD in an effort to gather information on the details of TCAD's data and calculations and other lakefront properties that may have experienced the same increase. Once all information is gathered and analyzed, it will be reported to the membership.

## From The Vice Commodore

by Dane Ohe



The Centerboard/Blue Chip Regatta is coming up on October 26th and 27th. Things are going gangbusters and **James Bland** and his team are ready to go! I look forward to seeing everyone on the water or on shore for the party! If you haven't registered, please do so to help them get an accurate count.

The Pavillion is starting to show its age. The paint is peeling and fading, the plywood on several of the boxes and the doors is warping and splifting. The Pavillion has not had any major work since it was completed many years ago. **Claudia Bartlett** has solicited a bid to have the wood repaired and to have the pavilion professionally painted and the Board has approved the expenditure. Look for work to start on the pavilion in November.

The Club will be hosting a New Year's Eve Party again this year, with **Wade Bingaman and the Shoal Brothers Show Band**, along with Special Guests!

The party is free and this year food and drink will be provided by the Club along with the entertainment, so there is no need for Pot Luck! If you want something special for yourselves, please, by all means bring your favorite dish and have a great New Year's Eve!

## Building & Grounds Update

by Diane Covert



The new rigging pole was installed a few weeks ago. **Fred Schroth and Kurt Carson** rigged it with new ropes and pullies, and it is ready for use.

The replacement of the clubhouse sliding glass doors has been completed. There were 9 glass doors and 2 fixed glass windows installed along with new trim. I feel this is a good improvement, helping with better AC and heat efficiency in the clubhouse.



New sliding glass doors and fixed glass windows will help with better AC and heat efficiency.

Safety modifications required by our swimming pool permit are underway. To ensure that the pool fence cannot be climbed by children, a bar will be added on the top of a portion of the existing fence raising it to the minimum height. In addition, fencing with smaller openings will be overlayed on part of the existing fence where a stone wall currently would allow climbing. New signs and life rings have been added in the pool area, along with a new 911 phone.

There was a motion at the September Board meeting requesting funds for lighting the pool deck, which is another permit requirement. Also included was lighting to improve safety for people walking near the clubhouse. Most of that lighting will be indirect – several fixtures in the trees will shine up into the trunk and branches. A few down lights will be aimed at the ramps. Included in the proposed upgrade are the tree between the office and clubhouse, and the 2 trees on the south ramp to the clubhouse. In addition, there will be a tree light placed in the beautiful tree at the south end of the patio, and landscape lighting will accent the anchor (free of charge!). Lighting professionals have assured us that the low-voltage LED lights shining up into the trees are night sky compliant. These lighting improvements are intended to improve Club safety and accent our lovely trees while preserving the beauty of the night sky.

## Race Commander Report by Jim Casto



**Racing** is still going strong at AYC, although MoonBurn, DF95 and Wednesday nights and Friday nights are less busy. We have series races running until November 17th, with a break for Centerboard Regatta and ending with Wild Turkey. Come on out and show your support for your fleet, in the (slightly) cooler temperatures.

**RC training** was successful, with 14 attendees receiving hands-on training in the clubhouse for

scoring, and downstairs / on the boats for all the logistics. The 2020 session needs to round up all the new members in 2019 who were unable to attend in September.

**Ensign Regionals** is scheduled October 10th -12th. Please contact **Bill Hawk** [whawk3@gmail.com](mailto:whawk3@gmail.com) if you'd like to help.

**Indian Summer Series and Fall Series** both have a Centerboard start, with several of our local racers using it to tune up for the upcoming Centerboard Regatta. For Indian Summer, we combined PHRF A & B fleet to a single start with different courses, it seems to be working OK.

The last date of the Indian Summer Series, Oct 6th, also featured the very popular **Chaparral de Mar Regatta**.



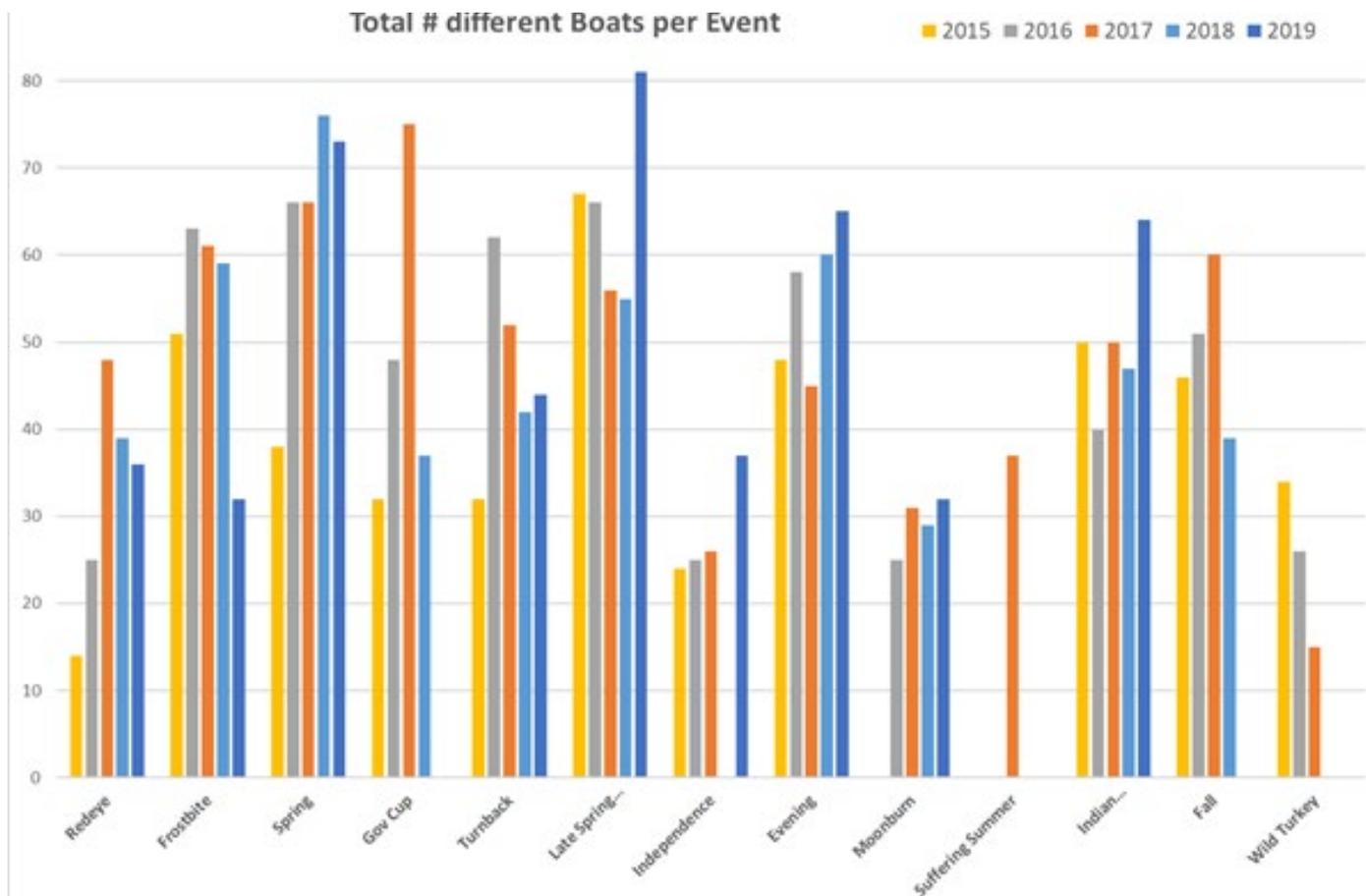
Above: Ed Pierce leads RC Training discussion in the clubhouse.

Below: Kurt Carson leads on-the-water training. *Photos by Marilyn Jackson*



## PARTICIPATION DATA

As shown in the graphic below, 2019 series race participation is healthy. Regatta numbers are spotty.



