



## AYC Centerboard Regatta

54 Boats – Brilliant Sun, Wind and Sailing



Opti warrior Ramzi Matous takes a well-earned first in the Opti Fleet 2019 Centerboard Regatta *Photo by Bill Records*

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### SAVE THE DATE

Nov 9-10	ASA 101 Sail Training	Dec 7	AYC Annual Banquet
Nov 15	Ensign Fleet Annual Meeting	Dec 8	Children's Holiday Party
Nov 16	AYC Boat Show	Dec 13	J80 Fleet Holiday Party
Nov 19	AYC Board Meeting	Dec 14	J24 Christmas/Holiday Party
Nov 21	AYC Annual Meeting	Dec 15	Catalina Fleets Holiday Party
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Nov 23	Wild Turkey Regatta	Jan 1	Red Eye Regatta



2019 CENTERBOARD / BLUE CHIP REGATTA



TOP: Finn Texas Blue Chip Regatta VIPs, left to right: Peter Frissell, James Bland, Rob Coutts Photo by Marilyn Jackson  
BOTTOM: 14 AYC Opti competitors, largest fleet in the Centerboard Regatta Photo by Bill Records

## From The Commodore

by Annie Lancaster



### Austin Yacht Club does not slow down!

The sailing and the fun continues. The Indian Summer series finished up and the Centerboard Regatta was a great success thanks to **James Bland and his volunteers**. The Fall Series is underway, and plans are being made for the Annual Meeting on November 21 at 7:30pm and the Annual Banquet on December 7th at the Oasis at 6pm. Be sure to bring your dancing shoes to the Oasis – you will need them for

the great party band, **Plush**. (Go to [PlushPartyBand.com](http://PlushPartyBand.com) to view some videos of the fun.) I hope you plan to attend these events and be a part of the AYC end-of-year celebrations! Also, just a note, the November monthly board meeting will be Tuesday, November 19 at 7:30pm.

I want to thank everyone who came to the town hall meetings. We had a good turnout both nights. There were a total of 35 responses to the 'score sheet' indicating that the new sailing/program director should be involved with the Opti training, summer camps, supporting the coach and having monthly seminars. This week the board will be having second interviews with two of the candidates.

A highlight for me as your commodore was accepting the Visiting Club Participation award at the Centerboard Wurstfest Regatta on November 2-4. AYC had a wide age-range of participants and we were all there to cheer on A.Y.C! And not only did we have the most club members, we raced fast.



AYC WurstFest Regatta Competitors – Congratulations to all! Photo by Charlie Lancaster

In the Laser fleet, **Ethan Froelich** placed 2nd and **Spencer LeGrande** placed 4th. In the Sunfish fleet, top finishers from AYC were **Lucy Brock** in 2nd place and **Tom Presswood** in 5th. The VXEv0 first place winner was **Jeff Jones**. The RS Aero second place winner was **Fred Schroth**. In the Portsmouth Dinghy class, AYC had three in the top five; **James Brock** took 1st, **Fiona Froelich** took 2nd, and **Katie Froelich** took 4th. Some of the other competing skippers were **Julius Heitkoeter**, **Mike Mashl**, **Louise Miller**, **Wendi Froelich** and me. It was cold, it was windy, it was fluky and it was fun!

## From The Vice Commodore

by Dane Ohe



The Centerboard Regatta was a smashing success with over 50 boats sailing in many different classes. Regatta Chair **James Bland** and his team did an outstanding job, even bringing in an artist to do caricatures. Be sure to check the picture in this Telltale to see if you recognize anyone! The Finn Fleet had their Texas Blue Chip Championship as part of the Regatta and with the perfect weather, everyone had a great time.

Work on the Pavillion will start this month, and we will also be re-decking and upgrading the race committee dock. In the works are repairs to Dock 4 and beginning construction on a new South Cove Rigging Dock.

I look forward to the Annual Meeting, hope to see you all there!

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 it and have a great New Year's Eve!

## Race Commander Report

by Jim Casto



The racing season at AYC is winding down, but the Fall Series has had excellent sailing conditions.

The changes we made in the Fall Series S.I.s for safety are not universally popular, but the PRC stands behind the effort to improve safety while not compromising race quality. We recognize the large obstacle the poison line(s) make in the middle of the course, so we continue to ask the RC teams to set a very short finish line, and to pull up the start pin after last start.

Sometimes this happens. Adjustments will be made in future series.

At the November Board meetings, I will be making my recommendation for the 2020 fleets, based on 2019 and 2018 participation data. New fleets have sprung up, as other fleets have dwindled.

Change is inevitable.

## Building & Grounds Update by Diane Covert



Safety modifications required by our swimming pool permit are complete. To ensure that the pool fence cannot be climbed by children, a bar has been added on the top of a portion of the existing fence raising it to the minimum height. Also, fencing with smaller openings have been overlaid on part of the existing fence where a stone wall currently would allow climbing.



Lighting the pool deck, another permit requirement, has been completed as well as the tree lighting. 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.

Try the AYC's new online reservation form for booking cabins, RV parking spots, and hoist space. Thanks to **John Grzinich and Jackie** for working this out so that members can book remotely from their mobile devices or laptops.

## Social Committee Report by Pat Manning



On October 6th the End of Series Meal was combined with the Chapparral de Mar event and over 70 platefuls of our Hawaiian inspired menu were prepared and served. Social Committee members, **Becky Pearce, Marilyn & Jeff Jackson and Elizabeth Quintanilla** and wonderful volunteers, **Monica Paredes, Nicholas Meador and Jeff Sabuda** worked from 10:00am until about 3:00pm to get everything ready just in the nick of time, because the races were canceled early due to the lack of wind. I can't thank everyone enough for helping to make this event a great success.



End of Series banquet preparations by the AYC Social Committee Galley Crew, left to right, Nicholas Meador, Monica Paredes, Marilyn and Jeff Jackson, Pat Manning  
*Photo courtesy of Marilyn Jackson*

The Fall Series races began on Oct 13th and continued Oct 20th, Nov 3rd, and Nov 10th, concluding with the End of Series race on Nov 17th. As in the past, snacks will be provided after the races when the beer box is open and a full hot meal will be provided for the End of Series, Nov 17th.

The final 2019 event that the Social Committee will support is the Annual Meeting on Nov 21st. We will provide food and beverages, as in the past.

Commodore **Annie Lancaster** and I are hard at work with the able assistance of **Jackie** making final arrangements for the Annual Banquet at the Oasis Starlight Terrace on Dec 7th.

I want to again thank this year's Social Committee members for making this a great year for me. They are **Chris Bataille, Krissy Amato, Margo Bower & Guy Abbey, Marilyn & Jeff Jackson, Becky Pearce, Rona Thornton and Elizabeth Quintanilla**. By the way, congratulations are in order for **Margo and Guy** who recently married in a ceremony held in **Margo's** hometown in Pennsylvania.

