



Welcome 2020 AYC Board!



2020 AYC Board of Directors L-R: Buildings & Grounds Commander John Maddalozzo, Vice Commodore Diane Covert, Secretary Gretchen Douglas, Commodore Dane Ohe, Treasurer Philippe Payet, Immediate Past Commodore Annie Lancaster, Race Commander John Parker, Sail Training Commander Anne Morley, Harbor Commander Russ Shermer
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SAVE THE DATE

Mar 21	ASA 101 Part 2	Apr 18	ASA 101 Part 2
Mar 13-15	J/24 March Madness	Apr 18-19	SEISA High School Champ
Mar 22	Opening Series #3	Apr 19	Spring Series #1
Mar 26	AYC Board Meeting	Apr 23	AYC Board Meeting
Mar 28	Starting Clinic	Apr 24-26	J/22 SW Circuit Regatta
Mar 28-29	McCarthy Cup	Apr 25-26	SEISA Womens Champ
Mar 29	Opening Series #4	May 1	Luau
Apr 4	ASA 1011 Part 1		
Apr 5	Opening Series #5 EOS		

WIN AN AUTHENTIC HAWAIIAN SHIRT!

And wear it to the
AYC Luau on Saturday, May 2



By answering this question:
Of the singers below, who is the Hawaiian?

Don Ho

Elvis Presley

Dean Martin

Frank Sinatra

Send your answer to

socialcommittee@austinyachtclub.net

From The Commodore by Dane Ohe



Well, 2020 is off to a roaring start! Frostbite Series had plenty of wind and a lot of good competition. The Social Committee had warm food after every race, and even managed to snare me into preparing the End of Series meal, complete with Chef's hat.



Frostbite EOS Social Committee L-R Krissy Amato, Karen Bogisch, Dane Ohe, Cathie Martin, Fiona Froelich *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*

We had a great Opening Day, with a fantastic catered event upstairs and our traditional ceremonies downstairs. Please see Social Chair

Cathie Martin's article in this Telltale with details about Opening Day and upcoming social events! A big thank you to **Cathie and her team** and to those who participated, including the **Sea Scouts**, **Kate Hennig** for a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem, **Andre De La Reza** for the bagpipes, **Tom Romberg** for a bit of wisdom about being a Club, and of course it was great to have Founding Father and two-time Commodore

Dr. Cliff Price come and give the blessing and to tell some tales. The Club welcomed **Cliff** with a rousing rendition of *Happy Birthday* in honor of his 96th year. And a shout out to **Bob Gross** for again sponsoring the Bloody Mary Bar! Finally, as always, thank you to our AYC Staff **Jackie Wheeless**, **Tom Cunningham**, **Spencer LeGrande** and our new **Sailing Director Bobby Brooks**. If you haven't



Founding Father and two-time Commodore Dr. Cliff Price delivers the blessing at the Opening Day Ceremony *Photo by Cheryl Pervier*

met **Bobby** yet, make sure to introduce yourself. And of course, I would like to thank this year's **Board of Directors** for their stewardship of the Club.

Racing is well underway at the Club with the Opening Series starting right after the ceremonies. The wind was up and a new format is being tried for RTB racing. We take a break the weekend of the 14th-15th for the J/24 Texas State Championships and then back to Series Racing.

Remember, the AYC Board meets every 4th Thursday of the month in the clubhouse. We would love for members to attend to watch how the Board functions and to give input on the issues being discussed.

I hope you are able to attend a Board meeting this year ... and I will see you out on the water!

Immediate Past Commodore Report by Annie Lancaster



Many thanks to **Rachel Bailey** for running the February Membership meeting. And thanks to **Jackie** for submitting the Membership motions while I was out-of-town. Congratulations to our new Senior member, **David Michael**, who completed his probationary requirements.

Here are the latest membership counts.

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
MEMBER TYPE						
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	19
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	32
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			
GRAND TOTAL	459	440	441	449	442	446



Jeanne Socrates *Photo by Brad Davis*

We had a good turnout for the **Jeanne Socrates Presentation** on February 4th. We got to hear about her adventures and challenges on her second complete circumnavigation solo, non-stop and unassisted. She had to make her own repairs, sew her own sails and cook her own food. It took her 339 days to complete her course. Funds raised through tickets went to help her boat repairs.

Thanks to **Susan Davis** and **Claudia Bartlett** for helping with the pork sliders, fruit salad and chips and dips. And thanks to **Brad and Susan Davis** who hosted **Jeanne** during her stay in Austin.

Vice Commodore Report

by Diane Coverl



As a result of current events around Austin and the world, the AYC board and staff are analyzing the logistics of all our events on a case by case basis. By the time you receive this Telltale, a decision will be made about continuing our planning for the Turnback Canyon Regatta, attending LagoFest, or choosing an alternate plan. I am looking volunteers for registration, breakfast help, etc. Please contact me if you are interested.

The weather has provided us with some great racing this year so far. The new Opening series has kicked off, and more special "apres" race activities are planned. At the end of this series, April 5, **Mark and I** will be the guest chefs providing a New Orleans feel with seafood gumbo. **Harry Polly** will join in and cook his traditional Cajun gumbo and other desserts will be provided by volunteers too, to round out the theme. You might even see some Cat 4 Hurricanes there too, so *Laissez Les Bons Temps Rouler!*

Opening day was Sunday March 1, and it was a huge event with a record 240+ people attending. **Cathie Martin** and the social committee have done an extraordinary job planning this event and the AYC staff should be commended for helping in whatever task needed to be done.

Race Commander Report

by John Parker



Permanent Race Committee Update

In addition to **Ed Pierce, Stu Juengst, Steve Pervier, Hazel Sanchez, and Jorge Marín-de-Nicolás**, I plan to submit a motion to add the following members to the Permanent Race Committee in the February Board Meeting: **Bob Leonard, Bruce McDonald, Ann Kitzmiller, Renee Ruais, Claude Welles, Ken Berringer, and Kurt Carson**. We thank all these

volunteers for keeping our racing program moving.

Frostbite Series

The final Frostbite Series race completed on February 15, 2020. We were fortunate that we were able to race on all race dates. In total, there was an aggregate of 69 boats that competed.

Opening Series

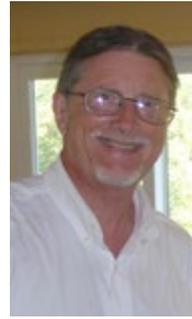
The Opening Series began after the Opening Day Ceremonies on March 1, 2020. We expect that the Opening Series will be well attended. We will be making some adjustments for the courses and the Race Committee responsibilities which we expect will have a positive effect on racing, racing safety, as well as scoring. We encourage the membership to review the NOR, and SIs to observe the changes.

Beer Can

Due to some safety concerns identified in 2019, the Permanent Race Committee and the Performance Racing Fleet have worked together to identify some adjustments that we believe will mitigate some of the risks experienced during Beer Can. Look for these small adjustments from the PRF communications before you begin this activity this year.

Building & Grounds Report

by John Maddalozzo



Cleanup for Opening Day took place on Sunday, February 16. We had a good turnout of volunteers and were able to make significant improvements to the landscaping, front gate and Club appearance.

- Tons of leaves and tree debris removed.
- Plants, mulch, bedding soil replaced or amended.
- Paint shed door fixed.
- Woodpecker prevention screen removed from side of clubhouse.
- Front gate painted, including electrical junction boxes.
- Front gate junction boxes conduit wrapped to prevent water intrusion.
- Old tree lighting wiring pulled out of point.
- Walkway railings rotten wood patched and repainted.
- Sail Training door trim painted.
- BBQ pits repainted (about half of them)
- PA testing and maintenance performed.



L-R: Jeff Sabuda, Matthew Sabuda, Caleb Chow

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Harbor Report by Russ Shermer



Mike Cummins manning the trailer

Thanks to all who helped:

(Sea Scouts) Logan Ambraz, Caleb Chow, Christian Morales, Venus Morales, Matthew Sabuda, Jeff Murphy, William Michael (Honorary Sea Scout for the day), Adam Turinas, Jeff Sabuda, David and Ming Michael, Mack Warner, Mike Beuerlein, Victor Gotay, Mike Cummins, Don Morrison, Marilyn and Jeff Jackson, Norman (Cass) Meyer, Barry Thornton, John Kalyoncuoglu. Special thanks to Greg Grover and his daughter for selecting and purchasing the plantings and directing the efforts, and to Jackie and Tom for help with all the dozens of background work and details needed to make it all successful.



Landscaping by Owen Crouse and John Kalyoncuoglu

Small work parties later performed additional paint, patching, pressure washing and re-stripping the upper parking lot. Thanks to **Jorge, Fred, Jeff and Marilyn** for that extra effort.

We have added some members to the Building and Grounds Committee since January. The Committee now consists of the following members who have graciously volunteered to help out: **Mike Beuerlein, Owen Crouse, Steve Digby, Patrick Flynn, Tom**

Groll, Greg Grover, Jeff Jackson, Marilyn Jackson, Norman (Cass) Meyer, Jorge Martín de Nicolás, Fred Schroth.



LCRA Inspection

With a week's notice LCRA informed us they would like to conduct an inspection of our docks. The harbor committee, Tom, our dock vendor Rand and members came together to assess and address issues that might result in violations. On Friday, February 21, we passed the inspection and received very positive feedback regarding the care and conditions of our docks.

Trailer Painting

A notice went out on February 15 reminding members about properly marking any trailer on the AYC grounds. The Sea Scouts have volunteered to stencil "AYC" and the last name of the owner of the dry slip on any unmarked trailers for a donation of \$25 per side. Any member not wishing to make this donation is encouraged to mark their trailers in accordance with the handbook policy prior to March 15.

In-Flight Harbor Projects & Repairs

South Cove Rigging Dock Replacement

The Board approved moving ahead with this at the January meeting. Our vendor informed us that fabrication was completed in February and the dock should be installed in March.

