

AUSTIN YACHT CLUB

# TELLTALE

January February 2020



## Red Eye Regatta, Frostbite Series Kick Off 2020!



Ensigns battle it out, Frostbite #1 Photo by Bill Records

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### SAVE THE DATE

Feb 15	Frostbite Series #5	Mar 1	Open Series #1
Feb 15	Frost Series EOS Dinner	Mar 13-15	J/24 March Madness
Feb 16, 29	Volunteer Work Day	Mar 28-29	McCarthy Cup
Feb 18, 25	Basic Navigation Review		
Feb 22	Racing Rules Refresh		
Mar 1	Opening Day Brunch & Ceremony		

*The honor of your presence is requested  
at the Austin Yacht Club  
Opening Day Brunch and Ceremony  
Blessing of the Fleet*



Sunday, March 1, 2020  
10:00 AM Brunch  
11:00 AM Ceremony

Please RSVP online through eVITE  
by February 24, 2020

## From The Commodore by Dane Ohe



I would like to start by thanking the AYC Staff, the 2019 AYC Board of Directors, and especially **Commodore Annie Lancaster** for seeing us through the many challenges that sprang up during the last year, not the least of which was the hiring of our new Sailing Director. She saw us and the Club through it all and we ended the year in great shape.

I am honored to be serving as Commodore for 2020. As 2019 passed and we got closer to New Year's, I

will admit to a certain amount of anxiousness. But, when the new board was selected and announced, and then approved by the membership, that all went away. I am very impressed with the 2020 board, including:

**Vice Commodore – Diane Covert**

**Immediate Past Commodore/Membership – Annie Lancaster**

**Treasurer – Felipe Payet**

**Secretary – Gretchen Douglas**

**Buildings and Grounds Commander – John Maddolozzo**

**Sail Training Commander – Anne Morley**

**Harbor Commander – Russ Shermer**

**Race Commander – John Parker**

With the exception of **Diane and Annie**, everyone else is new to the Board. They bring a variety of perspectives to the table, but all share a deep commitment to do what is best for the Club and if our first few meetings are any indication, we will have a great year.

If you have any comments or concerns about issues at the Club, please come find me, I am usually wearing something purple, or you can send me an email at [commodore@austinyachtclub.net](mailto:commodore@austinyachtclub.net) or you can email the entire Board at [aycboard@austinyachtclub.net](mailto:aycboard@austinyachtclub.net).

As you have probably heard, AYC has hired a new Sailing Program Director, **Bobby Brooks**. **Bobby** will be here the weekend of Feb 8 and will be racing on a J-80. His first official day is February 12th. We will introduce **Bobby** to the membership at the Frostbite Trophy Presentation on February 15th (as a reminder, I will be the Guest Chef for the EOS Meal that day), and again at Opening Day. If you see **Bobby** around or if you go into the office, be sure to introduce yourself. More details follow.

Our Social Chair, **Cathie Martin**, and her committee have planned all sorts of fun things for this year, including the Luau, a Pirate Party, A Fireworks Watching Party on July 3rd, and a Chili Cookoff as well as several other social events. Keep your eye out for announcements via email and on the website.

A reminder that the monthly Board meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of every month, except November and December. All members are welcome to attend.

Coach **Spencer LeGrande** and I attended the US Sailing sponsored Sailing Leadership Forum in San Diego February 5, 6 and 7. We represented AYC and exchanged ideas, learned best practices and listened to the experiences of others.

The 2020 Race Calendar has been approved and is being posted to the AYC website. The Opening Day Ceremonies and Brunch are on March 1st, before the first race of the Opening Series. Please come out and help us honor our Past Commodores and the Club's history.

I am excited about this year and am looking forward to seeing all of you out at our Club.

## Welcome AYC Sailing Program Director Bobby Brooks



Sailing Program Director  
Bobby Brooks

The AYC Board is excited to introduce **Bobby Brooks** as the new Sailing Program Director. The Sailing Program Director will be the AYC staff member who oversees and directs the sailing aspects of the Club for all members. That includes continuing the growth of the AYC Junior training program, developing adult training programs, providing general sailing and racing support, and overseeing the marketing, communication and administration for these events.

**Bobby** will work with the AYC Board members, especially the Sail Training and the Race Commanders, to ensure the AYC core values to promote sailboat racing and related social activities are enhanced. **Bobby** will report to the General Manager and have scheduled office hours to support the membership in any needs and/or issues.

**Bobby** has over 32 years professional sailing instruction and coaching. He began sailing at Santa Barbara Yacht Club's Youth Program at age seven and later went on to direct the program. In the early 80s he began offshore racing on various IOR boats with top finishes in Newport to Ensenada (Presidents Cup winner), Transpac, Pac Cup, Coastal Cup, and San Diego to Puerto Vallarta regattas. After College, in 1992, he joined JWorld under the late **Larry Klein** as a performance sailing instructor. From that platform he has performed multiple International seminars in Canada and Mexico, and is currently coaching for North Sails/NorthU programs as well as the National One Design Academy. **Bobby** has lead multiple corporate team building seminars on various past America's Cup yachts including 12 meters and the IACC boats. He has been very active in women's sailing with coaching both top level Women's Rolex and Woman's Keelboat Championship teams. His onshore talents range from sail making, rigging and new boat commissioning. He is a World Champion in the Mumm 30 class; National Champion in the Melges24, Santana 20, Capri 30, and Holder 20 classes; North American Champion in the Mumm30, Melges24, J24, J80, and J35 classes and has won the overall Mackinac Cup 2015.



## Immediate Past Commodore Report

by Annie Lancaster



Happy New Year AYC!

As the Immediate Past Commodore, I have the honor of chairing the Membership Committee. We had our first membership meeting January 16 and I can tell it is going to be a great committee. The current members are **Paul Carew, Rachel Bailey, James Bland, Jim Tillinghast, Louise Miller, Bob Gross, Cathie Martin, Bill Coon, Jackie Wheeless, Spencer LaGrande and Bobby Brooks.**

To enhance the mentoring program, the Membership Committee will determine which fleets the new members are interested in, and we will send the fleet captains the new members' names. The fleet captains will find mentors from their fleets to help involve the new members in the life of AYC. Our 2019 survey indicated that getting integrated into AYC is a challenge for new members and we hope this process will help them get involved and ensure the future of our Club. Many thanks to our current mentors listed below. Let me know if you would like to be part of the team!

<b>Jeff Avant</b>	<b>Keith Denebeim</b>	<b>Linda McDavitt</b>	<b>Bill Records</b>
<b>Rachel Bailey</b>	<b>Fred Ford</b>	<b>Norman Meyer</b>	<b>George Robison</b>
<b>John Bartlett</b>	<b>Tom Groll</b>	<b>Louise Miller</b>	<b>Matt Romberg</b>
<b>James Bland</b>	<b>Steve Keckler</b>	<b>Anne Morley</b>	<b>Jeff Sabuda</b>
<b>Johannes Brinkmann</b>	<b>Ann Kitzmiller</b>	<b>David Morley</b>	<b>Terry Schertz</b>
<b>Jeff Brock</b>	<b>John Kuc</b>	<b>John Parker</b>	<b>Gregory Scully</b>
<b>Mary Carew</b>	<b>Annie Lancaster</b>	<b>James Parsons</b>	<b>Chris Thompson</b>
<b>Paul Carew</b>	<b>Andrea Lesh</b>	<b>Ed Pierce</b>	<b>David Weeks</b>
<b>Jim Casto</b>	<b>Bob Mathison</b>	<b>Harry Polly</b>	<b>Claude Welles</b>
<b>Owen Crouse</b>	<b>Bruce McDonald</b>	<b>Lewis Price</b>	

Membership counts as of end of January:

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>MEMBER TYPE</b>						
10 yr Ol' Salt	4	4	3	3	2	2
30 yr Ol' Salt	23	21	21	21	21	21
Associate Membership	14	14	17	16	19	21
Associate: Probationary	9	6	7	12	16	17
Honorary Membership	15	15	16	16	6	3
Life Membership	21	21	20	18	19	19
Non-Resident Membership	4	4	4	5	5	5
Sea Scout	0	1	0	1		1
Senior Membership	286	289	285	283	281	280
Senior: Probationary	26	12	19	20	22	26
Senior Retired Membership	4	8	8	9	9	9
Student Membership	40	36	34	37	34	34
UT Sailing Club	1	1	1	1	1	1
UTST (UT Sailing Team)	1	1	1		1	1
Young Adult Membership	4	4	5	7	6	6
Young Adult: Probationary	2	1	0			
LOA	5	2	0			
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>446</b>

Happy Sailing!!

## Secretary Report

by Gretchen Douglas



As a long time Austin Yacht Club member, I am privileged to have the opportunity to serve the Club as the Board Secretary this year.

I first became part of the AYC community as a member of the UT Sailing Team and over the years I have been a member of the Laser, C-15, J/22, J/24, Keel and now the J/80 fleets.

I am looking forward to working closely with the board, office staff and members to continue to make AYC a great place to sail, learn and socialize.

See you on the water!

## Vice Commodore Report

by Diane Covert



Here we are in a brand-new year and decade! Where did the last 10 years go? I have been on the board of AYC for two years as B&G Commander but little-known facts about me might be: 1) I am not related to the famous Covert car dealership; 2) I was raised at a lower middle-class yacht club on the Hudson River where my father was once Commodore; 3) I have been sailing on Lake Travis since the 80s.

I am honored to be your Vice Commodore this year and transitioning from Building & Grounds will be a huge challenge, but I am so happy that **John Maddalozzo** will be at the B&G helm. I am also looking forward to working with our other new Board members, as I know this will be a fun year.

This year's race calendar has changed a bit from last year. AYC sponsored regattas have changed formatting. I'm working with **John Parker**, our new Race Commander, to make sure communications are clear and results are satisfactory.

The first regatta will be the traditional Turnback Regatta held this year on the weekend of May 16h. Notice that it is not on Mother's Day or Memorial Day so hopefully we will have more participation and less boat traffic on Lake Travis. At this time Turnback is planned to be linked with Lago Vista's "Lagofest" party at the park as it has been in the past. Of course, there are variables such as the lake level and working with Lagofest to finalize the negotiations, but plan on it being held that weekend.