Thank you to all the members of the 2019 Social Committee and all the volunteers who have made everything that the Committee has done throughout the year possible.

binge on cooking shows \*capers are in your frig\*savor French  
truffles\*long to be a Sommelier\*desire to feed your friends\*

**YOU BELONG ON THE SOCIAL  
COMMITTEE IF YOU.....**

holiday plans involve local  
specialties\* risk cooking  
new dishes\* \*hoard  
family recipes\*lit the  
kitchen on fire\*grow

herbs\*plan vacations around food\* Instagram your meals\*see  
what other people are eating\* vacation means new brands of sea  
salt\*gifts from family are cooking supplies\*enjoy your food so  
much you forget take a photo\*buy cookbooks as souvenirs\*  
organize exotic spices in the middle of the night \*wished you  
attended culinary school\* have a preferred brand of sea salt\*  
German, French and British mustards are essential\*Antony  
Bourdain is your hero \* plate casual family dinners\*order  
multiple entrees to share\*steal bites off other people's plates\*  
plan your next meal while savoring the bite in your mouth  
\*friends ask where to dine in other cities\*preview a restaurant's  
menu \* cook book collector

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*Volunteer by emailing  
socialcommittee@austinyachtclub.net*

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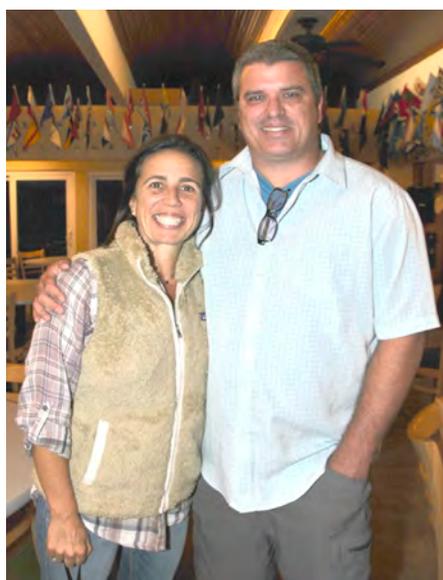
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easy and fun probationary points\*a good life is food &  
friends\*life is good\*use cooking method sous vide\* regale your  
friends with imitations of Julia Child, secretly watch her shows  
and own three of her books

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



**Jeffrey Lane**  
Associate Probationary

Jeffrey has no sailing experience but he's eager to learn! Senior member Jeff Sabuda will be mentoring him. Jeff Sabuda is a sailing instructor and both are excited about the opportunities ahead.



**Jonathan and Vanessa Joy**  
Associate Probationary

Jonathan grew up sailing and is rebuilding a Helsen 22. Jonathan and Joy gave their son sailing lessons last summer and both father and son really had fun. He would love to share his love of sailing with his family.



**Patrick McGettigan**  
Associate Probationary

Patrick has reached a point in his life and career where he has the time to do the things he has always wanted to do...sailing. He has a little sailing experience and no racing experience and he's very eager to learn.



**Peter Lange**  
Senior Member

Peter resigned as a member in good standing in 2015. He's wanting to resume his sailing so he's rejoining the Club. Welcome back!



**Tony Clark**  
Associate Probationary

Tony grew up sailing on the lakes of Wisconsin. He has experience in charter cruising and dinghy sailing. He wants to give his children the ability to experience the same joy of sailing.

**New Years Eve**

**FREE at AYC**



*Featuring*



**The  
Shoal Brothers**

**Show Band**

**With Special Guests**

**Slow, Children at Play**

**BEER \* FOOD \* BUBBLY \* MUSIC \* DANCE**

**Dinner Provided**

**WHEN**

News Years Eve  
December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019  
8pm-???

**WHERE**

Austin Yacht Club  
Clubhouse

*Bring your Friends and your favorite Libations  
Beer and Food provided with Champagne at  
MIDNIGHT!!!*



**THE 2019 AYC CENTERBOARD REGATTA and Finn Texas Blue Chip Championship** was held the weekend of October 26th and 27th at the Club. **Special guest, coach and world champion sailor Rob Coufts** sailed in his Finn which was transported 1,000 miles to support the Regatta. The weather conditions were championship caliber with a little bit of everything for everybody. Friday was blustery 15-25 mph with

gusts over 35 mph. The Finns took the opportunity for a brief shakedown sail and pronounced it good. Saturday started with light to fresh NW breezes which moderated and shifted to the West, eventually becoming calm after the racing had concluded for the day. Sunday was the warmest day, in the 80s, with a building south to southeast breeze at 9 mph, gusting to 15+. The conditions kept the smiles on everyone's faces and the host pronounced it good. 52 boats were registered prior to Saturday, with a total of 54 boats competing, the largest attendance in recent history. The Fleets consisted of Optimists, Sunfish, Lasers, Aeros, Flying Juniors, Handicapped Monohulls, F18 Catamarans, and Handicapped Multihull racing.

**Rob Coufts won the Finn Texas Blue Chip Championship with a near perfect set of bullets. The Centerboard Handicap Fleet was won by Fiona Froelich and crew with very tight racing for the subsequent spots. Kiersten McDonald won a handicapped Laser Fleet in her Laser Radial in tight racing against Kiwi Craig Berleme. Ethan Froelich edged out Phillippe Bettler for the Multihull Fleet in his F-18. Fred Schroth won in his Aero against stiff competition. Stewart Draheim continued his Sunfish championship ways followed by Commodore Annie Lancaster. Vivian Heikoetter and crew showed dominant style winning in the Flying Juniors. In a huge Optimist fleet that was nearly one third of all entries, Ramzi Matous outlasted the fleet in a 12-race melee.**

It is said that there are three components to a regatta, and having two of them ensures a successful regatta: **wind, food/beverages and an active social scene.** After being flooded out in 2018, special care was taken to start early and promote the regatta. Shirts and trophies were effectively recycled and enhanced, and many people took a personal interest in promoting the date. The weather cooperated and was brilliant with Sun and Wind. The food was non-stop and delicious. If anyone walked away hungry it wasn't for want of trying to feed them from an incomparable set of selections. **Louise Miller, Colleen Minor, Dee Chow, Liz Stanfield, Sarah Zajicek, Kelly Hawk, Walter Payne, John Grzinich (among others) and Cathie Martin** did the tough work of getting the sailors registered properly and providing them with the materials to get fed and Sailing Instructions so they could find their way on the race course. **The US OK Dinghy Association and the US Finn Association** provided administrative materials and trophies. There was something for everyone socially. **Robb Coufts** signed his book *Kiwi Goes Sailing*, led an informal discussion of junior sailing and his own training experiences growing up in New Zealand. **Silly Artist Svetlana** drew caricatures on the rock deck, while Rob's talk continued upstairs.

The Race Committee was comprised of Linda McDavitt, Jennifer Hopgood, Claudia Bartlett, John Foster, Carolyn Wilsford, Bob and Gail Leonard, Bob Gross, Thomas Young, Jeff and Marilyn Jackson, and Ray Shull as PRO. **John Bartlett** also helped out both days after his Moth had a breakdown on the water. The chase boats did a great job of setting and moving the marks, recording the finishes, and assisting boats on the course. **Scoring was done expertly by Renee Ruais and Brad Davis was the Judge** in charge of protests. **Brad** had the easiest job in the Regatta as there were no issues to resolve. Thank you competitors for playing nice and keeping everyone out of the protest room.

The racing Saturday started in 10 mph of wind out of the northwest. We set the course with the start line just east of the Travis Landing shoal and the windward mark and finish line just outside of the AYC north cove. Anyone watching from shore had a good view of the racers as they approached the upwind portion of the race. The wind was forecast to move to the north as the day progressed, so we hoped we could keep the course square by just moving the weather mark a bit to the north to match.

The wind however had other ideas and continued to move westward as the day progressed. After the second race cycle, we moved the start line and leeward marks to the north on the far side of the lake and completed two more race cycles from that location. At about 4:00 pm the winds appeared to be dying, so we called it a day and watched as the final group of sailors finally crossed the finish. Fortunately, the AYC docks were nearby and everyone was able to make it to shore quickly.

Sunday arrived after a wind shift to the south overnight. We reversed the direction of the course from the first races on Saturday and set the windward mark and finish line off of the Travis Landing shoal and set the starting area in the middle of the lake outside of the AYC north cove. The wind was light for the first races but steadily built as the day progressed. By the time of the fourth cycle of races, the winds had built into the mid teens.

We were able to complete eight races in the Regatta for all of the fleets except for the catamarans, who completed seven. The winds varied from very light at the end of Saturday to steady white caps with gusts in the high teens on Sunday. Everyone experienced the shifty, puffy winds that Lake Travis is known to provide. There should have been the conditions that everyone liked at one time or another, they just had to be patient and wait a bit.