RC Dock Upgrade

The Board approved moving forward with this project at the February Board meeting. The funding was carried over from the 2019 budget. The fingers will be extended by three feet and the rotting wood deck replaced with cement plates consistent with the newer docks.

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. The Board approved moving forward at the last meeting. Our dock vendor has been directed to proceed with the replacements.

Updates will be provided on the other upcoming projects as these near completion.

FROM THE HANDBOOK: Trailer Identification in Dry Storage and Trailer Parking

Harbor Rules Refresher – Know your responsibilities and liabilities:

- No member may keep any boat on AYC property in storage or for sale other than his personal boat. Boats stored on Club premises **must be entirely owned by AYC members**; otherwise the boat must be removed from the premises.
- All boat trailers of AYC members shall have the letters "AYC" and the last name of the owner affixed to both sides of the trailer tongue. All boat cradles, dollies or other storage equipment stored on Club property shall have similar identification affixed in a prominent location. If any boat storage equipment is not so identified, the Harbor Commander or Club Manager may have the lettering done and assess the cost to the owner.
- For all other storage areas, the Board will consider, as a guideline, whether the boat or equipment stored is at least in usable condition. Use of the boat at least once in a period may be required to prove usability or satisfy the active use requirement.
- Assigned storage spaces are not for sale **or sublease by members**.

Proper identification helps daily and in times when the equipment must be moved.

Sail Training Report

by Anne Morley



Sail Training has been very busy this month.

I would like to welcome **Bobby Brooks** to our team as the AYC Sailing Program Director. He has hit the ground running and has quickly learned the ropes!

Bobby, Spencer and I are streamlining all Sail Training programs. We are asking that any program/lecture that deals with Adult Sail Training be presented to **Bobby and/or myself**. Please present

details of your program, proof of applicable certifications, and facility needs. We will find a spot on the calendar and fill out the FUR.

We've been reviewing the PB&J and Summer Camp Handbooks as well as the Sail Training Policy and plan to present changes to the Board at the March Board meeting.

Our team decided that we needed to better utilize Cabins 1 and 2. Cabin 1 will now be set up as a second Sail Training Cabin. **Bobby and Spencer** cleaned out both cabins. The original Sail Training cabin will be made more presentable. Thank you, **Bobby and Spencer!**

Bobby, Spencer and I met to work on the Sail Training Calendar, arrange for instructors and submit FURs. We are planning to add more events in the near future. In this meeting we also created a formula to standardize our clinic/workshop pricing.

Summer Camp registration is now live. Great job, **Bobby and Spencer!**

Our February Racing Rules Refresh clinic, was held on February 22, 9am-11am. A big thank you to **Ray Shull** for presenting this clinic. We had a full house with 33 participants. We all learned a tremendous amount from **Ray!**

Come join us for the Starting Clinic on March 28 and the Learn to Sail Clinic on April 4. Look for the flyers! Register now!



Ray Shull, instructor, Racing Rules Refresh Clinic Photo by Marilyn Jackson

Scheduled Clinics

DATE	EVENT	INSTRUCTOR
March 28	Starting Clinic	Bobby Brooks
April 4	Learn to Sail	Bill Records
April 18	Spinnaker Clinic	John Bartlett
April 19	CPR and First Aid	Danielle Loving
May 2, 23, 30	Sunfish Clinics	Bobby Brooks
August 8	Basic Man Overboard Workshop	Harry Polly
August 22	Adult Sailing FJ Clinic	Spencer LeGrande
September 19	Women's Clinic	TBD



Harry Polly's Rules of the Road, Lights & Sound Signals to Avoid Collision Clinic
Photo by Marilyn Jackson



Laura Miller and Dave Broadway, Chris Schuttger's Basic Navigation Clinic
Photo by Cheryl Pervier



Chris Schuttger, Bill Records, new member Rhonda Farrington, Chris Schuttger's Basic Navigation Clinic Photo by Cheryl Pervier



STARTING CLINIC

Saturday, March 28, 2020
9:00am - 1:00pm Lunch Included
Presenters: Bobby Brooks and Scott Young



All Levels welcome! Goal is to do more starts in 1.5 hours than you'll do in a season!

8:59-10:00am	Lecture (rig your boat before the lecture)
10:30am	First Gun starting drills and starts
12:00pm	Head in to de-rig
12:30-1:00pm	Debrief and lunch

Questions? Contact
AYC Sail Training Commander,
Anne Morley 713-248-3985
Sail Program Director,
Bobby Brooks 512-466-6954

Register Online
www.austinyachtclub.net
\$70 members, \$90 non-members, \$15 Youth
Boat Members helm \$70 + \$30 crew
Boat Non-Members helm \$90 + \$40 crew

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

Register now at <https://www.austinyachtclub.net/event/starting-clinic/>



LEARN TO SAIL

Saturday, April 4, 2020
1:00pm -5:00pm
Presenter: Bill Records



Photo by Bill Records

1:00pm-1:30pm	Meet and Greet
1:30pm-2:30pm	Chalk Talk
2:30pm-4:30pm	Rig and sail keelboats
4:30pm-5:00pm	Debrief and Questions

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Barry Marks
Senior Probationary

Barry started sailing on a Dolphin in the 1980s. He owned a wind surfer in college, took ASA 101 in 2019 and bought a laser. He is looking forward to sailing at AYC.



Eldon Rude
Associate Probationary

Eldon sailed for recreation from 1985-2005 on Lake Travis. He has sailed Sunfish, 16' Prindle, and 22' Capri. He has chartered keelboats in the BVI. Eldon has little racing experience but has a competitive nature, so he's looking forward to this new challenge.



Rhonda Farrington
Associate Probationary

Rhonda just moved here from Greece and has really, really missed sailing. She would love to learn to race, contribute to the Club and meet people who are also passionate about being on the water. She owns a 50' OceanStar in Greece.

Opening Series

\$5 Mid-Series Small Plates
\$10 EOS Dinner

Opening Series #2

March 8, 2020
Mac + Cheese

Opening Series #3

March 22, 2020
Chicken 'N Dumplings

Opening Series #4

March 29, 2020
Cottage Pie

Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler! End of Series Guest Chef Diane Covert

with Mark Zion and Cajun Harry Polly
April 5, 2020
Gumbo



REMINDER

The Austin Yacht Club Dues and Slip Fees were approved by the Board of Directors at their January 23 Board Meeting.

Please note, the new rates will be reflected starting on your March 1 billing statement.

If you have an automatic bill payment through your bank, PLEASE be sure to update your automatic payment amount with your bank so that your payment is processed with the newest rates.

Please contact Jackie Wheelless if you have any questions.

Thank you!

POINT OF CONTACT FOR TELLTALE AND ACCOUNTING

AYC's General Manager and Commodore request that members do not directly contact the Club Accountant or Telltale Editor with issues or concerns. For the Telltale Editor, this does not include normal communication during newsletter production.

All issues and/or concerns will be noted and communicated. Jackie will be the point of contact, and she will deliver your messages to the Club Accountant and Telltale Editor.

Thank you!

Social Committee Report

by Cathie Martin



Opening Day Brunch and Ceremony

AYC celebrated its time-honored tradition of welcoming the sailing season with an Opening Day Brunch and Opening Series Race on Sunday, March 1. On this beautiful day, Opening Day was not only about sailing but seeing old friends, their families and making new friends.

Commodore Dane Ohe welcomed more than 230 brunch attendees, **Andre De La Reza** led us downstairs with his bagpipes, the **Sea Scouts** raised the flag, **Kate Hennig** sang a beautiful rendition of the *Star-Spangled Banner* and the **Roadrunners** sang a hearty *Randy, Dandy-O*.

Cliff Price gave the invocation, honored the passing of members and **Tom Romberg** shared the history of the Club and its founders. **Commodore Ohe** introduced the new board, Sail/Training Program Director **Bobby Brooks** and former Commodores.

Special thanks to **Bob Gross** for his top-notch Bloody Mary Bar and volunteers **Ed Pierce** and **Karen Bogisch** for the Champagne Mimosas. They were the welcoming committee for members arriving to the brunch. **Jeff and Marilyn Jackson** strung the twinkle lights and helped return the clubhouse to its proper order. Last but not least, **Pat Manning** made and pinned boutonnières on present and former commodores.

The Opening Day Brunch and Ceremony would not have happened without the guidance and help from AYC staff members **Jackie Wheelless**, **Tom Cunningham**, **Bobby Brooks** and **Spencer LeGrande**.

Five Bucks

For the Opening Series races, the social committee will be offering small plates for \$5 – downstairs, if the weather is nice. The small plates will be scoops of Mac&Cheese, Chicken n' Dumplings, Cottage Pie (aka Shepard's Pie) and the series finale (dinner size plates) will feature Guest Chef **Diane Covert** and crew.

End of Opening Series Dinner

For the April 5 End of Opening Series dinner, **Vice Commodore Diane Covert**, **Mark Zion** and **Cajun Harry Polly** will stir up two different types of gumbo to *laissez les bon temps rouler*.

Luau

AYC's next big social event is the Luau on May 2. Would you like to join the planning committee? Send us an email at socialcommittee@austinyachtclub.net.

Mark your calendars!