## Sail Training Report by Keith Denebeim



### Fall Sail Training...You can't beat It!

The fall semester has started for our student sailors with our HS Sailing and our Opti I, II, and III programs. A big thanks to **Coach Gal Sela** in his step-up to our great coaching staff. Additionally, **Coach Emily Verdoia** is on board once again for Wednesday nights through Thanksgiving. Newly named **Head Coach of the UT Sailing Team, Jeff Brock**, is rocking on all cylinders and is getting ready for a great year!

Hook 'em! We cannot do it without these great coaches!



Coach Gal Sela works with Optis I, II and III Photos by Bill Records



Coach Spencer leads adult sailing class

The new Sunday Adult Sailing Class with **Coach Spencer** was a major success from the get-go! In fact, we had a waiting list of folks wanting to get in on the fun due to its obvious great potential to get instruction just like the kids do! **Spencer** did not let down as the class was split into Gold and Silver groups. The first two weeks,

the Gold sailors were the skippers and the Silver, the crew. Sure enough, by week three, our brand new Silver sailors were driving and getting ready for their first races. By week four, the races were on, exactly what the doctor ordered! We will do what we can to add this great class as an ongoing curriculum in the future. It is definitely a great way to get concentrated teaching and the first steps to real yacht racing! Great job **Spencer**!

Last year, the AYC membership approved our Capital Expenditure budget which included the purchase of two C420 sailboats. At this time we are only in need of one boat, and we were also approved to purchase one additional Sunfish. Keep an eye on their arrival and come on out during free sail to give them a spin.

We are looking forward to our Town Hall Meetings, which will bring to the Membership our findings thus far on hiring a Program/Sailing Director, and

what next steps will benefit all members of our great Club. We hope that everyone can make either date of October 13th or October 15th to view our presentation.

Please do take advantage of all the many opportunities we offer for Sail Training and get on the water and start racing! Enjoy the FALL, you can't beat it.

"Do Carry On!"

## From the Desk of the GM by Jackie Wheelless



As Roseanne Rosannadanna would say. . . . . "There's always something. . . .if it's not one thing it's another!"

As you already know, this time it was the main breaker panel. The office went dark and **Spencer and I** began a hunt and seek mission checking all of the breaker boxes and flipping breakers on and off. We found that the main breaker had flipped and would not reset. We isolated the problem areas to be the office and clubhouse complex. **Tom** was out sick so we went to

plan B. . . . .call **B&G Commander Diane**! Together we put a plan of action into place and went into action. Thank you **Spencer and Diane**!

Over and over again we find that this volunteer Club is self-sufficient. Thank you to the Wednesday night Sunfish and Laser group, who cleaned out both refrigerators and freezers the night the breaker blew up! They fostered all the food so that it wouldn't spoil. . . .thank you Wednesday nighters!!! Thank you to **JK** for helping **Tom** move the beer kegs to the barn so that they could stay cool.

**John Grzinich** has worked endlessly to get the Work Area, Hoist, Cabins, RV Sites and Screened Shelter reservations setup online. PLEASE log onto the website and make reservations for any of the areas you plan to utilize.

We've experienced repeated destruction of the saloon doors in the men's bathroom. AYC member **Calin Popescu** took the doors home and fixed and re-enforced them 5 TIMES!!! He put lots of love and elbow grease into saving those doors and yet again, someone ripped them off the wall. The doors have been removed.

UTST President and AYC part time coach **Emily Verdoia** and I worked steadfastly to apply for replacement titles or to get titles for all of the AYC assets that we didn't have titles for. The titles are coming in one by one. I feel like this is a HUGE accomplishment, we did not have titles to several of our boats and motors. We should be "legal" by next month!! Thank you, **Emily**!

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



**Grayson Phenix**  
**Student Member**

Grayson is active in the Junior program and is interested in developing his skills as a sailor and a racer. His mother attended orientation with him and is aware of Student Member responsibilities.



**Wendy Ji-Cathriner**  
**Young Adult Probationary Member**

Wendy and her husband met on the UT Sailing Team. Both are experienced sailors and small boat racers. They loved sailing at AYC as students and now, as graduates, want to continue sailing at AYC with their Hobie 16.



**David Benker**  
**Senior Probationary Member**

David shares a sailboat with his brother Bill Benker – a Senior Member – but is not an experienced racer. He has a young daughter who is in the Junior Program and Dad wants to learn to race.



**Patrick Flynn**  
**Senior Probationary Member**

Patrick sailed at AYC for 10 years, divorced and moved away. He is a very experienced sailor and racer who began sailing in high school, sailed at UT with several current AYC members, and continued racing all of his adult life. He is now back in Austin and is shopping for a J80.



**Rikin Shah**  
**Young Adult Probationary Member**

Rikin sailed at AYC as a member of the UT Sailing Club. He enjoyed AYC and the unique ambience of the Club. He is hooked on sailing and wants to continue sailing now that he has graduated. He is in the market for a Nacra 5.2 or Hobie 16.

## Social Committee Report by Pat Manning



After having June and July off while the Sea Scouts prepared and served meals after the races as a fundraiser, the Social Committee members got back to work providing meals after the Indian Summer Series races that started on Sunday, Sept. 8th.

The Social Committee was informed that all the food that was left over from the Fleet Challenge was ours to use as we saw fit. So, we went about providing some great casseroles for our main courses for the

first three weeks of the Indian Summer Series. They were King Ranch Chicken Casserole, Brisket Stew, and Turkey Cordon Bleu Casserole.

We are very fortunate to have the support of new member, **Monica Paredes**, who happens to be a professional pastry chef and has treated us to some wonderful sweet treats to go with our meals. Thank you, **Monica!**

I want to thank this year's Social Committee members who have helped prepare and serve the meals during the past few weeks. They are **Becky Pearce, Chris Bataille, and Marilyn & Jeff Jackson**. There have been many new members who have also helped with the preparation and serving of the meals and the cleanup afterwards. I can't tell you how much I appreciate all the help. As I write this article, the Indian Summer End of Series meal is still to come. I hope everyone enjoyed the Hawaiian influence. Providing these meals takes a lot of time and help, and would not be possible without all the members' support that I have received.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your Social Committee Chairperson!

## HEAR YE! HEAR YE!



**The Austin Yacht Club is having two Town Hall meetings!**

**October 13 @ 10:00 a.m. to Noon**

**October 15 @ 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.**

**at the AYC Clubhouse**

Please join the AYC Board to share and discuss a presentation on the Sailing/Program Director position. Your input is important!

Both meetings will be similar in format.

We hope one of them will fit into your schedule.



Who will it be?

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Silicon Ship with co-skippers Gerry Kwiecinski and Jim Bridgwater, and crew Alison Kwiecinski



Commodore Annie



John Halter and crew on Project Mayhem  
*Photos by Candace Miller*



Gordon Miller and Stefan Froelich on Caledonia



Scott Young, Doug Kern, Karen Bogisch and John Morran on JazzTacks

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John Burke and Crew on Amazing Grace Photos by Marilyn Jackson



Doug Casey and crew on Tribology



Dane Ohe, Richie Amato, Nan Taylor, Stephanie Froelich – Crew of Aphaia



Thank you, Race Committee!



Blue spinnakers



Ed Taylor and crew on Air Supply

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Ensign start *Photos by Marilyn Jackson*



Sunfish start



Linda McDavitt and crew on Bonfire



Larry Ratliff and crew of Restless



Bob Gross and crew of Shotglass

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Jeff Jones, Scott Spurlin, Carrie Jones and Filipe Payet on Wild Thang *Photos by Mary Zadnik*



Terry Schertz, Bob and Gayle Leonard, Jeff and Dee Sabuda on Lickety Split



Kurt Carson and crew on Jus Knot Rite



Chris Hargett and crew of Kicks



Jim Henrickson and crew of Warrior



J80s

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John Maddalozzo, Jeff Jackson and David Mok on John's boat Ormery *Photos by Mary Zadnik*



Man overboard



Pierre Bossart and crew on Flying J



Bob Musselman on his South Coast 21, WT



Other than avoiding sunburns and working on our moonburns, the main goals when I announced the creation of MoonBurn in 2015 has been fun and seamanship.