The big change will be for Governors Cup which is planned for two consecutive weekends in October. The thought is to have the centerboards race a course the first weekend, then the larger boats race the following weekend, thereby creating one large event combining everyone, similar to the Wurstfest Regatta. My thought is that we will have food and entertainment for both weekends.

There are plenty of other races and lots of planned fund event this year too – luau, pirate party, etc. so come out and support your Club. The more the merrier!

## Race Commander Report

by John Parker



I first want to express my honor and appreciation for being chosen as the AYC Race Commander for 2020. I look forward to serving with the other members of the Board and working with the membership to build great racing experiences in 2020.

December and January have been busy months in preparation for the 2020 AYC racing year. I would like to thank our 2018/2019 Race Commander, **Jim Casto**,

and those on the 2019/2020 Permanent Race Committee who have been training me while keeping continuity through the transition.

## 2020 Permanent Race Committee

The 2020 Permanent Race Committee's current membership includes **Ed Pierce, Stu Juengst, Steve Pervier, Hazel Sanchez, and Jorge Marín-de-Nicolás**. In addition to these committed members, we plan to grow the Permanent Race Committee with additional members during the year.

## 2020 Race Calendar

The 2020 Racing calendar solidified, and was voted on and approved at the 23 January 2020 Board meeting.

## Regattas

Date	AYC Regattas
Saturday, 16 May 2020	Turnback Regatta
Sunday, 17 May 2020	Turnback Regatta
Saturday, 17 Oct 2020	Governor's Cup – Centerboard Weekend
Sunday, 18 Oct 2020	Governor's Cup – Centerboard Weekend
Saturday, 24 Oct 2020	Governor's Cup – Big Boat Weekend
Sunday, 25 Oct 2020	Governor's Cup – Big Boat Weekend

## Series Races (through Summer 2020)

Date	Series Racing Events
Saturday, 18 Jan 2020	Frostbite Series #1
Saturday, 25 Jan 2020	Frostbite Series #2
Saturday, 01 Feb 2020	Frostbite Series #3
Saturday, 08 Feb 2020	Frostbite Series #4
Saturday, 15 Feb 2020	Frostbite Series #5 (End of series)
Sunday, 01 Mar 2020	Opening Series #1
Sunday, 08 Mar 2020	Opening Series #2
Sunday, 08 Mar 2020	Opening Series #3
Sunday, 22 Mar 2020	Opening Series #3
Sunday, 29 Mar 2020	Opening Series #4
Sunday, 05 Apr 2020	Opening Series #5 (End of series)
Sunday, 19 Apr 2020	Spring Series #1
Sunday, 03 May 2020	Spring Series #2
Sunday, 10 May 2020	Spring Series #3
Sunday, 24 May 2020	Spring Series #4
Sunday, 31 May 2020	Spring Series #5 (End of series)
Saturday, 13 Jun 2020	Summer Evening Series #1
Saturday, 20 Jun 2020	Summer Evening Series #2
Saturday, 27 Jun 2020	Summer Evening Series #3
Saturday, 11 Jul 2020	Summer Evening Series #4
Saturday, 18 Jul 2020	Summer Evening Series #5 (End of series)

Check the AYC Calendar for Fall Series dates.

## Building & Grounds Report

by John Maddalozzo



I am honored to be the B&G Commander this year. **Bill Records** promised me that **Diane Covert** did such a great job as B&G Commander the last couple years there wasn't much more left to do. Knowing **Diane** and all the great work she has done, I of course believed him. But with a Club that has so much going on, there were a few items **Diane** didn't get to so I'm looking forward to following up on them this year.

My first job was to cut down a couple of trees that were growing up inside of trailer frames out in the trailer yard. They were big enough it took a chain saw. Watch out for the stumps when you pull those trailers out, guys.

We are also considering some proactive infrastructure improvements including upgrades to water, electricity, the telephone system and gate access. Along those lines, if there is anyone who happens to have a map showing where all our water lines are buried, please raise your hand.

I'm fortunate to have the following people who have agreed to help on the Building and Grounds Committee for 2020.

<b>Jeff and Marilyn Jackson</b>	<b>Greg Grover</b>
<b>Owen Crouse</b>	<b>Mike Beuerlein</b>
<b>Fred Schroth</b>	<b>Tom Groll</b>
<b>Norman (Cass) Meyer</b>	<b>Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás</b>

Volunteer work days to ready the Club grounds for Opening Day are February 16 and 29.

## Harbor Report

by Russ Shermer



Greetings AYC Membership,

I am honored that you have chosen me to be the 2020 AYC Harbor Commander. Working with **Dane** this past fall, it became apparent this is a really big job. So starting at a high level, I would like to share some thoughts on our priorities, projects and overall approach to achieving our goals.

### 2020 Harbor Priorities & Goals

1. Ensure the safety of the members and protect both docks and boats through proper management, operations and boat storage.
2. Improve the usability, enjoyment and longevity of the harbor resources by completing as many of the in-flight harbor projects and repairs as possible.
3. Provide harbor resources to all members as fairly as possible through a transparent slip assignment process and impartial enforcement of Work Area and Boat Storage policies as defined by the Membership Handbook.

### In-flight Harbor Projects & Repairs

#### South Cove Rigging Dock Replacement

Detailed design was completed in December and submitted to our vendor for analysis. We have received a quote and timeline for construction and installation. Construction should be completed mid-February with installation in early March.

#### RC Dock Upgrade

Goal is to extend the fingers by three feet and replace the rotting wood deck with cement plates consistent with the newer docks. Our vendor has the requirements. We are aiming to get this project going in March.

#### Board Boat Docks

The 2019 budget included the full cost for replacing all of the board boat docks. There are three remaining to be replaced and the money has been carried over to the 2020 proposed budget.

#### Pavilion Floatation and Re-Deck

The pavilion vertical structures were improved this fall. The deck wood needs to be replaced and additional floatation added to the underlying dock. This is under discussion with our vendor.

#### North and South Cove Rigging Dock Walkways

The goal is to replace the existing walkways with a version that is four feet wide and has a hand rail on one side to make traverse onto these docks safer and potentially wheelchair accessible. This project is under discussion with our vendor who is working on a feasible design.

#### Replacement of Rotting Wood Triangles

On the North docks, there are numerous wood triangles that need to be replaced. We are working with our vendor to determine whether a cement triangle replacement that will fit. Barring that, we would consider a UV-resistant vinyl that would last considerably longer than wood.

#### Other Upgrades and Repairs

In the 2020 proposed budget, we have included money for additional anchors, cables, winches, dock moves and various minor repairs.

Additionally, we are working closely with the Buildings and Grounds Commander and his team on projects that have overlapping purviews.

### Harbor Committee

From the list of priorities and projects above, it should be clear that one person could not possibly achieve all of this work this year. Fortunately, we have over a dozen members who have volunteered to help! Some of these members have already been working on various tasks since November and have made substantial progress. I would not be able to do this job without their help. Thank you Harbor Committee!

I am proud to share with you those who have volunteered for the committee: **Jeff Avant, John Bartlett, Jeff Brock, Bill Coon, James Denny, Bill Hawk, Carolyn Howard, Can Kalyoncuoglu, Bob Leonard, Aaron McCulley, Cass (Norman) Meyer, Rick Nelson, Steve Pervier, Harry Polly and Jeff Wigzell.**

We have begun to organize the committee into various roles including: captains to oversee each of the many docks, captains for the work area, dry out area, boneyard and several for the dry sail area.

## Sail Training Report

by Anne Morley



I am honored and excited to be your 2020 Sail Training Commander. I've been sailing and racing for over 40 years. In the 80s I raced on the UT Sailing team where I crewed for **Scott Young and Kelly Gough**. My husband **David** and I love racing our Ensign and crewing on the Lackey's J-80.

Learning all of the details of the Sail Training Commander position from **Jackie and Spencer** has been an absolute delight. They are so helpful and we

are an amazing team. Our team will be growing in February 2020. As **Dane** mentioned in his article, we are welcoming **Bobby Brooks** to this great Sail Training team! **Bobby** is our new Sailing Program Director. Welcome **Bobby**!

I want to thank my fantastic Sail Training Committee for agreeing to help me make the magic happen in 2020. My committee is made up of the following amazing sailors: **Linda McDavitt, Terry Shertz, Bonnie Lackey, Bill Records, Harry Polly, Mary Carew, Spencer LeGrande and Bobby Brooks**. We have many fun events planned for the year!

We had our first Sail Training event, *Learn to Race*, on January 11th. Thank you so much to our wonderful speakers, **Bill Records and John Bartlett**. The talks were very educational. The house was packed with members, non-members,



John Bartlett talks tactics at the *Learn to Race* clinic.

and youth. We all learned a tremendous amount of great information. It was fun watching sailors young and young at heart "learning to race!"

Our next event will be a Racing Rules Refresh, which will include situational practice. Clinic will be held on February 22nd, 9am-11am. For more information, check out the Racing Rules ad in this edition of the Telltale.

Hope to see you there!

## From the AYC General Manager

by Jackie Wheelless



The 2020 lists of fleet captains and committees are forming. The lists have been posted on the website and will be updated once they've been finalized. The committees will continue to be updated over the next month or so, we'll be updating the website as well.

My biggest task of February is to update the dues and slip fees in QuickBooks. The 2% fee increases are in effect with the March 1st billing so please be sure to update your automatic bank payments to match what the new fees are for 2020 so that the correct amount is remitted.

I'm looking forward to working closely with the new Board members, committees and fleet captains for a fun and productive year.

### A reminder of a couple of "unwritten" policies:

- Lost and found items of value (phones, wallets, eyeglasses, keys, etc.) are turned in to the office where they wait to be retrieved. Other items that are found on the premises are put in the wire basket downstairs by the Coke machine.
- When members or their guests leave a vehicle at the Club for more than 24 hours they should let a staff member know the make of the vehicle, the license plate number and where the vehicle is parked. This practice alleviates concern about abandoned vehicles.

### Have you ever wondered?

Q: Why do I get emails from the Yacht Club but my wife/husband/partner doesn't?

A: The Primary Member should: Log on to the AYC website and go to the MEMBER MENU – open the ADD A FAMILY MEMBER tab – complete the form and submit.

Q: How do I sign up for a space in the work area?

A: Log on to the AYC website and reserve a space online. The work area pads can only be reserved for three weeks at a time, after which they can be reserved for another three weeks. The work area slab is only for boats that are actively being worked on. Boats that exceed their time limit or those with no reservation with the office may be considered Improperly Stored.