Opening Day Clubhouse Transformation



Marilyn Jackson hanging lights in preparation for Opening Day
Photo by Cathie Martin



Karen Bogisch takes charge of the champagne bar
Photo by Marilyn Jackson



Cathie Martin and Bob Gross at the Bloody Mary bar
Photo by Marilyn Jackson



Above and below: AYC clubhouse receives a makeover for the big event, Social Committee Chair Cathie Martin presiding
Photo by Marilyn Jackson



Dee Chow and Cathie Martin prepping the Bloody Mary bar
Photo by Marilyn Jackson



Opening Day Banquet



Pat Manning and Sailing Program Director Bobby Brooks welcome guests to the celebration
Photo by Cathie Martin



Pat Manning pins his boutonniere on Commodore Dane Ohe *Photo by Cathie Martin*



Bob Gross shows Rebecca Sawyer, of Gourmet Gals Catering, how to create a top-notch Bloody Mary Bar *Photo by Cathie Martin*



Bobby Brooks and his parents *Photo by Cathie Martin*



AYC Board Secretary Gretchen Douglas and daughter *Photo by Cathie Martin*

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Opening Day Banquet



Summer Yen and sons *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



Bill Coon and Andre De La Reza
Photo by Marilyn Jackson



A hungry Ethan Froelich *Photo by Cathie Martin*



Sea Scouts' Jeff Sabuda and Dee Chow *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



Keith Denebeim, Andre De La Reza, John Bartlett and Chris Thompson *Photo by Cathie Martin*



Barry and Rona Thornton *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



Harbor Commander Russ Shermer, Christy Maddalozza, Jill Shermer, Carolyn Wilsford
Photo by Marilyn Jackson

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Opening Day Banquet



Carol Houston (Tony's Grandmother), Gael Slowik, Carmina Lange, Peter Lange, Eric Dahlka, Tony Slowik III *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



Stephanie Froelich, Vicki Richmond, Stefan Froelich *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



Mark Zion, Bill Records, Joe Luther, Vice Commodore Diane Covert *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



David Grogono and family *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



Mack Warner, Ed Pierce, Karen Bogisch, Sontian Stinson *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



Fiona Froelich, Kate Hennig, Wendi Froelich, Katie Froelich *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*

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Opening Day Banquet



Chelsea Mansfield, John Foster, Thomas Young *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



Bruce McDonald and Lisa Porta *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



Walter Allan and Wade Bingaman *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



Hanging out at the clubhouse *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



Distinguished guests the Price and Lancaster families *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*

Opening Day Ceremony



Sea Scouts front to back, L-R: Coco, Brady, Matthew Leo, Heidi, Ryan, Vik
Photo by Cheryl Pervier



Whistleblower Coco *Photo by Cheryl Pervier*



Past, present and future of AYC *Photo by Cheryl Pervier*



Beautiful rendition of the Star Spangled Banner by Kate Hennig *Photo by Cheryl Pervier*



Tom Romberg delivers the proud story of AYC *Photo by Cheryl Pervier*

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Opening Day Ceremony



Roadrunners sang a sea shanty *Photo by Cheryl Pervier*



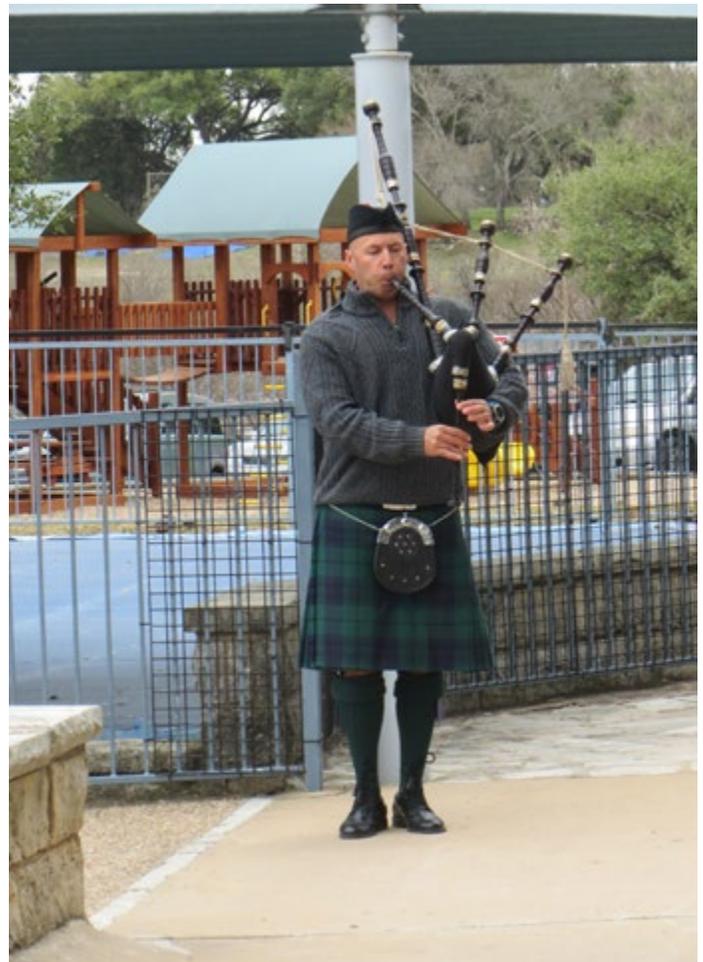
Bobby Brooks *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



Robbie and Eric Nelson *Photo by Cheryl Pervier*



Pat Manning and Chris Bataille *Photo by Cheryl Pervier*



Andre De La Reza *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*

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Opening Series #1



J22 RC Maggie Carter, Chuck Waldron, Rosanne Butera, Jim Bridgewater, Renee Ruais, TJ Fearn, Scott Lloyd, Pierre Bossart *Photo by Cheryl Pervier*



Captains' Meeting *Photo by Cheryl Pervier*



Crew of Namaste, Marilyn Jackson, Jeff Jackson, John Maddalozza, Jeremy Gunn
Photo by Marilyn Jackson



Peter Broberg and crew on Trivial Pursuit *Photo by Cheryl Pervier*



Bob Mathison and crew of 80 Proof; John Burke and crew of Amazing Grace
Photo by Marilyn Jackson



Jonathan Baker and crew of Too Much J; Terry Schertz and crew of Sweet T
Photo by Marilyn Jackson

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Opening Series #1



J24 competitor *Photo by Cheryl Pervier*



Jeff Jones and crew on Wild Thang *Photo by Cheryl Pervier*



Brian Grothues and crew on Moonlight Sonata *Photo by Cheryl Pervier*



Steve and Cheryl Pervier - Crew of Affinity *Photo by Scott Loyd*



Charles Christi and crew on SC21 *Photo by Cheryl Pervier*

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Opening Series #1



J80s! Photo by Scott Loyd



Ensigns! Photo by Scott Loyd



FUN! Photo by Scott Loyd



Pearson 26 competitor Photo by Tamara Fearn



Kurt Carson and crew of Knot Rite Photo by Tamara Fearn

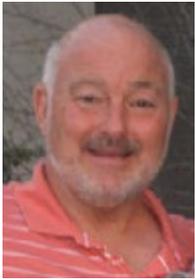
Brad Davis Rules Quiz!

Q: What is the first rule in "Racing Rules of Sailing?"

Answer on page 23

The ASA Corner

by ASA Instructor Harry Polly



Mooring Ball Pick-ups – Almost 100% Guaranteed

As sailing instructors, we are always looking for ways to build our skills and pass them on to our students. Picking up a mooring ball can be simple or complicated, depending. We often are asked "how can you pick up a mooring ball every time?"

The textbook method is to come to the mooring buoy under power and directly into the wind. A crew member then goes forward with a boat hook and gives clear directions to the helmsman to stop the bow of the boat exactly at the buoy and into the wind.

However, what often happens is that the boat stops short of the buoy, by which time the wind has caught the bow of the boat, that is now crabbing downwind and drifting away from the pennant. This is accompanied by an exchange of "helpful" ideas between helmsman and crew and is naturally being watched by other boaters in the anchorage. The following method has been found to be a near perfect way to pick up a mooring ball when sailing a monohull.

First, helmsman and crew choose a buoy, decide on a port or starboard side pick-up, and get ready with boat hook and bridle lines. The boat then approaches under power slowly on the equivalent of a close reach course (about 60 degrees off the wind); this can be assessed by comparing your course to other boats which will be facing into the wind. The helmsman then aims to stop the boat three to four feet to windward of the buoy and allows the bow to slowly drift onto the buoy. This gives the crew plenty of time to retrieve the pennant, thread the eye and secure with lines, regardless of wind conditions.

The stronger the wind, the further you will need to position to windward. We use two lines through the pennant, each secured to their own cleat for additional security, which forms a bridle helping keep the boat steady.

The Catamaran Variation:

Since the typical cruising catamaran is 20 to 25 feet wide, you can use a more direct approach to pick up a mooring buoy. Use a crew of two: one to handle the boat hook and one to guide the helmsman to the mooring buoy.

Again, try to stop the boat four or five feet from the mooring buoy but straight on between the two pontoons. The boat hook handler will then pick up the pennant and pass to the other crew member who will then wrap the pennant around a cleat on the front of the catamaran. Then the boat hook handler will put the boat hook down and run the lines through the pennant loop connecting two lines – one to each side. Once the lines are secure, the wrap pennant can be released from the cleat to allow the boat to drift back from the mooring buoy.

This approach avoids the pennant loading up if a wind shift occurs while trying to thread a line through the pennant loop.

The Additional Useful Tips:

1. Use hand signals verses trying to yell back and forth. I like a closed fist as a signal to stop the boat's forward motion.
2. Helmsman should let the crew guide the boat up to the mooring buoy.
3. Keep the motor going until the signal that the mooring ball has been properly attached to the boat. Then go up front and check the crew's work.

TAKE NOTE:

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS WHO HAVE OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES FOR AYC EVENTS

In order to receive reimbursement for expenses paid out of your pocket for an AYC expense (regatta, series meal, clinic, etc.), please submit a completed **Reimbursement or Charge Form** (located in the office) to Jackie. Be sure to attach your original, dated receipts.

Requests for reimbursement of expenses should be approved by the person who has oversight of the event and should be submitted to Jackie **within two weeks of the event** for which the expenses were incurred.

Thank you!!

FUR SUBMISSION DEADLINE

The Club has become busier and busier, so to allow the Board ample time to review and discuss events that members wish to host at the Club, the Board has decided to implement a deadline for FUR submissions.

All Facilities Use Request forms (FURs) to be voted on at the March Board Meeting should be submitted and received by the Secretary no later than **7:00pm, Saturday, March 21**.

Please do not submit a FUR for a **non-racing** event that will take place in excess of six months from your submission date.