Here's some examples of those two goals coming to fruition this year:

**Fun:** Howling at the moon on the last Friday the 13th until 2049. Seeing an orange burning behind the

Oasis, which ended up just being a moonrise. An amazing sunset I heard about in July, but wasn't in town for. Experiencing night sailing, of course! And racing! And last, but not least: that leeward rounding in the last race.

**Seamanship:** Finding Mile Marker 3, an area we don't normally race to with its green light (it's honestly easier finding the light at night than the green buoy in day). Seeing the Sea Scouts racing with us. And of course, getting more experienced at sailing at night! And last, but not least: that leeward rounding in the last race. There was some amazing communication between boats (don't worry, we aren't planning on having multihulls and monohulls rounding the same leeward mark again).

Congratulations to **John Bartlett** winning 1st Overall. And, thank you for the kind words said during the acceptance speech. To paraphrase the portion that really struck a chord with me: "MoonBurn helps us remember to not let racing get in the way of the fun of sailing."

Sharing the experience of sailing at night with friends has and will always be fulfilling to me. My dream is to see other sailors going out at night, relaxing and sharing the fun with their friends. The lake is ours at night. And 7-10pm or 6-9pm in the summer is an amazing window to be out there.

Plans for next year: There may be a few changes next year as MoonBurn grows up and matures. There have been a lot of positive and constructive thoughts shared with me, and I appreciate those that have done so.

One big one that **John Bartlett** is going to be helping with, is getting a start line closer to the Club. Also, I wanted to say thank you to **Dee and Jeff of the Sea Scouts** for being the catalysts to get T-shirts back for 2020. There was overwhelming support for bringing them back when I asked at the awards ceremony.

Also, potentially Saturday's could be on the table if the sailors of MoonBurn are feeling confident with night sailing combined with the increased risks of drunk powerboaters (and it works with AYC scheduling). Any time you see me, please feel free to let me know your thoughts.

Before launching into the results, I want to take a moment to reminisce about early 2016. MoonBurn was molded over many meetings with the help of some awesome people on the AYC Keel Handicap Fleet Board of 2016. It was an amazing experience to be a part of. **Bob Goldsmith, Karen Bogisch, John Maddelozzo, John Thurston, and Chris Thompson** ("If you build it...") were instrumental in helping get a good thing going. **Karen** really helped out this year again in a big way. Thank you all for your involvement, it was a really special time that I'll cherish the rest of my life.

| FLEET    | PLACE | BOAT NAME    | SKIPPER          |
|----------|-------|--------------|------------------|
| Overall  | 1     | Speed Racer  | John Bartlett    |
| J80      | 1     | Speed Racer  | John Bartlett    |
| J80      | 2     | Air Supply   | Ed Taylor        |
| J80      | 3     | Shotglass    | Bob Gross        |
| A Fleet  | 1     | Namaste      | Cass Meyer       |
| A Fleet  | 2     | Silicon Ship | Jim Bridgwater   |
| A Fleet  | 3     | Warrior      | Jim Henrickson   |
| B Fleet  | 1     | Broken Arrow | Erik Engh        |
| B Fleet  | 2     | Los Monos    | Andre de la Reza |
| B Fleet  | 3     | Prime Plus   | Patrick Caughey  |
| MH Fleet | 1     | Rumline      | Aaron McCulley   |
| MH Fleet | 2     | Tribology    | Doug Casey       |
| MH Fleet | 3     | Trial Run    | Russ Shermer     |

Thank you again to all the volunteers: **Annie Lancaster, Avis Brodess, Becky Pearce, Ben Eberlie, Cathie Martin, Charlie Lancaster, Claude Wells, Ed Pierce, Gal Sela, Hazel Sanchez, Jeff Avant, Jenn Wilson, Jim Pearce, Joanne Wells, John Lanagan, Jorge Martin de Nicolas, John Maddelozzo, Karen Bogisch, Ken Kendall, Kurt Carson, Lawrence Hartley, Matthew Scott, Mike Wuammet, Owen Crouse, Russ Shermer, Tommy Meyer, Tram-Anh Huynh, and Victoria Stones.**

And a very special thank you to our sponsors this year:

- Beer: Austin-based 4th Tap Brewery ([www.4thtap.coop](http://www.4thtap.coop))
- Trophies: Dallas-based Corporate Image Group (<http://www.corporate-image-group.com> - don't forget the hyphens)

There's more where MoonBurn came from, with the approval of Fun Fridays. Think of them like the fun of MoonBurn taken to another level. There could also be some sailing at night involved when the weather is nice. The announcement is in this edition of the TellTale.

Fair winds and following moons!

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## MoonBurn Series

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Sunset on the lake *Photo by James Parsons*



John Barlett takes 1st place overall *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



The MoonBurn faithful *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



MoonBurn sailors with cool awards *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*

## ANNOUNCING FUN FRIDAYS!

by Cap'n Fun James Parsons

I'm excited to announce that during the winter months we are doing a trial run of Fun Fridays to get members, crews and friends to the Club for some nights full of fun.

**When!** Fridays starting at 7pm during November and January are our trial run. Rain, no moon, or moonshine. We'll request more nights to run up to the start of Beer Can if we have a good turnout.

**Cost!** Nearly all of the events will be free. Poker & Bingo would be the only ones potentially with buy-ins (check event details on the calendar).

**Kids!** Mostly kid friendly (check the calendar for details on specific events).

**First Event!** 11/1/19 – Board Games! Bring your favorite board game. Learn a new game. Maybe 3M's board game named "Regatta" could make an appearance. Contact [funfridaysayc@gmail.com](mailto:funfridaysayc@gmail.com) if you think costumes that night could be fun!

**Future Events!** Themes for 11/8 and after will be announced in the next Telltale, and on the calendar.

**Prizes!** Donations for prizes are absolutely welcome. Some recommendations: sailing gear (gloves, shroud tension gauge, winch handles), gag gifts, traditional liquid sailing prizes, etc.

**What kind of fun!** Board games, group games, sailing stories, sharing skills, sea shanties, scavenger hunts, trivia, movies, poker, bingo...and sailing.

**Two off-site nights are on the radar (yet to be confirmed):**

11/15/19: Sailing to a restaurant on the lake (the clubhouse is reserved).

1/31/20: Brewery Night at the MoonBurn beer sponsor.

There's also Karaoke at the closest restaurant on the lake, so that's also a possibility if we've got a lot of sailors that let us know they want to croon.

**Ideas for fun!** We are open to other suggestions that are easy to scale for 12-45 people. ESPECIALLY if you can to help run that event, and tell us which date you're available.

**Really looking forward to a certain event and want to lobby for it!** Send an email to [funfridaysayc@gmail.com](mailto:funfridaysayc@gmail.com) to cast a vote for a night. Knowing what everyone is looking forward to is very helpful!

**Sailing!** Encouraged if the weather is suitable. Fun Fridays are built to be scalable and flexible, so those staying behind can still have some off the water fun.

**Volunteers!** We can definitely use some! Excited to say we have 10 already, but the more the merrier. We'll have 1-3 people looking after each event, which means you don't have to be at every one. Run something that you enjoy running, and just be a participant for others. I certainly won't be able to be at all of them.

**Fun Friday is free!** Bring your own beverages, and dinner will be bring-your-own or potluck.

**Racing!** Maybe, possibly the most informal race you've ever seen, might, perhaps, happen. 3 hints: 1. #EastWestDash, 2. It won't be East to West. 3. There will be as many seconds notice as Lake Travis is above sea level. Currently, that would be 673 seconds. No other hints shall be given!

Looking forward to connecting, reconnecting and building connections through fun this winter!