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



**Rhonda Moore, Senior Probationary**

Rhonda has been sailing at AYC since 2013 and recently bought a J/24.



**Peter Spevacek, Senior Probationary**

Peter is currently a member of the Chicago Yacht Club but has lived in Austin for three years. He co-owns a J/80 with Ken Berringer.



**June Tate-Gans, Associate Probationary**

June owned a Beneteau Oceanis 38 and learned to sail via ASA classes on the SF Bay. She joined the Corinthian Yacht Club in Washington state, looking to build her skills in sailing. She is registered for the Clipper Round the World Leg 7 starting in April.



**Ian McAbeer, Senior Probationary**

Ian owns a Beneteau First 27 (aka Seascope 27) and would like to join the Club for racing, friendship and general sailing on Lake Travis.



**Don Morrison, Associate Probationary**

Don is relocating to Austin from the SF Bay area and looking to continue sailing and boating. He has been recreational sailing and crewing for 15+ years on Jboats, Catalinas and Beneteaus.



**Adam & Alice Turinas, Associate Probationary**

Adam and Alice are longtime sailors who recently moved to Austin. They are members of NY Yacht Club and own a Sabre 38Mk2 moored in Newport, RI. They have done a lot of cruising around the US, Europe and Caribbean.





# RACING RULES REFRESH

**Saturday, February 22, 2020**

**9:00am - 11:00pm**

**Presenter: Ray Shull**



## Topics

1. Racing Rules
2. Situational practice

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

**Questions? Contact  
AYC Sail Training Commander,  
Anne Morley 713-248-3985**

**Register Online  
[www.austinyachtclub.net](http://www.austinyachtclub.net)  
\$30 members, \$45 non-members,  
\$15 Youth**

**Austin Yacht Club, 5906 Beacon Road, Austin, Tx 78734 512-266-1336**

## Social Committee Report

by Cathie Martin



**As we head into February**, I'm sure I speak for everyone in thanking last year's Social Committee members and its chair, **Pat Manning**. Committee members give up racing so hungry sailors can be warmed up with hearty meals. Fortunately for us, **Pat** has agreed to stay on the Social Committee as an advisor and cheerleader! **Pat's** tenure with the committee assures us that her beloved recipes stay with us. You'll see **Pat** zipping by on her sailboat,

*Dreams*. She's recommitting to sailing and racing at AYC.

**Stirring things up in the kitchen** will be some familiar faces, as a few of last year's committee members are staying on – **Marilyn & Jeff Jackson**, **Annie & Charlie Lancaster**, and **Pastry Chef Monica Paredes**. **Bill Benker** generously agreed to fire-up his barbeque and served mouth-watering brisket for our baked potato bar on February 3rd. He will be back to serve Hawaiian pulled pork for the Luau on May 2nd.

**Donning 2020 aprons** are **Dee Chow & Jeff Sabuda**, **John & Meiling Parker**, **Ed Pierce**, **Jennifer Hopgood**, **Colleen Minor**, **Louise Miller & Walter Payne**, **Kim & Duke Snyder**, and **Andrew Stross**. The Sea Scouts and Roadrunners are coming back for return engagements with fundraisers.

**This year's Social Committee** is jazzed to bring members a guest chef series; pho cooking demonstration; the return of the festive Luau; a Veteran's Day celebration; No Rules! Chili Wars Cook-Off; 4th of July picnic and fireworks viewing; rockin' annual banquet; and Opening Day Brunch and Ceremony with a Blessing of the Fleet on March 1st.

Do you enjoy cooking, sharing recipes, table decorations, promotions? Volunteer by contacting [socialcommittee@austinyachtclub.net](mailto:socialcommittee@austinyachtclub.net).

The New Year sweeps in with Guest Chef meals at the Austin Yacht Club. The guest chef series brings together the Club's leadership and its members for a fun and delicious food experience.

### February 7-8 Guest Chef Dee Chow

AYC member **Dee Chow** transported us to the bustling streets of Vietnam for a cooking class for the country's iconic street food – PHO (Pronounced 'fuh') on Friday, February 7, 2020. Pho broth cooked up at the class was served the next day to feed cold and hungry Frostbite sailors.



**Dee** has been cooking various cuisines, particularly Asian cuisines, as one of her hobbies for last 20 years. She particularly enjoys Vietnamese home cooking and loves to see friends and families fill their bellies

over good food and having a great time. She has been making different types of noodle soups whenever the weather changes – Pho (Beef and Chicken), Homemade Wonton Noodle soup with BBQ Pork, Spicy Beef Noodle Soup (Bun Bo Hue), Shoyu Ramen with Ajitama (egg) and Chashu or Yakibuta (braised or grilled pork belly), Taiwanese Beef Noodle Soup. ...just to name a few.

**Dee's** Friday night class provided a hands-on experience in creating the staple dish of Vietnamese cuisine – Pho Ga (Chicken Pho). Attendees sipped wine

or beer while learning about the fragrant spices and ingredients that are the cornerstones of delicious pho broth, and the medicinal benefits of this famous noodle soup. Attendees immersed themselves in all the steps that go into producing Vietnam's national dish and the perfect comfort meal for winter using modern day InstantPot to save hours of cooking time and achieving the same results as traditional methods.

Members received step by step recipes to take home, their own chop sticks and the confidence to tackle the best soup in town!



### Coming Up: February 15 End of Series Guest Chef Dane Ohe

Kicking off the New Year and the first EOS meal on February 15th is our new Commodore, **Dane Ohe**. Dane first came to the Club in 1987 as a guest of **Terry Schertz**, to help with Race Committee. **Terry** had just hired him as a student to work on computer software for water science at the US Geological Survey. **Dane** ended up on a chase boat with **Vic Manning** and the rest, as they say, is history. Between then and now, **Dane** has served as C Fleet Captain, Race Commander, Harbor Commander, Vice Commodore and now Commodore. **Dane** has previously been active in C-Fleet, Catalina 22s, Sunfish and more recently B and A fleet on his Pearson 31 "Aphaia." The only class of boat he hasn't gotten to sail yet is a Laser.

**Dane's** father was in the hotel/motel industry and he grew up moving around a lot and enjoying different parts of the country, learning and tasting various regional cuisines. As a teen, he worked at his father's resort hotel as a banquet server and worked as a waiter in college. He learned the gracious art of food, conversation and sharing an experience.

"My Dad did a lot of the cooking when I was younger. He loved to grill. He was also an avid fisherman and at least 2-3 times a week we had the fish he caught. My step-mother, who was from New Orleans, introduced a more southern flavor, which was interesting, but I am cautious when it comes to spicy dishes," Dane said.

These days his culinary efforts are simple, protein-heavy recipes. His go-to meal is a seasoned pork loin, chicken or steak paired with green beans, broccoli or

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asparagus. "I am into "Bachelor Chow," a simple meal that can be prepped, cooked, eaten and cleaned up in less than 30 minutes." His friends assert that he is an excellent cook.

Who would he like to see around an elegant table? Given his choice of any historical figure, he would choose to dine with Thomas Jefferson and Jacques Cousteau. Founding Father, lead writer of the Declaration of Independence, and visionary who really paved the way for the westward expansion of the country, Thomas Jefferson was described as the country's "first distinguished viticulturist" and had two vineyards at his estate. Jacques Cousteau, French undersea explorer, researcher, photographer and documentary host who invented SCUBA, instilled in Dane an early wonder and appreciation of the oceans and of science through his TV specials, and would keep the conversation intriguing and lively. On the menu would be Surf and Turf, veggies and truffle-whipped potatoes. For dessert, cheesecake with fresh strawberries and whipped cream.

Please join us for a fabulous meal that will be somewhere between bachelor chow and an elegant meal, as Commodore Dane Ohe takes off his AYC commodore's cap and dons a chef's hat to bring us a meal that we hope will allow you to share good company and conversation about the Frostbite series all while relaxing and enjoying the end of series experience.



## AYC 2020 Social Events

### February 15

Frostbite End of Series Race with Guest Chef **Dan Ohe**

### March 1

Opening Day Brunch and Ceremony; Blessing of the Fleet  
**Cathie Martin**, Event Lead

### April 5

Laissez les Bon Temps Rouler!  
Opening Series End of Series Dinner with Guest Chef **Diane Covert**  
**Gumbo & Monica Paredes'** King Cake

### May 2

Luau featuring **Bill Benker's** Hawaiian Pulled Pork  
**Cathie Martin**, Event Lead

### May 31

Spring Series End of Series Dinner with Guest Chef **Jackie Wheeless**

### July 3

3rd of July Picnic and Fireworks  
**Jennifer Hopgood**, Event Lead

### November 14

No Rules! Chili Wars Cook-Off  
**Dee Chow and Jeff Sabuda**, Event Leads

### December 5

AYC Annual Banquet



# New Years Eve Party



Commodore Annie Lancaster getting ready to toast the new year.  
*Photo by Diane Covert*



2020 commodore Dane Ohe, Krissy Amato, Marilyn Jackson



Vickie Gammon, Chris Thompson



L-R: David Corbett, Christine Corbett, John Bartlett, Claudia Bartlett



Megan Yancy, Joao Encarnacao



L-R: Gal, Roni, Lina, Yuval (Sela family)



John and Meiling Parker



Maria Ocampo, James Parsons



Ed Pierce, Owen Crouse

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## New Years Eve Party

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Hazel Sanchez and her parents



The Yen family



Cass Meyer, Jeff Jackson



Excellent photo bomb *Photo by Owen Crouse*



Owen Crouse and Jennifer Knudsen



Shoal Brothers rockin' it out



L-R: Gregory Scully, Joe Lynch, Carol Frick, Sun Hi Casey, Doug Casey, Krissy Amato

*Photos by Marilyn Jackson except where noted*

## Keel Fleet Red Eye Regatta Recap

by Andrea Lesh



The 44th annual Red Eye Regatta was hosted by the A-Fleet on January 1st. It was refreshing and invigorating to say the least, with temps in the low 50s, and wind at 7-10 knots with gusts of 15 knots. I'm happy to report that there were a few lost halyards and a ripped sail, there were no man-overboard drills, and all and all people had fun.