The Board meetings are on the 4th Thursday of each month (except November and December). Please review the website calendar and the timeline for any event you wish to host and make certain your FUR is received within the timeline stated above. If your FUR is not received on time, the FUR may not be considered until the next regular Board meeting.

As a reminder, all FURs **must have a representative present at the Board meeting** during which the vote takes place, so that Board members may discuss any questions they may have pertaining to the FUR.

When submitting your FUR, please make sure you receive a confirmation that your FUR was accepted and, if not, re-submit the form before the deadline.

Please feel free to contact Grethen Douglas, Secretary, at secretary@austinyachtclub.net if you have any questions. You may also call Jackie at the office for information.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Fun Friday Events by Marilyn Jackson



Margo Bower-Abbey and Guy Abbey hosted a Hedbanz game night on January 31. As a special treat, **Margo and Guy** brought pork sliders with slaw, beef sliders and homemade cheese macaroni. 15 members attended.

Renee Ruais hosted a Pictionary game night on February 21. **Cass Meyer** bought a secret weapon – his son **Caston**, who did an awesome job. **Renee Ruais** cooked up a bunch of hot appetizers for us,

and everyone else brought snacks as well. 10 members attended.

Jeff Jackson and Marilyn Jackson hosted 'Get to know your Friends' games on February 28. We found out some interesting things about some of our fellow sailors. Before the games, we feasted on **Marilyn's** homemade lasagna, warm garlic bread, zucchini+squash+more bake, salad and cookies. 9 members attended.

Future Fun Friday Dates:

- Mar 13th - No Fun Friday due to J24 Texas State Championship registration.
- Mar 20th - TBD
- Mar 27th - TBD

Come join us for Fun Friday Events from 7 pm to 10 pm. You do not need to RSVP. We are looking for members to host a family friendly Fun Friday Night in March. Let us know if you would like to volunteer. Reach out to **Jeff or Marilyn Jackson** in person, or email funfridaysayc@gmail.com. The only requirement is that you bring a family friendly game or ram-rod some event with your sailor friends.



Charlie Lancaster tries his hand at drawing – Pictionary Game Night *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



Guy Abbey & Margo Bower-Abbey, Charlie Lancaster, Meiling Parker, Renee Ruais, Annie Lancaster, Jeff Jackson (Amy Gunkler and Marilyn Jackson not in photo) – Get to Know Your Friends Game Night. *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



Meiling Parker, Linda Donovan, Guy Abbey & Margo Bower-Abbey, Chris Bataille, Renee Ruais, Jeff Jackson – Hedbanz Game Night *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



Marilyn's lasagna dinner. Friday Fun Night Food! *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*

New PERMANENT Wheel Chocks for North Ramp

By Fred Schroth



Note the term PERMANENT. Each chock is made of 3/8 thick steel, weighs about ten pounds, and is painted international safety yellow.

There is absolutely no reason this chock design cannot serve everyone who launches or hauls a keel boat. There is absolutely no reason the chocks should fail to last for the rest of the century.

A little history: **Bill Howard** made these chocks. **Bill** is the guy who made the mounting concrete for the giant anchor by the clubhouse. **Bill** is the guy who built the big gooseneck trailer we often see at the Club under our biggest boats. **Bill** made that trailer in 1969 to bring home a new Columbia 22 from the factory.

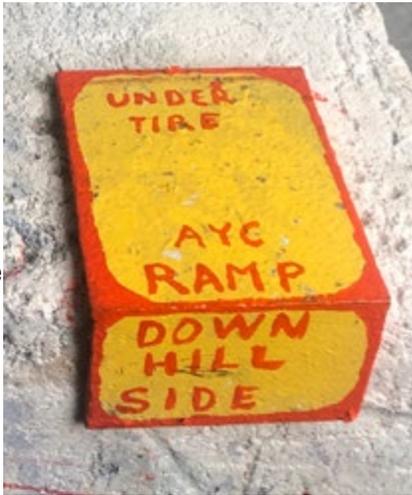
Yes! **Bill** had a tendency to overbuild some things. My guess is that tendency was developed while constructing most of the airports around the planet where our military wanted to safely launch and land B-52 bombers. I spent a lot of hours at Los Pinos listening to **Bill** describe how much concrete he poured and where. I also listened to his stories about dredging 107 million yards of sludge from Town Lake so it would be a lake instead of a swamp. Sometimes he told stories about his time spent with

Lyndon while **Caroline Howard** and **Lady Bird** made plans and started the National Wildlife Research Center. **Bill** didn't much like **Lyndon**.

Anyway, **Bill** gave me those absurdly heavy chocks about 15 years ago and, despite the fact it literally hurts to lift them in and out over the side of the pickup truck, I felt obligated to use them.

About a month ago I found some fabulous heavy duty rubber chocks and decided it was time to put **Bill's** chocks to a better use.

Wood chocks on our North Ramp tend to disappear after a few weeks. I have always assumed they have disappeared because they have ridden away on the wash from trailers rapidly exiting the water.



Photos by Bill Records

I thought the heavy BRIGHT YELLOW chocks would never rinse away, and if the lake were to come up, we could find them. They would be visible in five to ten feet of water. I figured no one would accidentally take them because:

**Every one of our members is a considerate caring person who wants the next ramp user to have wonderful safe chocks.

**No one would mistakenly take the big heavy steel BRIGHT YELLOW chocks as no one else has big heavy steel BRIGHT YELLOW chocks.

Three weeks after I placed the BRIGHT YELLOW communal chocks on the ramp they were gone. Last weekend, our fellow members were dangerously chocking their wheels with rocks.

I found the big heavy steel BRIGHT YELLOW chocks just before the deadline for this month's Telltale. Suffice it to say, "Someone must have mistaken the big heavy steel BRIGHT YELLOW chocks for something of his own." I have now added a label on each chock that says AYC RAMP so those of us who may mistake the big heavy steel BRIGHT YELLOW chocks for their own rocks or wood scraps will have a better chance to avoid accidentally taking the big heavy steel BRIGHT YELLOW chocks away from everyone else.

Please enjoy our new communal trailer chocks. Always chock all four wheels on tandem trailers. Put the long side under the tire. Leave a pair on each side just off the concrete, and maybe even use the chocks as an excuse to segue into telling your great grandkids about **Bill Howard**, one of our original AYC members who liked to build things so they last.



Frostbite Series

Overall Race Results

Division = A PHRF

PLACE	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	PHRF	TYPE	TOTAL	WK1	WK2	WK3	WK4	WK5
1	836	Namaste	Cass Meyer	135	Pearson Flyer	4	1	1	6*DNF	1	1
2	40	Dutch Comfort	Peter Marsh	90	Extreme 25	12	4	3	3	2	5*
3	224	Aphaia	Dane Ohe	180	Pearson 31	13	3	6*DNF	2	5DNC	3

Division = B PHRF

PLACE	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	PHRF	TYPE	TOTAL	WK1	WK2	WK3	WK4	WK5
1	1006	No Name Sea Scout	Matthew Sabuda	210	Pearson 26	3	ODNC	5*	1	1	1
2	1393	Incognito	Dave Weeks	210	Pearson 26	6	ODNC	1	3	10*RAF	2
3	1698	Blue Note	John Durfor	210	Pearson 26	6	ODNC	2	2	2	3*

Division = MHA PHRF

PLACE	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	PHRF	TYPE	TOTAL	WK1	WK2	WK3	WK4	WK5
1	46	Lucy Gene	Bill Coon	33	Corsair Sprint 750R	4	1	ODNC	2	1	7*DNC
2	51589	Rumline	Aaron McCulley	21	F28-R	6	3DNC	ODNC	1	5*DNC	2
3	34	Rush Hour	Mike Rohrer	21	F28-R	9	3DNC	ODNC	5*	5DNC	1

Division = MHB PHRF

PLACE	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	PHRF	TYPE	TOTAL	WK1	WK2	WK3	WK4	WK5
1	461	Old Skull	Owen Crouse	63	Nacra 5.7	0	ODNC	ODNC	1*	ODNC	ONC

Class = OD One Design Division = J80

PLACE	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	TOTAL	WK1	WK2	WK3	WK4	WK5
1	1320	Speed Racer	Claudia Bartlett	4	1	1	2*	1	1
2	122	JazzTacks	Karen Bogisch/Scott Young	10	2	14*DNC	1	4	3
3	266	Flyer	Ray Shull	13	3	2	6	16DNC	2

Class = OD One Design Division = J22

PLACE	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	TOTAL	WK1	WK2	WK3	WK4	WK5
1	1235	Project Mayhem	John Halter	4	1*	1	1	1	1
2	672	Silicon Ship	Jim Bridgwater	10	5*	3	3	2	2
3	629	Bonfire	Linda McDavitt	10	3	2	2	4*	3

Frostbite Series

Class = OD One Design Division = J24

PLACE	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	TOTAL	WK1	WK2	WK3	WK4	WK5
1	2160	Psycho	Fred Schroth	6	1	1	1	3*	3DNC
2	2822	Vang Go	Stuart Juengst	7	2	2	2	1	3*DNC
3	1444	Momentous	Simon Valencia	12	4*	3	4	2	3DNC

Class = OD One Design Division = Ensign

PLACE	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	TOTAL	WK1	WK2	WK3	WK4	WK5
1	588	Styf Kop	Ann Kitzmiller	5	1	1	ODNC	3*	3
2	929	Dos Locos	Lewis Price	5	5*DNC	2	ODNC	1	2
3	1167	One with the Wind	Dave Gamble	8	5*DNC	5DNC	ODNC	2	1

Class = OD One Design Division = C22

PLACE	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	TOTAL	WK1	WK2	WK3	WK4	WK5
1	752	Dry Heave	John Grzinich	2	ODNC	1	4*DNC	ODNC	1
2	13622	Strings Attached	Louise Miller	4	ODNC	2	2	ODNC	3*DNF
3	5477	Moonlight Sonata	Brian Grothues	5	ODNC	4*DNC	1	ODNC	4DNC

Brad Davis Rules Quiz!

