



Happy Holidays to All!



Claude Welles 'comforts' Blue Duck winner, Taylor Snyder. We love you, Taylor! *Photo by Nan Taylor*

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Dec 31	New Year's Eve Party
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March 1	Opening Day

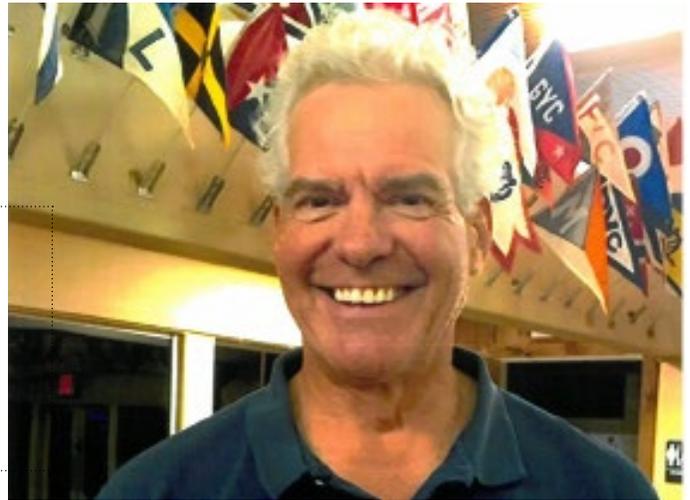
2019 Perpetual Awards



Jeff and Marilyn Jackson

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.



Ed Pierce

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 of their time and talents over and above what might otherwise have been necessary or expected.



Ethan Froelich

Jesse 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.



Louise Miller

Corinthian Woman Sailor Trophy

This award honors the woman sailor who exhibits the Corinthian traits of good sportsmanship, enthusiasm and participation, thereby making an overall contribution to the enhancement of the sport of competitive sailing.

From The Commodore

by Annie Lancaster



It is hard to believe it has been a year since I was elected commodore and I drove through that dense fog over the 620 bridge thinking 'what have I gotten myself into.' I must admit, it has felt pretty foggy all year long. But lucky for you, the 2019 AYC Board has supported, guided and taught me a lot about running an organization. I was blessed to serve with these unique personalities and I thank them very much. There have been lots of discussions and lots of

opinions. But the welfare of Austin Yacht Club was always been the underlying goal. They were dedicated throughout the year to serve AYC needs and concerns and it has been my honor to serve with them.

Speaking of thanks, I cannot thank the AYC Awards and Banquet committee enough! They ran a smooth, efficient and fun Annual Banquet. I believe a great time was had by all thanks to them and the great party band, Plush! Congratulations to all the award winners!

Overall it's been a great year, right? Even though we had **Coleman** leave us at the beginning of the year, we managed the sail training with volunteers for a time. Thank you to all who helped out. That was an example of a volunteer-supported Club at its best. Then we found **Spencer** who became our junior coach. With the support of a lot of those same volunteers and **Spencer**, the junior program kept going and growing. Then the AYC family was there to support me personally at the passing of my dad, **Hap Arnold**. Words cannot express how much that meant to me and my family. Thank you. We also had successful regattas with or without wind. We had special events like American Magic and Maiden. And then we had a bunch of series races, beer can races, MoonBurn races and Wednesday night races to name a few. It appears we like to sail and compete and have fun. It's a great Club with outstanding members at our little piece of heaven on Lake Travis. I say, Yes! It has been a great year! Happy Sailing.

Rylander Pavilion Repair/Painting by Claudia Bartlett

The Rylander Pavilion was built and dedicated 26 years ago and I don't think there is an AYC member who would dispute that this dock has been one of the best things for AYC training! The dock was showing her years and in desperate need of attention. The Board approved the fund to have to top portion repaired and painted at the September Board meeting. The contractors had a window of some decent weather prior to Thanksgiving and got it done! She has been restored to her original colors and looks new. The lower decking/floatation will be repaired in early 2020. I appreciate the Board giving me the opportunity to take the project on and we all look forward to seeing her completely restored just in time for a busy 2020 sailing season!



From The Vice Commodore

by Dane Ohe



I would like to start by thanking the regatta chairs for 2019; **Ed Pierce, Governor's Cup, Krissy Amato, Turnback Canyon, and James Bland, Centerboard Regatta**. Each Regatta Chair and their teams had unique challenges to overcome this year, not the least of which was Weather. Tornadoes, Floods, sudden Thunderstorms all caused issues that had to be dealt with and worked around. Each regatta team overcame the obstacles and pulled off high quality events,

especially being able to adapt and make huge changes at the last minute.

Ed and his team for Governor's cup had to deal with weather that caused all racing to be cancelled, but the party did go on! **Krissy and the Turnback Canyon team** had to deal with a last minute flood that closed the Bar-K Park in Lago Vista, and in only a few days had to completely re-plan the regatta to be held at AYC! By having the regatta at AYC, we actually picked up a few more boats, causing the need to order more shirts at the last minute also. **James and the Centerboard team** were blessed with good weather, decent winds, and a great turnout of over 50 boats, including hosting the Finn Texas Blue Chip Championships as part of the regatta! They worked really hard and hosted a great event.

A relatively stable lake level this year has allowed several Harbor Construction Projects to take place. Many sections of the old wood docks in the South Cove were replaced with new docks, this has really improved both the structure and the appearance of the South Cove, which is what a lot of non-members see when they come out for camps, training, and free sail!

I would also like to thank **Claudia Bartlett** who has been the project manager for sprucing up the Junior Pavilion. The pavilion has been neglected for a while and these repairs are needed and welcome. The cosmetic repairs and work is completed and the pavilion looks great! We will plan next year to fix the floatation and fendering on this dock.

Russ Shermer, our new Harbor Commander has a full slate of projects for next year. Look for a new South Cove Rigging Dock, an improved Race Committee Dock and several other smaller projects to be completed next year.

The Board of Directors also had to tackle several challenging issues this year. I have learned a lot about different aspects of the Club through helping to work through these issues. I would like to extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to the 2019 Board for all the work and dedication that they put in this year under the leadership of **Commodore Annie Lancaster**.

Finally, I would like to thank the membership for allowing me to serve as Vice Commodore this year. I am really looking forward to working with the new board next year, especially **Vice Commodore Diane Covert**, and am honored to be selected as Commodore for 2020.

Immediate Past Commodore Report

by Bill Records



It was a pleasure working with the members of the Membership Committee this year. The committee was composed of **Willis Thorstad, Paul Carew, Fred Ford, Steve Pervier, James Bland, and Rachel Bailey**. Club Manager **Jackie Wheeless** served as staff member on the committee.

This year's applicants were as varied as ever, from beginners to experienced off shore racers. We started the year with 386 dues paying members. During the course of the year, we had 60 resignations and accepted 58 new members, a net loss of 2. Some of the trends were as follows: A majority did not own boats, but were looking; many had families interested in sailing; some joined because of children already sailing with the junior program; many were recently retired and had been wanting to get into sailing. All in all, it was a diverse group and should strengthen our Club. I want to thank the Membership Committee members for their hard work in welcoming the new members to our Club.

Building & Grounds Report

by Diane Covert



We have had a pretty good year in that at least we didn't have the flood that occurred at the end of 2018. However, we did have a weather-related lightning strike which blew out the mast raising pole. There were also some emergency repairs and replacements such as when the ancient electrical breaker that supplied power to the Club and office failed a day before a board meeting. This special breaker was found in another city and overnight

shipped to Austin for replacement the next day.

We have had a few non-emergency improvements this year that I hope will make our visits to the Club more enjoyable.

- Replaced the downstairs doors below the clubhouse and office with new metal doors, frames, hardware due to flooding. Tom painting them and applied new decals.
- Replaced old chairs and tables in the clubhouse.
- Patched and expanded asphalt paving in various places.
- Added a new water fountain below the clubhouse.
- Replaced the old aluminum doors with more efficient doors in clubhouse. Tom painted the new trim.
- Removed and replaced the mast raising pole with a new utility pole.
- Changing out Styrofoam and plastic paper products with new sustainable products.
- Upgrading the pool area with lighting, and fencing to receive a pool permit from the Austin/ Travis County Health dept.

- Adding tree lighting to accent trees and provide safety lighting for ramps and stairs.
- Adding an AYC web site online reservation system for cabins, RV spaces and workspaces.

Also, many, many thanks to all the volunteers who helped with all kinds of projects this year without which the Club would not be as lovely as it is.

Race Commander Report

by Jim Casto



The racing season at AYC is over, as is my tenure as Race Commander. I have enjoyed my time leading the PRC these last two years, because the PRC members have been so involved, so committed and diligent in their service to AYC, and it has been my honor to work with them. Please take the time to thank each of them for their representation of your interests, as this PRC administered the Series Racing program at AYC.

Top 10 List / What I think I did well

- Recruited a PRC comprised of active representatives from every fleet, who were open to new ideas, and willing to learn from each other, even while having differences of opinions.
- Provided consistent timely communication with Fleet Captains.
- LOTS of Series Races scheduled/good Race Calendar planning both years.
- NO Series Races in August! (too hot)
- Prompt and thorough review of all NOR & S.I.s with all Regatta Chairs/PROs, including consistency of wording about venue requirements.
- Different leeward buoys (orange + yellow) to physically separate the RTB fleets which have different speed/approach angle.
- Twice annual RC training sessions for members, including updating the RC Handbook each time.
- Hosted two US Sailing "Club Race Officer" training seminars, with six members achieving Club Race Officer status.
- Hosted an Advanced Racing Rules seminar by Brad Davis.
- I was an active and vocal participant in Board discussions and Board decisions, championing transparency and full service to all members.