We had a great turn-out with 38 boats registering and 34 finishing. The regatta began with amazing

Bloody Marys thanks to **Bob Gross (AKA The Bloody Mary Czar)** and sponsorship from Bloody Revolution. **Bob** has set the bar high! We also enjoyed mimosas, coffee, breakfast tacos, and pastries to get the racers fueled up and back in the cockpit for 2019 racing!

The boats were divided into five classes. Congrats to all the winners!

- The Hap McCollum Cup rewarded the fastest boat from the biggest fleet, due to needing to shorten the course at the tail end of the race. Congrats to **Matt Romberg** on Too Much J for this award and 1st for the J80 class.
- The Red "I" trophy went to **Aaron McCully** as the fastest in the multihull class sailing Rum Line (F-28R), for the second year running!
- A Fleet honors went to **Linda McDavitt** aboard her J22, Bonfire!
- Ann Kitzmiller won first in B Fleet with her Ensign, Styf Kop.
- The J24 race was taken by **Chris Hammel** on Sforando.

The race went smoothly thanks to our fearless and skilled PRO **John Maddalozzo** and all the awesome help that we got from the other members. A huge thank you to all the volunteers that made this possible, including **Rachel Bailey, Elizabeth Quintanilla, Barry Thornton, Dave Meredith, Steve and Cheryl Pervier, Dave Benker, Dutch Matous, Linda Donovan, Sarah Zajcek, Larry Hartley, Cass Norman, Marilyn Jackson, and Walter Payne.** A big shout out as well to **Ed Pierce** for working his scoring magic. There's always something squirrely that comes up and he's always able to sort it out.

The team did an amazing job running the event on the water with such a large number of boats. After the race, sailors were treated to a double batch of hot buttered rum (thank you **Pat Manning!**) and a big spread of snacks. And thank you to everyone else who pitched in to clean, re-stock, etc. We had a huge turnout post-race, and had lots of fun.

It really takes a village to make sure these events are fun and go well, so I greatly appreciate everyone who made this long-standing tradition a great success!



Registration team: Cass Meyer, Andrea Lesh, John Maddalozza



Breakfast crew: Pat Manning, Rachel Bailey, Sarah Zajcek



L-R: Bill Records, Mack Warner, Anthony Yen, Kurt Zinzmeyer

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## Red Eye Regatta

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Ed Pierce, Mack Warner, John Grzinich



L-R: Carol Frick, Steve Frick, Sun Hi Casey, Doug Casey, John Howard, Anne Riggs, Brigitte Benquet



Bob Gross, Marilyn Jackson



Linda McDavitt, Doc Gamble and his grandson



Jeff Jackson, Jorge Martín de Nicolás



The De La Reza family L-R: Rowan, Andre, Evelyn, Leigh



L-R: Bo Kersey, Mary Zadnik, Aaron McCulley, Robert Remmers, Val Girard, Brian Rainbow

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# Red Eye Regatta

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Peter Lange and crew on F28-R Mana



Mike Beuerlein and crew on F28-R



UT Sailing Club on J24 Jolly Bevo



Amanda Casey with fiancé Chris on J24 Momentous



1st place in PHRF B – Ann Kitzmiller with George and Franz Dahmen



Shortened course!

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# Red Eye Regatta

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Race Committee Cheryl & Steve Pervier, Dave Benker



Race Committee Greg Matous, Rachel Bailey, John Maddalozzo



RC Chase 1 – Linda Donovan and Sarah Zajicek



Helmsperson Meiling Parker with John & Megan Yancy, Cristina Peck on J24 Thunder Cookie



Annie and Charlie Lancaster on Ensign Eagle



Owen Crouse and crew on Nacra 5.7 Old Skull Racing



Mack Warner and crew on Warley a Ranger 23

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# Red Eye Regatta



PHRF A 1st Place – J22 – Linda McDavitt with crew Annabel Jamail



PHRF B 1st place – Ann Kitzmiller on Ensign Styf Kop with George Dahmen and crew

*Photos by Cheryl Pervier*



J80 1st Place – L-R Matt Romberg, Jon Baker, Tom Romberg on Too Much J



J24 1st Place – Chris Hammel on Sforzando



MultiHull 1st Place – Aaron McCulley on F28-R Rumline



Newly Engaged ! J24 3rd Place – Chris and Amanda on Momentous.

## Heaving-to, Made Easy

by ASA Instructor Harry Polly



For centuries, heaving-to has been one of the most reliable tricks in a sailor's arsenal for "parking" a sailboat at sea. Throughout that time, sailing vessels have changed and sailors have changed with them, but one fact remains – heaving-to is an important and necessary skill every sailor should master.

On ships of yesteryear, heaving-to was somewhat complex due to sail size and vessel maneuverability.

In contrast, heaving-to in a modern sloop is quite easily done with minimal effort. By using a headsail, mainsail and rudder, we have the ability to heave-to for hours or days if required.

### WHAT, WHY, WHEN?

Simply put, heaving-to is a maneuver used to slow a sailboat's progress and calm its motion while at sea. When successfully "hove-to," a sailboat will gently drift to leeward at a greatly reduced speed. The reasons for heaving to are numerous and often situational. When teaching students the maneuver, I impart the three R's of heaving-to: Rest, Repairs and Reefing.

When sailing in rough seas (especially short-handed), there will come a time when you need rest. Resting could mean sleeping, eating, or simply completing tasks that might be difficult or dangerous while underway: making coffee or a warm meal, using the head, waiting for daybreak outside a harbor and navigation fall into this category. So too does one of the main reasons sailors heave-to – waiting out rough weather. Heaving-to is a completely acceptable storm tactic during the passage of a moderate squall or large front, especially when compared to riding out a storm with bare poles in a heavy sea.

Your need for calm could also come in the form of repairs to your vessel. Working over a diesel engine is far easier when hove-to than when beating into a punishing sea. Also, if a shroud were to break, heaving-to opposite the broken rigging will allow you to assess the damage and possibly make a repair.

When reefing, it may be necessary to send a crewmember forward to use lines near the mast or to attach a luff cringle on the reefing hook. Heaving-to makes this considerably safer and much easier for crew to move forward and work on deck.

### HOW TO HEAVE-TO?

One of the best ways to heave-to in a modern sloop is to use the tacking method. Start off close-hauled or on a close reach. Turn the bow of the boat through the wind slower than you would during a normal tack and DO NOT release the jib. The goal here is to let the jib backwind and stall the boat's momentum.

When the bow has passed through the eye of the wind, the jib will be backed to windward. As pressure on the back winded jib forces the bow to leeward, ease the main and feather the boat into the wind. If you have too much momentum, the bow will want to tack back through the wind, so go slow. Eventually your speed will diminish to a point where the rudder will lose steerage and stall. At the same time the rudder stalls, the bow will blow

down. When this happens, turn the helm hard to windward and lock it in place. If you are on a tiller steered boat, push the tiller to leeward and lash it down.

Another acceptable method for heaving-to is to sail close-hauled and tension the windward jib sheet while easing the leeward jib sheet. Once the jib is backed to weather, ease the main and start feathering into the wind to reduce speed and stall the rudder. When the bow blows down, turn the helm hard to windward and lock it. This option is more physically demanding in heavy weather and can be difficult when sailing short-handed.

When hove-to, the sails are essentially canceling themselves out. The rudder and main are trying to drive the bow into the wind, while pressure on the backed jib keeps the bow pinned down. The boat will settle in and drift slightly forward and to leeward. Look down at the water over the windward side of the boat and you will notice turbulence being created by the keel and rudder. This turbulent water is helping to break the oncoming sea as it gets to your boat, thus making your ride more comfortable.

The ideal way to lay hove-to, especially in heavy seas, is at a 45° angle to oncoming waves. Lying abeam can be dangerous and unpleasant. To ensure you are not laying broadside to the swell, trim in the mainsail. Tensioning the main will bring your bow into the swell at an angle and make the boat's motion more comfortable and safe. It will also keep the main from flogging noisily and causing unnecessary wear to the sail.

When you are ready to get underway again, there are a few good options for getting out of being hove-to. If your intended course is the one you were on prior to heaving-to, unlock the helm and turn it hard to leeward. This will turn you downwind and eventually to a gybe. Once you have safely gybed, you can easily continue to any point of sail on your original tack.

If your desired tack is the one you hove-to on, bring the rudder amid ship, release the windward jib sheet – allowing the jib to blow through – and tension the leeward jib sheet. From here, you can steer and trim for your intended course.

### THINGS TO REMEMBER

Just because you are successfully hove-to and comfortably making a sandwich down below does not mean you can jettison good seamanship. Always keep the following in mind when heaving-to.

Every sailboat responds differently when hove-to. Try different sail configurations and reef the sails as necessary for a given wind strength. Also, vessels with a full keel will have a more comfortable motion and will drift slower when hove-to. Fin keel and bulb-keeled boats tend to skitter across the water faster due to a lack of lateral resistance below the waterline. If you plan to stay hove-to for a while, be sure to note how fast and in what direction you are moving.

Make sure you maintain a good watch and always consider how much sea room you have before heaving-to. In the middle of the Atlantic you could lay hove-to for days, but in Lake Travis you could be on a collision course with another vessel or on the rocks in minutes. In areas congested with other sailboats, try heaving-to on a starboard tack and you will maintain right of way over those on port tack.

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If you plan on being hove-to for a while, inspect the rig for places where lines and sails may be chaffing. On boats with an overlapping genoa, the sail will lay against the shrouds and spreaders. To relieve this, reef the sail or ease it slightly to move the clew off the shrouds.

Having the ability to heave-to in your boat or on a charter is an absolutely essential skill to master. Heaving-to is not hard, and just like many sailing maneuvers, it gets easier with practice. Try it the next time you go out and then again in various types of wind and sea states. Once perfected, you will notice how the maneuver differs in varying conditions – and how much happier your crew is while eating lunch!

## Fun Friday Events by Marilyn Jackson



**Amy Gunkler** hosted the Fun Friday event on January 3rd and we played Quicktionary. That tested our word skills and we had lots of laughs. **Amy** won the game. **Renee Ruais** was a very close second. **Jorge Marín-de-Nicolás** added to the fun by playing music and we named that tune and artist. There was a little dancing involved as well. 17 members attended.