## Dealing with Fenders...

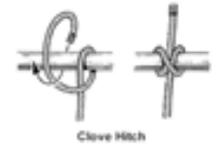
by Harry Polly



Good Seamanship calls for knowing when to take fenders off and where to store them when underway. Plus, knowing how to tie a fender at the correct height along the side one's boat can be the difference between scratching the hull or not. The challenge is to tie the fender line so it will not come undone.

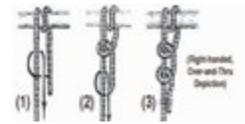
**GOOD:** The Clove Hitch is the most common knot used to tie a fender off. The advantage is the Clove Hitch

can be tied quickly. This is especially helpful when your dock hand needs to tie more than one line off while docking. The disadvantage is the Clove Hitch can work free in choppy conditions. Only use this knot when someone can stay with the boat and monitor how the Clove Hitches are holding.



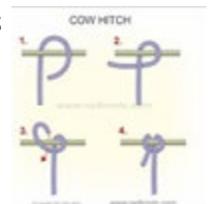
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**BETTER:** The Round Turn and Two Half Hitches is a better method for attaching fender lines to a boat. Round Turn and Two Half Hitches do not come undone but getting the right height can be challenging. I see the Round Turn and Two Half Hitch being used more often than any other attachment method. I had a boat in Corpus Christi Marina that went through Hurricane Harvey. The Cow Hitches held in nearly 200 MPH winds. That is why I am a believer in Cow Hitches.



<https://www.animatedknots.com/round-turn-two-half-hitches-knot>

**BEST:** I have found the best way to tie off boat fenders is by using a Cow Hitch. The neat part about a Cow Hitch is it does not come apart like other fender knots - especially the Cove Hitch.



<https://www.animatedknots.com/cow-hitch-knot-end-method>

**Final Thought:** The person in charge of a boat should always check their boat to make sure the fenders are at the correct height and their fender lines have been tied properly. Teaching a novice sailor how to tie a Clove Hitch, Round Turn and Two Half Hitches, and Cow Hitch can be a great teaching moment.

## J80 Fleet News

by Bonnie Lackey



The Indian Summer Series is over and hopefully soon that means fall isn't too far behind. The J80 fleet saw 15 different boats show up for this series. The racing was always extremely competitive, but we wouldn't want it any other way. On October 6, the fleet ran race committee for the series race and Chaparral Regatta.

This year a team from Austin participated in the 2019 J80 North American Championships at Lake Winnepesaukee in New Hampshire. The hosting club was extremely generous to provide a boat and lodging for the AYC team. This is thanks to **Claude Welles'** friendships and connections with the east coast fleets. This year representing our fleet was **Ray Shull** as skipper, **Kurt Carson** who called his position as "in the way", **Tommy Gairloff** as mast position and **Rick Kole** as headsail trimmer. Read more about this wonderful regatta and all the details in **Ray Shull's** article.

I've been trying to include new member bios in some of the Telltale articles. I personally love reading these and learning a little more about our fleet members. This month's bio is from our newest fleet members:

### **Kirk and Janis Livingston, Boat #20 (as written by Kirk) ...**

*Kirk and Janis thoroughly enjoy their two kids and four grandkids who keep them busy.*

*They started sailing at AYC in 1982 and joined the Yacht Club shortly thereafter. As members of AYC they owned and sailed a Merit 25, J24, Lasers, a South Coast 21 and an Opti for their kids. As a family team on the J24 circuit they qualified for the J24 worlds twice. As members of AYC they chaired regattas, did race committee and ran the junior program for a few years. Eventually turning over the junior program over to **Doug Kern**.*

*Over the years **Janis and Kirk** bareboat chartered a number of times in the Caribbean. Recently taking some big boat training and earned International Coastal Cruising (ICC) certifications. In late August they purchased J80 hull #77. They are looking forward to new sailing adventures with the J80 fleet and bare boat chartering in exotic locations around the world.*

## 2019 J80 North American Championships

by Ray Shull



The genesis for our participation in the 2019 J80 North American Championships was a visit by **Jeff Rabinowitz**, the J80 Class Vice President, to AYC last spring. **Claude Welles** has visited Lake Winnepesaukee several times in the past few years, and had invited **Jeff** to come to Austin and visit AYC. During his visit, **Jeff** invited everyone to come up to New Hampshire and sail in the 2019 J80 NAs. He sweetened the offer by adding that they would

provide a boat and a place to stay for any of us that would join them.

This summer, **Kurt Carson** asked me if I would be interested in joining him

and racing in the NAs. We recruited **Tommy Gairloff and Rick Kole** to round out our crew. We contacted **Jeff** and he helped us identify a boat and a place to stay. It was looking promising for us to attend. Our biggest obstacle was the 775-pound team weight limit placed on all participants. Our total crew weight in July was approximately 32 pounds over this limit. We all committed to losing an average of 8 pounds on the J80 weight loss plan and sent in our entry fee.

By mid August, it appeared that we could probably make the weight limit, so we started thinking about how we would transport sails, racing equipment, and clothing to New Hampshire. We were able to fold and stuff the sails into bags that Southwest would accept and made a pvc tube to hold the oversize battens. Then we packed the necessary clothing and gear for New Hampshire in late September. Historical weather data indicated the temp could be anywhere from the mid-forties to upper eighties. We subsequently found that we all packed way to much for the warm weather that we experienced.



Team Dolce Mongo in front of the yacht club

We then found out that the boat we were first assigned to was named "Mango." We immediately named our team "Mango." (See the movie Blazing Saddles) Later we found our boat assignment had been changed to a boat named "Dolce." This means "sweet" in Italian. Thus we modified our team name to "Dolce Mongo." We think this name fit perfectly the sweet big guys from Texas. We forgot to order team shirts, but made a note to do that next time.

Finally the day arrived for our departure and we left our vehicles at AYC at 3:30 am for a 5:40 Monday morning flight from Austin. Note: Never let **Kurt** be your travel agent. We arrived in Manchester, New Hampshire and drove to our lodging for the week. We were expecting a small cabin not too far from the lake. We arrived to find a three bedroom house on Lake Winnepesaukee with a boat dock, swim area, fire pit, and large deck overlooking the lake. It was an awesome place to stay.



The view from our cabin on Lake Winnepesaukee

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We scouted the area including the Yacht Club, the marina, ship's store, and places to buy other things (i.e. Rum) we might need. The next day we drove to the launching marina and made friends with the fleet measurers, boat launching crew, and safety inspector. Our goal was to attempt to somehow secure an early weigh-in for Team Dolce Mongo. After a couple of hours of helping, and looking hungry, we were able to do just that. Our total crew weight was several pounds under the limit so we immediately went to the nearest restaurant and consumed both breakfast and lunch. If felt so good to eat real food again.

Later that day **Nan Taylor** arrived from Austin. She spends part of each summer in New England and, after hearing that we were planning to attend this event in New Hampshire, offered to be our shore support crew. The next day her friend **Krissy Amato** also arrived, along with **Arlo** the biggest, mellowest dog I've ever seen. She was in New Jersey and said since she was in the area, offered that she could help out. **Nan and Krissy** were great to buy supplies, prepare sandwiches for lunch, keep us organized, and help plan the activities. **Nan's** friend **Deb** from Maine also stopped by later that day with six live lobsters and steamers. Steamers are some type of clam that you steam (hence the name). She told us how to cook them and we had a fabulous lobster dinner that evening.

The next day we spent rigging our boat, doing a few little minor repairs, and meeting more people from the local area, or in for the regatta. There was a practice race scheduled that afternoon, so we sailed out and tuned with a couple of boats before the race. The practice race was held in very light, shifty winds. This was to be a condition that we experienced throughout the weekend. Everyone said that northwest winds were typical this time of year. I think we saw winds from every direction but northwest. The Race Committee moved every mark during the practice race at least twenty degrees and we had an upwind finish at the leeward mark. We hoped the winds would be better the next few days.