Not Top 10 / i.e. shortcomings

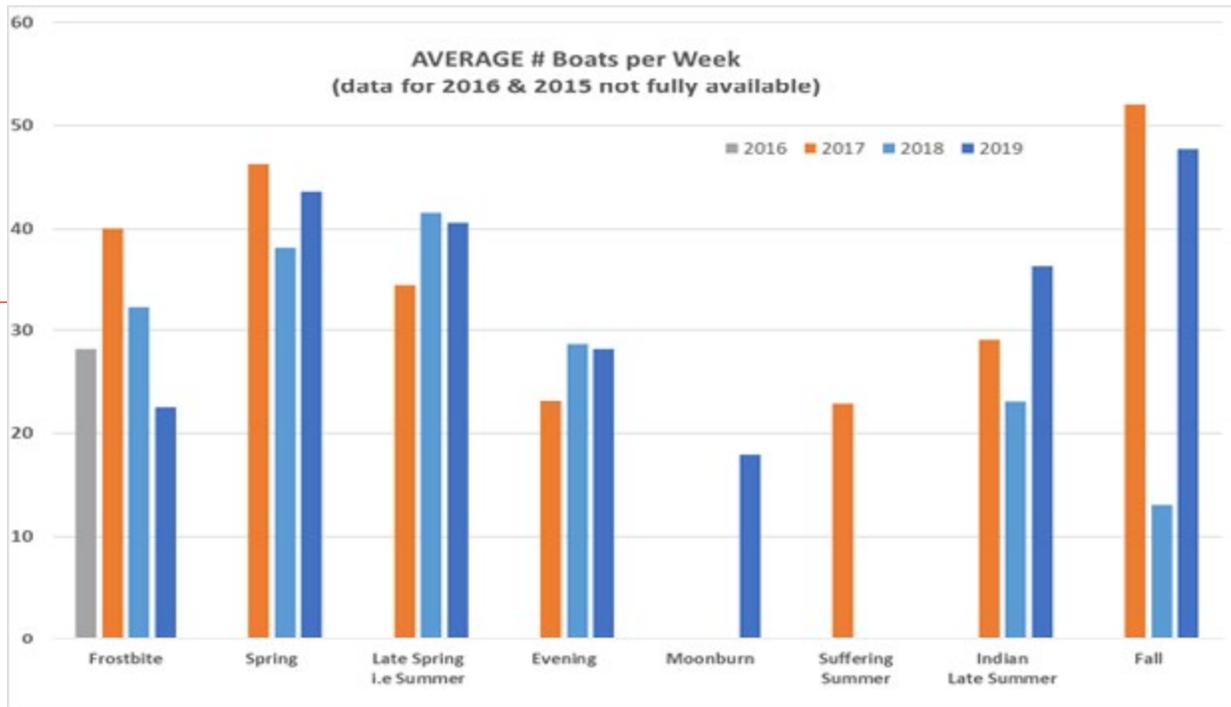
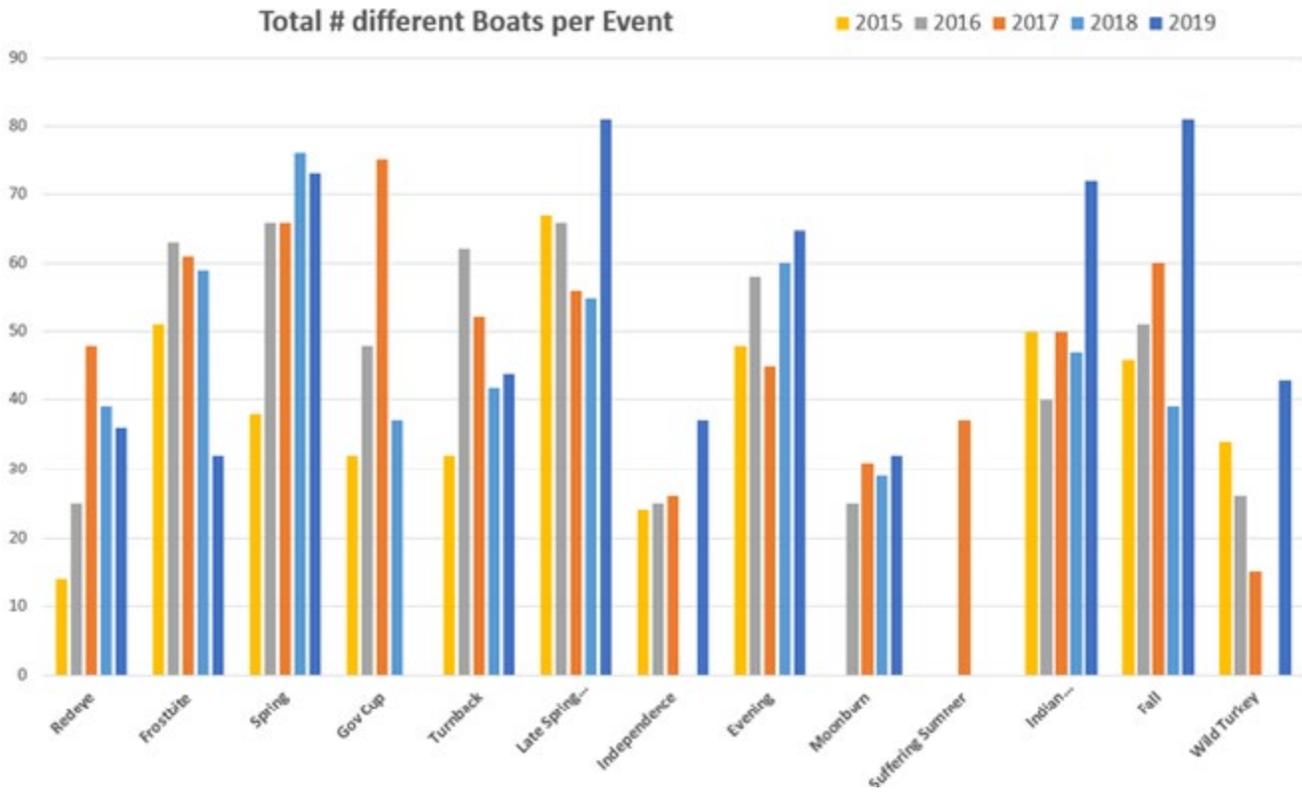
- I didn't sail in every fleet, as I said I would, when I came onto the Board. I need to be more social.
- I didn't change the scoring system. We did review two other software, we did get a 2nd iPad with cellular, and we did review procedures and update the training protocols. But we still struggled with the reality of getting quality start/finish data off the water for use by Scoring.

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- Course configuration changes which we made in the interest of member safety were not popular: addition of the "poison start line" and "3 boat length obstruction at yellow leeward mark". I expect next year we will see totally different course shapes, as PRC continues the efforts and experiments to make improvements to our series races.

Participation Data:

2019 Series Race overall participation is healthy, somewhat better than 2018. Regatta numbers are inconsistent, having Turnback on Mother's Day did not increase participation. For Series races, some fleets had some very low numbers for several years in a row, but have managed to keep their One Design status through effective lobbying.





LEARN TO RACE

Saturday, January 11, 2020

9:00am -1:00pm

Presenter: John Bartlett

An informative class designed for the sailor new to racing, as well as those wanting to brush up on their knowledge.

Topics

**Race Prep
Tactics
Sail Trim**



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**Questions? Contact
Event Chair, Bill Records 512-913-4989
AYC Sail Training Commander,
Anne Morley 713-248-3985**

**Register Online
www.austinyachtclub.net
\$50 members, \$75 non-members**

Austin Yacht Club, 5906 Beacon Road, Austin, Tx 78734

From the AYC General Manager by Jackie Wheelless



Thank you to ALL of the volunteers who've helped out on various committees, work days, special assignments, etc. This month I'd like to shine the light on a few who have helped me get tasks done that I would NEVER have gotten done without them!!

- Annual Membership Meeting check-in helpers – **Jeff Jackson along with brand new members Tony Clark and Matthew Scott.**
- Office Decorating special project – probationary members **Maggie Carter, Michael Rohrer and David Meredith.**
- Annual Banquet check in helpers – probationary members **Jennifer Hopgood, Colleen Minor and Kiersten McDonald.**
- My solid sidekicks who come running monthly to help out – **John and Carolyn Howard and Linda McDavitt** who helped me get statements mailed out **TIMELY!** **John** has scanned years and years of documents for me and **Carolyn** has counted many, many hats and polo shirts for me!!

Thank you to ALL of you!!

Saying good bye to exiting board members is never easy. **Bill Records** and I have experienced the Whole Nine Yards. ST Commander, VC, Commodore and this year Immediate Past Commodore. His energy is never wavering and his stories endless. We've had two meetings per month together this year, that's an average of 65 hours, 22 meals and endless meets and greets with new members. **Bill** always welcomes the new members with open arms and promises of an exciting life at AYC. I know he's ready to take an extended leave and I wish him happy trails and lots of exciting vacations in 2020.

This year I've worked really, REALLY close with ST Commander **Keith**. The year started out with pure chaos. It was like herding my cats! When he zipped, I zagged. It was an aerobic exercise. His energy is unbelievable and my attempts to keep up with him left me drained. He's funny and passionate and definitely a force to reckon with.

Jim Casto, you've kept me on my toes with your impromptu and spontaneous questions about anything and everything. You've taken your responsibility as Race Commander very seriously and kept the Executive Sessions interesting, you've also managed to make all us laugh along the way.

David Morley, you put all of us to utter shame. . . .you're always the first to have your board reports turned in, you're so organized you make me nervous and you're always worried about whether or not we'll have dinner.

Karen Bogisch, you have the capacity to type like a demon and still stay on track with what is being discussed.you are my HERO!

Annie Lancaster, Dane Ohe and Diane Covert, I look forward to a new year of working and planning with all of you as well as the new members of the 2020 Board of Directors, the new Committee Chairpersons and the new Fleet Captains. Let's all create some magic and get our goals and dreams for AYC achieved!

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and here's to an AWESOME 2020!



2020 Social Committee: L-R, Louise, Monica, Jeff, Cathie, Bill, Diane, Colleen, Pat, Jeff, Charlie, Annie. Want to volunteer? Send us a note to the address below:

Next year's social committee is brainstorming, planning and cooking up ideas for a great 2020!

FUTURE EVENTS

Mar 3 – Opening Day Brunch and Ceremony

Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler!

Gumbo and Monica Paredes' King Cake
EOS Guests Chef Diane Covert & Mark Zion
(Gumbo cooking demonstration Mar 2)

America's Cup World Series Watching Party

May 2 – Luau featuring

Bill Benkers' Pulled Pork Hawaiian

Late Spring Series

EOS Guest Chef Jackie Wheelless

July 3 – 4th of July Picnic and Fireworks

Jennifer Hopgood

Nov 14 – *No Rules!*

Combat Chili Cookoff with Dee Chow & Jeff Sabuda

Dec 5 – Annual Banquet

Dec 20 – America's Cup World Series Watching Party

TBD – Pirate Party

Volunteer by email:

socialcommittee@austinyachtclub.net

2019 Annual Meeting Recognition

Congratulations to:

STAFF	BIG JOBS
Jackie Wheelless, General Manager Tom Cunningham, Caretaker Spencer LeGrande, Junior Coach	Kurt Gustafson, Graphics John Grzinich, Web
2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS	FLEET CAPTAINS
Annie Lancaster, Commodore Bill Records, Immediate Past Commodore Dane Ohe, Vice Commodore Karen Bogisch, Secretary David Morley, Treasurer Jim Casto, Race Commander Dane Ohe, Harbor Commander Diane Covert, Buildings & Grounds Commander Keith Denebeim, Sail Training Commander	Ken Berringer, J22 John Parker, J24 James Bland, Ensign Steve Pervier, Catalina 22 Bonnie Lackey, J80 Mike Beuerlein, Multihull Andrea Lesh, A Fleet Ed Pierce, B Fleet Bruce McDonald, Keel Fleet Louise Miller, Sunfish Mary Carew, Roadrunner Tom Meyer, Southcoast 21 Steve Keckler, Laser Matt Romberg, DF95
 <p><i>Annual Meeting Photos by Deborah Mathison</i></p>	
PRESTIGIOUS RACES OUTSIDE AYC	
92nd Bacardi Cup Invitational Regatta and Miami Sail Week in March Singlehanded Sailing Society Corinthian Race, San Francisco, Feb, DFL Sears Cup in Redwood City, CA in August US Youth Camps NJ; Youth World Champs Poland; Junior Europeans Spain Sunfish Worlds in Bonaire; Dutch Caribbean in September Mallory Cup in Marion MA in September, sailing J80s International Optimist Dinghy Assn; IODA Regattas in Feb; SIY 54 Semana Int'l Del Yachting at Club Nautico Mar Del Plata, Argentina; Fragilla Vela Riva 37° Lake Garda, Italy OK Dinghy World Championship, Auckland, New Zealand	Jim Pearce, Andre de la Reza, Chris Thompson, Keith Denebeim, Ed Pierce Ed Pierce Lucy Brock, Julius Heitkoetter, Nathan Gantala, Jamie Brock Ethan Froelich Lucy Brock John Horn, John Bartlett, Matt Romberg, Coach Claudia Bartlett Tony Slowik, III James Bland