Several sailors came by the signal boat before the last race on Sunday and asked if that would be the last race. From the looks on their faces, and the tone of their questions, it was apparent that they were tired and ready to complete the sailing for the day. It was great on the Race Committee boat to see that we had provided a full regatta of sailing in a variety of conditions and that the sailors were ready to finish the sailing and head to the shore.

The reality is that it takes a lot of effort and teamwork to pull off a successful regatta. The staff and the volunteers for the regatta did a wonderful job in providing facilities, meals and beverages as well as an expert race committee. On the water, **Principle Race Officer Ray Shull and his race committee** did a superb job in the changeable conditions, and kept us racing

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until cries of mercy could be heard throughout the land. **Ray Shull and his crew on the main course – Opti PRO Bill Records and his crew of Greg Matous, Nagla Matous, Gal Sela, Tony Yen, and Andre de la Reza.**

Planning and procurement, cooking all weekend, also doing initial food prep on Thursday. Kitchen volunteers were Roadrunner Fleet parents **Constanze Heitkoetter, Krissy Amato, Nan Taylor and Stephanie Froelich, and grill masters Markus Heitkoetter and Stefan Froelich.**

Also, thanks to **Jackie, Tom, and Jeff & Dee Sabuda.** Everything went like clockwork.



Registration team, left to right back row: Sarah Zajicek, Dee Chow, Louise Miller, Kelly Hawk, Walter Payne. Left to right front row: Colleen Minor, John Grzinich *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



Regatta Chair James Bland and SoCal, Finn USA Rob Coutts *Photo by Bill Records*



Texas, Finn USA James Bland *Photo by Bill Records*

**Finn Class President Peter Frissell** was evaluating the Austin Yacht Club for future events including and the 30-50 boat 2020 North American Masters Regatta scheduled for next October. **Peter** was surprised at the size and topography of the Lake and highly impressed with its facilities. We can expect greater attendance in the future. **Brad Davis** has been named as Regatta Chair and PRO for this prestigious event. If you have ever considered sailing a Finn, the time is now.

Thank you all for supporting the regatta. Next year's goal is 75 boats. Start early and reach out to new fleets. There is a parking lot full of fun here at AYC!



Morning shift kitchen crew, left to right: Krissy Amato, Constanze Heitkoetter, Nan Taylor *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



Finn USA President Peter Frissell *Photo by Bill Records*

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Thistle competitor Bruce Zurbuchen *Photos this page by Bill Records*



Fred Schroth going for first in his Aero



Finn racer Rob Couffts



Weta 9.4 skipper John Luzics



Strong showing by the Sunfish Fleet



Peter Frissell and James Bland battle it out on Finns *Photos this page by Bill Records*

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Harpoon 5.2 skipper Jen Loehlin *Photos this page by Bill Records*



C420 competitor Fiona Froehlich and crew



William Cranney in front with Quentin Baker in pursuit



Catalina 16.5 racer Sylvie Mathis and crew



Michael Rohrer racing his F-18

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# Centerboard Regatta Race Results

## Centerboard Handicap Overall Results

PLACE	SAIL	SKIPPER	TYPE	TOTAL	RACE 1	RACE 2	RACE 3	RACE 4	RACE 5	RACE 6	RACE 7	RACE 8
1	2739	Fiona Froelich	C420	15	6*	1	2	2	6	1	2	1
2	502	John Luzics	Weta 9,4	23	5	6*	1	6	5	2	1	3
3	777	Jennifer Loehlin	Harpoon 5.2	23	3	5*	5	5	2	3	3	2

## Finn Overall Results

PLACE	SAIL	SKIPPER	TOTAL	RACE 1	RACE 2	RACE 3	RACE 4	RACE 5	RACE 6	RACE 7	RACE 8
1	9	Rob Coufts	8	1	2*	1	1	2	1	1	1
2	101	Peter Frissell	12	2*	1	2	2	1	2	2	2
3	88	James Bland	21	3*	3	3	3	3	3	3	3

## Laser Radial and Full Rigs Overall Results

PLACE	SAIL	SKIPPER	TYPE	TOTAL	RACE 1	RACE 2	RACE 3	RACE 4	RACE 5	RACE 6	RACE 7	RACE 8
1	37	Kiersten McDonald	Laser Radial	9	2*	2	1	1	2	1	1	1
2	198013	Craig Berleme	Laser Full	11	1	1	2*	2	1	2	2	2
3	151035	Ed Pierce	Laser Full	25	4	5*	4	4	4	3	3	3

## Aero Overall Results

PLACE	SAIL	SKIPPER	TOTAL	RACE 1	RACE 2	RACE 3	RACE 4	RACE 5	RACE 6	RACE 7	RACE 8
1	2276	Fred Schroth	8	1	1	3*	1	2	1	1	1
2	2278	Philip Myerson	16	2	2	2	2	1	3	4*DNF	4DNC
3	1620	Quentin Baker	16	3*	3	1	3	3	2	2	2

## Sunfish Overall Results

PLACE	SAIL	SKIPPER	TOTAL	RACE 1	RACE 2	RACE 3	RACE 4	RACE 5	RACE 6	RACE 7	RACE 8
1	80749	Stewart Draheim	7	1*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	4822	Annie Lancaster	19	2	2	3	3	4*	4	2	3
3	76436	Tom Presswood	20	3	3	2	2	6*	3	3	4

## FJ Overall Results

PLACE	SAIL	SKIPPER	TOTAL	RACE 1	RACE 2	RACE 3	RACE 4	RACE 5	RACE 6	RACE 7	RACE 8
1	15	Vivian Heitkoetter	7	1*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	18	William Cranney	14	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3*
3	13	Matthew Sabuda	24	6*DNC	6DNC	3	3	3	3	4	2

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# Centerboard Regatta Race Results

## Multihull A Overall Results

PLACE	SAIL	SKIPPER	TYPE	TOTAL	RACE 1	RACE 2	RACE 3	RACE 4	RACE 5	RACE 6	RACE 7
1	2088	Ethan Froelich	F18	14	1	1	2	2	3	5*	5
2	2555	Philippe Bettler	F18 (Tiger)	15	2	2	3	4	5*	2	2
3	1	Will Rottgering	Nacra 20 Carbon FCS	17	9*DNC	3	5	5	2	1	1

## Optimist Overall Results

PLACE	SAIL	SKIPPER	TOTAL	RACE 1	RACE 2	RACE 3	RACE 4	RACE 5	RACE 6	RACE 7	RACE 8	RACE 9	RACE 10	RACE 11	RACE 12
1	21813	Ramzi Matous	15	2*	2	2	2	2	1	2	6*	1	1	1	1
2	17380	Yuval Sela	23	3	4*	1	1	6*	4	3	3	2	2	2	2
3	19636	William Michael	37	4	3	4	3	4	3	6*	4	4	9*	5	3

## Centerboard Regatta Opti Racing by Opti Fleet PRO Bill Records

## Centerboard Regatta Opti Fleet



It was decided that there was enough interest to have an Opti line in this year's Centerboard Regatta. Turnout for the Endless Summer Series and Opti 2 and 3 practices has been phenomenal so we anticipated seven to eight boats on the line. By race day, the number increased to 14, largest fleet in the regatta! This includes **Ryan Mitchell** from LCYC. I see this as a result of superior coaching by **Spencer LeGrande**

and **Gal Sela** and more recently **Kiersten McDonald**. They have emphasized the "Fun Factor" and coached these kids to a new level. And of course, none of this would be possible without the steadfast support of the parents.