We had to cancel our Fun Friday event on January 10th due to a bad weather threat. **James Parsons** rescheduled and hosted on January 17th. We had an awesome time playing Pirates vs Sailors. **Margo Bower-Abbey** was the grand prize winner. **Charlie Lancaster** came in second. **James** did a great job moderating and keeping us smiling and laughing. 10 members attended.

**Ray Shull** hosted our most attended Fun Friday event to date with near 30 sailors in attendance. We watched an exciting sailing movie. There were lots of wows and laughter by our fellow AYC sailors.

Future Fun Friday Dates:

- Feb 14th - Something fun for Valentine's TBA.
- Feb 21st - Pictionary with Renee Ruais
- Feb 28th- Get to know your friends games by Jeff & Marilyn Jackson

If you would like to host a Fun Friday Event or you have a question please send an email to [funfridaysayc@gmail.com](mailto:funfridaysayc@gmail.com) or talk to **Marilyn** at the Club. Fun Friday Events are family friendly, free, potluck (or snacks) and BYOB.



L-R: Jeff Jackson, James Parsons, Meiling Parker, Charlie & Annie Lancaster, Renee Ruais, Linda McDavitt, Margo Bower-Abbey & Guy Abbey

*Photos by Marilyn Jackson*



Elizabeth Quintanilla, Meiling Parker, Amy Gunkler, Jeff Wigzell – A little dancing to Name that Song and Artist game



Christy Maddalozzo, Karen Bogisch, John Maddalozzo, Renee Ruais, Jeff Jackson, Jeff Wigzell, Guy & Margo Abbey, Meiling Parker, Elizabeth Quintanilla, Amy Gunkler, Chris Falone



Charlie Lancaster, Margo Bower-Abbey – Fun Fridays Grand Prize Winners



Jorge Marín de Nicolás, John Maddalozza – Playing songs for Name that Song and Artist game



## Member Trip to 26th America's Cup

With Keith Denebeim



**Have you always wanted to see New Zealand? Have you always wanted to see the America's Cup LIVE? Let's do it!!**

**Club Member Cruise  
to New Zealand for the  
36th America's Cup**

I am planning the trip-of-a-lifetime for Austin Yacht Club members to see up close and personal, the 36th America's Cup in Auckland, New Zealand.

### February 2021

I am currently in the midst of putting together an amazing trip specifically for our group – a quality trip within an affordable price point. If you start saving now, you too can be part of this epic trip.

### Here is the general plan:

The trip will be 15 total days leaving on a Saturday and returning on a Sunday. Those who have registered and paid for the trip will travel from Austin to Houston and then fly Air New Zealand non-stop to Auckland, arriving on Monday morning.

The plan is to travel for the Prada Cup Finals when all the boats are still in the regatta. This will help keep some costs down as well, as all the teams will still be in the hunt for the Cup.

Based on other travel packages around the world, this trip will include air travel, accommodations, event viewing, ground transportation, a handful of planned dinners, AC-related functions and some great additional activities.

For those of you familiar with all-inclusive trips, I am putting together a Silver level trip with some nice Gold additions. This means all of us will be staying in the heart of the Viaduct Harbor during the racing and the main base of all the AC sailing action.

### What's happening now (the trip being 12 months away)?

First up: Orientation Meeting at the AYC clubhouse  
Wednesday, March 4, 2020, 7:00 PM

Interested members are invited to join me on March 4, 2020 for an overview of the trip. We'll review the accommodations, the adventures, the sailing and more important, the costs. I'm hoping for 20 members for the trip. (Yes, we can have more!)

### Possible 2021 dates\*

- Sat 13 Feb - Sun 28 Feb
- Sat 20 Feb - Sun 7 March
- Sat 27 Feb - Sun 14 March

*\*pending final race schedule*

### Proposed itinerary

- Fly as a group from Austin to Auckland. Allow a full 2.5 days to travel. It is 7,300 miles (11,700 kilometers).
- 4 days watching/following AC with at least 2 days on the water.
- An event by special invitation with the American Magic Team.
- A presentation hosted by the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron
- 4 days guided travel as a group including a sailing day on a famed Super Maxi and other great NZ adventures.
- 3 days sight seeing on your own time and agenda.

### Payment Schedule.

Payment will be due as follows: (these dates are not set yet)

- 35% due on 1 July, 2020
- 35% due on 1 Oct, 2020
- 30% final payment due 1 Jan, 2021

### More ideas and more details to come!

For any specific questions, feel free to reach out to Keith Denebeim at [keith@denebeim.com](mailto:keith@denebeim.com) 415-596-7271

SAVE THE DATE!! We'll see you on March 4!



Winter Sunset Over Lake Travis, Bob Leonard's 180 Lickety Split Photo by Gail Leonard

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## Frostbite Series 1-2 Racing

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Bill Coon and crew representing Multihull fleet



J80 start



J22s battle it out – Renee Ruais and crew in front, Linda McDavitt and crew behind



Bob Leonard and crew on J80 Lickety Split



Cass Meyer and crew on Pearson Flyer Namaste



A fleet action

*Photos by Bill Records*



## Frostbite Series 1-2 Racing



J.A.C.K. with Ethan Froelich at the helm



Pierre Bossart and crew on J22 Flying J



L-R: Bob Gross and crew on J80, Terry Schertz and crew on J80 "Texan!"



John Halter on J22 Project Mayem

*Photos by Bill Records*



John Bartlett and crew on J80 Speed Racer



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## Frostbite Series 1-2 Sea Scouts

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AYC's association with the Sea Scouts has been a huge success. They learn and practice sailing skills and do frequent service projects that greatly enhance the Club. For a while I wondered how we could get them involved in the main activity of the Club, RACING! When **Jeff Sabuda**, an AYC member and Sea Scout Skipper, bought a Pearson 26, I got an idea. My fellow B fleet skippers are always looking for crew, so why not supply them with Sea Scouts who want to crew in the Frostbite. After putting out the word, the response was amazing. The scouts from our own Ship 681 as well as Ship 441 (Jeff's Ship) were placed on Pearson 26s, a Capri 22, a Columbia 26, and a Pearson Flyer. Some of the adult leaders raced as well. After the first race the scouts said that they loved it and wanted to finish the series. I sailed on **Jeff's** boat and was impressed with their skill. Only one of them had flown a spinnaker and they did just fine. In the future a lot of them will be racing and the older ones want to get into our high school program. *Submitted by Bill Records*



L-R: Skipper Jeff Sabuda and crew *photo by Bill Records*



Cass Meyer with Sea Scouts Tim and Jeremy on Namaste *photo by Bill Records*



Matthew Sabuda skipper with Sea Scout crew *Photo by Bill Coon*



L-R: Sea Scouts Caleb, Skipper Matthew Sapuda, Zia, and Jeff Sabuda *photo by Bill Records*

*Photos by Bill Records*

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## Frostbite Series Post-Race



Cooks for Frostbite 1 L-R: Amy Gunkler, Monica Paredes, Marilyn and Jeff Jackson  
*photo by Cheryl Pervier*



Frito Pie!! L-R: Charlie Lancaster, Cathie Martin, Annie Lancaster, Vicki Stones  
*Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



L-R: John Foster, John Bartlett, John Horn, Thomas Young, Bob Gross, Emily Verdoia, Richie Amato  
*photo by Marilyn Jackson*



L-R: Gordon Miller, Paul Carew, Candace Miller  
*photo by Marilyn Jackson*



L-R: Dee Chow, Bob Leonard, Gayle Leonard, Abram Barker, Lisa Porta, Martina Scheuermann  
*photo by Marilyn Jackson*



Russ Shermer, John Maddalozzo, Jeff Avant, Jeff's friend, Chris Thompson  
*photo by Marilyn Jackson*



## J24 Update

by John Parker



### Local Activities

#### January 1, 2020 – Red Eye Regatta

Six J/24 teams with skippers from the Austin Yacht Club competed in the 2020 Red Eye Regatta. **Chris Hammel** and team Sforzando lead the J/24 fleet taking home the first-place prize followed by **Stu Juengst** and team Vang Go in second, and **Amanda Casey** and Momentous taking the 3rd place prize.

They were followed by **Fred Schroth** on Psycho, **Meiling Parker** on Thunder Cookie, and the **UT Sailing Club** on Jolly Bevo I. This event was a great way to kick off the sailing year and get the fleet competition started.

#### Frostbite Series – Jan 18, 25, Feb 1, 8, 15, 2020 (Saturdays)

Thus far, we have five J/24 teams competing in the Frostbite Series. Expect results in the next Telltale article. The J/24 fleet has Race Committee duty on the February 15, 2020 date. Contact [captain@j24fleet21.org](mailto:captain@j24fleet21.org) if you are interested in participating.

#### Opening Series – March 1, 8, 22, 29, and April 5, 2020 (Sundays)

#### Spring Series – April 19, May 3, 10, 24, 31 (Sundays)

### Socials

We are in process of planning additional fleet socials in 2020. Stay tuned for more information.

### Upcoming Regional Events and the J/24 Texas Circuit

The J/24 Fleet will have another fantastic year of competition on the road in 2020. The majority of the J/24 Circuit Schedule is already in place. Please see the known dates below:

- February 28-March 1, 2020 – J/24 Midwinters – Eau Gallie/Melbourne Yacht Clubs (Indian Harbor Beach, FL)
- March 14-15, 2020 – J/24 Texas State Championship – Austin Yacht Club
- April 4-5, 2020 – GBCA Performance Regatta – GBCA, Kemah TX
- April 18-19, 2020 – Cowtown Stampede/Annual Regatta/Southwest Championship – Fort Worth Boat Club
- May 23-24, 2020 – Heritage Cup and J/24 Corinthian Cup Regatta – Dallas Corinthian Yacht Club
- June 13-14, 2020 – Surfin' Safari – Corpus Christi Yacht Club
- September 19-20, 2020 – Houston Open One Design Regatta – Houston Yacht Club
- October 11-12, J/Fest Southwest Regatta – Lakewood Yacht Club
- November 2020 – Lake Canyon Yacht Club (date not finalized)

### Looking forward to 2020

We currently have new teams forming, current boats are becoming more active and the excitement will continue to build. Feel free to contact [captain@j24fleet21.org](mailto:captain@j24fleet21.org) at any time if you have any questions about our fleet.