There were 22 boats registered for the Regatta; from New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Maryland, Washington State, Rhode Island, Michigan, Texas, and Canada. The boat from Michigan never made it. We believe they took a wrong turn and ended up in Miami.

Before the first race on Friday the winds showed promise of being light but reasonable. Then right at the start a big left shift of around twenty degrees heavily favored the left side of the course. We had decided to start near the committee boat, so we were probably last off the line. We kept trying to work the shifts and keep our boat speed up as the wind continued to drop, and passed six boats for a 15th. We felt we could pace with most of the boats, so with a better start we thought we could be competitive.

From the first race to the second one the wind shifted almost 180 degrees. The first race was with an easterly wind. By the time the second race was started, we were headed to a southwest windward mark. Did I mention the winds were shifty? In the second race we had a very good start in the light 2-3 mph winds but were able to read a couple of shifts correctly and were in the top group of boats after the first lap around the windward/leeward course. We rounded the last windward mark in 4th and headed for the leeward finish. A group of boats passed us in a small puff on the left side of the course and we ended up 11th. We felt much better about our boat speed, but were a little disappointed by the last leg, and hoped from much stronger winds the next day.



Waiting for the wind to appear

The next day, Saturday, started about the same as the first one. The winds were decent at the scheduled start time but a big shift caused the race committee to postpone for about forty-five minutes. We finally started in about 3-4 mph winds from the south. We again came off the line with good speed and went to the left lay line in search of a puff to head back right. We found a nice wind line back to the weather mark and rounded in 2nd. On the way to the leeward mark, the wind lightened considerably from behind,

and our lead pack was the only group of boats that were moving. Nearing the leeward mark, the race committee abandoned the race. We were hoping they would shorten at that mark with us still in 2nd, but the sailing instructions didn't allow that. We spent the rest of the day drifting in non-existent winds. Finally the race committee sent us home around 4 pm. A long day on the water of waiting for any wind to appear.

The final day of racing arrived with again very light winds. The first race was started in 2-3 mph winds out of the southwest. We had a good start on the pin side of the line and tried to keep clear air and good boat speed as we went to the left side. We found a decent header so that we could tack and come back to the center of the course and rounded in the top 5. The winds were shifty with lots of holes but we were moving well most of the time.



Nan and Krissy on the official Tito's sponsor boat

On the last leg to the finish the wind almost completely died and we finally drifted across the finish in 7th. It appeared that about half the fleet would not make the 35 minute time limit to finish after the first finisher, but a last wisp of breeze brought all but two boats to finish just before it expired.

The second and final race of the day brought the best winds of the regatta. The race started in about 5mph winds out of the east. We started somewhat near the pin end, very close to the line with "I" flag up. We waited anxiously as the race committee called out four boats that were over early, but our number was not one of them. Our Velocitek was reading "0" meters from the line at the start, so I wasn't sure if we were over or not at the gun. We stayed in the top 5 boats for the first lap and then a couple of boats passed us on the last upwind leg. Right at the downwind finish we were in a group of about five boats overlapped and jockeying for a good finishing lane. A port tack boat ended up in our way with no steerage right at the finish line causing us to lose 2-3 places, so we ended up 10th. These places gave us a 13th overall.

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The after racing hospitality by the Winnepesaukee Yacht Club was amazing. Thursday evening they provided New England Chili and plenty of local beer. Friday was grilled steak tips with a wonderful potato salad, green salad, and home-made brownies and cookies. Saturday they boiled fresh Maine lobsters with all the fixins, and ordered so many extra of these critters that it was essentially all you could eat. We had lobster and eggs the next day with our leftovers, very tasty. Our team probably gained back all the weight that we fought so hard to lose the month before.

The next day was an extra day for us, we had scheduled our return flight on Tuesday so we had a day to look around and relax before heading back to Texas. Okay, so maybe **Kurt** wasn't such a bad travel agent after all. We delivered our loaned boat back to her owner by sailing around the islands on the lake for a couple of hours. Then on the way back, our new friend and boat driver **Casey Nickerson**, (who is also the Commodore of WYC), asked us if we'd like to go to lunch on the lake on his "wooden boat".



Casey's wooden boat, 1926 Chris Craft

We eagerly agreed and wondered what was the "wooden boat." We soon found out that **Casey** has a wooden 1926 Chris Craft launch that is probably 30 feet in length. Every bit of wood is gleaming with varnish and the motor sounds like a big-block Mopar motor (which it is). We cruised about five miles to Meredith and a wonderful lunch at the Church Landing Grille.

Then that evening **Steve Nix** (creator of the Stevie Nix Lobster Boil) came by and offered a sunset boat ride on his restored 1970's era Century inboard. The sunset was magnificent, the cruise was relaxing, and the perfect ending to a wonderful week on the lake.



Sunset on Lake Winnepesaukee

Even though the winds that we sailed in the regatta were extremely light and difficult, we all enthusiastically agreed that this was one of the best, most enjoyable regattas that we have ever done. The people that we met, the experiences both on and off the water, and the New England beauty was a memory that we all wouldn't have missed for anything. If they host another event in the future, and we are fortunate to be invited to attend, we will be first in line to sign up.

Here is a link to more photos of our trip:

[https://link.shutterstock.com/90\\_jmDGP\\_8g0](https://link.shutterstock.com/90_jmDGP_8g0)

## Ensign Fleet Update

by Fred Ford



Once a year the Ensign fleet sails to **Anne and Dave Morley's** home on Lake Travis. . .sort of a luxury version of a raft up. It is an hour sail up Lake Travis. . .some people drive and some sail. Two boats sailed this year, **Styf Kop** and **September**. It was a beautiful September day, a variable 10 knot breeze (it's always variable on the lake).

True to form, when two AYC boats are on the lake, a cruise becomes. . . . . a race. Side by side we left the harbor.



September and Styf Kop crews Photos by Anne Morley

**Tom Groll, Harold Neel and Fred Ford** on **September** and **George Dahmen, Ann Kitzmiller and Jennifer Hopgood** sailing **Styf Kop**.

I don't remember who popped a spinnaker first, but it was immediately answered in kind. Seeking wind, we headed towards Starnes Island. Now the crux of the matter. . .which side of Starnes do we take, close aboard or toward the shore. . .where is the wind living at the moment? **September** found the wind shortly after a brief moment of no wind despair. **Styf Kop** found wind early and then. . .discovered no wind to give **September** the lead. Both boats arrived at the **Morley's** within a few boat lengths. It was a great afternoon on the patio, in the pool, looking at the lake. We even discussed some business concerning the October 6 Chaparral de Mar honoring AYC senior sailors, and our hosting of the Ensign Regional IV Championships on October 10, 11 & 12 .

For the sail back to AYC, **Styf Kop** opted to sail home in a gentle breeze before the edge of dark. **September**, putting undue faith in SailFlow, decided to do an evening sail home. There was no wind. **The Morleys** graciously towed us with there ski boat. It was a great day at a **Morley**-styled Raft up.

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A wonderful day with the Morleys

### Chaparral de Mar

As of writing this update, Our Ensign Fleet 30 Chaparral de Mar Regatta will be on Sunday, October 6. The regatta consists of a non-spin LD race embedded in the Indian Summer 5 series race. The Ensigns provide a fully rigged and crewed Ensign for our guest skippers. The competitors are divided into two divisions; Juniors, ages 70-74 and Seniors 75 and over. Juniors race for a bottle of wine and bragging rights, while the Seniors race for a bottle of wine and their name on the perpetual trophy. Each year the oldest sailor is named the Chaparral de Mar (Old Salt). Our oldest sailors have been in their latter 80's or 90's. It takes time to make a Chaparral de Mar. Look for more details in the November edition of the Telltale.