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2019 Annual Meeting Recognition

Congratulations to:

REGATTA CHAIRS & OTHER SPECIAL RACING EVENTS	PB&J COACHES
<p>Andrea Lesh, Red Eye Regatta Ed Pierce, Governor's Cup Fred Schroth, Easter Laser Regatta Dane Ohe & Krissy Amato, Turnback Regatta Jeff Brock, Constanze Heitkoetter, Roadrunner Regatta Ed Pierce, Independence Cup Claudia Bartlett, DF95 Terry Schertz, Fleet Challenge James Parsons, MoonBurn Series Chair Bill and Kelly Hawk, Ensign Regional Regatta James Bland, Centerboard Blue Chip Regatta John Maddalozzo, Wild Turkey Regatta John Thurston, Single/Doublehanded Regatta</p>	<p>Bill Records Andre de la Reza Stephanie Froelich Anne Morley Gal Sela Kate Froelich Fiona Froelich Wendi Froelich Roni Sela Evelyn de la Reza Rowan de la Reza Nicholas Carew Paul Carew</p> 
AYC FUND BOARD	ROADRUNNER BOARD
<p>Terry Schertz Steve Keckler Molly Lewis Ravi Subramanian Lauren Crouch Ray Shull</p> 	<p>Mary Carew Jeff Brock Constanze Heitkoetter Stefan Froelich Bob Gross Krissy Amato Nan Taylor</p> 
PHOTOGRAPHERS	ANNUAL BANQUET COMMITTEE
<p>Deborah Matheson Cheryl Pervier Bruce McDonald Bill Records Anne Morley Marilyn Jackson Chris Ann Tortola</p>	<p>Candace Miller Stephanie Froelich Morgan Ward Jan Thompson</p>

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2019 Annual Meeting Recognition

Congratulations to:

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Pat Manning, Chair
 Krissy Amato
 Annie Lancaster
 Rona Thornton
 Chris Bataille
 Marilyn Jackson
 Becky Pearce
 Elizabeth Quintanilla
 Jeff Jackson
 Margo Bower



RACE COMMITTEE

Bob Leonard, Chair
 Ed Pierce
 Kurt Carson
 Larry Ratliff
 Russ Shermer
 Bobby Crouch
 Hazel Sanchez
 Steve Pervier
 Stu Juengst
 Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás



BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Diane Covert, Chair
 Louise Miller
 Mark Zion
 Steve Digby
 James Denny
 Owen Crouse
 Marilyn Jackson
 Jeff Jackson
 Calin Popescu
 Greg Grover

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Bill Records, Chair
 Fred Ford
 Steve Pervier
 Rachel Bailey
 Paul Carew
 Willis Thorstad
 James Bland



LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Ravi Subramanian, Chair
 JoAnn Welles
 Jeff Brock



FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Morley, Chair
 John Howard
 Bonnie Lackey
 Keith Lackey
 Anne Morley

HARBOR COMMITTEE

Dane Ohe, Chair
 Harry Polly
 Aaron McCulley

SAIL TRAINING COMMITTEE

Keith Denebeim, Chair
 Jeff Brock
 Cathie Martin
 Matt Romberg
 Scott Young



2019 Annual Meeting Recognition

Congratulations to:

SAILING CLINIC INSTRUCTOR	
Learn to Race Clinic aka The Secrets of Lake Travis, January 6	Ray Shull, Matt Romberg, Brad Davis
Racing Rules Clinic, February 23	Brad Davis
Kids' Clinic	Jeff Brock, Gal Sela
Start Clinic, March 16	Keith Denebeim, Spencer LeGrande, Bob Gross
Learn to Sail Clinic	Bob Gross, Keith Denebeim
Women's Clinic	Linda McDavitt, Gretchen Douglas
VOLUNTEER COACHES	AYC/UTSC COMMITTEE
<p>When we were left without a coach and had some programs starting up, a number of members stepped up to help and continued to help with the Junior Program:</p> <p>Lucy Brock Julius Heitkoetter Jeff Brock Stefan Froelich Emily Verdoia Robert Cabrera Ethan Froelich Bill Records Linda McDavitt Gal Sela Keith Denebeim Kiersten McDonald</p> 	<p>Jim Tillinghast Johannes Brinkmann John Parker Russ Shermer Jorge Marín-de-Nicolás Annie Lancaster</p> 
WEB SITE/IT SUPPORT	SPECIAL EVENTS
<p>John Grzinich Karen Bogisch Annie Lancaster Chris Thompson Ed Pierce Spencer LeGrande Harry Polly</p>	<p>Keith Denebeim - America's Cup at the IMAX Linda McDavitt, Annie Lancaster - Maiden at Alama Draft House Wade Bingaman, Dane Ohe, Joe Roddy, Krissy Amato, Nan Taylor, Bob Gross - New Year's Eve Party James Parsons, Monica Paredes, Jeff & Marilyn Jackson - Fun Fridays Jorge Marín-de-Nicolás - AYC Boat Show</p>



2019 Perpetual Awards



Jeff and Marilyn Jackson
Jimmy B. Card Memorial Trophy

This year's recipients of the Jimmy B. Card Memorial Trophy are relatively new members of AYC but, for several years prior to joining the Club, they developed a hunger to know as much about sailing as possible. Though they knew Lake Travis as power boaters (for which we will forgive them), they had never stepped foot on a sailboat until they decided to take one of Jorge's sailing classes. From that first sail, they were hooked! They took to the sport like fleas to a dog. They served as faithful crew, sailing nearly every single series race and regatta for the last three years. As they improved, they become quite competitive, but in a Corinthian sailor sort of way.

They embraced sailing and AYC wholeheartedly and with great zeal. Not only did they crew every weekend, they also volunteered their services in so many ways, even before they applied for membership. If the social committee needed help, they were there. They showed up for buildings and grounds clean-up days, they helped with race committee when it was their fleet's turn. Marilyn submitted photos for nearly every race (with captions!). And so much more. And they did all this with enthusiasm, warmth, zest and, consequently, have made many friends in this sport they have come to love.

Some say that couples who live together can't sail together – and some of us know couples like this! Not so with this couple. They work together seamlessly and complement one another on and off the water. They are a tremendous addition to AYC; they give back so much for the chance to be on the water, in a sailboat, finding the wind. They are generous of spirit, truly joyful and joyful to be around. We are lucky to have them in our sailing family.

Congratulations to Jeff and Marilyn Jackson.



Ed Pierce
Max White Memorial Trophy

A recent AYC member and competitive sailor, his larger-than-life personality energizes any gathering, his cooking leaves your mouth watering and he dances the night away. Off the dance floor, he has distinguished himself through his generous gift of time, enthusiastic leadership, depth of sailing experience and diversity of AYC volunteer projects.

Appreciative of mentoring from John Bartlett, Ray Schull, Claude Wells, Fred Schroth and Bill Records, he has given back to the Club as regatta chair for Governor's Cup and Independence Cup, PRO for MoonBurn, four series races and two sunfish/laser evening races.

He has streamlined scoring and trained numerous volunteers on iPad scoring. Along with three others, he cooked a seafood feast for the Women's Clinic. With Mark O'Brien he maintains the clubhouse's burgees, serves as B-Fleet Captain and on the PHRF Committee and PRC committee. He loves to share his love of sailing by teaching and inviting students to sail on his boat, Broken Arrow. An ASA instructor, he is only one of two certified instructors to teach upper level classes. This year he taught ASA 101, 103 and 104 to 36 students and invested 30 days in their education. He skippered an instruction boat in a British Virgin Islands flotilla assisting in two sailors earning their ASA 104 certifications.

With all this activity, he has sailed in over 40 AYC races and raced in regional events Singlehanded Sailing Society Corinthian, San Francisco DFL and along with other AYC members has crewed in Bacardi Cup Invitational Regional, Miami (3rd place), Harvest Moon Regatta, Galveston (2nd place). On any given day, you'll see him wandering the docks assisting with boat repairs and maintenance whether you need new lines spliced, teak refinished or electronics tweaked.

A thank you and a congratulations goes to Ed Pierce!



Ethan Froelich
Jesse McIlroy Smith Bowl

This year's recipient of the Jesse McIlroy Smith Bowl Trophy is a truly exceptional young man; he embodies the mission of the Austin Yacht Club in all ways imaginable – by sailing with excellence as seen in results, by exhibiting Corinthian Spirit at all times and under the most trying circumstances, and by giving back to the Club. For years this individual has worked his way through the training and sailing opportunities AYC offers on our home waters before expanding to more advanced clinics, coaching, and representing the AYC throughout the nation and world. After earning points all year, he and his sailing partner needed to win the very last leg, of the last race, of the last regatta. Under this extreme pressure, the competition was beat, allowing our own Austin Yacht Club sailor to earn the rank of number one in the country.

This accolade led to the invitation to represent the United States at the Youth Worlds Championship in Poland as the sole men's representative for the USA in the I420 class, his seventh time at an international regatta, but the most prestigious and serious by far. As one of the youngest teams entered, they scored a 6th, and helped the USA earn an overall 3rd of 66 countries.

This sailor does more than just race I420s on the Olympic Development Team. He also regularly races on a J/80, took 2nd at the District 15 laser championship in October, earned 1st place in two DF95 regattas and 1st place on the F18 at the last two events. In his free time, this young entrepreneur has his own boat cleaning business to help offset regatta expenses and is happy to teach and share his sailing skills with interested sailors. With the 2020 Olympics approaching, he has joined US Sailing as an intern Performance Analyst and is gaining new knowledge on how things work in the regatta war room. Next up is college sailing, a degree in ocean/coastal engineering, and certainly even more sailing. Oh, and by the way, he raced against a Sail GP skipper just for fun – and won!! **Congratulations, Ethan Froelich!**

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Louise Miller
Corinthian Woman Sailor Trophy

The recipient of the 2019 AYC Corinthian Woman sails (and sails well), is fleet captain for one fleet, vice commodore for another fleet, she cooks, she runs half marathons. And . . . she sparkles! She truly is a woman for all seasons.

Our recipient has embraced sailing with gusto, displaying leadership and tremendous sportsmanship. Let me give you an example: when she had a collision with another Sunfish at the finish line and it wasn't clear who was at fault, she stepped back and objectively viewed the situation without assessing blame or getting angry. She talked with more seasoned sailors to help her see the situation from others' points of view. When she spoke with the other sailor, she accepted his interpretation of events and graciously paid for the damages he requested without contesting the incident. Above all, she wanted to do the right thing. This was leadership, sportsmanship, and the Corinthian spirit personified.