## Catalina 22 Update

by Steve Pervier



Just a year ago we had a 41° Red Eye, and Frostbite #1 was so cold and windy that all races were canceled. This clearly isn't 2019! Frostbite began with a beautiful race day, boats sailing to D mark and several leeward mark choices. Being PRC Rep for the first series races in a while, I chose to observe and soon was wishing I had gone sailing. **Cheryl** had a great time aboard Namaste, and they got first in A-Fleet.



Louise and Walter aboard Strings Attached photo by Cheryl Pervier



John Grzinich and Steve Pervier on Dry Heave, Calin's 1956 Romanian Olympic team vessel photo by Cheryl Pervier Upper right: Calin Popescu

For Frostbite #2 **Louise and Walter** sailed Strings Attached, taking **Walter's** friend of years ago for his first sailboat ride. Ask them separately whether he liked it! **Cheryl and I** went with **John** aboard Dry Heave (named by **Wade**, previously owned by **Calin** of the Romanian Olympic team in '56 and still in AYC).

It was a hard 30 minute beat from just off AYC to LCRA #4, the main on #752 frequently flogging. **Walter** had reefed and was often in better control, out-pointing us and matching our VMG. But then it was a fast downwind

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(John's phone showed over 6 knots) as the larger main paid off. Fortunately the wind moderated and both C22s finished, though several larger boats retired from the race. She's a sturdy boat, our Catalina 22!

We are delighted to welcome two new C22 owners. As his protege **Donald's** work was not leaving time to sail, **Johannes** now has the C22 they had sailed together last year. Welcome back, **Johannes**!



New C22 owner Cody Hix. No it's not retouched, it really is that purple! photo by Bill Coon

We also welcome new AYC member **Cody Hix**, a new C22 owner who is eager to experience racing. The boat he bought was already named *Crème Brûlée*, which sounds delicious! We hope both of our new C22 owners will enjoy racing and cruising with us, and many more opportunities in AYC.

Speaking of which, we're looking forward to continuing the Frostbite Series, Saturdays til 2/15, then a weekend off before Opening Day on March 1st. That day starts the first Sunday racing series of 2020. We're looking for a good turnout of Catalina 22s, and we hope you're part of it too!

## Ensign Fleet Update by Sarah Faust



### Happy New Year Ensign Fleet 30!

I hope everyone had a festive holiday season and is getting out enjoying the beautiful weather. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank every one of you for your efforts in putting on the 2019 Regionals. From planning and hosting the social events, to crewing, skippering, race organizing and scoring, everyone put out a great effort and it was so appreciated.

Regionals is a special event to me not only for the extra-competitive racing but because of the camaraderie and social events. I have so many great memories of after-race barbecues at the **Price's** and the **Groll's** houses in Austin, enduring the crazy shifts and weather in Dillon, CO, and road-tripping to Houston YC, all with friends from Fleet 30. It is such a unique and fortunate opportunity to be a part of a competitive yet social event that families can participate in together over generations. I am extremely grateful to everyone in the fleet who has worked to continue this event for so many decades. The 2020 Regionals will be September 19-20 at Houston Yacht Club and I hope as many of you as possible can be there to represent AYC and make more memories.

Ensign racing in 2020 has thus far been dominated by **Ann Kitzmiller** and the **Dahmens** in #588. The Red Eye regatta on New Year's Day saw the **Dahmens** and **Dave Gamble** finishing first and second respectively in their PHRF Fleet. The racing had moderate and shifty winds requiring the RC to finish early at the second windward mark, which was a good thing because the wind completely died right after the finish. According to **Ann Kitzmiller**, it was a great day and the most exciting thing about the race was that her 15-year-old niece, **Vivian**, was part of the crew. **Ann** states that **Vivian** "regaled us with commentary about the book she was reading, *War and Peace*! Her conversation with **Frans** about the Napoleonic Wars was very entertaining."

On shore it was a festive event with an outstanding bloody mary bar in the morning and a warm fire after the races in the clubhouse. Having taken first place in the fleet, **Frans** was very happy with his big bottle of Tito's vodka. The overall winner of the day and the McCollum Cup was our own **Jonathan Baker** racing a J80, undoubtedly relying his 30+ years of Ensign racing experience.

The first Frostbite series was on January 19 and racing saw winds of 15-18mph gusting to 20! Again #588 came in first. **Ann Kitzmiller** gave me

the following report: "We had a full crew, **me**, **George**, **Frans**, and **Kathryn Noack**, our awesome mainsail trimmer. **George** called great tactics and we sailed the boat well. We hit 7.4 knots going downwind, which is pretty fast for an Ensign!" **Tom Groll** apparently thought that sounded like great single-handing weather and completed the race by himself finishing second place! **Carl**



588 Styf Kop, Race 2 Frostbite photo by Bill Coon

**Wiseman** was out with a full crew as well and **Fred Ford**, our fleet energizer bunny, was there and helping with social committee.

If my records are correct, this year is the 55th anniversary of Ensign Fleet 30 at AYC, so here's to five decades of family fun and great racing, may 2020 be the best yet!



## J80 Fleet Update

by Ray Shull



The J 80 Fleet was well represented at the New Year's Eve Party. A great evening of dancing and festivities was followed by the realization that morning was soon to follow (or was already here) and it was time to prepare for racing in the 2020 Red Eye Regatta. 12 J 80's started the New Year right by racing in the annual inaugural event of the AYC racing season.

The day's forecast was for a chance of rain and light winds, but by noon a nice wind out of the south began to fill across the lake. It was cool with the overcast skies, but the presence of decent winds made the sail from the Club to the race course a nice way to start the year.

At the starting gun two boats were too eager to begin their racing season and had to return to below the line and watch the rest of the fleet head upwind. One such skipper remarked afterwards that it wasn't great starting behind the fleet, but at least he had a great view of what the winds were doing up the lake.

Too Much J rounded the weather mark first with Flyer right behind and the rest of the fleet quickly followed. On the first downwind leg, the wind seemed to lighten a bit and this allowed the two lead boats to stretch out their separation from the rest of the fleet. However, Pancho and Lefty stayed near the eastern shore all the way down the lake, and closed the gap considerably by the time the fleet approached D mark. Too Much J was still in the lead with Flyer right behind. On the upwind leg, Flyer seemed to have a little speed advantage and passed Too Much J about half way up. At the second windward mark they rounded in this order. Too Much J jibed onto Flyer's wind soon after the spinnaker set and was able to make the pass to regain the lead.

With the race being shortened at D mark, it was a spinnaker race to the finish. Too Much J continued to show their downwind speed and finished first with Flyer in second and Pancho and Lefty in third. The win also gave Too Much J the Overall Regatta Win and the McCollum Cup Trophy. The remainder of the fleet finished shortly after these three and then enjoyed the casual cruise back to the Club. **Bob Gross's** Bloody Mary Bar, numerous table top rum bars, and a great selection of after-race snacks made the wait until trophies short and enjoyable.

Next up was the Frostbite Series. The first day of racing saw 12 J 80s hit the line in a brisk north breeze. Speed Racer, Jazz Tacks, and Flyer rounded the weather mark at D in a lead pack, with nine other J 80s in hot pursuit. By the time the fleet had reached leeward mark, channel marker 4, the lead group had separated a bit but the following group of boats were tightly packed. The long upwind leg back to D saw several lead changes in the first group with each of the three boats taking a turn at the front. They rounded within a few seconds of each other and prepared for the quick spinnaker run back to 4. At one time, it appeared that all three boats were overlapped and blasting down the lake in full plane. On Flyer, our knot meter registered a peak speed of 16.4 knots, an exhilarating run to the leeward mark. Speed Racer ended up with the best approach lane to the mark and rounded first with Jazz Tacks and Flyer just behind. They finished in this order with the remainder of the

fleet just behind. Special kudos to **Lucy Brock** for skippering Jazz Tacks the entire race, with expert advice from **Scott Young, Karen Bogisch, and Jeff Brock.**

The second race of Frostbite saw southerly winds, but just as strong as the previous race's blustery north winds. 12 J 80s came out to race again, but with two new ones and two from the previous race absent. When everyone shows up, I anticipate that we may have 15 or more J 80s on the line for the remainder of the Frostbite Series if we have the great sailing weather that we've had the first two days. Gotta love Sailing in Texas in the Winter.

In this race Speed Racer showed blazing downwind speed and sprinted out to an early lead on the first spinnaker leg. Flyer was not far behind and Amazing Grace and Jackrabbit were next. On the first long downwind leg, Amazing Grace and Jackrabbit closed on Flyer and were nearly overlapped at the leeward mark with Amazing Grace ahead, Flyer next, and then Jackrabbit. Lickety Split was just behind those three. These four boats battled all the way back to Channel Marker 4 with Flyer first to round, with Amazing Grace just behind. Lickety Split had closed to within a few boat lengths. Speed Racer held their lead all the way to finish, with Flyer second, then Lickety Split. After a 15 mile race in the strong winds, everyone was glad to rest up in the clubhouse and talk about the great sailing.

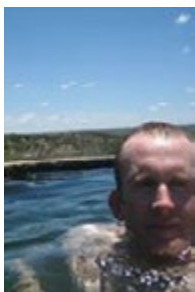
The Austin fleet now has 22 J 80s in race-ready form. After **Terry Schertz** added number 21 last fall, **Ken Berringer and Peter Spev** added the 22nd boat to our fleet over the holidays. They will join **Terry** as the newest members of the fleet. We look forward to seeing **Ken and Peter** on the line with their boat.

The J 80 Fleet is also trying a new crew and skipper matching plan for the races. Any crew that are looking for a ride for an upcoming race can email me and let me know that they can sail and provide their contact info. Also, any skippers that are looking for crew can email me with info on how many crewmembers they are looking for and the contact info for the skipper. I will then email everyone looking to crew together with skippers looking for crew. It is then up to the skippers and crew members to contact each other directly and see if a match for sailing together can be made. We just request that everyone contact me with their needs as soon as they can, preferable by the Wednesday before the race day. This will allow the most time for these contacts to be made. Please email me at [shullr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shullr@sbcglobal.net) if you would like to be included in this effort.

See you on the water.

## Roadrunner Fleet Update

by David Michael



### Happy New Year to all from the Roadrunner Fleet.

What is the Roadrunner Fleet? The Roadrunner Fleet is primarily comprised of youth sailors racing in Optimists, Lasers, C420s, and FJs. It is organized and overseen by parents and established by-laws. The Roadrunner Board focuses its efforts on racing and regattas, leaving Club sailing lessons and camps to the Sail Training department of AYC. The Roadrunner fleet is heavily involved with the Texas Sailing

Association, USODA, AYC's Frostbite Series, AYC's Endless Summer Series, and simply getting on the water every chance we get.