On day one of the Centerboard Regatta, winds were light and flukey out of the northwest. As the kids rigged the Optis, I noticed that all 10 of the AYC boats sported new sails, compliments of **John Bartlett**. We can't thank **John** enough for his constant support of our junior program. The race committee set triangle courses and **Ryan Mitchell** won the first two races with **Ramzi Motous** taking seconds. **Yuval Sela** won races three and four with **Ramzi** taking seconds. Race five saw **Ryan** winning again, with **Ramzi** taking second. First time racer **Rowan de la Reza** finished well in third. **William Michael** sailed to fourth. Race six saw **Ramzi** winning, **Ryan** second, **William** third, and **Yuval** fourth. **Ryan** won races seven and eight, while **Jackson Brock** sailed very well and took second!

Day two brought higher winds and significant gusts. The kids handled the gusts exceptionally well.

**Ryan** had another commitment and did not race, so **Ramzi** picked up his game and won all of the races. **Yuval** dialed it up and took all seconds. **Rowan** took thirds in races one and three, while **Calvin Brock** sailed well and took third in race two. **William Michael** finished fourth in race one and third in race four. Final results were: **Ramzi**—1st, **Yuval**—2nd, **William**—3rd, **Ryan**—4th.

Since coaching the Opti sailors in the Endless Summer Series, I was pleasantly surprised with the improvement of the entire fleet. All of the boats were on the line, jockeying for position and when the start whistle sounded, all were close hauled and "truckin"! All of the sailors showed good boat handling skills, resulting in no collisions and no capsizes! And of course there were no protests.

It takes just one good race to build confidence in a young skipper and there were a lot of examples.

**Charles Yen** started strong and took seventh in the first two races of day two. **Evelyn de la Reza** got a good start in race 4 (day two) and finished eighth. **Lukas Goris** sailed well and took fifth in three races. **Noah Goris** got a good start in race two (day one) and finish sixth. **Orion Yen** (youngest sailor) showed determination and improved with each race. **Storey Evans** improved with each race and took sixth in Sunday's race three. **Liam Burke** sailed fast and consistently finished in the middle of the fleet.

The performance of the fleet in this regatta bodes well for the future of the junior program at AYC. The team of **Spencer LeGrande** and **Gal Sela** is getting great results.

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# Centerboard Regatta Opti Fleet



Charles Yen Opti Photos by Bill Records



Evelyn de la Reza



Opti Start



Lukas Goris



Future champions



Storey Evans

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# Centerboard Regatta Opti Fleet



Liam Burke



Proud parents!



Rowan de la Reza



Yoval Sela



Ryan Mitchell



William Michael

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Centerboard Regatta was a fantastic weekend of racing! The F-18 fleet skippers have sailed against, and with one another for years. However, this time we decided to bring in as many boats as possible as well as completely novice crew. I was very impressed to see that despite many close crossings in a crowded fleet, I heard of no protests, much less any collisions or injuries.

As the Multihull Fleet captain, I'm supposed to regularly submit articles for the AYC Telltale monthly magazine. My crew, having never been on an F-18 before but already having experienced one of the greatest weekends of racing in 20+ years of racing (and also one of the closest near-death experiences I've ever had in 20+ years of racing when a capsizing competitor's mast came within 5 feet of smacking him while on the wire in the middle of a smoking downwind run); I was very interested in what he, **George Walters**, had to report of his experiences in the regatta. I figured each of the other teams probably had fantastic memories to share as well and I was right!

### First to respond was my crew, George Walters:

I don't think words can capture quite how enjoyable the Centerboard Regatta was for me.

My first experience on an F-18 was one of the most exhilarating experiences of my young life. The boat is a masterpiece of world class design, every tiny detail serving to make the boat sleeker, faster, more efficient. As crew, the boat treats you no different. You are nimble ballast, an intelligent cleat, another tool in the furtherance of high performance sailing.

Stepping aboard an F-18 is an elaborate trust exercise. Each tack is a trust fall: before you have the chance to look around or gain your bearings, you're throwing your body out of the boat, hoping the bungee and hook of the trapeze don't drop you overboard. Yet the hardware is not something to doubt. The true test of trust is between skipper and crew.

Upon rounding the windward mark, the crew springs into action. Out on the trapeze, with eyes locked on the spinnaker telltales, there is never a moment to examine the race around you. You cannot stop to worry about whether the pressure keeping you above the water will drop, or how much longer you have until you're forced to tack whether by land or by starboard boat. You are a machine with a single goal, hurtling toward your destination, without any opportunity to question whether the trap your skipper is setting on a windward boat is putting you in danger or not. Just barely in your peripheral vision, you can make out the gybe of a boat now on port-tack headed right at you.

"STARBOARD!" With eyes still locked on the spinnaker telltales, there isn't a moment to double check your fate. A hair-raising WOOSH of dumped air pours over you as the massive mast of a competitor crashes into the water, inches...? Certainly, no more than scant feet away from your outstretched

body on the trapeze! You cannot say; all you know is that your skipper is cackling maniacally at the trap he has set. With one hull lifted high, blazing towards the finish line, only then you can be quite sure that you've found a skipper to trust with your life.

### Next, eventual 2nd place skipper, Philippe Bettler:

Weather was heaven for this 2019 Centerboard Regatta. Saturday greeted us with a chilly 50 that quickly warmed up under the blue and dry sky that follows the front. It was our first regatta with **Julius**, one of the two Tiger F-18 teams fighting against the two other C2 F-18s. Boats criss-crossed up and down 7, 4, 7, 4 finish, **Julius** quickly found his marks, he is a natural, with the head outside the boat. On Sunday, we made the most of our old but sturdy Tiger and had a couple of firsts sticking to the right of the course where the wind curves right. Yes, that's the right equation! Well, let's not forget a nice flip as we were 'optimizing' the boat speed so much so...The regatta was heaven, great communication and fun onboard, great organization, we'll be back for sure.

### Then the overall winner of the Multi-hull class, Ethan Froelich:

AYC Centerboard isn't a new event for me, but this level of competition on the F-18 was. My crew **Richie** and I were looking forward to the adventure. The first day was tactically challenging, as there were unpredictable shifts and changes in pressure. We had some beautiful starts, two of them port tacking the fleet! It was interesting when we were blasting downwind, gybing every couple of minutes through the race course in between all the other boats. I have heard from others that our pitchpole on the last day was beautiful. **Richie** and I were double trapped, reaching, when a huge gust came. Before we knew it, we were flying around the forestay laying on the spinnaker. The regatta was a great learning experience and most fun I've ever had on a catamaran.

### Just missing third in a tie-breaker, Mike Rohrer:

The competition was extremely tight. My crew **Rikin** did a good job, but was challenged never having sailed the F-18. Trimming the spinnaker on Saturday was very difficult. However, we finished Saturday strong and started Sunday very strong. Then, we had a mediocre race 2 on Sunday. Came back hard in last race and got tangled in behind **Froelich** when he got in irons right at last top mark. Meanwhile **Bettler** was finding the shifts better and was putting the hammer down. We had to do a penalty circle even though the contact was really incidental. Unfortunately, my crew had already pulled the spin up and we nearly fouled **Beuerlein** trying to do the 360. By then, I was pretty frustrated. We got going downwind and caught **Beuerlein**, but we were coming close to the cliffs to the north of Windy Point. So, I told my crew we were going to gybe for clean air but needed to go behind **Beuerlein**. He did not take that to mean go easy on sheeting in the spin; my bad, too. So, when we gybed, we shot out too quick, could not duck, had to crash-gybe and, then, flipped over. That killed us and allowed the Carbon 20 to go ahead of us on the tie break, leaving us in 4th overall. We finished the race

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## Centerboard Regatta Multihull Fleet

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with our tail tucked under. I certainly made my share of mistakes getting the rust off. However, the weather Sunday was perfect for racing. Probably as good as it gets in late October. And, to have a bunch of competitive cats duking it out is pretty cool.

### Mike's crew, Rikin Shah:

Really glad I got a chance to race on an F-18. We had a great weekend and some great weather for Centerboard.