She is actively involved in the Sunfish fleet, serving as that fleet's captain, coordinating Race Committee for Wednesday Sunfish races, and organizing the Saturday morning Sunfish sails and practices. She's also vice commodore of the Catalina fleet and will be commodore of the Catalina fleet next year. She hosted the November Hot Toddy Cruise last month in her Catalina, an event that is sure to become an annual favorite! She encourages beginners to learn to sail on a Sunfish and she generously shares her Catalina with others.

She is also generous with her time and talents, volunteering to register boats in regattas and serve on Race Committee, where her engineering skills and experience serves her well in excellence in score-keeping.

Her sense of humor and enthusiasm are infectious, and she is a joy to be around. She is generous with her time and talents, and she truly deserves to be AYC's Corinthian Woman for 2019.

Congratulations to Louise Miller!



Vivian Heitkoetter
Liz Baumann Memorial Trophy

The recipient of this year's Liz Baumann Memorial Trophy has been an active member of the Roadrunner family for many years, traveling to more regattas than most, volunteering many, many hours (everything from baking desserts for the Roadrunner Regatta and fundraisers, loading and unloading boats, even babysitting). She may have started off as the best friend to all on the team from shore, but a year ago she finally took the leap into racing the FJ and C420.

This leap was an enormous one, stepping completely out of her comfort zone. You can find her with trap and spinnaker and a whole lot of boat to handle. She raced at the San Francisco Bay at C420 North Americans in high winds, strong currents, cold temperatures with giant cargo ships passing through. It takes courage and resilience for a girl with a background of ballet (the most controlled environment for any sport you can think of) to thrust herself into the elements of water and wind. Despite all kinds of scary incidents, like capsizing and being trapped under the C420 or being run-over by a competitor in Buzzards Bay, cutting her spin pole in half, she kept sailing and even earned a few bullets.

Sailing has provided this young woman with a tremendous opportunity to grow and to build her confidence talking and interacting with others. She has improved her communication skills and delivered a speech in front of over 200 people at UT about a moment that made her proud as a communicator – that moment was during the McCarthy Cup.

This sailor is passionate about sailing, and the sense of friendship it offers. She put passion into her participation in the 2019 SEISA girl's regatta at New Orleans Yacht Club in September – she contacted student after student until they had a team. She spent hours preparing the boat float for her high school Homecoming Parade and has led the Club sailing team meeting when called upon.

Beyond all the accomplishments, she very much represents the Corinthian Spirit by being a good friend and teammate on and off the water, always honest and fair, with commitment and dedication to the sport and her teammates, and with her actions speaking louder than her words. **Congratulations to this powerhouse of a young woman, Vivian Heitkoetter!**



William Michael
Ron W. Harden Memorial Trophy

This year's Ron W. Harden sailor displays a strong passion for sailing – always happy to get out on the water, whether it is hot or cold, windy or not with a positive attitude that is infectious, spreading to all the teammates making practice even more enjoyable.

He completely embodies the Corinthian Spirit; always willing to help others with anything from rigging to tactics and always with a smile on his face. He never passes up an opportunity to go sailing, you can tell he truly enjoys his time on the water. He is always respectful and there is not one bad word to say. He knows the rules and follows them, and always helps others.

Congratulations William Michael! Keep sailing fast!

2019 Perpetual Awards



Fred Ford
OI' Salt of the Austin Yacht Club

The 2019 OI' Salt Award winner unquestionably meets every trait this award was designed to celebrate!

Trait 1: Enthusiasm. We have a lot of passionate AYC Club members. It is saying a lot that this year's award winner is among the most enthusiastic!

All you need to do is attend a Membership Committee meeting and watch his face and body language. Listen to him speak about discovering AYC and all the joy he finds in participating in races and Club activities to see how much he loves this Club, the sport of sailboat racing, and welcoming new members to share that joy.

He established the New Member Mentor program and runs it extremely effectively. He loves to help others learn and improve their sailing, whether coaching PB&J in years past, inviting others onto his boat to race, or helping to organize the Sail 4 Kids program. He has served the Club in many different capacities over the years including Harbor Commander, Fleet Captain, Long Range Planning, Membership Committee, Race Committee, and more!

Enthusiasm – Check ✓

Trait 2: Sportsmanship. On and off the water, this sailor is a true sportsman and gentleman. On the water, he honors the rules of sailing and treats everyone, whether on his boat or a competitor's boat, with respect. He expects excellence but not in a demanding way – in that quiet way that makes you strive to meet those high expectations without even realizing he's pushing you there. The same is true off the water.

Multiple past commodores have sought out his input and used him as a sounding board and voice of reason. One noted they still remember a compliment from him; he was probably unaware of the weight this had in hearing these sincere words from such a respected man.

Sportsmanship – Check ✓

Trait 3: Competitive Zeal. This sailor loves to race his Ensign. He is out there whenever he is able – series races, regattas, Friday Night Beer Cans. He is a true competitor!

Competitive Zeal – Check ✓

Finally, the description of this award says the OI' Salt is a Senior Member whose quality of life is to be admired by all. This sailor takes that one step further. His quality of life and his quality of character are not only to be admired but also to be aspired to by all.

Fred Ford makes us better just by being a part of our Club, and we are honored to name him as the 2019 OI' Salt of the Austin Yacht Club.



Gal Sela
Bill Records Roadrunner Fleet Trophy

This year's recipient of the Bill Records Roadrunner Fleet Trophy is a work horse. This volunteer's commitment and time dedicated to the Roadrunner Fleet is exemplary.

At the beginning of the year, we were all thrown into the ocean without a sailing coach. The Club was so lucky to have a handful of members that were willing and able to step-up and coach on a given Saturday or cover an Open Sail, but then we learned of one member who had experience running his own sailing school and his certifications were at a very high level.

This individual was able to teach on a regular basis, was able to take on our entire Opti II and III program, and brought together new parents and new sailors to travel regattas, taking on the full responsibility of being one of our major go-to coaches for the 2019 sailing season.

Under this person's tutelage, there was a change overnight. The organization, instruction and most importantly, the spirit of the young sailors immediately hit a high note. This individual also repaired a well-worn coach rib and invested hours to extend its life to make it usable for the next many seasons. If that's not enough, this individual coached PB&J and ran the Endless Summer Series. This person's energy knows no limits and is dedicated to increasing the youth skills and responsibility on and off the racecourse.

Congratulations Gal Sela for raising the bar for this award.

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2019 Perpetual Awards



Kurt Carson
Vic Manning Memorial Trophy

Vic Manning was a quiet force at AYC, always there to lend a hand, answer questions, volunteer, and fix things that needed fixing without being asked and without needing acknowledgment for them. His legacy will live on at AYC for many years to come. In his honor, we find the recipient for this memorial perpetual award that demonstrates Vic's dedication, loyalty, and undying love of the Austin Yacht Club.

The recipient for this award for 2019 embodies many of the traits that made Vic Manning such a treasure to us. This recipient is passionate about the Austin Yacht Club, about teaching others to sail – especially young sailors both new to sailing and those who are more advanced. After volunteering for race committee for several years, he became a member of the Permanent Race Committee. When he is the designated PRO, he begins planning weeks in advance so that everyone on his team knows what to do and when to do it, and no detail is left to chance. When it comes to protests, he is a peacemaker. When he is PRO and there is a protest, he prefers to settle things pre-hearing by negotiation and arbitration rather than put the contesting sailors through what could be a vitriolic process.

This recipient began sailing in the late 1970s and joined AYC shortly thereafter. The main reason he and his friend wanted to race at AYC was because they had heard tales of free beer after the races, but by the time they finished their first few races and got back to the Club, all they found were drunk sailors and no beer. That changed when they met one of our champion sailors, Jim Draheim, who taught them the finer points of racing; Jim's lessons and expertise eventually resulted in our recipient's and friend's access to free beer and they were happy!

This sailor went on to crew for many years on the legendary J24 "Mr. Happy", winning races locally, nationally, and internationally. He continued to learn and hone his sailing skill and craft and he now sails competitively on his dream boat – a J80 named Knot Rite.

Our recipient has great appreciation for the treasure that is AYC and takes responsibility for its maintenance and upkeep. He not only participates in clean-up days, keeping the grounds and the lake in pristine condition is a priority for him and he tends to it frequently. Much like Vic, he is always there when he is needed, and asks nothing in return.

Congratulations to Kurt Carson!

Special Awards



Frederik Winguth
UT Sailing Team Scott Young Award

Each year, the Scott Young Award is awarded to the sailor on the UT Sailing Team who has demonstrated an exceptional dedication to the team. This year's recipient has been on the team since the beginning of their freshman year, and has become the backbone of the team. They are stepping into a few new roles this spring semester – the UTST President as well as the SEISA Conference President – which really exemplifies their dedication not only to the UT Sailing Team, but college sailing as a whole.

Congratulations to Federik Winguth!



UT Sailing Club (rep by Chris Tan)
Bernstein-Brinkmann Fleet Challenge Trophy

Fleets compete for the Bernstein-Brinkmann Fleet Challenge Trophy in four categories: fundraising, participation, DF95 racing and on-shore games. In their first ever entry in the Fleet Challenge, UT Sailing Club, with a tremendous show of support from alumni and AYC members, immediately became a series challenger to all the participating fleets.

Congratulations UT Sailing Club, represented by Chris Tan!

2019 Annual Banquet



2019 Board of Directors L-R Dane Ohe-Vice Commodore/Harbor, Bill Records-Immediate Past Commodore, Annie Lancaster-Commodore, Karen Bogisch-Secretary, Diane Covert-Buildings and Grounds, David Morley-Treasurer, Keith Denebeim-Sail Training (not shown: Jim Casto-Race Commander)



2020 Board of Directors L-R Russ Shermer-Harbor, Felipe Payet-Treasurer, John Parker-Race Commander, John Maddalozzo-Buildings & Grounds, Anne Morley-Sail Training, Dane Ohe-Commodore, Diane Covert-Vice Commodore, Annie Lancaster-2019 Commodore (not shown: Gretchen Douglas-Secretary)



Marilyn and Jeff Jackson accept the Jimmy B. Card Award



Ed Pierce accepts the Max White Award



Ethan Froelich accepts the Jess McIlroy Smith Bowl



Louise Miller accepts the Corinthian Woman Sailor Trophy



Vivian Heitkoetter accepts the Liz Bauman Memorial Trophy



William Michael won the Ron W. Harden Memorial Trophy
AYC Board & Perpetual Award Trophy winners by Cheryl Pervier

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2019 Annual Banquet



Fred Ford accepts the Ol' Salt Award



Gal Sela accepts Bill Records Roadrunner Award



Kurt Carson won the Vic Manning Memorial Trophy but was unable to attend the banquet. His acceptance speech is below.