Q: What is the first rule in "Racing Rules of Sailing?"

Answer:

1 SAFETY

1.1 Helping Those in Danger

A boat or competitor shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger.

1.2 Life-Saving Equipment and Personal Flotation Devices

A boat shall carry adequate life-saving equipment for all persons on board, including one item ready for immediate use, unless her Class Rules make some other provision. Each competitor is individually responsible for wearing a personal flotation device adequate for the conditions.

Any questions? Contact Brad Davis at 972-672-9096

Frostbite Series



Christopher Hammel and crew of Sforzando *Photos this page by Marilyn Jackson*



Peter Marsh and crew of Dutch Comfort



Claude Welles and crew of Jackrabbit; John Burke and crew of Amazing Grace



John Bartlett and crew of Speed Racer; Karen Bogisch and crew of JazzTacks



Lake Travis Traffic Jam



Kurt Zinsmeyer and crew of Shaken Knot Stirred

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Frostbite Series



Ensigns - Lewis Price and crew of Dos Locos; Dave Gamble and crew of One with the Wind
Photos this page by Marilyn Jackson



Bill Records and Jeff Sabuda with Sea Scouts crew



John Parker and crew of Chupacabra



Caston Meyer on Namaste



Dave Weeks and crew of Incognito



Keith Denebeim, Jim Pearce, Bobby Brooks, Chris Thompson on The JACK

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Frostbite Series



Norman Meyer and crew of Namaste on start line with J80s
Photos this page by Elizabeth Quintanilla



Stuart Juengst and crew of Vang Go



Fred Schroth drives Jorge Martín de Nicolás' J24 Stray Dog



Bruce McFarland and crew on Jus Knot Rite

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Ladies of the J80s: L-R Lisa Porta, Gayle Leonard, Dee Chow and Elizabeth Quintanilla
Photo submitted by Elizabeth Quintanilla



Steve Pervier, Cody Hix, Dave Meredith, Sally Caraway, Cheryl Pervier – Catalina 22 and South Coast 21 fleets on RC *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



Race 3 winner Jeff Sabuda and Sea Scouts crew *Photo by Bill Records*



Chase boat crew Brian Grothues and Margarito Morales *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



Chris Hargett and crew of J24 Kicks *Photo by Fred Schroth*

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Frostbite Series



First place Catalina 22 – John Grzinich *Photos this page by Cheryl Pervier*



First place PHRF A – Pearson Flyer Namaste: Caston and Cass Meyer, Marilyn and Jeff Jackson, David Mok, Abbie McNamee, Dan Culica



First place PHRF B – Pearson 26: Sea Scouts Caleb, Logan, Jett, skipper Matthew Sabuda, Bill Records, Jeff Sabuda



First place J80 – Claudia Bartlett and crew John Bartlett, John Foster and Taylor Snyder



Scoring guru Ed Pierce

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Frostbite Series



2nd Place PHRF B – Dave Weeks, Brad Kocen and grandson Jayden on Pearson 26 Incognito
Crew: Jenn Loehlin, Mike Mashi and Mike Bayer + Ship 441 *Photos this page by Cheryl Pervier*



3rd place J80 – Ray Shull on Speed Racer



2nd Place J80 – Karen Bogisch on JazzTacks *Photos this page by Cheryl Pervier*



2nd place J/24 Vang Go – Stu Juengst and Brandon Fury



4th Place J80 – Amazing Grace Crew member Jeremy Apel accepting award for John Burke

MoonBurn Annual Trophy

by James Parsons



This is the story of a racing series being created, and the annual trophy to help carry things on after I leave Austin.

MoonBurn has been a culmination of amazing experiences, and amazing people, in my life.

Bob Goldsmith gets first mention. He would love to see you, and hear from his friends

at AYC. I got to see him on January 20, and talked about MoonBurn and my sailing plans in New Zealand in the coming six weeks. I implore you to see him while you can. It's not really possible for him to come to AYC, so please go see him and share some fun stories to brighten his day. If you don't know how, have a brief chat with **Karen Bogisch** (his law firm partner).

Bob was instrumental in guiding my passion towards something tangible. When he agreed to reluctantly have some responsibility again, it was so that he could work with me on making MoonBurn come to fruition. It was the birth of a friendship and mentorship.

I remember so fondly the time we had drinks after one of our KFB meetings at his office in 2016. He basically made me drink until I agreed to not leave Austin for New Zealand. He showered me with compliments, and gave me some amazing advice to "Be the best at your career you can be, and don't get on the Board until you have some grey hairs."

I was tempted again in early 2017. He again gave me advice to not go back yet. Fast forward two years, and I did my dream job (training people in data). If I went to NZ in 2017, I'm not sure if that would have worked out. Or where MoonBurn would be, if I left seven months after it began. **Bob** was central to keeping me here, helping MoonBurn form, and helping me to keep it going.

Ah, New Zealand. I'm here as you read this. I have dual citizenship with US/NZ btw. I've visited friends, did LOTS of sailing via volunteering with Sailability Wellington (I started sailing [2007], where we took people with disabilities out sailing), Sailability Auckland, Evans Bay Yacht and Motor Club (Wellington), Gulf Harbour Yacht Club (Auckland).

There's a decent likelihood I'll be working in Auckland during the America's Cup in 2021.

I left New Zealand after 7.5 amazing years (I was 24 to 31), where I learned to sail...ironically to do more sailing. My goal was to work on a super yacht.

I crossed the Atlantic twice in 2012 on 40-45 footers (catamarans and monohulls). I'll skip over the boring day stuff. Maybe I'll give a talk sometime. But, the magic seed applicable to this story was of course sailing at night. So many stars and bioluminescent plankton every night, oh and dolphins. Seeing grown men squeal with joy while the "dauphine!" (in French) was lit up red when on port and green when on starboard.

I had a top five best day of my life when the captain had me do all the planning for our sail through Gibraltar. Dolphins doing more tricks than I'd ever seen (backstrokes & a reverse pirouette), a nicely timed current, a plan coming to fruition, and amazing weather.

I did end up working on a super yacht named Lone Ranger in France. It was a great experience, but it was merely a destination, and the journey getting me there was more of a key to my life.

Fast forward to last week (at the time of writing). It was another top five best day of my life. It started at Fun Friday on Jan 17, getting to show people the trophy in person for the first time and seeing their reactions. Saturday Jan 18 I had an amazing day on the water with **Bob M, Stefan F, Hazel S, and John**. The magical part of that day of course was being able to present the Club with the MoonBurn annual trophy. All 4 prior winners were there (2016 – **Ed Taylor, Air Supply**. 2017 – **Keith Denebeim, Slip Kid**. 2018 – **Ray Shull, Flyer**. 2019 – **John Bartlett, Speed Racer**)

I also had **Chris Thompson** join us, as he was instrumental in helping me realize in 2015 that I was onto a good idea, and that I should run with it. After trying (to no avail) to get other skippers out on the lake at night to experience the magic, I said "what if I started a race." He perked up, and said "If you build it, they will race".

The rest is history. MoonBurn is going into its 5th year this year. Every year it exceeds my hopes, and people keep on telling me that it's their favourite series of the year.

The annual trophy for MoonBurn also exceeded my hopes. It's amazing, and fits what I imagine a flame could look like on the moon (it's blown glass, and was made by corporateimagegroupgsg.com, as were the MoonBurn trophy bottles for 2019).

I'm gathering an amazing group of people that understand the ethos behind MoonBurn to be stewards of the series, should I find some favourable winds and raise my spinnaker. They've been around since the early years (or the start) of MoonBurn, and they understand the premise of the series and can help advocate for it in the future.

In addition to the people mentioned above, thanks also goes out to:

Karen Bogisch for being there at the start and always available to help if the moment calls for it.

Keith Denebeim for bringing up the idea of a MoonBurn annual trophy.

Andre De La Reza for taking over C Fleet captain in 2018 from me, so I could focus on more fun things (i.e. MoonBurn), and for helping MoonBurn weather a storm last year (that would have resulted in J80s not being eligible).

John and Christy Maddalozzo for looking out for me and always being supportive.

Steve Vaughn and Patrick Caughey for being so supportive when I announced it, and following up providing input in later years.

Bill Records and Annie Lancaster for being great sounding boards.

There are a ton of others that have volunteered over the years. Without you guys, I couldn't keep MoonBurn going.

Lastly, thank you to anyone who has come out for the experience that is MoonBurn. I hope it's around several more years for you guys to enjoy.

MoonBurn2020 is on the last Friday of our warm weather months. May 29, June 26, July 31, August 28* (or 29), and September 25. Your non-member friends are welcome to race with us.

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* There is potential for the Aug 28th race to be on Saturday Aug 29th. I'll take a poll in April. The NOR will have the finalized dates on it.

Saturdays have more powerboats, and they can drink more hours than they can on a Friday. I've sailed countless weeknights, but have only sailed three Saturday nights due to not enjoying the aforementioned experience. We can give one a go this year, if there is demand for it, to see how skippers and crew feel in the face of increased inebriated traffic and collision chances.

P.S. The above has been typed in NZ spelling, mostly for my amusement. But, also because I made the trophy presentation barefoot, like a good Kiwi sailor. Also thanks to having wet and cold shoes from a spirited day of racing.

Fair winds and following Thursdays!



L-R: Keith Denebeim, John Bartlett, James Parsons, Ed Taylor, Chris Thompson, Ray Shull

Catalina 22 Update by Steve Pervier



With good weather on seven race dates in 2020 so far, we might ask, "Why do we call it Frostbite racing?" Spring-like weather even developed during the afternoon of our February 8 race committee day! After a variety of NE to SE and E forecasts, the day began cool and cloudy with a 1pm wind at 080 – within the create-your-own course range. Aha! As several of our fleet have been enjoying Navigation classes run by our Sea Scout leaders (thank you!) let me ask...