### Ensign Regional IV Championships

Hot on the heels of Chaparral de Mar is the Fleet's hosting of the Ensign Regional IV Championships on October 10-12. It is all hands on deck with **Bill & Kelly Hawk** coordinating. Our out of town guests, plus just about every local Ensign... it is going to be full line. **George Dahmen, Tom Groll and Jonathan Baker** (also an Ensign National Champion) are all former Regional IV Champions. I believe we have one or two more champions coming from away. Competition will be keen. More details to come.

### Centerboard Regatta

Ensign sailor **James Bland** is chairing the Centerboard Regatta, October 26 and 27. The regatta is drawing sailors and interest nationwide due to AYC hosting the Finn Masters National Regatta in October, 2020. Volunteers are still needed to help with the Centerboard Regatta.

### A Fleet Update by Andrea Lesh



A BIG Thank You to all the A-Fleet volunteers for our 9/15 Indian Summer #2 race. **Dane Ohe** did a fantastic job as PRO as always, especially with the constantly shifting wind direction and 1-15 knot wind speed swings. I'd also like to thank **Rachel Bailey, Wade Bingaman, Cass Meryer, Matt Young, John Maddalozzo, Bruce McFarland, Liz Stansfeld (and her grandson William), David Mok, Marilyn Jackson, and Jeff Jackson** for helping on the RC, and

chase boats. Volunteers are what make these races a success and we can't do it without you



A-Fleet RC, Indian Summer Series, Race 2

Congrats to **Bruce McFarland** winning the Summer Evening series! Showing up for all the races in that heat is dedication!

We would like to welcome **David Bunker** to the A-Fleet! He will be racing with his brother **Bill** on his Hunter 30. We also want to welcome **Scott Neagle and his wife Keilly Cutler** to the Club. They are interested in crewing on larger boats so if anyone on the A-Fleet is looking for crew hit them up!

Many of us enjoyed the Advanced Sailing Rules seminar on 10/5. We are looking forward to ASA 101 class on 10/12-10/13 and Introduction to Sailing class on 10/19.

### Catalina 22 Update by Steve Pervier



As of this submission, Indian Summer Series has run four weekends of five, with a handful of C22s participating: **Peter Broberg with his crew Robert, Steve & Meri Shepardson, Dave Meredith with son Daven and guest skipper George, and Cheryl and Steve**. On one series day, we also enjoyed good crew work by **Andy**, thanks to **Hector** for connecting us. Meanwhile we have been missing several of our active C22s. These have been away variously due to medical

limitations, conflicting schedules, or the chance for pre-regatta practice in another boat. It's a good thing we have a growing fleet with a wide range of sailing background and interests, and a versatile boat to match.

On recent series race days we've seen plenty of hot and often breezy, gusty, shifty weather, plus occasional light air. Consistently good performances by **Peter and Bob, and by Meri and Steve** have made Indian Summer Series close on points before the final series date. Mostly by not missing any races, your fleet captain has held a slim lead. On a light and variable day we split races

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South Coast 21 #63 singlehanded by Bob Messelman, dueling with Cheryl and Steve in their Catalina 22, 9/15 series race Photo by Cheryl Pervier

boat for boat with **Bob** in his South Coast, due to a lucky shift after we closed the distance with a tacking duel. Then on a windy day, we experienced a first and hopefully last keel out of water knockdown while trying to clear out of the starting area between races. Somehow, we ended up with less than a bucket of water in the boat, so we went on to race!

Two of our Catalina 22 skippers and crews have been involved in teaching recently – **Joe** does regular ASA instruction with his C22, and occasionally **Cheryl and Steve** take Austin Racing School students on their Catalina 30.



C22 skipper and Sunfish fleet captain Louise practices series racing before the Centerboard Regatta Photo by Marilyn Jackson

duty shared with our South Coast 21 friends. Then it continues on consecutive weekends except for a break on 10/27 for Centerboard Regatta. You should consider bringing your Catalina (22 or other) to a cruising fleet event hosted by All-Catalina Fleet 69 – see the [CatFleet69.org](http://CatFleet69.org) calendar for those activities. And, Catalina 22 racers, come out and join us for the more comfortable weather and the good competition we're expecting on October 20, November 3, 10, and 17.

C22 skipper **Louise** is doing a great job as Sunfish fleet captain, and other sailors in our fleet have been active on Wednesday evenings.

You could ask C22 skippers **James or Brian** about trailering to other waters and overnighting aboard, as they're each well experienced. And in night racing, **Brian and Margarito** finished Moonburn Series with a respectable pair of races, 2nd and 4th place.

Fall Series starts on 10/13 with a race committee

## Sunfish Fleet Update

by Louise Miller



Our 2019 Wednesday night races ran from the beginning of May to the end of September, and we missed only one week due to no wind. We had some light wind days, but for the most part we had great weather. In all, we ran 104 races and had 31 boats participating in the series, with lots of new faces this year – **Sally Carraway, Greg Maldas,**

**Cheryl Pervier (new to Sunfish anyway), Tom Presswood, Liz Stansfeld and her grandson William.** All great additions to the fleet! We even had a visitor from Venezuela come sail in our August races – **Richard Kauffman.** **Richard** was visiting family in the Dallas area, and drove to Austin every Wednesday to race with us. He also raced with some of us at the Lake Worth Sunfish regatta. As I understand it, the sailing scene in Venezuela has been practically decimated, so he was thrilled to be able to sail with us here. It makes you stop and truly appreciate what we have here at AYC.

And now for the drumroll... the championship results are in... and our 2019 Sunfish Championship 1st place award goes to... **Annie Lancaster!** What can't this woman do? 2nd place goes to **Bonner Cordelle**, and 3rd place goes to **Andy Hempel.** Congratulations to all. And what is also so great about these guys is that they take the time to help others in the fleet with sailing tips and advice. Sunfishers are the best.



Lucy Brock carrying the flag for the US Sunfish Worlds in Bonaire

Other really big September news – **Lucy Brock** made AYC so very proud at the 2019 Sunfish Worlds in Bonaire. This young woman gave an outstanding performance racing against the toughest Sunfish competitors throughout the world. She was the second youngest competitor there, and placed 35th overall (out of 67), finished 5th in one race, and was the second place female overall. Way to go **Lucy!** You are awesome.

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The Sunfish fleet end-of-year fleet party will be at Los Pinos at 6pm on October 23. Even though our official Wednesday night races have come to a close, we still have our AYC Centerboard Regatta coming up on October 26-27 and the Wurstfest Regatta November 2-3 at Lake Canyon Yacht Club. Stay tuned for more info on Sunfish sailing opportunities in the coming months. And if you would like join the fun in 2020, you have seven months to practice and get ready!

Happy Sunfishing!

Check out these great photos of September 9 Wednesday night Sunfish and Laser races by Marilyn Jackson...



## Laser Fleet Update

by Steve Keckler



The Laser fleet had another glorious season of Wednesday evenings this summer. We had 41 different sailors competing across 98 races sailed throughout the summer. We saw a number of new faces in the fleet this year, including several junior sailors joining in both radial and full rigs. The top 5 finishers for the season were: (1) **David Grogono**, (2) **Steve Keckler**, (3) **Claude Welles**,

(4) **Gray Rackley**, and (5) **Brian Grotheus**. Many

thanks to **David Grogono** who served as fleet scorer this year and to everyone who performed race committee service.

While our Wednesday series is over, we are encouraging as many sailors as possible to compete in the AYC Centerboard Regatta on October 26-27 (<https://www.austinyachtclub.net/2019-ayc-centerboard-regatta/>). We expect that the Laser fleet will be competing as a one-design class so come on out and join the fun.

There are many Lasers at the Club that are not being actively raced. If one of them belongs to you, please consider joining us when we start the season in May. Or consider making your boat available by sale or loan to someone who will race. Please contact me if you either have a boat you might sell or if you are interested in acquiring a Laser.

For more information, visit the fleet web page (<https://www.austinyachtclub.net/ayc-laser-fleet/>) or contact me directly at [ayc.laser.fleet.captain@gmail.com](mailto:ayc.laser.fleet.captain@gmail.com). I would be happy to add those interested in AYC Laser racing to the fleet email list.