I feel very honored that you chose me to receive the Vic Manning Award. I was lucky enough to have served as Race Commander when Vic was Commodore, he was an amazing and inspiring human being. I am also truly honored to be the 2nd person to receive this award after the likes of Ray Skell. I regret that I am not able to attend in person to receive this award, but the call of the sea is strong and on Dec 1 we untied the dock lines on JV Sunrise Hepps a 51' Bavaria and headed out from Key towards the Florida Keys and beyond.

The Gulf of Mexico quickly greeted us w/ 45km winds and rough seas, that first evening, luckily after about a day things settled down and the rest of the trip was smooth sailing. I love AYC and I miss you all. I'm sure I'll be back just not sure how soon. I'll keep you posted, and thank you for such a great honor.

Happy Sailing
and believe me I'll be
flying an AYC Barge!



Dane Ohe, 2020 Commodore, delivers a thank you speech to 2019 Commodore Annie Lancaster – complete with props

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2019 Annual Banquet



Jeff Brock introduces the 2019 Blue Duck Award winner. See his remarks below:

Now you probably know that the big white van you see at AYC, usually with a mess of junior sailors spilling out of it, is the RegattaVan. It's the van that travels about 20,000 miles a year around the country hauling UT Sailors and AYC kids to their regattas. But did you know that the RegattaVan FLOATS? Now you do – thanks to Taylor Snyder.

Q: How do you know Taylor is about to launch a boat?

A: She's wearing a life jacket.

Now look, some people may rightly say that as the un-named adult who was actually there and in charge of the whole mess is actually at fault and actually deserves this here Blue Duck. And I'm not here to argue with them. But I will point out that most people launching boats just stick to launching the boat and don't try to float the trailer and the truck too...

Q: Why is Taylor's CRV blue?

A: Camouflage

I mean let's give her credit. She is a great sailor and she knows that if it floats she can sail it. So why not try the van? Honestly, it was a pretty good idea on her part. How was she to know the vans sail area/displacement ratio is negative? The thing is big and white, I mean it SHOULD have a pretty decent PHRF rating right?

Q: Why couldn't Taylor get a B in Driver's Ed?

A: She never could drive above a C-Level.

Well I for one will never be comfortable launching a boat again. And as far as I know that van is now a permanent mark somewhere in the Gulf. Blue Duck WELL DESERVED!

Go AYC, Go Roadrunners and GO TAYLOR!!!

TAYLOR SNYDER WINS 2019 BLUE DUCK AWARD



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2019 Annual Banquet



Louise Vance and Jackie Wheelless



Lady sailors



The Heitkoetter family

Photos by Cheryl Pervier



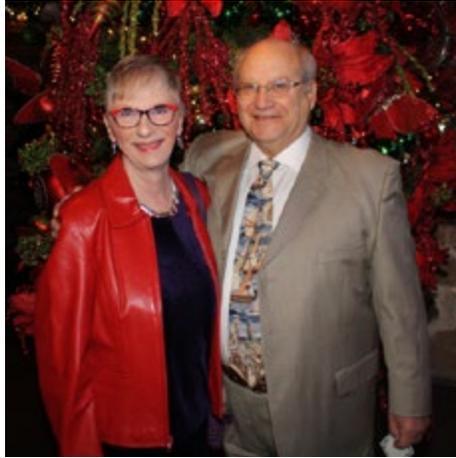
Check-in volunteers Jennifer Hopgood, Colleen Minor, Kiersten McDonald

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Mark Zion and Diane Covert



Melanie and Ted Scardamalia



Susan and Brad Davis



Lanelle Montgomery and Jim Tilinghast



Cathie Martin and Colleen Minor



Hillary Anderson and Tommy Gairloff



John Saunders and Jan Thompson



Charlie and Annie Lancaster with daughters Charlotte and Sarah



Jill and Russ Shermer

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Jean and Fred Ford, Hazel Sanchez, Anne and David Morley



Lovely partiers photobombed by Mark O'Brien



Cathie Martin, Keith Denebeim, Chris Thompson



Cheryl and Steve Pervier



Gordon and Candace Miller, Morgan Ward



Dane Ohe, Krissy Amato, Lina and Gal Sela, Markus and Constanze Heitkoetter

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Keith Denebeim, Claudia and John Bartlett



Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás and Cristina Peck



James Parsons, Karen Bogisch, John Parker, John Horn



Amy and Jeff Brock



Walter Payne, Louise Miller, Diane Covert, Mark Zion, Cathie Martin



Dane Ohe and Krissy Amato

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Richie Amato, John Horn, Thomas Young, Bob Gross, Taylor Snyder, Ed Pierce



Ethan Froelich, Taylor Snyder, Lucy Brock, Julius Heitkoetter, Vivian Heitkoetter, Wendi Froelich, Yuval Sala, Fiona Froelich, Kate Hennig, Roni Sala, Katie Froelich



Jim Bridgwater and Sarah Williams, and banquet guests



Carolyn Howard, Doug and Sunhi Casey, John Howard



John and Meiling Parker



James Parsons and the AYC Dancers

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Roadrunner Holiday Party

Roadrunner Holiday Party
photos by Bill Records



Jeff Brock presents Opti Champion award to Roni Sela



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Roadrunner Holiday Party



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Roadrunner Holiday Party



Roadrunner Holiday Party



*Win An Authentic Hawaiian Shirt!**



* **What's in your closet for this year's Luau?**

**You can win an AUTHENTIC HAWAIIAN SHIRT
by answering this question:**

When was Hawaii admitted to the union?

Send your answer to: [socialcommittee@ austinyachtclub.net](mailto:socialcommittee@austinyachtclub.net).

AYC Luau 2020

**It's not too early to mark
your calendar!
Saturday, June 2, 2020**

Wild Turkey Regatta



Signal Boat – Dane Oh, Liz Stansfeld, Lawrence Hartly, Frank Lynn



Race Boat 1– DavidMok, CassMeyer



Bruce McDonald and crew of J70 Rogue Wave



J80s



Linda Donovan and crew of Far Away

Wild Turkey Photos by Marilyn Jackson

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Wild Turkey Regatta



Bo Kersey and crew of Abandoned Assets



Diane Covert and crew of Soulstice



Division B Start



UT sailors



LindaMcDavitt and crew of Bonfire



Multihull A start

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Wild Turkey Regatta



Interesting sailing!



Ensign and a Catalina 22



Trophies await

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Wild Turkey Regatta



1st place Div A Linda McDaviitt and crew



1st place Div B Jeff Avant and crew



1st place Div C Tom Groll



1st place Div MHA Aaron McCulley and crew



1st place Div MHB Owen Crouse and crew



1st place J24 Fred Schroth



Meiling Parker, John Parker, Bjorn Manuel Hegelich, Cristina Peck, MeganYancy



TomFuller, Jim Casto, Ed Taylor, Steve Vaughn, Gina Estrada, AlanStanard

J24 Update

by John Parker



Here are some highlights associated with Fleet 21 and its members from September through December of 2019.

Regional Events and the J/24 Texas Circuit

September 2019 – Houston Open One Design Regatta – Houston Yacht Club

Five J/24 teams with skippers from the Austin Yacht Club competed in this two-day J/24 Texas Circuit regatta. Of the five teams, **Amanda Casey's** Momentous lead the AYC pack, followed by **Stu Juengst's** Vang Go Team, Sforzando with **Chris Hammel** at the helm, **John Maddalozzo** with Ornerly (Stray Dog), and **team Chupacabra** rounding out the Fleet 21 contingent of this 16-boat J/24 competition. There were quite a few new sailors with Fleet 21 in this regatta and the consensus was that everyone learned a lot and had a great time.

October 2019 – JFEEST Southwest – Lakewood Yacht Club

Four AYC J/24 teams entered this regatta of the 13 J/24s competing. Vang Go lead the AYC fleet in fifth place, followed by Momentous, Sforzando, and Chupacabra. This was once again another opportunity for new sailors to continue learning how to compete at the J/24 Circuit level. On an additional note, **Jorge Marín-de-Nicolás'** Stray Dog, renamed Tyrus for the event, won the regatta for the J/24 class.

November 2019 – Wurstfest Regatta – Lake Canyon Yacht Club

The final stop on the 2019 J/24 Texas Circuit was at the beautiful Lake Canyon Yacht Club. 16 J/24s competed in this event where Fleet 21 entered six boats. Vang Go lead the AYC contingent in 4th place, followed by Momentous in 8th. These were followed by Sforzando, Stray (Psycho) Dog, Jolly Bevo I, and Chupacabra. A special thanks goes out to **Fred Schroth** and **Jorge Marín-de-Nicolás** for putting together the Stray (Psycho) Dog program for this event.

2019 Circuit Overall Results

For those following the J/24 Circuit, Fleet 21 is proud to announce that **Stuart Juengst** and the Vang Go team took a 5th place for the 2019 season. We appreciate their dedication to continuing to improve their performance as the J/24 crews from top to bottom continue to get better every year. In addition, **Amanda Casey's** team Momentous took 8th place, **John Parker's** team Chupacabra took 9th place, and **Christopher Hammel's** team Sforzando took 10th place for the year. Of the 28 boats competing on the J/24 Texas Circuit, having five boats in the top 10 is commendable.

Local Fleet 21 Activities at the Austin Yacht Club

September 2019 – Austin Yacht Club Fleet Challenge

Members of the J/24 fleet were quite active in the AYC Fleet Challenge in 2019, providing support for our youth in the University of Texas Sailing Club organization as well as the J/24 competition. UTSC won the regatta by prevailing in the participation, racing, and games categories. The J/24 fleet came in 5th overall for the regatta with an amazing performance by **Leon Lance** taking the 3rd place finish in racing.

September October – 2019 Indian Summer Series

Eight J/24s participated in the eight series races. Prevailing in this series was **Stephen Burke** and Out of Control. **Chris Hammel's** Sforzando took second place for the series. Other participants were the **UTSC team** on Jolly Bevo I, **Miranda Grummons** on Stray Dog, **Lyndon Looger** on One in a Mellon, and **John Parker** with the new Thunder Cookie entry and Chupacabra.

October – November 2019 – Fall Series

The Fall series, which has several conflicts with the J/24 Circuit schedule, had a total of five boats competing. **John Parker** on Thunder Cookie took first place for the series with the help of **Meiling Parker** on the helm. Second place finish went to **Chris Hammel and Sforzando**. The final places included **Stephen Burke** and Out of Control, **Miranda Grummons** and Stray Dog, and the **UTSC team** with Jolly Bevo I. With everyone utilizing new and learning crew, these series races were a lot of fun and educational to all.

November 2019 – Wild Turkey Regatta

The J/24 fleet put five boats out on the line at the Wild Turkey Regatta this year to make a one design fleet. Winning the regatta for the J/24 one design division was **Fred Schroth** on Psycho Doolic, another creative name for Stray Dog. Following **Fred** to the finish were Vang Go, helmed by **Brian Metz**, Jolly Bevo I, helmed by **Joao Encarnaco** of UTSC, Thunder Cookie, helmed by **Meiling Parker**, and Out of Control, helmed by **Stephen Burke**. Congrats to the top three finishers of this final regatta of 2019.