I quickly realized that the F-18s are a whole lot of boat. My prior experience racing has been on keelboats and my prior catamaran experience has been sailing a Hobie 16. So, the C2 was just a whole different level of sailing. It was a lot more "athletic" than the boats I've sailed before. I had a blast sailing but I will admit it took me some time to get acclimated to the boat.

I loved how close the race was throughout and how quickly the outcome of a race could change. That was especially evident in our last race where I sheeted in the spin too quickly after a gybe and we flipped the boat.

Thanks to all the competitors who contributed to this article, the race organizers and race committee and congratulations to those on the podium!



Jim Casto on his Prindle 16 Photo by Bill Records



Mike Beuerlein and Crew George Walters, F-18 Photo by Marilyn Jackson



Beauty shot of Multihulls Photo by Marilyn Jackson



Ethan Froelich (right) and crew Richie Amato. Sailed their F-18 for first place.  
Photo by Elizabeth Quintanilla

## AYC Hosts Troop 5 Campout

by Bill Worsham



Troop 5 scouts and leaders Photo by Bill Records

20 scouts and seven dads from BSA Troop 5 participated in a sailing campout at AYC over the beautiful weekend of October 18-20, 2019. Troop 5 is based at First Methodist Church in downtown Austin. Organized in 1911, Troop 5 is the oldest continuously-chartered troop west of the Mississippi. In addition to enjoying a sail on Lake Travis, one purpose of the campout was for 10 scouts to earn their Small Boat Sailing Merit Badge. Small Boat Sailing is one of the most rigorous of about 130 merit badges scouts can earn.

The campout and the merit badge training benefited both Troop 5 and AYC. The scouts (and dads), most of whom had never sailed, gained exposure to sailing and the amazing resources of AYC and Lake Travis. The Club, along with AYC member volunteers, was able to promote sailing and highlight the opportunities of AYC membership to a large group of local families.

**John Mandell and Bill Records** spearheaded the event, coordinating with Troop 5, the AYC Board, committees, staff, member volunteers and boats. In addition to **John and Bill**, **Bruce McFarland, Linda McDavitt, Robert Bennett, Larry Raliff, and Charles Valentine** volunteered their time and/or boats for merit badge training and a cruise around the lake on Saturday.

The format of the merit badge training worked well. Saturday began shortly after sunrise with a breakfast of eggs, sausage, potatoes, onions and cheese baked in a dutch oven by the scouts and served on hot tortillas.

We then adjourned to the sail training cabin where **Bill Records** gave a well-received chalk talk about the basics of sailing, including proper preparation and safety. **Bill's** presentation continued the training the scouts previously received in troop meetings.

By 10am we were on the rigging dock setting up four Picos for on-the-water training. The light westerly winds were ideal for training, and challenging with puffs, lulls, and shifts (this is Lake Travis, after all). **John and Bill** were on the water with the sailors while **Charles** marshaled the departures and arrivals at the rigging dock. Troop 5 dads and other scouts assisted.

After an hour and a half on the water, each of the 10 merit badge scouts had both crewed and skippered a Pico, and it was a good time to break for lunch. After lunch, it was back to the boats for the popular capsiz drill and then more sailing to get each sailor signed off on tacking, gybing, beating, reaching, running, getting out of irons, and successfully approaching the dock. Remaining sign-offs were achieved in short order, and the scouts sailed around the point to deliver the boats to the junior dock, where dozens of collegiate sailors were gathered for the ongoing UT dinghy regatta and a junior Opti training session was wrapping up. It was quite a beehive of activity.

After a short rest, the scouts and dads were treated to an afternoon cruise on **Robert Bennett's** Pearson and **Larry Raliff's** J-80. **Linda McDavitt** assisted **Robert**, and **John Mandell** assisted **Larry**. It may have been the most sailors ever aboard either boat, and we appreciated their good humor and hospitality.

The weekend began with about a dozen scouts and dads pitching tents Friday evening and enjoying the first cool weather of the fall. After Saturday's sailing activities, the troop wound down with a hamburger & hot dog cookout and another cool night. The campout concluded Sunday morning with breakfast and a "Thank You, AYC!" service project where the scouts cleared four pickup truckloads of brush along the north ramp.

Troop 5 Scoutmaster **Jimmy Barnard** agreed Troop 5 would love to return to the Austin Yacht Club.

## Chaparral de Mar Regatta

by Danny Lien



### Chaparral de Mar (Roadrunner of the Sea) 2019-Open to Skippers 75 and over...

Past Chaparral Regattas usually were too windy. Last year we even had one boat 'on the rocks'. This year was different.

Not often, when Ensigns go out toward the RC Boat but then are drifting, paddling, or towed back to harbor, is it considered a good day to be on the water. But, in many ways this year's Chaparral event was a success. Half of serious racing at AYC is the after-race discussions in the clubhouse. Being held on an end-of-series afternoon, the clubhouse was full. Skippers stayed, ate with prospective crew, and visited other members and all were seen to have a good time. Some skippers we don't see at AYC as often as we'd like to. Nobody won this year, but nobody lost either.

I forgot to announce and recognize the skippers and give the bottle of wine award to this year's eldest skipper, **Doug Laws**. We had six skippers on the water pursuing the trophy and one junior skipper competing for practice rights.

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Chaparral de Mar sailors, left to right: Tom Romberg, Calin Popescu, Bill Records (Jr. Class), Brad Davis, David Gamble, Doug Laws, Loren Stell Photo by Bill Records



Chaparral de Mar Photos by Anne Morley



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## AYC WEBSITE NEWS

We've added more online functions to the AYC Website. Effective immediately, you should reserve work area spaces, the hoist, AYC rental cabins, screened-in patios and the two RV sites using our new online reservation system.

To access online reservations, log in to the AYC Website. That will enable you to see the "Member Menu" on the right, with all the buttons for members. Two new buttons, "Work Area & Hoist Reservations" and "Cabins, RV Site Reservations" are shown. Click the button that meets your need. That will take you to the respective webpage, with calendars to show unit availability and reservation forms.

Note: Work area and hoist reservations will be approved automatically. Cabins, RV sites and screened-in patios will require approval by the AYC General Manager. Until this happens, reservations may not be shown or may show as "Pending" on the units respective calendar. You should also get a confirmation email once your reservation is approved.

Two advantages: you can make reservations 24/7 and you can quickly see what units are available. You should use the website first to make these reservations. If you call the office, you will be asked, "Did you try the Website?." However, cancellations and changes will still require a call to the AYC office.

Any questions, comments or problems, please email me.

Cheers! John Grzinich, AYC Webmaster

## Ensign Region IV Championships

by Lewis Price



Ensign Class Fleet 30 at the Austin Yacht Club was proud to host the Region IV Championships on October 10-12. It was a highly successful event mainly because of the amazing work of regatta chair **Bill Hawk** along with the capable help of his wife **Kelly**. The Hawks brilliantly organized and then ran this event which all participants thoroughly enjoyed. They actually came out on the plus side of the ledger

after everything was tallied following this 11 registered boat contest.

Kudos for a job well done should also go out to the following fleet members who helped take care of the wide variety of responsibilities involved in running the three day regatta. **Anne Morley** helped with photography and along with her husband **David** did the t-shirt design. **Hazel Sanchez** did a great job coordinating the creation of some beautiful glass trophies. **Tom and Kelly Groll** hosted a wonderful BBQ dinner at their home near the Club following the first day of racing. **George Dahmen and Jonathon Baker** helped provide the beer, wine and snacks following each day of racing. **George and Frans Dahmen** did any sail measurement that was needed. **James Bland** helped with any launching and retrieving that was required. **Bill Hawk**, among others, helped organize the race committee headed up by **Ray Shull**. This RC, made up of several highly experienced Club members did an outstanding job setting up some excellent courses over a wide variety of conditions. One final important duty, which several of the above mentioned people took responsibility for, included organizing, setting up and breaking down the final awards banquet which was catered by local Mexican food restaurant Rosita's. All and all, everyone pitched in to make for a really smooth running event.