2020 Roadrunner Fleet Captain **Mary Carew** has handed off the responsibility to me and I appreciate the opportunity to make myself useful. When you see **Mary**, please be sure to thank her for all that she work has done for the Roadrunners as Fleet Captain these past several years. Also new to the Board is Communications Chair **Summer Wise Yen**, and our Equipment and Maintenance Chair **Gal Sela**. Continuing on the board is Sportsman Chair **Jeff Brock**, Treasurer **Stephan Froelich**, Social Chairs **Constanze Heitkoetter** and **Nan Taylor**, and Membership Chairs are **Krissy Amato** and **Mary Carew**. We are able to report that planning done by last year's Board has prepared us well for youth racing and regattas this year.

### 2019 Orange Bowl International Youth Regatta

At the end of December in Miami, eight AYC youth sailors competed in the C420 fleet series at the 2019 Orange Bowl International Youth Regatta hosted by the Coral Reef Yacht Club. The Orange Bowl Regatta is the largest international youth sailing event in the Americas, with hundreds of kids ages 8-18 from across the western hemisphere participating. In the C420 fleet series, with 77 boats registered and 12 races scored, **Fiona Froelich** and **Kate Hennig** took 58th, **James Brock** and **Vivian Heitkoetter** took 29th, **Lucy Brock** and **Julius Heitkoetter** took 23rd, and **Tony Slowik III** and **Nathan Gautham Gantala** took 6th. A special thanks to **Jeff Brock** for all the coaching, coordinating, and on-the-water improvising that he did for this event.

### 2019 Open Orange Bowl Regatta

Also in Miami at the end of December was the 2019 Open Orange Bowl Regatta, hosted by the Coconut Grove Sailing Club, where **Ethan Froelich** and **Oliver Hurwitz** competed in the I-420 fleet series. With 35 boats registered and 11 races scored, **Ethan** and **Oliver** took 1st place.

### 2020 Texas Sailing Association Youth Circuit Kick-off

On the first weekend of February in Corpus Christi, seven AYC youth sailors competed in the 2020 Texas Sailing Association Youth Circuit Kick-off: The Changes in L' Attitude Regatta hosted by the Corpus Christi Yacht Club. In the Opti Green fleet series, with 14 boats registered and 11 races scored (but no official scoring), **Rowen de la Reza** took 7th, **William Michael** took 4th and **Yuval Sela** took 1st. Congratulations to **Rowen** on competing in her first Regatta!

In the Opti RWB fleet series, with 31 boats registered and 6 races scored, **Roni Sela** took 25th, **Ramzi Matous** took 22nd, and **Ryan Mitchell** took 21st. **Nicholas Carew** moved up from the Opti RWB fleet to the Laser 4.7 fleet



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## Dinghy Handicap Fleet, Finn, OK Dinghy, Snipe Update

by James Bland



Dinghy Sailors ! –

I am your Fleet Captain again for 2020. We had a really successful AYC Centerboard Regatta last Fall with a great turnout and super conditions. We need to improve on that for 2020 and my contribution will be the 2020 OK Dinghy Nationals.

Other notable events that I am involved with for 2020 are the Finn Nationals hosted at the Corpus Christi Yacht Club, The Finn North American Masters

(Chaired by **Brad Davis**) and as I've mentioned, the 2020 OK Dinghy National Championships.

Last year I asked people to sound off with their interests, and we held a start for the Centerboard Fleet during much of the Keel Boat racing on Sundays. The Lasers and Sunfish continued to have success with their Wednesday night program.

I would like to ask again for your interests and what kind of a racing program you'd like to see for the non-Lasers and non-Sunfish sailors in our group. It was striking but not surprising to see how well our Junior sailors are progressing, seeing them score well in the Centerboard Regatta.

In addition to my Finn and OK Dinghy, I am planning on constructing an additional OK and buying a Snipe for **Karen and I** to sail. There is a big hole in two person boats for adults at our clubs and I'm going to try to start a fleet of Snipes. Dallas has Snipe Fleet #1 and a vibrant program with over 15 boats.

I'm going to keep it short. I will be dealing with some health issues for the next two months, but will be available to talk most of that time.

Cheers, get wet and go sailing!

## Performance Racing Fleet Update

by Bruce McDonald



With the new year we find the Keel Handicap Fleet with a new name and a new sub-fleet. The Multihull Fleet has petitioned to become part of our group and it was passed at the annual meeting. We are now the Performance Racing Fleet.

The new board consists of **myself as captain, Cass Meyer-treasurer, James Parsons-secretary, Andrea**

**Lesh-A Fleet captain, David Weeks-B Fleet captain, and Jim Casto-Multihull captain.**

We have a busy year ahead of us with four major regattas, Beer Can races and after-race socials, MoonBurn races, and various raft-ups and impromptu social events. Congratulations to **Andrea Lesh** for kicking off the new year with a super Red Eye regatta which was a resounding success in spite of less than optimal weather.

Our challenges this year include revisiting the Beer Can races for increased safety following some collisions and other incidents in last summer's series. We think it will resolve around having some formalization of the event as well as better education about the unique challenges of the race.

We are in the process of soliciting membership in the fleet. The dues are nominal and give you access to our mailings as well as discounts for fleet events. Please contact either **Jackie** or your fleet captain if you wish to be added to our fleet.

## Multihull Update

by Jim Casto



**Wild Turkey**

We had five trimarans and two catamarans on the line. **Aaron McCulley** bested **JK** for first, with a very tight finish for third by **Bill Coon**. **Owen** won the Catamaran class, in tough conditions, even with an old, under-sized jib. The meal afterwards was great, and the trophies, too.

**What is "PRF"?**

The Multihull fleet accepted the invitation from "Keel Handicap Fleet," to join fully, and to have representation on the Board. At the annual meeting after Wild Turkey Regatta, the motion was voted and approved, as well as the name change to PRF "Performance Racing Fleet." Since we don't have keels, the new name appropriately represents what we do have in common – the desire for excellence in racing, even though we are not racing One Design sailboats. I believe our fleet's presence will enhance the efforts in 2020, and apparently as a reward (punishment?), the Multihull fleet is named as regatta chair for this year's Wild Turkey.

**Christmas Parties**

Christmas parties were hosted by **Steve Piche** for the broader Austin Catamaran community, and an AYC-only fleet party was hosted by **Russ Shermer**.

**Red Eye Regatta**

Our fleet entered seven boats, with **Aaron McCulley** again grabbing the bullet on his F28R.

**Carl Deckard**

As the New Year started, we were stunned to learn of the passing of a fellow cat sailor, AYC member, and all-around great guy. While he may not have been well-known to the general AYC community since he only just re-joined about a year ago, he was a certainly a star in his field of study. While a grad student at UT in the 80s, he developed "SLS" Selective Laser Sintering, one of the fundamental processes in 3-D printing. His inventions fueled a huge change in modern manufacturing, and the royalties from his patents afforded him the luxury of a laid-back lifestyle, of which many were jealous. He will truly be missed.

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## New Boat

**Mike Beuerlein** cashed in his 401(k) and bought a F28R. We now have quite a few of these beautiful fast boats at AYC, and some very broke skippers, I think. With so many Trimarans at AYC, there was a visit from the "Houston guys" who came up to Austin one weekend to court our members to come down there for some "real racing" in the Gulf and Galveston Bay. I am sure the challenge will be accepted by several of our team.

## Series Racing & RC Duty

Although most of our fleet missed Frostbite #1 to attend **Carl's** memorial, our fleet showed up in force to serve as RC for Frostbite #2. It was great to have a full RC component, so with excellent wind and an empty lake, we gave the fleets some nice long races – only one boat finished in less than two hours. Typical elapsed times were between 2:10-2:30.



L-R: MH RC Jan 25 – Mike Rohrer, John Howard, Jim Casto, Mike Beuerlein, Brigitte Benquet, Rick Nelson, Philippe Bettler, Bill Coon, Rick Allen. Out on chase boats were Aaron McCulley, Jon Kuc, Dave Kleinman, Jane *photo by Cheryl Pervier*

## B Fleet Update by David Weeks



### Hi B-Fleet.

**Ed Pierce** has now passed the fleet captain role to me, **Dave Weeks**, and I look forward to seeing you all out sailing over the coming year. For those who don't know me, I'm the lanky-bearded Brit with the red/orange hulled Pearson 26 (Incognito) on dock 4. I will try to visit you all when you're at AYC, but please stop by for a chat at any time, or call/email.

Part of my role is to be available, and help y'all out.

My primary goal over the coming year is to encourage greater participation by making sailing more fun. I know that we're a very mixed fleet.

Everyone has different experiences, skills, and motivations, and individual circumstances vary, so over the next month I'll be looking for your ideas about how B-Fleet should work this year. If I get my act together, there will

be a survey – please don't just ignore it. It's your fleet. Help it to meet your goals, and we'll all have more fun.

There are a number of ideas that have been becalmed for a while that I would like to progress. Let me know if you they interest you:

1. **Racing Social.** Let's get together as a fleet after each race to tell tales and debrief the race. We'll all learn from each other's successes and mistakes. Drinks and snacks provided, before the meal is served upstairs. Our finish times are spread more than the one-class fleets, but let's create the time for this to happen.
2. **Sailing App.** There are many racing apps available, but we should progress to a single app that allows us to share race data, and shortcut the process of learning the lake's wind characteristics. **Bill** – we all need that knowledge you have in your head!
3. **B-Fleet Yard Trailer.** Many B-Fleet boats are docked, and owners don't have a trailer. If we purchase a trailer suitable for hauling out and doing work on the boat we can share costs, and avoid cluttering up the trailer park. Those who contribute to the purchase/maintenance would get to use the trailer for free, others would pay a nominal fee for use.

These are some ideas, but I want to hear your thoughts. Please get back to me and we'll make it happen.

And so to the report:

## Sea Scouts

Two Sea Scout Ships have joined the racing in B-Fleet, Ship 681 with their boat S2 7.3 (Old Ironsides), and Ship 441 on **Jeff Sabuda's** Pearson 26 (yet to be named) as well as providing crew on other boats. **Bill Records** is coordinating with the Sea Scouts, so let him know if you have opportunities for them to crew. They have sailing experience and are keen to learn keelboat racing.