Socials

As most know at the Austin Yacht Club, the J/24 Fleet 21 has a reputation of having great parties. 2019 is no exception to this rule. We know that the off-the-water aspect of sailing in the Yacht Club is just as important as the competition. Here is a brief look at the parties since August.

J/24 Halloween Party



Photo courtesy Elizabeth Quintanilla

On All Hallows' Eve, the creative partygoers of the Austin Yacht Club came to join this open event hosted by the J/24 Fleet. A great time was had by all with the costume contest, wonderful potluck dinner and libations that were sacrificed to the thirsty sailors.

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2019 J/24 Christmas/Holiday Party

2019 brought a new opportunity to get the Austin Yacht Club membership involved in a long-honored J/24 tradition. This J/24-hosted event was open to all of the holiday partygoers within the Austin Yacht Club. Here are some pictures and footnotes from the party:



With well over 80 members and guests RSVPing for the event, we reconfigured the Club to accommodate the capacity in the clubhouse.

Photo by Marilyn Jackson



Margarita judging contest was fun for all at the beginning of the party to kick things off.

Photo by Marilyn Jackson



There were some familiar faces such as **Brad and Susan Davis**, as well as **Bill Records** with a "White Burro" Prize. *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*

Diane Covert, Annie Lancaster, Steve and Cheryl Pervier enjoyed the event with us as well. *Photos, below, by Elizabeth Quintanilla*



We celebrated the birthdays of the sailors born in the fourth quarter of the year, as we do throughout the year. As you might expect, candles were extinguished and wishes made.



The "ugliest sweater" contest was a hit. Even those who received consolation prizes were pleased.

Photo courtesy Elizabeth Quintanilla



(left) The J/24 Crew MVP of the Year award recipient, **Joao Encarnacao**, appreciated the recognition. (right) The J/24 multi-year Fleet Champion, **Stu Juengst**, was pleased that his hard work and dedication paid off for 2019.

Photo courtesy Elizabeth Quintanilla



There was music and dancing. **Laura Miller and Greg Scully** show how it's done!



We have multiple generations of the **Caseys!**
Photos by Elizabeth Quintanilla and Marilyn Jackson



We also have our young J/24 sailors and AYC Racing School students joining us! *Photos courtesy Marilyn Jackson*

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Looking forward to 2020

The J/24 Fleet 21 is looking forward to another year of sailing, racing, partying, traveling, learning, volunteering, and making new friends and extending our family within and outside of the Austin Yacht Club and J/24 Class. We currently have expectations of new teams forming, current boats to become more active and the excitement to continue to build. Feel free to contact captain@j24fleet2.org at any time if you have any questions about our fleet.

Ensign Fleet Update

by Ann Kitzmiller



Even though it started the day after Ensign Regionals were over, three Ensigns sailed the first weekend of the Fall Series. **Dave Gamble** on One with the Wind and **Fred Ford's** September traded 1st and 2nd places with **Carl Wiseman** on Deep 6 coming in third. Participation increased for the remainder of the series to include **George and Frans Dahmen** (Styf Kop), **Lewis Price** (Dos Locos), **James Bland** (Spirit), and **Tom Groll** (Brews'r). The **Dahmens** ended up winning the series with **Dave Gamble** a close second. The fleet had race committee on the fourth weekend of the series and plenty of members showed up to help **James Bland**, who served as the PRO while **Bill Hawk** obeyed a court order to sail on a J80 with his son **Will Hawk**.

The fleet had its Annual Pot Luck Supper and Business Meeting at the AYC clubhouse on November 15th. We enjoyed a fire, good food, and camaraderie, and conducted some fleet business. Our officers for 2020 are **Fleet Captain Ann Kitzmiller**, **Fleet Secretary/Treasurer Anne Morley**, and **Social Chair Carl Wiseman**. **George Dahmen** agreed to assist **Carl** and also continues his reign as Fleet Poet. **Lewis Price** remains our Regional Commander. The fleet presented **James Bland** with an AYC burgee in recognition of his service as 2019 Fleet Captain and recognized **Fred Ford's** service as the fleet's first Social Chair.

The Ensign fleet was well represented at this year's Wild Turkey Regatta held on November 21st. **Tom Groll**, sailing with **Kelly Groll**, won the regatta for the second year in a row. **Ann Kitzmiller** helmed **Frans and George Dahmen's** boat to a second place finish followed by **Carl Wiseman**, **Fred Ford**, and **Dave Gamble**. **Dave's** boat was truly a family affair as his crew consisted of his son **Chris Gamble** and his grandsons **Gus and Abe Gamble**. It was also great to see **Doug Laws** come out to crew on the **Dahmens'** boat. Everyone enjoyed the day and the excellent meal and trophy presentation that followed the racing.



Photo by Cheryl Pervier

At this year's annual banquet **Fred Ford** was honored with the coveted Ol' Salt of the Austin Yacht Club Perpetual Award. 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. Congratulations for this well deserved recognition! The fleet also heartily congratulates **Annie and**



Photo by Cheryl Pervier

Charlie Lancaster for their outstanding year of service to the club as AYC's Commodore and Commodore. Several other Ensign fleet members served the Club this past year as well: **Dave Morley**/AYC Treasurer, **Anne Morley**/AYC Permanent Finance Committee Member, **Hazel Sanchez**/AYC Race Committee Member, **James Bland** and **Fred Ford**/Membership Committee.

Anne Morley was elected to serve as the AYC Sail Training Commander for 2020. Thank you all for your contributions to the Club.

We have a lot of great activities planned for the new year including the Sail4Kids picnic/sailing day at AYC, the annual Chaparral de Mar Regatta honoring our sailors over the age of 70, and a Moonlight Sail. And of course, there will be great racing starting on January 1st with the Red Eye Regatta. The Ensign Fleet wishes you all the best of the Holiday Season.

READY FOR FROSTBITE?

Frostbite Series Menus

Veggie Soup with Hawaiian Ham Sandwiches
Marilyn & Jeff Jackson

Kale, White Bean and Sausage Soup
Open

Baked Potato Bar featuring Bill Benkers' Brisket
Jennifer Hopgood

Cooking Phở Gà (Pho Chicken)
Dee Chow and Jeff Sabuda
(Pho cooking demonstration evening before)

EOS Guest Chef Dane Ohe
Chipotle-Glazed Pork Tenderloin with Green Beans

Jeanne Socrates Presentation!



February 4, 2020
6:30-9:00pm
AYC Clubhouse
\$25 donation to AYC Fund

Ms. Socrates is the oldest person to circumnavigate the world solo. Sign up now!

Fall Series



J80s start



1st place B Fleet Bill Records and crew on Cafe au Lait



Bonnie and Keith Lackey and Team

Photos by Cheryl Pervier unless noted



Ensign RC, Seated: Kelly Hawk, James Bland, RC room: Lewis Price, Frans Dahmen, Standing: Richard Ji-Cathriner, Chris Falone, Hazel Sanchez, Fred Ford, Carl Wiseman, George Dahmen, Not shown: Ann Kitzmiller



John Maddalozzo with Marilyn and Jeff Jackson and David Mok



Ed Pierce and crew

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Fall Series

Overall Race Results

PRC Reps: Steve Pervier, Hazel Sanchez
Scoring Rep: Ed Pierce

Division = A PHRF

PLACE	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	PHRF	TYPE	TOTAL	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4
1	224	Aphaia	Dane Ohe	180	Pearson 31	4	3*	1	2	1
2	1927	Ornery	John Maddalozzo	171	Capri 25	5	2	2	1	7*DNC
3	246	Warrier	Jim Henrickson	69	11 Metre	9	7*DNC	3	4	2

Division = B PHRF

PLACE	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	PHRF	TYPE	TOTAL	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4
1	198	Cafe au Lait	Bill Records	210	Pearson 26 OD	3	1	2*	1	1
2	206	Broken Arrow	Ed Pierce	210	Pearson 26 OD	6	2	1	3*	3
3	258	Entheos	Jim Pearce	210	Pearson 26 OD	7	3*	3	2	2

Division = MHA PHRF

PLACE	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	PHRF	TYPE	TOTAL	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WK 4
1	46	Lucy Gene	Bill Coon	33	Corsair Sprint 750	3	2*	1	1	1
2	22	Swallow	John Kuc	24	Corsair Sprint 750	7	5*DNC	2	3	2
3	51589	Rumline	Aaron McCulley	21	F28-R	9	1	3	7*DNC	5DNC

Division = MHB Portsmouth

PLACE	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	TYPE	TOTAL	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4
1	314		Jim Casto	Prindle 16 Custom	3	1	1	1	3*DNC
2	6216	The Reefer	Rick Nelson	Hobie 17	7	4*DNC	2	2	3DNC
3	461	Old Skull	Owen Crouse	Nacra 5.7	8	2	4*DNC	4RAF	2RAF

Class = OD One Design Division = J80

PLACE	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	TOTAL	WK1R1	WK1R2	WK2R1	WK2R2	WK3R1	WK3R2	WK4R1	WK4R2
1	122	Jazz Tacks	Karen Bogisch	7	1	1	1	3*	2*	2	1	1
2	1320	Speed Racer	John Bartlett	15	2	4	5	6*	1	1	2	8*
3	221	Too Much J	Matthew Romberg	16	3	2	2	4	3	7*	12*	2

Class = OD One Design Division = J22

PLACE	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	TOTAL	WK1R1	WK1R2	WK2R1	WK2R2	WK3R1	WK3R2	WK4R1	WK4R2
1	1235	Project Mayhem	John Halter	4	1*	1*	1	1	ODNC	ODNC	1	1
2	672	Silicon Ship	Jim Bridgwater	10	3	3	6*DNC	6*DNC	ODNC	ODNC	2	2
3	984	Bubbles	Renee Ruais	10	5*	2	3*	2	ODNC	ODNC	3	3

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Fall Series

Class = OD One Design Division = J24

PLACE	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	TOTAL	WK1R1	WK1R2	WK2R1	WK2R2	WK3R1	WK3R2	WK4R1	WK4R2
1	5253	Thunder Cookie	John Parker	8	4*DNC	4*DNC	ODNC	ODNC	1	1	3DNC	3DNC
2	3894	Sforzando	Chris Hammel	8	1	1	ODNC	ODNC	3*DNC	4*DNC	3DNC	3DNC
3	2731	Out of Control	Stephen Burke	9	4*DNC	4*DNC	ODNC	ODNC	3DNC	4DNC	1	1

Class = OD One Design Division = Ensign

PLACE	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	TOTAL	WK1R1	WK1R2	WK2R1	WK2R2	WK3R1	WK3R2	WK4R1	WK4R2
1	588	Styf Kop	George Dahmen	5	5*DNC	5*DNC	1	1	1	2	ODNC	ODNC
2	1167	One with the Wind	Dave Gamble	6	2	1	7*DNC	7*DNC	2	1	ODNC	ODNC
3	972	September	Fred Ford	11	1	2	7*DSQ	2	8*DNC	6DNC	ODNC	ODNC