Are these wind directions *True*, *Magnetic*, or *Compass*? You could check our Race Committee Handbook, Long Distance Courses, and the Map we publish every series. Also, how about NWS and other forecasts? Let me know your observations! Yes, we only have less than a 5° E variation at AYC, but reviewing this is good practice. Such details could be significant on that island charter, offshore race, or inland waters cruise.

Our Frostbite RC was my first PRO role in a while, so I had fun warping a six-mark course to fit an E wind which we hoped would go farther right. We moved the pin for a reaching finish from B or 7 (favoring the leeward end as in a reaching start) and turned the Signal Boat about 90° with a port-side bridle. Then a shift to 120 made me square the line a bit. The beautiful day made this an easy sail despite the odd wind direction, and we were pleased that many enjoyed this day.

Thanks to C22 sailors **Brian Grothues and Margarito Morales, Walter Payne, Dave Meredith, Cheryl and Steve Pervier, our new C22 owner, Cody Hix,**



Frostbite RC-Catalina 22-SouthCoast 21 L-R: Cheryl Pervier, Jonathan Joy, Walter Payne, Sarah Zajicek, Charles Christi, Cody Hix, Sally Caraway, Doug Powell, Brian Grothues, Jeffrey Lane, Margarito Morales, Steve Pervier, Dave Meredith Photo by Cheryl Pervier

and South Coast skippers Doug Powell and the newest SC21 owner, Charles Christie for their good work on our Race Committee. We were delighted to work with a record six new AYC members (counting **Cody and Charles**) and including **Sarah Zajicek, Jeffrey Lane, Sally Caraway, and Jonathan Joy**. What a great group – it was fun to work with everyone!

We've just enjoyed Opening Day festivities and the start of Opening Series, with a new RTB course design – adding a windward finish line and an extra half a leg upwind. Our first try at this course started with a southerly wind that was a bit shifty with some local puffs. It was thrilling to have five C22s and two SC21s on the line, especially as most were right on time.



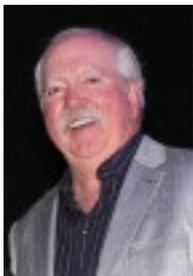
Strings Attached and Moonlight Sonata starting Opening Series Race #1 Photo Cheryl Pervier

Peter and Robert sailed Trivial Pursuit to a lead in this very long W2 race and the following W1 also, with **Brian and his crew** on Moonlight Sonata not far behind. **Cheryl and I** on Affinity looked light compared to **Brian, Margarito, Shane, and Richard**, especially in the strong wind. **Linda McDavitt** joined **Louise and Walter** on Strings Attached, while **Justin** sailed with **James and Sarah** on their beautiful Coyoacan. RC shortened our second race W1 at L – good for us since we managed to pass **Brian** downwind. He would have done the same on the next upwind!

I have to apologize for confusing our editor and readers last issue – the purple boat belongs to **John Grzinich**, and though it's an early (1971) C22, it wasn't around for the '56 Olympics! That honor belongs to long-time AYC member and friend **Calin Popescu**, who told me he sailed on the Romanian team in a Star class boat.

J80 Fleet Update

by Ray Shull



The 2020 Frostbite Series brought us some of the best Frostbite racing in several years. The milder than normal temps and great winds gave us some awesome sailing conditions. A total of 18 J 80s participated, with an average of 13 boats sailing each race. **Claudia and John Bartlett** showed exceptional boat speed and racing tactics for the entire series, with four first places and one second. Jazz Tacks finished second overall, followed by Flyer, then Amazing Grace, and then Lickety Split.

Opening Day was also some of the best weather for starting the regular Series racing in recent memory. Great winds and warm temperatures resulted in 16 J 80s coming out to race on the Opening Day. After two races, Amazing Grace showed remarkable consistency with a second and a first. The racing was as usual very close with the first 10 boats finishing within two minutes of each other. Several boats recorded both a top five finish and a finish in double digits. Several skippers remarked that it was no surprise to pass three or four boats on a good wind shift and also to lose several boats with a slow mark rounding or getting caught on the wrong side of shift.

The J 80 Fleet doesn't race again until March 22, with time out for Race Committee Duty and then a week off. At that time we'll continue our long-standing (one year) tradition of getting together for an after-party following each series race. This has proven very popular in the past and is hosted by a boat each race day. That boat brings refreshments (i.e. rum) and snacks for the fleet. We have enough boats in the Fleet now that each boat will likely only host one after-race party each year. A great way to relive the highs and lows of that day's racing, discuss what worked well with each other, and plan for improvements the following race.

See you all on the water.



Super Bowl Squares Winners JoAnn & Claude Welles and Ray Shull *Photo Cheryl Pervier*

Ensign Fleet Update

by Ann Kitzmiller



We are already off to a great year of sailing, having finished a Frostbite Series that included uncharacteristically pleasant weather and just the right amount of wind. Four boats raced the series – **George and Frans Dahmen's Styf Kop (#588)**, **Lewis Price's Dos Locos (#929)**, **Dave Gamble's One With the Wind (#1167)**, and **Carl Wiseman's Deep 6 (#1609)**. First place finishes were spread around with two for Styf Kop, one for Dos Locos, and one for One With the

Wind. The final placing was decided by a tie-breaker with Styf Kop coming out on top based on the number of first place finishes. Great racing everyone! The Ensign Fleet had Race Committee duty on February 15. Thanks to **Tom Groll and Bill Hawk** the fleet had plenty of volunteers and did a great job.



The glamorous side of yacht racing – George and Tom getting boats ready for Opening Day *Photo Ann Kitzmiller*

Opening Day was a really great event this year. The turnout was huge, the Club looked beautiful, and we enjoyed hearing from **Cliff Price** during the opening ceremony. Opening Day is always a day of reflection, appreciation, and pride in our Club. More importantly, though, it is a day to enjoy what is best about AYC – the camaraderie and friendships among the members and across the fleets.

A great day of racing followed the ceremony with the first race of the Opening Series. The Ensign Fleet had six boats on the line racing and one boat out for some cruising and spectating. **Tom Groll** was out on Brews'r with crew **Anne Riggs, Jennifer Hopgood, and Fred Ford**. Brews'r finished second in the first race and first in the second race. Styf Kop was guest skippered by **Maarten Dahmen**, who was visiting from Holland with his wife **Laurence van Rossem**. With crew of **George and Frans Dahmen and Ann Kitzmiller**, **Maarten** cruised to an easy win in the first race and managed to come from behind to eke out a second in the second race. **Laurence** spent the race sketching the three brothers sailing together with somewhat questionable results. According to **Laurence**, the zombie-like rendering was caused by the difficulty of sketching on a boat and had nothing to do with the subject matter! **Lewis Price and his crew** made a strong showing with two third place finishes and very nearly taking second in the second race. **Danny Lien with his crew of Dave Gamble, Abe Gamble, and Kathryn Noack** finished both races in fourth place. **Bill and Kelly Hawk and crew** were in fifth for both races, and **Annie and Charlie Lancaster and crew** rounded out the fleet in sixth. **Carl Wiseman and crew** sailed about for a bit and I'm sure enjoyed the day. It was so much fun to have such great turnout and such close finishes. The new racing format seemed to work out fine for the fleet and I felt like we sailed longer and had more opportunities to execute tactics and strategies than in the shorter races. We want to thank our former fleet member **James Bland** for all his contributions during his time as member of our fleet.

I am looking forward to more great racing and socializing this spring. Let's go Ensign Sailing!

Multihull Update

by Jim Casto



Although for various reasons fleet attendance at Frostbite Series races was lower than expected, the competition has been great. Week 3 saw 7 boats on the line, with some very close corrected times amongst our racers. Week 5 had 5 boats and so, in the overall standings, **Bill Coon** edged out **Aaron** for 1st place, with **Aaron** coming in 2nd. **J.K.'s** frequent position for the last couple series, of being at the top of the leaderboard, appears to be in jeopardy.

Fleet members are serving on a wide range of committee assignments this year, which gives good visibility both to our members of what it takes to have a thriving Club, as well as visibility of our fleet's needs. We eagerly await the new South Cove Rigging Dock, long overdue. Although we have no one on PRC right now, **Aaron** has volunteered for a bit later in the year, assuming he passes the exam, background check, and grueling interview process!

On a sad note, for the second Telltale issue in a row, we mark the passing of a friend and sailor.

Our friend **Steve Piché** died this past month of a heart attack while skiing at Breckenridge. **Steve** learned to love sailing catamarans on Lake Travis, but then took his passion to levels above what most of us imagine possible. After several years of campaigning a Hobie 18 and then a Hobie 20 on the "Texas Circuit", and racing at several Hobie Nationals, he decided it would be "fun" to sail the 1000-mile race called the Worrell 1000. He like doing that so much, on several different boats (some of which were lost in the Atlantic to storms), he then invented a Texas version, the 4-day race on beach cats from South Padre to Galveston which called the "Great Texas 300." That race ran for 16 years, and he was proud to be the only competitor to have raced and finish every leg of every year. When he finally won the last GT300, it was an accomplishment that "I, **Steve Piché**" well deserved. He did all this sailing while being a fun, generous, and enthusiastic competitor, an inventive engineer, and a loving father and husband. While he was not always winning races, his spirit and energy made every event he attended more fun, just because he was there. I know I will miss him.

B Fleet Update

by David Weeks



The Frostbite Series continued to provide great racing, with generally moderate winds and some different wind directions to add to the challenge.

A total of 11 boats from B-fleet participated in the series, although only an average of six boats completed the last three races. **Matt Sabuda** helming **Jeff's** Pearson 26 (1006) with a crew of Ship 441 Sea Scouts, made a clean sweep of races 3-5, with

some assistance from **Bill Records**. However, there was controversy further down the order on the use of spinnakers, with two boats retiring after the finish of race 4, because of use of spinnakers after previously declaring non-spinnaker. Consultation amongst B-fleet resulted in general agreement

that the rule should be changed requiring spinnaker declaration to be for the series. The rule change has yet to be implemented, but changes to the Sailing Instructions and registration process were made for the Opening Series to provide consistency with the NOR.