## B-Fleet Report

by Ed Pierce



MoonBurn #5 saw a fun boat-to-boat shootout action from Los Monos and a steadfast performance from Prime Plus in the last race. Overall B-fleet had more competitors than any other fleet! For the Late Summer Series — things were really running neck and neck in the Pearson 26 competition in B-fleet, as well as competition from favorable ratings from Catalina and Columbia boats. Indian Summer was mostly a match-race between Broken Arrow

and Incognito, with **Dave Weeks** swapping leads in nearly every race as a formidable competitor. Fall Series will be the proving ground for the mettle of B-fleet, so get your boats rigged and tuned for the upcoming series of B-fleet Champions starting Sunday, Oct 13 at 1:30pm! **Victor Gotay** returns to B-fleet in a baby blue hulled Pearson, and **Bill Records** has recently hauled and refinished his boat. Welcoming **Jeremy Peters** to the line in Talisman, and **Chris Renner** in Etrusco. Racing on Sunday with and against your friends is the fun of the season!

## Multihull Race Committee, September 29 *Photo by Hector Luhan*



Standing, back row l-r: Bill Coon, Russ Shermer, Rick Nelson, Mike Beuerlein, Philippe Bettle, Jim Casto, Eric Rochard; Squeezed in, l-r: Brigitte Rochard, Brigitte Benquey; Front row, kneeling and standing, l-r: Mike Rohrer, Aaron McCully, Mary Zadnik (Not shown: JK & Theresa, already out on the chase boat)

## Centerboard Fleet Captain Report

by James Bland



The preparations for the AYC Centerboard Regatta and Finn Texas Blue Chip Championship are well underway. The major committee chairmen have been selected and they will be looking for volunteers to assist. I'd like to thank **Constance Heitkoetter**, **Jeff Subuda**, **Cathie Martin**, **Louise Miller**, **Ray Shull**, **Bill Records** and **Dane Ohe** for stepping up and helping

to make the regatta a success. With the long and hot Fall we are currently experiencing, I predict good winds and pleasant dry temperatures.

There is one ingredient that is absolutely necessary for a successful event, the sailors. Center Boarders, Beach Cats, Foiling Boats, this is your regatta and I am asking for your support. Registration opened in early September and we currently have about a third of the boats that we expect. **John Bartlett** and **the WAZP** sailors are competing as a foiling one design fleet. I would very much appreciate the support of the AYC Laser Fleet, AYC Aero sailors, AYC Sunfish [who turned out in force for the women's Nationals last year and have been practicing with Series Racing] and any other One Design centerboard boat that might be in the lot. Finn sailors are promised to be coming from out of town to sail in the concurrent Finn state championship. Sailing in a big Fleet is fun. Even if you only own a Keel Boat [I mean really, who only owns one boat?], borrow a Sunfish or Laser [the lot is filled with them] and come out and enjoy the party and feel young again.

Please register as soon as possible. This keeps waste and expenses low. The NOR and Sailing Instructions are posted on the website along with registration. The rule exist to ensure the game is played in an orderly and fair manner, creating a level playing field for all. Give everyone the benefit of the doubt and be kind! Regatta details next page.

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**October 15th, 2019**

Last day to early register (To have a good count on participants and ease the burden on-site, we ask you to register early.)

**Friday, October 25, 2019**

On-site Registration

18:00-20:00 Check-In and Registration

**Saturday, October 26, 2019**

08:00 - 10:00 in AYC Clubhouse: Breakfast (bring your own lunch)

08:30 - 09:30 in AYC Clubhouse: Registration and Check-in.

10:00 AYC Clubhouse: Competitor's Briefing.

11:30: First warning signal for the first race, all lines.

After racing – Dinner (Hosted by the Roadrunner Fleet and

Entertainment – an artist will create your keepsake caricature portrait)

**Sunday, October 27, 2019**

08:00 - 10:00 in AYC Clubhouse: Breakfast.

10:30 First warning signal for the first race, all lines. No warning signal after 14:00.

Awards to follow racing.

Refreshments and lunch provided in AYC Clubhouse.

The lake, weather and company promise to be warm and inviting. Please register early and come out for the celebration. This is a great regatta for new members and first time regatta participants. Come out and join the party!

## High School Regatta Update

by Constanze Heitkoetter



### SEISA NOYC Girls High School Regatta

The SEISA Girls Regatta 2019, hosted by New Orleans Yacht Club on Lake Pontchartrain, was the first highlight of the high school sailing season for 6 girls from AYC. **Kate Hennig, Vivian Heitkoetter, Maeve Dever, and Lacy Ronhaar** represented Lake Travis High School, and **Wendi and Fiona Froelich** sailed for Sterling Classical School.

It was a record heat day with light wind, which put an early end to the racing after four races in each division. Nevertheless, much was learned on the very competitive starting line of C420s with 9 teams from 7 high schools competing. The hosts provided two RC boats on which the girls could cool off, swim, refuel and make new friends during their rest time while the other division was racing. Sterling Classical School scored a 4th place in the A division, and the LTHS team tied for 5th place overall.

No trip to New Orleans would be complete without beignets at the famous Cafe du Monde, where the group celebrated **Fiona's** birthday before the long journey home to Lake Travis.



High school sailors, l-r: Kate Hennig, Lacy Ronhaar, Wendi Froelich, Maeve Dever, Fiona Froelich, Vivian Heitkoetter Photos by Constanze Heitkoetter



Competitive starting line



Maeve and Lucy



Left boat: Wendi and Fiona; Right boat: Kate and Vivian



SEISA competitors

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## LTHS Sailing Club Float at LTHS Homecoming Parade

A blustery wind kept the LTHS Sailing Club from setting sails on the FJ at the 2019 Homecoming parade on September 11, but the float was impressive as it was, with 17 enthusiastic high school sailors spreading the news about the sport – and a lot of candy. The community event draws visitors from the entire Lake Travis area each year, an estimated 1,800 people. Our upbeat crew was well received by students, their families, teachers, and district administrators. Comments like “That’s so cool!” and “I love sailing!” and “I didn’t know we had a sailing team!” reassured everyone on board that this event was well worth all the effort that went into it, which included getting a boat and a trailer, decorating the float and truck, making posters, leveling 1,200 lollipops with info about the sailing team, and coordinating sailing outfits for the club members. Thank to an ingenious pulley system and great communication from bow to stern, the crew got the FJ mast down and up again in lightning speed at each low-hanging utility line during the parade around the huge campus which serves around 3,500 students. Well done, Lake Travis sailors!

Photos by Constanze Heitkoetter



*More Roadrunner photos  
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c420 Sailing Photos – Photos submitted by Gael Slowik



Tony Slowik III and Nathan Gantala (AYC member) – Tony's FIRST regatta in a new boat, the c420. They placed 2nd.



From left: Julius Heitkoetter & Lucy Brock (placed 1st), James Brock & Vivian Heitkoetter (placed 3rd), Tony Slowik and Nathan Gantala (placed 2nd)

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## UT Sailing Club Update

by Chris Tan



September was an incredibly busy month for the UT Sailing Club. Between recruitment, developing the onboarding procedure for new members and event planning, the officers had their hands busy. Before that, the month kicked off in the best way possible, with the AYC Fleet Challenge. Many of our members were active throughout the day, selling T-Shirts and

helping the organizers with a number of volunteer activities but the best part came at the end of the day when the results showed that UTSC had won the Fleet Challenge.



Congratulations UT Sailing Club, Winner of the 2019 Fleet Challenge!  
Telltale photo by Anne Morley

The Fleet Challenge consisted of four different categories, and UTSC finished with two first places and two second places with a total of six points for the win. UTSC finished second in the "On-Shore" games category, and second in the "Fundraising" category, but without the Calcutta winnings UTSC would have also finished in first place in fundraising as well. UTSC also finished in first place in the DF95 races thanks to some excellent sailing by **Ethan Froelich** who represented UTSC.