Now to the championships themselves, which anyone reading this will find out shortly could be appropriately renamed the "Baker/Faust Racing Clinic." 10 Ensigns were on the line for the first day of racing, including one out of town boat named Sleuth which was brought down all the way to Lake Travis by **Bob Conkey** and his crew from Cleveland, Ohio. It was towed by their RV which is actually a converted bus with a giant Ensign insignia painted on the side. Thanks for making the effort to join us down here in Texas, **Bob**, along with representing the fleet so well on a national level.

With the threat of a strong cold front approaching the area on Friday the 11th, accompanied by projected 30 to 40 mph winds, the RC, along with the regatta chair, decided to forego the scheduled practice race and get in three races on Thursday afternoon. So the first race started at 1300 on Thursday. By that time a strong warm southerly had developed with a steady breeze in the upper teens and gusts in the 25 to 30 mph range. The air temperature was flirting with a record high (for that date) of 95 degrees. Obviously sail selection was paramount and much of the fleet opted to use their "blade" jib while others went with their No. 2 genoa. Big gusts would come sweeping down the race course followed by periods where the breeze would lay down a bit, so the skippers and their crew really had to be on point especially when flying the spinnaker down wind. Major boat oscillations were quite

common and I witnessed several emergency round-ups and accidental jibes. **Bob Conkey** on Sleuth was forced to withdraw from the 2nd and 3rd races when his tiller broke. He was provide another tiller off a loaner boat for the remainder of the regatta.

I would be remiss in writing this article if I did not point out the very high level of sailing talent that was present on the various Ensigns in these championships, making for the type of competition where even the slightest tactical error, lousy start, or sloppy mark rounding would cost you several places. 2011 Ensign National Champion **Jonathan Baker**, who was steering his family Ensign, "Jonathon Seagull", was joined by sister **Sarah Faust** and her husband **Eric** (international Laser Class guru) along with local racing "rock star" **Ravi Subramanian**. **Tom Groll** had local sailmaker **John Bartlett** on board "Brewser" with him, and **George Dahmen** who along with **Ann Kitzmiller** had a podium finish at nationals back in August were joined by brother **Frans** on "Styf Komp." Longtime Ensign racer **Harold Neel**, who has recently returned to Austin after decades of chartering his own yacht in the Caribbean and South Pacific, was at the helm of **Fred Ford's** "September." This talented field was rounded out by current AYC Commodore, **Annie Lancaster and her husband Charlie** on "Eagle." Others who sailed fantastic regattas included **Bill Hawk, Dave "Doc" Gamble, as well as Anne and David Morley**, all who had recruited "rock star" crews for this event. Maybe the presence of all these folks explains why myself and my wonderful crew on "Dos Locos" were constantly in the "cheap seats" throughout this regatta.

Back to the racing. Despite not "feeling it" and being occasionally overpowered using their No. 2 headsail in the first race on Thursday, the **Baker/Faust** team elected to put up the No. 1 genoa in race 2, and as they say in sports "the rest is history." As **Jonathan** told me later on shore, "We were already being overpowered with the No. 2, so we decided what the heck, we might as well be overpowered with the bigger sail." Strange logic, but it worked, as Team **Baker/Faust** proceeded to get their first two of five straight bullets. Team **B/F** later had the luxury of throwing out their 6th in race one which was won by **Tom Groll** with the **Dahmens** coming in 2nd. Using his No. 2 jib, **Bill Hawk** managed an excellent 2nd in race number 3 on Thursday.

The expected cold front blew into central Texas early Friday morning with northerly winds gusting to 40mph, making Lake Travis resemble the North Sea with rolling whitecaps and blowing fog caused by the still warm water temperature. The RC had told us the day before to meet at the Club at 10:30 for a decision on the scheduled day's racing to be determined by 11. Around 10:45 they told us the racing was cancelled for the day which was greeted by collective sighs and a few cheers. We were told we would start at noon Saturday and they would try to get in at least three races that afternoon.

Saturday the fleet was greeted by lovely conditions, with a light breeze out of the north/northeast and air temps in the 50s and 60s. The start in the three races on Saturday became extremely important. The idea being to have speed and clear air in the dying breeze as well as getting to what appeared to be the favored side of the course. Team **B/F** nailed most of the starts and

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despite being hotly pursued by a number of others managed to stay in the lead when it counted with excellent sail handling and tactical decisions. The **Dahmen** brothers stayed consistent with two 2nd places and a 3rd on Saturday followed by **Tom Groll** who got a 3rd and a 2nd. By the end of the 3rd race the wind had died completely so the RC decided to "put a wrap" on this fun event with the chase boats towing most of the fleet back to the harbor.

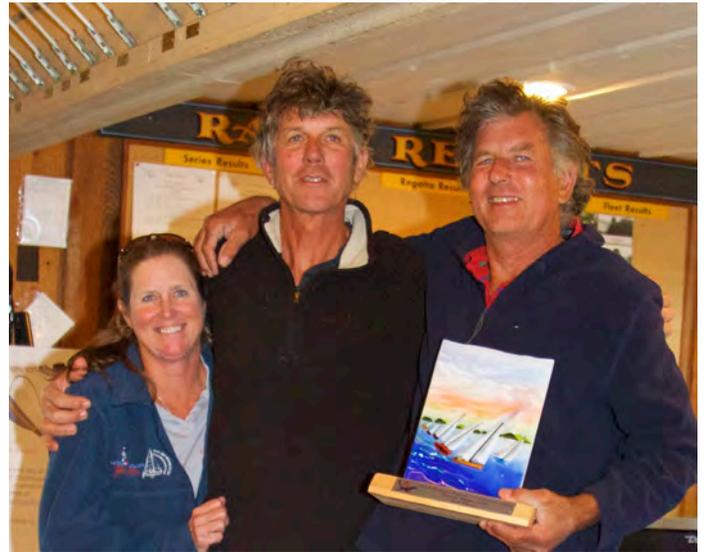
Around 6 that evening the group enjoyed an excellent Mexican food meal and presented the beautiful awards along with the Region IV Perpetual

Trophy. Congrats again to the podium members, Team **B/F** first, **Dahmens** 2nd, and **Groll** 3rd. Liked I mentioned earlier, everyone had a great time being part of this wonderful event. The Austin Yacht Club and Ensign Fleet 30 showed once again that they know how to host a great regatta and demonstrate a very high level of Ensign racing. So when we host this event again in a few years please consider making the effort to join us, it will be worth it, I guarantee it.

Let's Go Ensign Sailing!!



First Place: Jonathan Baker, Sarah and Eric Faust and Ravi Subramanian Photos by Anne Morley



Second place: Anne Kitzmiller, George Dahmen and Frans Dahmen



Third Place, Tom Groll, Anne Riggs and John Bartlett (not pictured)

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Ensign Championship Regatta photos by Bob Leonard



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Chaparral de Mar competitors. Seated: Tom Groll, Danny Lien, Doc Gamble. Standing: Brad Davis, Bill and Kelly Hawk, Calin Popescu, Annie Riggs, Harold Neel Photo by Cheryl Pervier



Chaparral de Mar skippers/crew: George Dahmen-Ann Kitzmiller, Doug Laws-Bill Records Photo by Cheryl Pervier

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**THIS IS A REPRINT OF AN ARTICLE THAT WAS IN DAVE PERRY'S BOOK  
*UNDERSTANDING THE RACING RULES OF SAILING***

Written by Bill Ficker

"It always seems incredible to me that so many world class sailors give so much attention to boat speed, crew training, and development of the state-of-the-art equipment and almost totally ignore an equally significant part of their campaign: learning the rules. The rules are the foil in the art of fencing with sailboats and without the sharpest foil and the understanding of how to use it, you are jeopardizing your entire effort or at least compromising it. Insecurity with the rules leads to hesitation on the race course and not only loss of races, but ultimately the respect of your competitors. As everyone who has sailed in top competition knows, the building of a reputation is important in order to dominate a fleet, and those who want to reach the top have to know the rules cold and act with confidence when engaged in a rules conflict. So study the rules and use the US Sailing Appeals and ISAF Cases. By carefully studying the appeals, you will not only gain a better understanding of the rules, but you will also be helped tremendously in the preparation of your protest, especially with regard the the diagrams.