Frostbite Series #3

Matt Sabuda (P26 1006) and **John Durfor** (P26 1698), the two spinnaker boats in the fleet for this race, were able to make the most of the moderate WNW winds on the downwind legs to finish ahead of **Dave Weeks** (P26 1393) who was consistently chasing them down on the upwind legs. **Can Kalyoncuoglu** (Capri 22) was also pushing the Pearsons for much of the race, particularly on the downwind legs. **Hector Lujan** (Columbia 26) was racing with a novice crew, but finished well to claim fifth place. The unfortunate **Anthony Yen** (P260D 194) suffered a ripped mainsail and was forced to retire from the race. Thanks to **John Bartlett** for turning around **Anthony's** sail repair so that he could compete in race #4.

Frostbite Series #4

Race #4 brought lighter E winds, which made 155 genoa and spinnaker the preferred sail choice for the Pearsons. Close racing between **Matt Sabuda** (P26 1006), **John Durfor** (P26 1698) and **Dave Weeks** (P26 1393) saw the lead change multiple times, with the rounding of mile marker 6 a particular challenge as progressive headers resulted in three boats leading the race within a distance of 200 yards. **Jeff Avant** (Columbia 26 1022) and **Edwin Marty** (Catalina 25) were also very competitive, and **Anthony Yen** (P260D 194) would have finished better but made the mistake of following **Hector Lujan** (Columbia 26 16058) instead of finishing. **Ed Pierce** (P260D 206) sailed single-handed and finished commendably well, but the Sea Scout Ship (S2 7.3) failed to finish. **Mack Warner**, ghost racing, (Ranger 23) was also very competitive for much of the race. **Jeff Avant** and **Dave Weeks** retired after the race following discussion in the bar about declaration of spinnaker usage, and a broadcast fleet email to discuss and resolve.

Frostbite Series #5

Race #5 saw the return of moderate S winds, and a more familiar course. **Matt Sabuda** (P26 1006) took the lead from the start, and with **John Durfor** (P26 1698) the two spinnaker boats extended their lead over the fleet on the first downwind leg. However, **Dave Weeks** (P26 2393) was able to take advantage of wind shifts and boat speed to maintain a challenge to the second windward mark, and after taking **John Durfor's** wind for much of the second downwind leg finished in second place thanks to a lift to the line on starboard tack. **Ed Pierce** (P26 OD 206) and **Anthony Yen** (P260D 194) completed a clean sweep for the Pearsons in B-fleet, followed to the line by **Edwin Marty** (Catalina 25) and **Hector Lujan** (Columbia 26 16058).

Congratulations to **Matt Sabuda** and **Ship 441** for their great start to racing. Second place in the series went to **Dave Weeks**, narrowly beating **John Durfor** on number of wins.

Opening Series #1

After enjoying a wonderful opening buffet, cocktails well before the sun was over the yard-arm, and a motivating opening ceremony, seven B-fleet boats set out to race. Boat end starboard tack was definitely favored and

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the start was congested despite a long line. The first windward leg was equally competitive for five boats, before a collision between **Ed Pierce** (P260D 206) and **Dave Weeks** (P26 1393) brought **Ed's** race to an end. **Bill Records** (P260D 198) led to the downwind mark, but **Dave Weeks** and **Victor Gofay** (P260D 237) were chasing hard with spinnakers flying. **Mack Warner** (Ranger 23) sailing single-handed was extremely competitive until a spinnaker wrap ended his race. **Dave Weeks** and **Victor Gofay** continued to close down on **Bill Records** on the upwind leg, but it was not until the downwind leg when **Bill Records** had a spinnaker hourglass wrap sailing by the lee, that **Dave Weeks** was able to overtake. **Anthony Yen** (P260D 194) sailing non-spinnaker finished a close fourth, with **Hector Lujan** (Columbia 26) also racing well.

I've not had many responses to the ideas put forward in the last Telltale, so will be getting back to you all for feedback

Sunfish Fleet Update

by Louise Miller



Time to get your Sunfish ready to go 'cause we have lots of exciting Sunfish activities just around the corner. The first event on the calendar is the Rush Creek Yacht Club's Spring Dinghyfest on the weekend of April 25-26. This is the first race of the Texas Sunfish Racing Circuit for 2020. For those of you who have not been there, RCYC has great facilities and a friendly group of Sunfishers who will give you a run for your money.

Next, AYC's new sailing director **Bobby Brooks** will be conducting a three-session Sunfish Clinic. The sessions are scheduled for May 2, 23 and 30 (Saturdays), 9am to 1pm, and will include indoor chalk-talk and on-the-water drills. The topics covered will include tuning your rig for racing, starts, upwind/downwind tactics and strategies, and mark roundings. Check the AYC website for more course information and registration instructions. Class size is limited, so sign up early!

And, of course, our 2020 Sunfish Championship series begins May 6, continuing every Wednesday evening through to the end of September. Races run from 6pm to just before sunset, after which everyone meets under the clubhouse for snacks, drinks and spirited reviews of the evening's events. If you haven't tried this yet, come on and check it out. One of the best ways to learn about Sunfish sailing is to get out on the race committee boat on a Wednesday evening, then hang out after the race.

Later in the year, we'll have the rest of the 2020 Texas Sunfish Racing Circuit regattas. So far, the schedule is as follows:

- April 25-26 Rush Creek Yacht Club -Spring Dinghyfest
- Sept 12-13 Lake Worth Sailing Club - Texas Goatman's Regatta
- Sept 26-27 Rush Creek Yacht Club - Fall Dinghyfest
- Oct 17-18 Austin Yacht Club - Governor's Cup, Centerboard Weekend
- Nov 7-8 Lake Canyon Yacht Club - Wurstfest Regatta I

You'll notice that all but one of the races are in the fall. They are working on adding at least one more race in the spring or early summer, so stay tuned! Better yet, join the Texas Sunfish Racing Circuit Facebook group to keep up with the latest news. Remember, this year we want a strong AYC showing at these events so we can bring home the **Vic Manning Award**, which is given to the Club with the highest participation throughout the year.

The Sunfish fleet communicates primarily via email using an email distribution list. If you are thinking about joining the fleet, let me know and I will add you to the email list so you can keep up with the events. We'll be organizing some informal sail outings in March and April just for fun. Also, if you are just beginning and could use private lessons, please be sure and contact me or **Bobby Brooks** so we can get you going.

Meanwhile, happy Sunfishing!



Greg Matous out and about in early February Photo Marilyn Jackson

Roadrunner Fleet Update

by David Michael



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.

The Roadrunner Junior Sailors were well represented at the 2020 AYC Opening Day Ceremony, thanks to **Constance Heitkoetter** organizing some Roadrunner singing!

Roadrunner youth sailor **Kate Hennig** sang *The Star Spangled Banner* for the ceremony, and it was fantastic. **Kate** is Vice president of the Lake Travis high School Sailing Club and sails in the AYC high school sailing program, participating in the Texas Youth Circuit and national C420 regattas. Thank you **Kate!**

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In addition to **Kate's** performance, a chorus of 24 junior sailors sang, with great gusto, the Sea Shanty *Randy Dandy O!* Singing some strong solos was **William Cranney-Fee**, also from the Lake Travis High School sailing team and active in the high school sailing and C420 program. Thank you **William!**

It can be reported that singing at the Opening Day Ceremony has inspired the Roadrunner Junior Sailors to now burst into song together as they sail! Listen for it on the wind.

Over President's Day weekend, **Coach Jeff** took six sailors on the annual trip to Jensen Beach for C420 Midwinters. Racing against 83 of the best junior teams in the country, the AYC sailors had some solid results. Congrats to the teams of **Tony Slowik and Nathan Gantala** (8th), **Lucy Brock and Julius Heitkoetter** (11th) and **James Brock and Vivian Heitkoetter** (20th and Top Junior Boat)!

Next up for the Roadrunner Junior fleet, sailing closer to home:

- March 21-22 TSA at Lake Canyon YC
- March 28-29 McCarthy Cup Open Team Race
- April 4-5 Bemis Qualifiers at TSA Rush Creek YC
- April 18-19 SEISA High School Champs at AYC

C420 Midwinters Championship at the US Sailing Center, Jensen Beach, Florida *by Gael Slowik*

Coach Jeff headed out for the 1,249 mile drive from Austin to the US Sailing Center in Jensen Beach, Florida on February 11 for the five-day event to coach our C420 sailors.

The sailors had great wind race days 1 and 2. On day 3, winds died down quite a bit, however all of our AYC sailors' finishes were quite impressive!

Tony Slowik and Nathan Gantala walked away with an 8th place finish. **Lucy Brock and Julius Heitkoetter** placed 11th. **James Brock and Vivian Heitkoetter** placed 20th. **James and Vivian** also received the trophy for the best finish in the Under 16 age category.

Great job and well done by all!!

We also give a HUGE thank you to **Coach Jeff Brock**.



Tony and Nathan, 8th place finish *Photos Gael Slowik*



James and Vivian, 20th place finish and Best Finish



AYC 420 sailors L-R: Vivian, Lucy, James, Julius, Nathan, Tony, Coach Jeff *Photo Gael Slowik*



C420 start

AYC Burgees Connect the Yachting World

by Mark O'Brien



Revamped Burgees and Fleet Models Swirl around our Members' Dining Hall

There's a new look aloft the walls in the AYC members' room. A burgee is a unique flag or pennant bearing the colors or emblem of a yacht or sailing club. Did you ever wonder how AYC got its unique burgee?

Over 275 Yacht & Sailing Club Burgees have been catalogued, added, and reoriented to line up as a heading directly according to the Compass Rose scored into the concrete floor of the Club. Our members have been collecting burgees since AYC's founding in 1951, and it shows. Over 30 countries in all continents, except Antarctica are represented. Also, 2020 marks the 300th Anniversary of the World's Oldest Yacht Club – Royal Cork of Ireland, whose burgee is in our collection.