Class = OD One Design Division = C22

PLACE	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	TOTAL	WK1R1	WK1R2	WK2R1	WK2R2	WK3R1	WK3R2	WK4R1	WK4R2
1	9802	Chili Verde	Steve Shepardson	4	ODNC	ODNC	1*	1	1	1	2*	1
2	7619	Affinity	Steve Pervier	7	ODNC	ODNC	2*	2*	2	2	1	2
3	12920	Dumbo	Dave Meredith	15	ODNC	ODNC	4*DNC	4*DNC	3	4DNC	4DNC	4DNC

Class = OD One Design Division = SC21

PLACE	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	TOTAL	WK1R1	WK1R2	WK2R1	WK2R2	WK3R1	WK3R2	WK4R1	WK4R2
1	36	Nolo Contendere	Doug Powell	5	ODNC	ODNC	3*	1	2*	2	1	1
2	1635	WT	Bob Musselman	6	ODNC	ODNC	2*	2	1	1	3*	2
3	150	Gone Coastal	Tom Meyer	9	ODNC	ODNC	1	3	4*DNC	4*DNC	2	3

Class = Centerboard Portsmouth

PLACE	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	TYPE	TOTAL	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4
1	2276	Fred's Aero	Fred Schroth	Aero	10	4DNS	2	3	1
2	81476	Sunfish	Louise Miller	Sunfish	11	2	3	2	4DNF
3	4822	Sugar Blue	Annie Lancaster	Sunfish	12	1	1	5DNC	5DNC



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Fall Series



Renee Ruais with crew



Tom Meyer, South Coast 21 Fleet Captain



New member and Southcoast 21 member Charles Christie



PHRF B RC Front: Chris Renner and Ed Pierce, Standing: Mark Bradford, Katharine and Todd Middlebrook, Bill Records, Scott Neagle, David Weeks, Jim Pearce, Jenny Loehlin, Not shown: Mike Masho, Edwin Marty and Can Kalyoncuoglu



Bill Records and crew *Photo by Becky Pearce*



Joann and Claude Welles with Barry Bowden and crew

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Fall Series



1st place Multihull A: Bill Coon, Luke, Johannes Brinkmann on Lucy Gene



1st Place J24: John Parker on Thunder Cookie



1st place Ensign: George Dahmen on Styf Kop



1st place Catalina 22: Steve and Meri Shepardson on Chili Verde



1st place J80 JazzTacks – Karen Bogisch



1st place J22 on Project Mayhem – John Halter



1st place PHRF B Bill Records Pearson 26 Cafe au Lait



1st place PHRF A: Dane Ohe and crew of Aphaia, Bob Gross standing in with Krissy Amato, Stephanie Froelich and Nan Taylor

J80 Fleet Update

by Bonnie Lackey



This has been an incredible year for the J80s, our first year as a one design fleet! In looking back at the year we've had four members purchase boats: **Kurt Carson, Bob and Debra Matheson, Kirk and Janis Livingston and Terry Schertz.** This brings the total J80s at AYC to 21. A great number to end 2019 with. We hope to have more join the fleet in 2020!

For the series races, the fleet has averaged 15 boats on the line. At times this has been challenging with starting lines that aren't always long enough for a fleet of this size. But that just adds to the excitement. You can see from the picture below it gets a little dicey.



For the series races the first place trophy was traded between the **Claudia/John Bartlett** team and the **Scott Young/Karen Bogisch** team. For the four regattas, the fleet averaged nine boats. A fun fact for the regattas is that each regatta had a different first place winner. A competitive fleet with top notch sailors.

It would be hard to miss this wonderful large fleet after the races. Just look for the Rum and Munchies and you'll find the 80s. After each series race the skipper who won the races does a quick "chalk talk" to explain what they did and saw. A teaching experience for the rest of the fleet. The goal is to improve everyone's skills and make the overall fleet better, not just a few. Anyone is welcome to join in the after-race festivities by paying an annual \$10 per person non-member dues to the fleet treasurer. That's the best happy hour bargain in town.

The Wild Turkey Regatta, with 12 J80s on the line proved to be a good regatta with better than expected winds. Like most the races, the positions are always changing. You can move up or drop back 1-5 places at any mark rounding.

The Wild Turkey was won by **John Burke** and his team! Congrats guys!



Wild Turkey Winners – L to R – John Burke, next person is not part of the crew, Jeremy Apel, Danny Meredith, and Tom Holderidge (not shown)

The J80 holiday party was a fun evening with fabulous food and great friends! I want to thank **Claudia Bartlett, Anne Morley, Janis and Kirk Livingston, and Tammy Hargett** for the help that evening. And we can't forget the fun white elephant gift exchange with an interesting selection of gifts. Here are a few snapshots of the party:



Bob and Gail Leonard



Ray Shull, Andre de la Reza, Karen Bogisch, Anne Morley



Karen Bogisch, Andre de la Reza, Keith Lackey, Keith Denebeim



Nan Taylor and Ray Shull

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John Burke, Bay Peterson and Andre de la Reza



Keith and Bonnie Lackey, Claudia Bartlett, Ray



Kirk Livingston and Claude Welles



Bonnie crowning Ray as the new fleet captain (more like jester)

For those who couldn't attend our new fleet officers are:

Fleet Captain – Ray Shull

Secretary – Lisa Porta

Treasurer – Claudia Bartlett

Ad hoc Social Committee – Ray, Claudia and Bonnie

Here's a recap of some numbers for regattas and series races. Having 17 boats out for the Late Summer Series brings back memories from 30 years ago when the Club had lots of fleets this size.

Regattas		# Boats	Winner	Boat
	Red Eye Regatta	10	Scott Young	JazzTacks
	Independence Cup	12	Spurling-Jones	Wild Thang
	Turnback Canyon	3	Steve Vaughn	Air Supply
	Wild Turkey	12	John Burke	Amazing Grace
	Avg Boats/Regatta	9.25		
Series Races				
	Frostbite Series	13	John Bartlett	Speedracer
	Spring Series	16	John Bartlett	Speedracer
	Late Spring Series	17	Young-Bogisch	JazzTacks
	Summer Evening	14	John Bartlett	Speedracer
	Indian Summer	16	Young-Bogisch	JazzTacks
	Fall Series	16	Young-Bogisch	JazzTacks
	Avg Boats/Series	15		

If anyone reading this is interested in getting on a J80 or learning more about the boat, let anyone in the fleet know and we'd all be more than happy to get you out for a race or two.

Happy Sailing and Happy New Year!

Catalina 22 Update by Steve Pervier



In 2019, Catalina sailors have enjoyed many sailing activities, a collection matching the versatile nature of our boats. **Brian and Margarito** cruised on Texas lakes, **James and Sarah** cruised the coast, several of us overnighted on Lake Travis, enjoyed meals cooked on board, and daysailed even just for an hour or two between launching and hauling out. Of course we also enjoy racing!

Joe Roddy and other fleet members have taught sailing on Catalinas and other boats, both in casual and formal circumstances, and from Lake Travis to the Caribbean. **Steve Pervier** served on the Permanent Race Committee and the Membership Committee. While there I have enjoyed working with other volunteers and meeting so many members of our great Club. Among members both established and new, several have been interested in Catalina 22s. Similar interest in our boats and all they can do was evident when I showed a C22 to over a dozen people at the AYC Boat Show, nearly half of them signing up for future contact. We are looking forward to families and singles, and people of all demographics to enjoy sailing with us.

Recent racing events include Fall Series, won by **Steve and Meri Shepardson**, who also won all but one race! **Brian Grothues and Margarito Morales** placed third in the Wild Turkey regatta to two Ensigns, though all three of these boats would have led B-Fleet had they raced together. And after many years away from the event, **John Grzinich** took his newly painted 1971 C22 back to Wurstfest!

John writes: "As luck would have it ... first class crew **John Howard and Ted Owens**" (who sailed with **John** in the 2016 C22 Nationals) "just happened to be in Austin on break from worldly travels and agreed to sail. The Wurstfest Regatta II for keel boats has a good turnout of C22s, with boats coming in from Houston, Conroe, and Grapevine, including this year a boat from Arkansas, for a total of 10 C22s in the fleet. Friday evening the C22 Region 8 commodore hosted a chili dinner."

"Unfortunately on Saturday morning a C22 on a trailer unhitched and the safety chains did not hold. The boat and trailer flew down the ramp and crashed into the front of an SUV launching a J24. The SUV is totaled. Fortunately, no one was injured. I relay this event to urge everyone launching on our ramps to verify you have the correct size ball for the trailer tongue, the locking latch is set, and your safety chains are connected, and strong enough to hold your boat and trailer on a ramp."

And after a windless Saturday, "Sunday morning turned out perfect, beautiful 10-15 knots SE. RC extended the last race start time to 1 PM, so we hoped to get in 3 races, but RC only managed 2. But they were fun competitive races in that breeze. We did well racing, hanging in with the top half of the

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Crew of C22 #752 John Howard, John Grzinich with his trophy beer mug, and Ted Owens

fleet." LCYC awarded **John** one of the classic Wurstfest beer mugs for his 4th place finish. Thank you, **Griz**, for reporting!

We celebrated AYC and 2019 accomplishments at our Annual Banquet. C22 owners and other Catalina sailors were well represented, including

incoming Commodore **Dane Ohe**, and Vice Commodore **Diane Covert**, who sails a C270 with her husband **Mark**. They and C22 sailors **Louise Miller and Walter Payne** were at the same table as **Cheryl and I**, though **Cheryl** had to leave early to take photos of the board and awards. We also saw **John (Griz)** that evening. So it was that **Diane and Mark, Walter, and Steve** were among the first to see the initial reactions of a new awardee, while Cheryl was among the closest to see her expressions on stage, namely AYC's Corinthian Woman Sailor of 2019, **Louise Miller!** Though she is also fleet captain for the AYC Sunfish Fleet, and incoming Commodore of the local All-Catalina cruising fleet, we also are proud to have her as an AYC C22 skipper. Congratulations from the Catalina 22 Fleet, **Louise – Well Deserved!**



Partiers include the AYC Catalina 22 fleet and the All Catalina fleet 69, racers and cruisers. Boats include Catalinas of all sizes.

We had a great showing for the Catalina holiday party. Cheryl was able to take a group photo before we had to travel out of town.

In the coming year we look forward to another wide variety of sailing activities. We invite you to sail and enjoy them with us. And, we wish you much happiness in this holiday season, and a Happy New Year, 2020!

B Fleet Update

by Ed Pierce



October winds brought our fleet back to weekend racing and the competition was fun, indeed.

Six boats took to the line on the first weekend (five Pearsons and a Columbia) in moderate south winds and troublesome "poison rules" for the start/finish and the yellow leeward mark. With a single 4-7-f course the fleet sailed close together with Cafe au Lait taking the win. For week#2, 10 boats made the start on a 4-7-4-6-f course and **Bill Records** let Broken Arrow

slip by him to take the honors. There was close competition throughout with Incognito (**Dave Weeks**) battling with the "newcomer" Caribbean Breeze (**Victor Gotay**) and Entheos (**Jim Pearce**) earning the 3rd place finish ahead of them both. In the week #3 race the crews were tested with strong southerly winds on the same 4-7-4-6-f course. When Entheos and Broken Arrow saw the leader, Cafe au Lait, challenged with spinnaker rigging and recovery their hopes for pulling into the lead were fueled. But with the patient experience



Bill Records and crew of Cafe au Lait

of a tested winner, **Bill Records** was heard to say, "I thought we would earn a Blue Duck for putting that spinnaker up sideways and then dragging water, but everybody was challenged out there today, and we were able to hold the lead." Cafe au Lait was able to overcome and post another bullet. In the week#4 race seven boats started the same course again (blessed by the south wind) and neither Entheos nor Broken Arrow were able to keep Cafe au Lait from a third

bullet. Congratulations to all thirteen of the boats that competed in the series – it was wonderful sailing weather!