As for protesting, I often hear sailors say that protesting is for others and that they have never been in the protest room in their life. That makes good parking lot talk, but the hard facts are that each year sailing, like other sports, is becoming more competitive with more good sailors in each fleet. No longer are fleets dominated by one or two good sailors who can easily stay clear of the others. More close situations are occurring on the starting lines, at turning marks, and throughout the race, so you had better be prepared to finish more races and series in the protest room. Finally if protests are the result of your being involved in or witnessing a foul, or the result of an honest difference of opinion or differences in observation of a particular situation on the water, they should not have the taint of bad sportsmanship. Competitor enforcement of the rules is the tradition in our sport, and when the rules are not followed, we owe it to ourselves and our fellow competitors, for the quality of the racing to protest. Remember, for your protest to be valid, it must comply with the requirements in rule 60.1 and rule 61."

*Submitted by Brad Davis. Contact Brad if you have any questions or comments.*

## Catalina 22 Update

by Steve Pervier



Indian Summer Series concluded on 10/6 with a drifter so still and hot that several crews (including ours) jumped in to cool down before N over A was hoisted. So the interim series results as reported last month were locked in before Peter had a chance to overtake them and claim first place, as he might have done that day. Now for this month, with a new series only half completed for C22s, could we also have a presumptive winner? Read on!

Fall Series began 10/13 with RC duty by C22 and SC21, on a day with clouds and cool, light air. The day improved to warm sunshine and moderate 8 to 10 knot winds, weather so different from a week before it seemed specially ordered for the new series. Our volunteers were **Tom Meyer** as on-water PRO, **Kiersten McDonald** and **Bob Musselman** on Signals, **Bob Stephens** on Course Board, **Cathie Martin** and **Cheryl Pervier** recording, **John Grzinich** and **Larry Hartley** on the windward chase boat, **Doug Powell** and **Adam Pawlowsky** on start/finish chase boat, and **Dave Meredith** with me on leeward chase boat. Thanks to each of you.

Beautiful days like that can sure make a race committee look good. Equally pleasant temperatures have continued this series, though with occasional gusty, shifty wind, plus adjacent light wind holes, requiring crews to stay sharp and keep adjusting. Was it the same for Centerboard Regatta? We might ask C22 sailors like **Louise Miller**, who has helped several of her Sunfish fleet practice during Fall Series, for the strong competition on 10/26-27.

On 11/3 we were delighted to welcome **John Grzinich** and his (newly purple!) C22 back to C22 fleet racing. We also raced against **Dave Meredith** and **George Robison**. And, as on 10/20, **Steve** and **Meri Shepardson** were first in both races! They've returned to C22 racing during Florida's off season, to post a series standing that can only be exceeded by an equally strong set of four first places and a final tiebreaker. So, should we risk invoking something like the Sports Illustrated cover jinx? OK... "Featuring Meri and Steve – on the verge of winning Fall Series!"



Just behind Cheryl, Griz, and Steve – Meri and Steve are temporarily in 2nd, enroute to another 1st in Fall Series 2019! Photo by Cheryl Pervier

The rest of us could have a role to play in that, but really it's high time to enjoy racing the last series day of 2019 with us. Please note the recent SI changes, which add the starting line and Yellow L-mark obstructions (for boats not rounding that mark). See Racing > Documents > Fall Series on the AYC web site, then join us on 11/17. Wild Turkey Regatta runs 11/23, then it's on to Red Eye Regatta on New Year's Day of 2020.

If you would like to visit or join us in the Catalina 22 Fleet as crew or a new skipper, please let me know. Whether for racing, teaching, day sailing, or trailering to other waters, we have a versatile boat we'd like to show you! If you already have a C22, we can get you racing. And, if you have any boat design of Catalina Yachts or merely "an interest", we hope you'll look into CatFleet69.org for cruising and more. See you on the water!

### Behind the scenes: C22/SC21 Race Committee, Fall Series



Kiersten McDonald



Doug Powell and Adam Pawlowski



Steve Pervier and Dave Meredith



Hazel Sanchez, Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás, Steve Pervier



Bob Musselman



Thank you, Race Committee! Photos by Cheryl Pervier

## Sunfish Update

by Louise Miller



Our Wednesday evening Sunfish/Laser season may have come to a close for the year, but the Sunfish activities continued in full force. Since last month's update, we've concluded the Indian Summer Series, started the Fall Series, and had the last three regattas of the Texas Sunfish Racing Circuit. That's a lot of racing! Five Sunfish raced in the Indian Summer Series, Centerboard Class. Participating, in order of finishing place, were **Annie Lancaster, Louise Miller, Vickie**

**Stones, Willis Thorstad and Chris Bataille.** What a great opportunity it was for all to get some more practice in before the flurry of Fall regattas.

During the first weekend of October, Rush Creek Yacht Club hosted their Fall DinghyFest, the fifth regatta in the Texas Sunfish Racing Circuit. Sunfish sailors attending from AYC were **Annie Lancaster, Ed Hill and yours truly.** Out of seven Sunfish racing in the regatta, these AYC participants took 2nd, 3rd and 4th place, respectively. Rush Creek puts on a great regatta. Despite light winds, fun was had by all. And on a personal note – speaking as someone new to the world of racing in out-of-town regattas – “What a blast!” It was such a great experience to join in the competition, the camaraderie, and the joy of sailing. I'm hooked.

Next on the circuit was our own AYC Centerboard Regatta. Thanks to **James Bland** for leading the charge on this event! In the Sunfish class, we had two racers from Rush Creek Yacht Club, **Stewart Draheim and Mike Brown,** and five AYC sailors, **Annie Lancaster, Tom Presswood, Patricia Manning, Vickie Stones and me.** **Stewart** took a commanding lead placing first in all eight races. This young man is tough to beat! **Annie** took second place for the home team, with **Tom** following by just one point taking third.



Sunfish at the starting line, AYC Centerboard Regatta Photo by Marilyn Jackson

And last but not least, the 51st Annual Wurstfest Regatta hosted by Lake Canyon Yacht Club took place this past weekend rounding out the last of the Texas Sunfish Racing Circuit for 2019. Out of 14 Sunfishers, four were from AYC – **Lucy Brock, Tom Presswood, Annie Lancaster and me.** Other clubs represented included Rush Creek Yacht Club (six racers), Shreveport Yacht Club and Lake Canyon Yacht Club. The wind conditions were certainly challenging. Although the forecasts leading up to the regatta predicted decent winds with gusts in the high teens, what actually happened was a different story. Saturday gave us minimal and shifty winds that left a number of us feeling like we were sitting still. Sunday brought more wind, but still shifty and challenging. **Stewart**

**Draheim** from RCYC once again took 1st place, but AYC **Lucy Brock** gave him a run for his money bringing home the second place award. **Tom Presswood** took 5th place and **Annie Lancaster** took 6th place.

We came close, but did not succeed in winning the **Vic Manning Award** in the Texas Sunfish Racing Circuit this year. This is a new award introduced in this 2019 season. It goes to the fleet that has the most participation in the circuit through the year. As stated on the Texas Sunfish Racing Circuit page, “Vic always had a drive to promote Sunfish sailing and this award will help to continue on his mission.” Rush Creek Yacht Club won the award this year. Let's win that award in 2020! And in that spirit, I encourage everyone with a Sunfish to come on out and practice with us in the “off-season” so that you can get a jump start on 2020. And if you don't have a Sunfish but are interested in checking it out, let me know!