To add to our collection, get an AYC burgee from the GM, and swap it with another YC or SC that we do not already have. An inventory list will be kept in the office and eventually we'd like to put this online on the AYC website for all to enjoy.

The work remains in process, but if one stands on the floor compass and faces due North, there is a method to the system.

One sees Yacht Club burgees from Lake Belton (closest to the Club) to Fort Worth/Dallas and East Texas/Oklahoma areas.

Turning Clockwise (that's to Starboard for those who don't know what an old fashioned analog clock is) are the Ozark Clubs, then the Midwest Rivers and five Great Lakes, Europe, the Northeast-Ontario, Canada, New England, the Mid-Atlantic States, and the Southern Colonies. Fully two thirds of the world's Yacht Clubs are in this quadrant, so we have and will add more capacity.

At 90 degrees due East, we hit the Upper Gulf Coast, New Orleans east to the Florida Panhandle, then Florida, South Africa, the Caribbean Islands including the BVIs, Brazil, and followed by Southeast Texas Gulf from Port Arthur to Corpus Christi. Then there is a gap where we have placed the J22 and J24 half models, the Thistle, M-20, MC and Sunfish fleets above the room.

Due South, 180 degrees, brings us to Canyon Lake, San Antonio and Mexico. Then another Yacht Club gap as Laser, Coronado 15 and Catalina 22 models are placed. Interesting that the Catalina 22 model is the only one on starboard...Hmmm...

Swinging around to Southwest brings the Polynesian Pacific Islands, New Zealand and Australia into focus. We have more Aussie burgees than any other foreign country. Another gap is filled by a few Collegiate burgees and a non-identified burgee section near the fireplace. Then we're in South and East Asia, followed by Hawaii.

From 270 degrees due West at Ensenada, Mexico, we swing to the West Coast, from California, Oregon, Washington and British Columbia, and some fresh water clubs in the Rocky Mountains i.e., Casper, Wyoming! That produces the final gap where the J-80 and Ensign models are now housed.

Many thanks go to the many that have assisted, especially to **Russ and Jill Shermer** who figured out the translation of a Club's GPS coordinates in Google Earth to Python software into headings from AYC. **Lawrence Case** took many images of the burgees themselves. Also, **Jackie Wheeless, Fred Ford, Ann Riggs, the late Vic Manning, Tom Meyer, Gillian Corcoran, Joe Lynch, Ed Pierce and the James Carman Crew** have been a huge assist to this ongoing effort.

By the way, we don't need any more burgees from Waikiki YC or the Bitter End YC – we have several copies of each. Older and duplicate burgees will be repurposed as a string of forestay and backstay decorations for future Club events, much like code flags.

If you have further suggestions, we are all ears! We would like to add Compass and Geography brass labels along the base of each of the four walls for easier identification. Some have been rinsed in a Woolite bath but many others need a cleaning as well. This is a great project for probationary members to be involved, too. How about a burgee trivia contest?

A TRIP AROUND THE WORLD



IN MEMORIAM



Stephen William Piché

November 5, 1963- February 7, 2020

Stephen William Piché of Austin passed away on February 7 of a heart attack while skiing in Breckenridge, CO. Steve was born in St. Louis Park, MN to Joan Heins Piché and Robert Richard Piché on November 5, 1963. Steve spent most of his childhood in Appleton, Wisconsin, then attended the University of Colorado in Boulder, where he could satiate his passion for skiing. Steve graduated with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering with special honors in 1986. He was awarded a Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering from Stanford University in 1992. While at Stanford, Steve met his future wife, Catharine Echols.

After moving to Austin, Texas in 1992, Steve joined the Microelectronics and Computer Technology Corporation (MCC). He then worked with several technology companies, (Pavilion & Neuco) primarily focusing on systems to make power generation more efficient and reduce harmful emissions. He was employed by General Electric at the time of his death.

An avid sailor, skier and runner, Steve sought personal excellence and adventure. Additionally, he thrived on engaging others in his favorite activities. After sailing several times in the grueling 1000-mile catamaran race the “Worrell 1000”, from Miami to Virginia Beach, Steve founded the Great Texas 300 Catamaran Race, a 4-day race from South Padre Island to Corpus Christi.

Steve’s passing leaves a gaping hole in the lives of his family and his many friends in Texas, Colorado, and around the world. His big personality, zest for life, sense of adventure and generosity will be dearly missed, as will his love for his family. We take comfort that Steve died while pursuing a passion, but feel sorrow that it was far too soon.

Although he did not race at AYC very much, a few years ago Steve was the winner of one of the AYC annual awards, in relation to his work and participation in the Great Texas 300 and the “Worrell 1000.” He also sailed in eight of the last 10 F18 National Championships, and several F18 World Championships. Steve was always present at the Austin catamaran fleet meetings, raced in all the Texas catamaran circuit regattas, and of course, every August for “Hobie Day” when we take the Big Brothers/ Big Sisters kids for sailing at Windy Point. He will be missed by all catamaran sailors here, and worldwide.



“Team Great Texas 300, skipper Steve Piche and crew Juke Ball, win the 16th Great Texas 300!!! They were supported by team managers Jorge Trevino and Jonna Rose Ball. They are holding the overall Great Texas trophy and the fastest elapsed time trophy. Steve Piche is the founder of the race and it took him 16 tries to finally win the race he started. It was the 11th time that Steve and Juke had completed the race together. They had good speed all week, never broke down or flipped and escape through tough surf at the day 3 start while other team could not get out. Congratulations to Team Great Texas 300!!!”

Steve is survived by his wife of 28 years, Cathy Echols, his daughters Tessie and Eliza; parents Joan and Bob Piché; brother Eric Piché; sister Megan Hashizume, husband Nobby and daughter Anna; mother-in-law Jean Echols; sister-in-law Elizabeth Echols, husband Parvis Boozapour and daughter Theresa; sister-in-law

Jean Lighthall, husband Geoff and daughters Sara and Rachel; and brother-in-law Bob Echols, wife Michelle Flom and daughter Asali.

A Celebration of Steve’s life was held on Saturday, February 29 at Saengerrunde Halle, 1607 San Jacinto Blvd., Austin, TX. The place was packed.

Memorial donations may be made to Gazelle Foundation in Austin, gazellefoundation.org, or the Summit Foundation in Breckenridge, summitfoundation.org. The family extends grateful appreciation to Ben Ousborne who attempted to revive Steve, the other skiers who assisted, and the Breckenridge ski patrol.

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AYC 2020 RACE CALENDAR

Mar 1	Opening Series Race #1 1:30pm start RC: J/22
Mar 8	Opening Series Race #2 1:30pm start RC: J/80
Mar 13-15	March Madness J/24 Texas State Championship
Mar 22	Opening Series Race #3 1:30pm start RC: Ensign McCarthy Cup
Mar 28-29	Opening Series Race #4 1:30pm start RC: PHRF B
Mar 29	Opening Series Race #5 EOS 1:30pm start RC: Multihull
Apr 5	SEISA High School Championship
Apr 18-19	Spring Series Race #1 1:30pm start RC: PHRF A
Apr 19	J/22 Southwest Circuit Regatta
Apr 24-26	SEISA Women's Championship
Apr 25-26	

AYC 2020 NON-RACING EVENTS

Mar 6, 13, 20, 27	Fun Fridays	7:00 pm - 10:00pm
Mar 7/21	ASA 101 pt1/pt2	9:00am - 5:30pm
Mar 26	AYC Board Meeting	7:30pm
Mar 28	Starting Clinic	9:00am - 1:00pm
Apr 3, 10	Fun Fridays	7:00pm - 10:00pm
Apr 4/18	ASA 101 pt1/pt2	9:00am - 5:30pm
Apr 5	Opening Series EOS Dinner & Awards	
Apr 23	AYC Board Meeting	7:30pm
May 1	Luau	Noon - 5:00pm

AYC Burgee Exchange at Nantucket Yacht Club



An Austin Yacht Club burgee was recently presented by **Connie Heyer** of Austin to **Michelle Roberts** of the Nantucket Yacht Club who reciprocated with a NYC burgee. **Connie**, a member of NYC, grew up sailing and racing at AYC in Austin where she still lives. AYC's burgee has been put on display with scores of other burgees from yacht clubs all over the world in NYC's burgee room; and the NYC burgee will be added to the burgees on display at the AYC clubhouse. **Connie** began sailing when she was six years old, cradled on the cabin floor of her parents' *Electra*, their first keelboat. She raced Lasers at AYC as a teenager and 420s as a member of the UT sailing team. Her father, **Larry Niemann**, is a past commodore of AYC. **He and**

Connie still sail his Ensign, *Miss Peppermint*, on Lake LBJ.

DID YOU KNOW? AYC's claim to modest fame is that it currently has a total of at least 90 racing days every year on Lake Travis. This includes 8 to 10 special regattas and 25 to 30 weekends of series races for all classes, as well as occasional regional or national regattas for various classees. AYC has produced no less than 16 national and international gold and silver medalists in a number of different classes of sailboats in the past four decades and many more regional champs. AYC is also the home of the University of Texas sailing team and Lake Travis High School sailing team, which has been the state champ the last two years

Submitted by Larry Niemann



The AYC Board would like to thank **Bill Records** for teaching PB&J for almost 10 years. He's done an amazing job and we appreciate all that he has done to develop and grow the program. A sincere thank you to Bill for his dedicated and dilligent service!

In order to continue growing and improving the PB&J program, and in response to the increased popularity and demands, AYC's two full time Sail Training staff, **Bobby Brooks and Spencer LeGrande**, will be taking over the PB&J program management and instruction. Using staff instructors and member volunteers will give the program depth and support, Bill's goal from the very beginning.

We look forward to Bill volunteering for the PB&J program.

With sincere appreciation,

Anne Morley, Sail Training Commander

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SUMMER CAMPS

Junior Sailing Camp

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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