## Red Eye Regatta

For this regatta, B-Fleet were racing with the Ensigns in B Division and were comprehensively beaten in the moderate to light southerly winds. The Ensigns sailed faster than any B-fleet boat and also held a PHRF advantage giving them additional time correction. However, with a steady wind and temperatures in mid-50s 2020 racing had a great starting day. **Ed Pierce** (P26 OD 206), with two junior sailors leading the crew (**William Michael** at the helm and **Nicholas Carew** trimming the jib) led B-Fleet to the finish (3rd overall), followed by **Mack Warner** sailing his Ranger 23 TM single-handed, and the Pearson 26 ODs of **Anthony Yen** (194) and **Chris Renner** (224P). The RC assigned B Division a D-4-D-4-f course which was shortened to D-4-D-f as winds grew lighter and stomachs grew hungry for the wonderful dinner that was waiting.

## Frostbite #1

B-Fleet had RC duty for this race. What a superb day's sailing we missed! The conditions were excellent, with a 12 knot NNW wind, allowing the full basin to be used with LD courses to D, and the signal boat off the west shore near the club. And we had a great team! On the signal boat, **Ed Pierce** led the scoring, with **Anthony Yen** on the iPad and **David Buchfuehrer** doing the

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manual recording: **Jeff Avant** was front of boat, with myself as PRO. Chase #1 was driven by **Can (John) Kalyoncuoglu**, with **Bill Records** assisting and taking photos. Chase #2 was driven by **Brett Wilson** with **Brian Carlson** and **David Michael** assisting. The fleets were all cautious with their starts, so there were no recalls, but the racing was close and clean. Our finish period was intense, as the fleets all came in together, but we had results in triplicate if necessary. Thanks to everyone for making it a successful start to 2020 series racing.

#### **Frostbite #2**

Seven boats were racing in B-fleet this week, with a 15 knot SSE wind making conditions both challenging and fun. **Jeff Sabuda** (P26 1006) took the lead at the start, but the boat end of the line gave the longer first tack and favorable shifts which allowed **Dave Weeks** (P26 1393) to take the lead he would extend through the race. Crew size/weight and sail choice were critical factors in the gusty conditions with 130 genoa proving to be the sail of choice for the Pearsons. **Jeff Sabuda** who was sailing with a working jib (105-110%) was able to point higher, but lacked speed. **John Durfor** on

Blue Note (P26 1698) was the only B-Fleet boat to raise a spinnaker as the wind reduced slightly on the second downwind leg and he continued to chase down **Jeff Sabuda**. Unfortunately, late preparation meant that **Jeff** had no course card, and he followed the wrong boat to D mark, allowing **John Durfor** to go left to the shortened finish at 7 to claim 2nd place. **Jeff Avant** (Columbia 26 with 3 Sea Scouts in his crew) finished after **Anthony Yen** (P26 OD 194) but corrected above by 30 seconds in the closest finish of the race.

**Ed Pierce** has put his Pearson 26 OD up for sail, so there's a well-prepared boat available that is ready to race. He may still be racing in B-Fleet this year, and is offering to provide coaching for new racers. Thanks to **Ed** for supporting me through the initial stages of class captain duties, and PRO duties over the last two series races.

And finally, B-Fleet is responsible for the Independence Cup so I am looking for volunteers to help with the planning and key roles on the day. Please call/email with your ideas and support. Let's make this a great regatta!

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## IN MEMORIAM



**Carl Robert Deckard**

**June 20, 1961-December 23, 2019**

**Carl Robert Deckard**, inventor, sailor, skier, scuba diver, pilot, and player of the musical saw, passed away on December 23, 2019.

He was the inventor of Selective Laser Sintering, which helped usher in the 3D printing revolution. He also invented the Deckard Engine and developed better polymers for use in 3D printing. Carl held 27 patents and was profiled by Fortune magazine as one of five modern technology pioneers, inducted into the Manufacturing Hall of Fame by Industry Week, and named a Master of Manufacturing by the Society of Manufacturing Engineers.

Carl was born in Houston on June 20, 1961 and attended elementary school in Michigan, Ohio, and Port Arthur, Texas. When he was a child, his family struggled to keep a working clock in the house because Carl was constantly taking them apart to understand how they worked. From the first time he was asked what he'd like to be when he grew up, his answer was always, "I want to be an inventor," and even as a small child he proudly showed off his drawings of ideas for inventions. After attending junior high in Clear Lake City, Carl moved back to Port Arthur to live with his loving grandparents, and graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School. During his high school years, he was an avid member of the Sea Scouts, where he developed his lifelong love of sailing and benefited from mentoring that helped change the course of his life. He was an enthusiastic student in classes he enjoyed and an abysmal one in classes he found uninteresting. As a result, his high school transcript was a roller coaster of As and Ds, making his acceptance to the University of Texas questionable. True to form, Carl aced his SAT and made it in. At UT, Carl majored in Mechanical Engineering.

During a summer internship, Carl started to think about a new invention: a way to fabricate parts directly from drawings by using a laser to fuse together powder in the shape of the part and building up the piece, layer by layer. By his senior year in 1984, he decided that he wanted to work on this idea for his Master's degree at UT. He approached a number of professors who told him why his idea would not work, but he ultimately found Dr. Joe Beaman, a young assistant professor in Mechanical Engineering, who supported his idea and agreed to mentor him in his graduate studies. Together they developed the process that became known as Selective Laser Sintering, one of the earliest and most enduring forms of additive manufacturing (commonly called 3D printing). The result of his Master's project was a Selective Laser Sintered plastic cube within another plastic cube. With the help of a grant from the National Science Foundation, he continued working on his invention for his PhD under the direction of Dr. Beaman. During that time, he met and married Sally Hall, and together they had two sons, Thomas and Michael. Carl's graduate work was so successful that UT agreed to license the technology in 1988, the first time that UT had entered into such an agreement. There followed a number of twists and turns on the path to converting his finicky lab machine into a commercial product, an effort that involved a number of gifted designers, engineers, and project managers. As the 3D printing industry grew, Carl turned his energies to an entirely new idea: a new design for a 4-stroke engine that was small enough to replace the loud and polluting 2-stroke engines currently used in lawn mowers and other small equipment. He worked with collaborators over a number of years to develop the Deckard Engine but, as often happens to inventors, was ultimately unable to recruit the investment needed to commercialize it. In recent years, Carl worked with his collaborators, Jim Mikulak and Vikram Devarajan, to invent new polymers for use in Selective Laser Printing, making it possible to make better quality 3D printed parts. Their company, Structure Polymers, Inc. was recently bought by Evonik.

In addition to his passion for inventing, Carl loved the water. He competed in numerous sailing regattas, and he enjoyed living in Austin on a bluff overlooking the Colorado River. He also had a large group of friends from his softball and ski clubs. He loved music and was well known for bringing out unusual musical instruments at parties, most notably his musical saw. He was soft-hearted and often rescued stray dogs and cats. He will be sorely missed by his family and friends. He is survived by his sons, Thomas; Michael and wife Chelsea; sister, Lucy; and ex-wives Sally and Kimberly. A celebration of his life will be held in January. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Austin Pets Alive at [austinpetsalive.org/donate](http://austinpetsalive.org/donate).



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Feb 15	Frostbite Series Race #5 EOS 1:30p start RC: J/24
Mar 1	Open Series Race #1 1:30pm start (RC info to come)
Mar 8	Open Series Race #2 1:30pm start
Mar 13-15	March Madness J/24 Texas State Championship
Mar 22	Open Series Race #3 1:30pm start
Mar 28-29	McCarthy Cup
Mar 29	Open Series Race #4 1:30pm start
Apr 5	Open Series Race #5 EOS

## AYC 2020 NON-RACING EVENTS

Feb 14, 21, 28	Fun Fridays	7:00pm - 10:00pm
Feb 15, 29	Opti 3 Practice	9:00am - noon
Feb 15, 29	High School Winter Practice	12:30pm - 3:00p
Feb 15	Frostbite Series EOS Dinner	
Feb 16	Volunteer Work Day	9:00am - noon
Feb 18, 25, Mar 3	Basic Navigation Review	7:00pm - 9:00pm
Feb 21	J/24 2020 Q1 Fleet Party	5:00pm - 11:00pm
Feb 22	Racing Rules Refresh	9:00 am - 11:00am
Feb 29	Volunteer Work Day	9:00am - noon
Mar 1	Opening Day Brunch & Ceremony	10:00am - noon
Mar 6, 13, 20, 27	Fun Fridays	7:00 pm - 10:00pm
Mar 7/21	ASA 101 pt1/pt2	9:00am - 5:30pm
Mar 28	Start Clinic	9:00am - 1:00pm
Apr 5	Open Series EOS Dinner	

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Session 2	June 15 - 19
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Session 5	July 13 - 17
Session 6	July 20 - 24
Session 7	July 27 - 31

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Session 3	July 11, 18, 25 & Aug 1 (9:30am - 11:00am)
Session 4	July 11, 18, 25 & Aug 1 (11:00am - 12:30pm)

*Each session is broken down to four Saturdays for 90 min.*

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L-R: Jeff Sabuda, Sea Scouts Matthew Sabuda and Zia, Bill Records and Sea Scout Caleb — Frostbite Series *photo by Bill Coon*



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**Ages: 8-16**

**Member: \$435/Non-Member: \$540**

The Austin Yacht Club offers a summer camp for kids ages 8-16. This is a day camp, for 5 days. Kids will learn how to sail small sailboats, and develop the sailing skills to explore beautiful Lake Travis. They will make new friends during the week of the shared experiences on and off the water. Other activity includes possible craft projects and swimming in our pool. The type of activity depends on daily local weather sailing conditions. Camp Sessions available from June - July!



### PB&J Summer Sailing Series

**Ages: 4-8**

**Member: \$110/Non-Member: \$160**

The Austin Yacht Club's PB&J Summer Sailing Series is the perfect introduction to sailing for kids ages 4 - 8. Designed for first time sailors, the goal is to get young children comfortable on the water and spark a lifelong interest in sailing. Our US Sailing certified instructors keep things simple, safe, and fun, teaching the basics through games and hands-on learning. Each session of PB&J includes four weekly 90 minute lessons



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