Andy Hempel and Annie Lancaster with their Sunfish Championship trophies at the Sunfish Annual Dinner. Photo by Louise Miller

## Happy Halloween!



11/24 Halloween party revelers Photo by Elizabeth Quintanilla

## Roadrunner Fleet Update

by Mary Carew



The last couple of weekends have been busy! Many travelled to Wurstfest at Lake Canyon Yacht Club and of course we had our annual Centerboard Regatta the weekend before that (thanks **James** for running a great regatta!). To say the juniors were successful and had fun in both events is probably an understatement!

At Wurstfest, **Ethan Froelich** took first place in Laser and **Wendi Froelich** took 4th in Laser Radial. **Lucy Brock** was 2nd in Sunfish (qualifying for Sunfish Worlds, in Sarasota, FL next October, in the process!) while in the Portsmouth class, **James Brock and Matthew Mason** (Ut Sailing team) took 1st, **Fiona Froelich and Kate Hennig** took 2nd and **Katie Froelich and Roni Sela** took 4th of 13 boats! AYC also won the award for the most participation, thanks in large part to the Juniors.

At the Centerboard regatta, the Roadrunners took 1st place in 4 of the 8 classes. **Fiona Froelich and Kate Hennig** took 1st in Portsmouth with **Katie Froelich and Roni Sela** in 6th. **Ethan Froelich and Richie Amato** took 1st in Multihull, **Wendi Froelich and Vivian Heitkoetter** were first in FJ. 14 boats sailed in the Optimist fleet: 1st place honors went to **Ramzi Matous**. **Yuval Sela** took 2nd and **William Michael** took 3rd. Check out the Centerboard Regatta articles in this issue for more details and photos.

Elsewhere, **Kynes Cabrera and Nicholas Carew** were invited to the US Optimist Development Program and travelled to Southern Yacht Club to participate in a training session for the Gulf Coast area on the weekend of October 25-27. It was a great opportunity to get some US-level training and meet sailors from other clubs in the Gulf Coast area.

TSA regattas have continued with the most recent events taking place in Dallas Corinthian and in Palacios.

The final end-of year regatta took place in Corpus Christi on the weekend of November 9-10. Here are the results:

### Opti Green, 19 Boats, 7 Races Scored

Ryan Mitchell 1st place; William Michael 14th place

### Opti RWB, 38 Boats, 3 Races Scored

Lucas Tenreiro (Red) 2nd place; Nicholas Carew (Red) 11th place; Kynes Cabrera (Blue) 15th place; Keen Cabrera (White) 18th place; Ramzi Matous (Blue) 28th place

### C420, 4 Boats, 4 Races Scored

James Brock/Vivian Heitkoetter 1st place; Tony Slowik III/Nathan Gantala 2nd place; Lucy Brock/Julius Heitkoetter 3rd place; Alexander Wise/Taylor Snyder 4th place. 4 out of 4!

Congratulations to our great Roadrunners – all of you are champions!

## High School Sailing Update

by Constanze Heitkoetter



The 2019 Lake Travis High School Fall Classic was held at AYC on October 5th and 6th. Light and shifty winds were a challenge for competitors and race committee alike, but thanks to PRO **Ray Shull** and his team of fabulous RC volunteers – **Nan Taylor, Taylor Snyder, Dee Chow, Eli Ortiz and Richie Amato** – the teams had a great regatta on beautiful Lake Travis. Over 40 high school sailors from around the state, representing 9 different teams battled it out for the right to represent SEISA at the Great Oaks Regatta, a national-level regatta in New Orleans November 23-24.



1st place James Brock and Vivian Heitkoetter, Lake Travis HS Photo by Nan Taylor

Congratulations to Lake Travis High School, led by **James Brock and Vivian Heitkoetter**, for the overall win and the first berth at the Great Oaks. The other two qualifying boats were from Westlake High School with skipper **Eric Jayawant**, and Sterling Classical School with **Wendi and Fiona Froelich**, both home teams in the AYC High School sailing program. Also sailing for LTHS were **Kate Hennig, Julia Doyle, Jake Mitro, Brady Reid, Zachary Mueller, and Colby Greenwood**. Congratulations to **Coach Spencer and Jeff Brock!**

These results are proof that High School sailing is going strong at AYC! Good luck to the teams in New Orleans!

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Qualified for Sterling Classical School: Wendi and Fiona Froelich Photo by Nan Taylor



Photos by Gina Cottle



Qualified for Westlake HS Eric Jayawant, on left Photo by Nan Taylor



Photo by Gina Cottle



**COMING SOON!**

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# October Fall Series Photos

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Race Commander Jim Casto ran all Series Skippers Meeting Photos this page by Cheryl Pervier



Kurt Gustafson and crew



John Halter and crew



Ed Pierce training his crew



Kirk and Janice Livingston and crew



Sunfishers Annie Lancaster and Louise Miller

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# October Fall Series Photos



Bob Leonard and crew of Lickety Split *Photos this page by Marilyn Jackson*



Aaron McCulley and Crew of RumLine



Renee Ruais and crew of Bubbles



Dane Ohe and crew



Bob Gross and crew of Shotglass



Wade Bingaman and crew

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Easter Sunday	April 5
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## AYC 2019 RACE CALENDAR

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

Nov 15	Ensign Fleet Annual Meeting	6:00-9:30p
Nov 16	AYC Boat Show	1:00p
Nov 19	Board of Directors Meeting	7:30p
Nov 21	AYC Annual Meeting	7:30p
Nov 23	Keel Fleet Annual Meeting	
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 Christmas/Holiday Party	
Dec 15	All Catalina and C22 Fleets Holiday Party	6:00-11:00p
Dec 31	New Year's Eve Party	8:00p-???

## New Member Mentor Program

by Fred Ford



We were getting comments from new members about how difficult it is to break into the social and sailing culture of our Club. To help solve the problem, we initiated the New Member Mentor Program. The program, operating for only 22 months, has been very well received. A mentor volunteer is assigned to each new member. Mentors must have Senior or Associate full membership status. Our strategy is to help the new member with any questions they may have concerning probation, social events, sail/race training and, most importantly, make introductions to fellow members. If the mentor has a boat or serves as regular crew, the new member may be invited for a sail...think just for fun around the lake, Beer Can, a series race or regatta. If the new member has trouble getting a ride...the mentor can call on fellow members to find a slot. Let me insert a plug for the Crew Bench. If you see someone sitting on the Crew Bench and if you have room...take them sailing...No sailor left behind. Basically, the mentor helps a new member meet members, learn about our fleets and our Club life.

Mentor volunteers come from every fleet and the ranks include both Senior and Associate members. The program is operated as part of the Membership Committee...a convenient path for working with new members. We have great volunteer mentors and the new members really appreciate having someone on the inside welcoming them in. Mentors also enjoy the opportunity to recruit new skippers and crew to their fleet. It truly is a win-win program.

I am stepping down as the program leader. Two of our Membership Committee members will be taking over the New Member Mentor Program as co-leaders. The new co-leaders are:

**Rachel Bailey** ([rachelbailey75@gmail.com](mailto:rachelbailey75@gmail.com))

**Paul Carew** ([paul@carewcontact.com](mailto:paul@carewcontact.com))

I have listed their contact information because we need your help. Our success has created the need for more volunteers. Mentoring is fun and the rewards are great. You meet enthusiastic people who are eager to be a member and share in the fun of sailing. Contact **Paul or Rachel** and be a Mentor volunteer.



2019 CENTERBOARD / BLUE CHIP REGATTA



TOP: F18 Multihull competitors Mike Beuerlein and Philippe Bettler *Photo by Bill Records*  
BOTTOM: Centerboard Handicap start *Photo by Bill Records*

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**GUESS WHO?**

Caricature by Silly Artist Svetlana, AYC Centerboard Regatta