For week #5 our fleet drew RC duty, and many thanks to **Dave Weeks** (PRO) and a great team of volunteers: **Scott Neagle, Jim Pearce, Jenny Loehlin, Katherine and Todd Middlebrook, Edwin Marty, Can Kalyoncuoglu, Chris Renner, Mark Bradford and Bill Records**. Only the wind failed to show, so after an hour we apologized to the other fleets and returned to a wonderful dinner at the Club, awarding Cafe au Lait the series win.

One of the best competitors I've been sailing with this year is stepping up to serve as your 2020 Fleet Captain, **Dave Weeks** – please congratulate and support **Dave** when you see him.

Thank you each for making B-fleet racing fun and competitive this year. Let's have a great turnout for Red Eye and Frostbite.

B Fleet Wild Turkey Report by Edwin Marty

With some trepidation, the B Fleet headed out to race the Wild Turkey Regatta. The wind was dead before the race and things looked bleak. But you can't win if you don't play, so those who chose to show up were treated to what turned out to be a perfect fall day of racing on Lake Travis. The race

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start was a challenge, with a virtual dead-calm to make maneuvering for position really difficult. On top of that, B Fleet was the 5th start so there were a stack of very slow moving boats clogging up the start line. Most of the J22s were still trying to cross the start line as B Fleet began its start sequence, and to make matters more challenging, many of the Js hadn't crossed the start line when our one minute P flag came down. So those of us who were fortunate enough to have stalled close to the race line when the wind died were in good position to take advantage of a perfect building breeze as the race started. My Catalina got the jump on this new fresh breeze and headed off towards the windward mark but quickly got passed by the Columbia 26 and the Ranger 23. The Pearsons were slower off the line and had slow going up the lake. By the first mark, the fleet was pretty well aligned. Downwind was fun but shifty and the leeward mark couldn't come fast enough for those of us without spinnakers. Another beat up the lake and a short downwind run to the jibe mark had us all the fun we could take. **Jeff Avant** won the day, the Ranger 23 coming in 2nd and my Catalina in 3rd. The Pearsons fought it out for the rest of the day. The post-race dinner was a blast and a good time was had by all.

Roadrunner Fleet Update

by Mary Carew



As we wind down the year, things have slowed down a little but have not exactly ground to a halt! **Nicholas Carew** travelled to New Orleans over Thanksgiving for the Mid-Winter championships and to Houston for the US Optimist Development Program training. The High School Program continues over the winter break and a group of our juniors and families head to Miami to compete in Orange Bowl immediately after Christmas! Plus, the Roadrunners

hosted the annual Children's Holiday Party which was so much fun. Thanks to **Constanze Heitkoetter, Nan Taylor, Krissy Amato and Stephanie Froelich** for coordinating. We are so glad that Santa made his way to AYC again this year; he certainly put a lot of smiles on a lot of faces and we are so grateful to him for doing that.

It would be impossible to mention everything that our Roadrunners achieved this year but here are a few items!

- In February, the c420 sailors competed in the Midwinter Championship in Jensen Beach, Florida. While the results were noticeable (**Lucy Brock and Julius Heitkoetter** took 9th out of 103 boats!), it was also the debut of the second **Brock/Heitkoetter** team and we were happy to welcome **Vivian Heitkoetter** to the world of competitive sailing.
- We have lots of new Opti sailors, including **Ramzi Matous, William Michael, Roni Sela and Yuval Sela** who sailed several TSA regattas around Texas this year. Plus, our local Centerboard Regatta brought out more local Austin Opti talent and earned **Ramzi Matous** 1st place.
- **Lucy Brock and Julius Heitkoetter** tied for third in the Bemis Cup US Sailing National Double Handed Championships. **James Brock and Nathan Gantala** were 8th.
- The Lake Travis High school team were the 2019 State Champions. The High

School Sailing Program has gone from strength to strength thanks to the efforts of **Julius Heitkoetter, Kate Hennig, Jeff Brock and Coach Spencer**.

- **Ethan Froelich** went to I-420 Youth Worlds in Poland.
- **Richie Amato** won the Sailing Association of Northern New Jersey Lakes Championship regatta.
- **Lucy Brock** went to Sunfish Worlds in Bonaire.
- **Tony Slowik and Lucas Tenreiro** travelled with Team USA several international Optimist events.
- **Nicholas Carew and Kynes Cabrera** were invited to the US Optimist Development Program
- In the TSA year-end results, **Keen Cabrera** took 3rd in White Fleet, **Keen Cabrera** was 4th in Blue fleet and **Nicholas Carew** was 3rd in red fleet in Optimists. In double-handed, **Lucy Brock and Julius Heitkoetter** were tied for 1st place, **James Brock** was 2nd and **Taylor Snyder** was 4th. In addition, **Lucy Brock and Taylor Snyder** were worthwhile recipients of the two TSA scholarships.

As we reach the end of the year, we have so much to be grateful for: a growing Roadrunner fleet, happy, healthy kids who love the sport of sailing, committed parents who make all their travels happen and so much more. There are some that deserve special mention.

- Firstly, thank you AYC Board and **Coach Spencer, Jackie and Tom** for your continued support of the Roadrunners this year. We appreciate all you have done to support the juniors.
- A huge thank you goes to **Bob Gross** for donating an optimist to the Roadrunners at the end of 2018. This was a catalyst for green fleet sailors to start travelling to TSA regattas and started what became a resurgence of AYC green fleet sailors this year.
- The AYC Fund generously donated funds to allow us to buy a rib to support the juniors on the water. And it was just in time for the resurgence in Green Fleet sailors!
- I want to thank **Constanze Heitkoetter** for the work she put into our fundraising events this past year. Maintaining our trailers, coach boats etc. takes a lot of effort and money and we could not do it without her efforts. Thanks also to **Nan Taylor, Krissy Amato, Stephanie Froelich** and all the others who helped with all these endeavors during the year.
- Speaking of trailers and coach boats, **Gal Sela** deserves recognition for the work he put into maintaining said items this summer. Thanks also to the many parents who organized boat transportation, on-the-water coaching and support for the kids, including **Jeff Brock, Stefan Froelich, Gal Sela, Robert Cabrera, Greg Matous and Paul Carew**.

High School Sailing Update by Jeff Brock

The weekend before Thanksgiving, teams from Westlake High School and Lake Travis High School traveled to New Orleans to sail in the national-level Great Oaks Regatta. 28 teams from around the country met to sail 22 races

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Eric Jayawant and Alice Stockli

in very challenging conditions over two days. Congratulations to the Westlake team of **Eric Jayawant and Alice Stockli** for representing their growing team – this was the team's first travel regatta! And congratulations to the Lake Travis High School team of **James Brock, Vivian Heitkoetter and Zach Ronhaar** for a very strong 2nd place overall finish!



Vivian Heitkoetter, James Brock and Zach Ronhaar

Boat Show at AYC!

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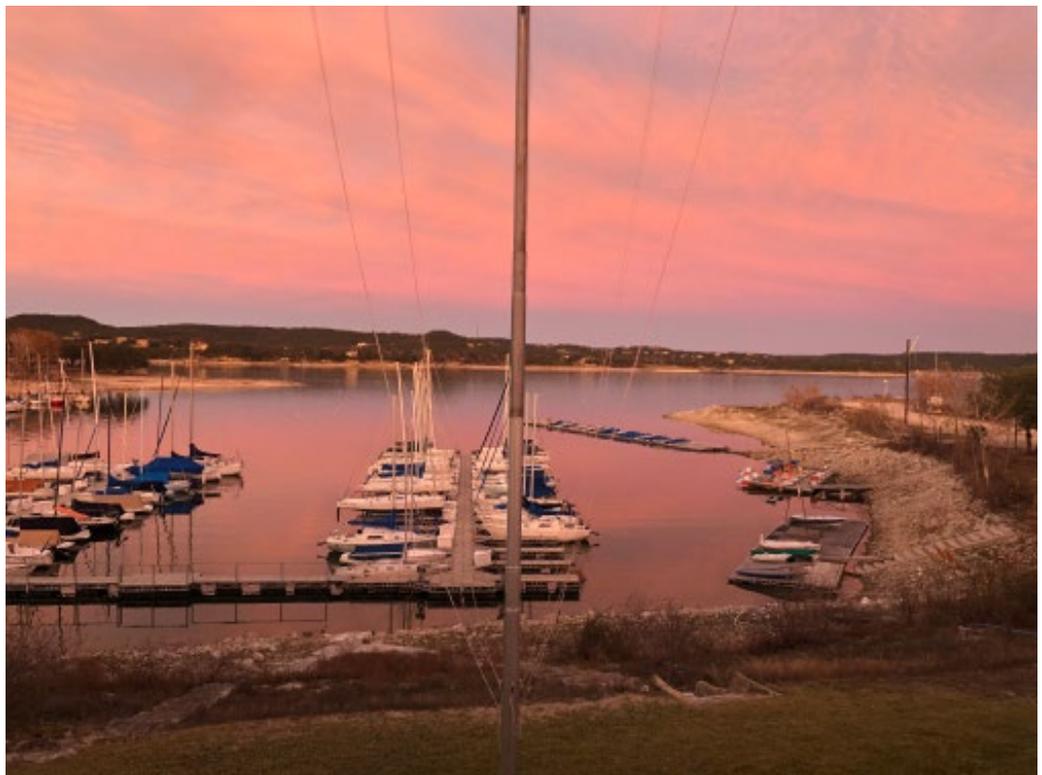
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Jan 19	Frostbite Series Race #1
Jan 25-26	SEISA Clinic and Regatta
Jan 26	Frostbite Series Race #2

AYC 2019 NON-RACING EVENTS

Jan 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Fun Fridays	7:00-10:00p
Jan 4, 11, 18, 25	High School Winter Practice	12:30-3:00p
Jan 4, 11, 18, 25	Opti 3 Practice	9:00a-3:00p
Jan 11	Learn to Race Clinic	9:00a-1:00p
Feb 1, 8, 15, 29	Opti 3 Practice	9:00a-3:00p
Feb 1, 8, 15, 29	High School Winter Practice	12:30-3:00p
Feb 4	Jeanne Socrates Presentation	6:00-10:00p
Feb 21	J/24 2020 Q1 Fleet Party	5:00-11:00p



Lovely Fall Sunset Photo by Anne Morley

2019 Perpetual Awards



Vivian Heitkoetter

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.



William Michael

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.



Fred Ford

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.

Gal Sela

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.



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