But the category I am most proud of is the "Participation" category which counted the number of individual donations, and which UTSC won by a large margin with 61 individual donors. At the end of the day UTSC had won the Fleet Challenge due to the support of many AYC members towards UTSC and towards our efforts to bring sailing to the UT community.

We thank you all for helping us on this mission, you guys are awesome!

This past month I also participated in the Adult Beginning-Intermediate Sailing Classes with **Coach Spencer LeGrande**. Waking up every Sunday at 7:45 to get to AYC by 8:45 am in the morning after long nights out on 6th Street on a Saturday night was definitely not easy. However, the prospect of dinghy sailing and breathing fresh air free of secondhand smoke and horse manure essence from Dirty 6th mustered up whatever strength and energy I had left and motivated me to go.

I'm usually (to my surprise) one of the very first to arrive at the Rylander Pavilion, ready with my musty yellow life-vest I borrowed from UTSC's shed. The rest of my classmates arrive five minutes later along with a cheerfully chill **Spencer** who eagerly and highly unevenly applies sunscreen on his face. Albeit how I think the class could have been less racing focused, the class was fantastic. The FJs are an excellent boat to learn on, relatively easy to rig up, and surprisingly easy to right and get back onto even after numerous capsizes. **Spencer**, himself, chased me down on his motor powered boat and gave me some cool tips on improving my sailing technique which I still follow when I'm at the helm of any sailboat (dinghy, keelboat, or multihull.)

Because I was exhausted from my long chaotic action packed nights, I was usually not in the right mood to race and sail fast. It was difficult to motivate myself to hike out and actually gun for first place in our practice races. I played it conservative to conserve whatever energy I had left. And yet no matter how tired I felt, I cherished every second of cruising behind the much more energetic pack as **Spencer** continuously encouraged me to sail harder/faster. I had conversations with AYC members I crewed with and learned about their lives and past memories outside of sailing.

I truly felt like I belonged to a community of people who truly enjoyed life beyond work, and I believe such experiences embody the essence of what I believe a truly great yacht club is.

If ever **Spencer** does decide to hold these Sunday classes again, it would definitely be worth trying out and going to. Well done, **Spencer**.  
\*applause\*



UTSC Commodore Chris Tan at the FJ class with Coach Spencer

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This past month several UT Sailing Club members have also been active volunteering for the AYC Racing School on Saturday afternoons, where AYC members volunteer to teach sailing to the Austin community and introduce new people to the sport.



Drew McNeely skippering *Stray Dog* during the AYC Racing School

Both **João Encarnação** and **Drew McNeely** have been very active helping the other Racing School volunteers, with **João** skippering the Blue JBI and **Drew** skippering *Stray Dog*. During the last session, **João** and **Drew** taught a total of eight new sailors the basics of sailing. Everyone got a shot at the tiller, tacking a few times to have a good understanding of boat handling, and everyone was very happy with the class.



João Encarnação skippering Blue JBI during the AYC Racing School

For racing, UTST participated in the Indian Summer Series, with **Luc Lisi** racing with **Johannes Brinkmann** and **Bill Coon** aboard *Lucy Gene*, and **João Encarnação**, **Ilya Beskin** and **Michael Bouvier** racing with **Jorge Marín-de-Nicolás** aboard *Stray Dog*.

**João** and **Michael** also travelled to the HOOD Regatta in Houston, September 21 and 22. **Michael** crewed with **Stuart Juengst** on *Vang Go* and **João** crewed with **Jorge**. But for this regatta, **Jorge** took *Stray Dog* undercover in order to surprise the other J/24 competitors. AYC skipper **John Maddalozzo** was driving the boat, and **Jorge** registered the boat using **John's** boat name, *Ornery*, and using the fictitious *Peoria Yacht Club* in honor of **John's** hometown. This resulted in much confusion as some of the top J/24 skippers in the Texas Circuit started Googling "Peoria Yacht Club J/24" to see who was this hot shot from Peoria who was traveling to Houston to compete at the HOOD Regatta. Also racing with *Team Ornery* was **Joan Freeman** and **Mikki Heckman**.



João gets ready to set the pole, amidst the tropical waters of Galveston Bay, with John driving from the low side (not seen), Joan in the cabin doing the pre-feed (not seen), Jorge getting ready to trim the spinnaker and Mikki ready to help with the spinnaker set.



UTSC member Luc Lisi racing on *Lucy Gene* with AYC members Johannes Brinkmann and Bill Coon

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Meanwhile, back in Austin, the wind was excellent on September 27 for testing the skill of new members, so **João** ran a Saturday Sail especially for checkouts. Out of it, we now have three new checkout-out members, one of them unrestricted. At the same time, UTSC partipated with two Hobie Cats in the Catamaran Clinic with **Mike Hardy**. And, finally, **JBI's** chainplates are now sealed, so for the first time in many years, **JBI's** deck is fully sealed and ready for winter.



JBI's chainplates are now sealed ... a sealed deck is a happy deck!

Who is your nominee  
for the  
Blue Duck Award?



Boy Scout Troops 513 and 5131 participated in a campout at AYC. Eight scouts earned the Small Boat Sailing merit badge. *Photo by Bill Records*

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|                  |             |
|------------------|-------------|
| New Year's Day   | January 1   |
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## AYC 2019 RACE CALENDAR

|           |   |                          |
|-----------|---|--------------------------|
| Oct 10-12 | Ensign Region IV Championship Regatta   |                          |
| Oct 13    | Fall Series #1                          | 1:30p start RC: C22/SC21 |
| Oct 19-20 | Kathryn Hammond Interconference Regatta |                          |
| Oct 20    | Fall Series #2                          | 1:30p start RC: J/24     |
| Oct 26-27 | Centerboard Regatta                     |                          |
| Nov 3     | Fall Series #3                          | 1:30p start RC: J22      |
| Nov 10    | Fall Series #4                          | 1:30p start RC: Ensign   |
| Nov 17    | Fall Series #5                          | 1:30p start RC: B Fleet  |
| Nov 23    | Wild Turkey Regatta                     |                          |
| Jan 1     | Red Eye Regatta                         |                          |

## AYC 2019 NON-RACING EVENTS

|              |   |                           |
|--------------|---|---------------------------|
| Oct 12-13    | ASA 101 Training                          | 9:00a-5:30p               |
| Oct 13, 20   | Free Sail Sunday                          | 1:00-4:00p                |
| Oct 13 & 15  | Town Hall Meeting - Sailing Director      | 10:00-11:00a & 7:00-8:00p |
| Oct 18-20    | Scouting Merit Badge/Campout              |                           |
| Oct 19       | Introduction to Sailing                   | 10:00a-2:00p              |
| Oct 24       | Board of Directors Mtg                    | 7:30p                     |
| Oct 31       | J/24 Halloween Party                      |                           |
| Nov 2, 8, 22 | Fun Fridays                               | 7:00-10:00p               |
| Nov 9-10     | ASA 101 Training                          | 9:00a-5:30p               |
| Nov 15       | Ensign Fleet Annual Mtg                   | 6:00-9:30p                |
| Nov 19       | Board of Directors Mtg                    | 7:30p                     |
| Nov 21       | AYC Annual Meeting                        | 7:30p                     |
| Nov 23       | Keel Fleet Annual Mtg                     |                           |
| Dec 7        | AYC Annual Banquet at The Oasis           | 6:00-11:00p               |
| Dec 8        | Children's Holiday Party                  | 3:00-5:00p                |
| Dec 13       | J80 Holiday Party                         | 6:00-11:00p               |
| Dec 14       | J/24 Holiday Party                        |                           |
| Dec 15       | All Catalina and C22 Fleets Holiday Party | 6:00-11:00p               |
| Dec 31       | New Year's Eve Party                      |                           |



Coming Soon!



## 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](mailto: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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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