



Featured: Roadrunner Fleet

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Photos by Dee Chow and Marilyn Jackson



Message from the Commodore

Well, here we are at the end of 2020

I am very glad to be able to share what I think is some exciting and good news. **Secretary Gretchen Douglas, Web Guy John Grzinich and the Website Committee** have been working very hard this year to revamp and modernize the AYC Website. I have seen a preview and it looks GREAT! The new website should be rolled out in the next couple of weeks. It is much easier to navigate and has an up-to-date look and feel. It will be easier to manage and add information. Congratulations to the Web Team for completing this project. This is just the beginning of an effort to improve and enhance our social media presence – coming soon, look for a more informative and exciting Facebook page, hopefully in the next few months.

As the year draws to a close and my tenure as Commodore ends, I am excited to have **Diane Covert** as Commodore for next year and **Anne Morley** as Vice Commodore. I have spent a lot of time with both of them throughout this year and I know they will be a formidable team. They have been both colleagues and confidants and have really helped us all get through this year. **Diane** brings a love of the lake and enjoying her boat on top of a wealth of experience in facilities management, project management and dealing with people. **Anne** comes from a yacht club family and has been racing competitively since her youth, including



2021 RED EYE REGATTA

January 1, 2021

10:00 a.m. Skippers Meeting via Zoom

12 Noon First Race Warning

19:00 Awards Ceremoy via Zoom

Website registration & NORs coming soon



Remember 2016? Photos by Bruce McDonald

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being a member of the UT sailing team back in her college days. She has some very interesting stories from those times!

We all know the old adage that the only thing consistent in life is change. Circumstances have changed for our Race Commander, **John Parker**, and he has found himself unable to continue in that position based on happenings in his life. With regret we have accepted his resignation, but we are also very pleased that **Andre de la Reza** has agreed to serve as Race Commander for 2021. Andre needs no introduction and we are sure he will have a great year as Race Commander. Many thanks to Andre for stepping up.

Gretchen Douglas is also leaving the Board this year and she will leave behind a wonderful legacy with the updated website. I would like to welcome **Cheryl Pervier** to the board as Secretary for 2021. I look forward to working with her.

I would like to extend a final thank you to the rest of the Board – **Russ Shermer, John Maddalozzo, Felipe Payete and Annie Lancaster**. It wasn't the easiest year and I was glad I had you on the Board. Thank you all for being a great team and for working hard though it.

And a huge thank you to the staff for being agile enough to persevere through a lot of issues this year. **Jackie, Spencer, Tom and Bobby** had to deal with lots of curve balls and I appreciate their efforts.

Finally, I would like to thank the members of AYC for allowing me to be Commodore. It wasn't the year we wanted, but we have learned a lot and I expect that while next year may look a little different from normal, we will have a lot more racing and be able to have a lot more fun as a Club.

I am looking forward to chairing the Membership committee next year and am looking for committee members. Please let me know if you are interested in serving on that committee.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to all!

Vice Commodore Report

by Diane Covert



I would like to conclude this year on a positive note, because the past 10 months have been tough for everyone – and for AYC. Getting through the pandemic, our own issues, and the Club's issues has required us all to think "outside of the box". We haven't been able to "plug and play" in the traditional format of AYC

events, meetings, racing, etc., and that has meant an enormous amount of planning time. For the AYC Board, committees, fleets, and staff, hours and hours of discussion have occurred, leaving us thinking "how can we do this differently". Literally that has included everything from holding a regatta to opening a restroom stall.

Next year of course we all hope the world can return to normal activities, seeing our friends, having events, racing and sharing what we love about sailing and the Club. I want you all to know that we planned and budgeted for modified social events, series races and regattas. In the meantime, we will still have to think "outside the box" for everything we do and that will take more time, patience, and better communication between members, board, and staff. I encourage all AYC members to come forward, volunteer, and make suggestions for how we can do things positively next year while still thinking "outside the box".

Harbor Report

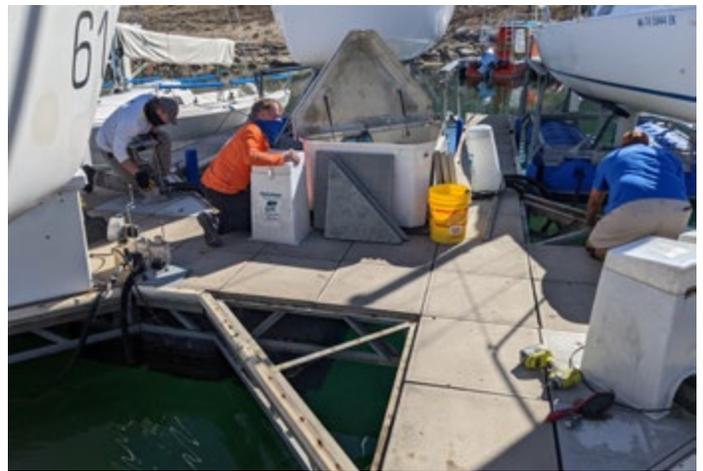
by Russ Shermer



Dock Work Party December 20, 2020

On the list of harbor-related projects budgeted for this year, replacing the rotting wood triangles on docks 1 & 3 was one of the more difficult to complete. After evaluating the material and labor costs of several solutions, we finally found a concrete option that was both cost effective and aesthetically pleasing. Our dock

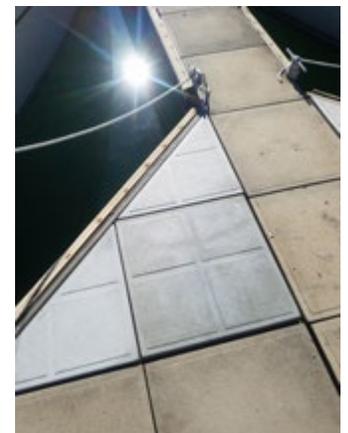
vendor ordered the materials and was able to obtain enough materials for forty four corners. **John Bartlett and Bob Leonard** brought all the right tools and showed us the process for correctly backing out the old hardware, cleaning the metal bracing and putting down a strip of caulk to pad and prevent shifting. After replacing all of the "easy" corners, the team tackled the hydro-hoist corners until we ran out of materials.



When the next batch of materials comes in, we plan to replace the wood under the dock boxes and tackle rotting corners on dock 3. Look for an email blast on the scheduling and information about preparing dock boxes for the corner replacement.

Thanks to all of the wonderful, hard-working volunteers who came out and made this happen. You all moved and set over two tons of concrete! I would like to extend special thanks to **John Bartlett, Bob Leonard, Ed Pierce and Rand Forest** for all helping make this work party a tremendous success. It is wonderful to see that volunteerism is very much alive and well at Austin Yacht Club.

Thank you!



Race Commander Report

by André de la Reza, Acting Race Commander



Hello AYC!

Along with this final Telltale of the year we have some changes that you may have heard about. **John Parker** has had to step down as Race Commander, to be fair – having had the RC spot during 2020 equals well more than the normal two-year run of any other years!! Please give him a hearty thanks if you see him on his rare occurrences away from his

mountainous day-job requirements!

I have stepped in as Acting Race Commander – and wow am I thankful for such an amazing team on the Permanent Race Committee and Board to help spin me up to speed. I am quickly learning there is a lot to this role! Speaking of the PRC, we are working on finalizing the team for 2021 and want to make sure each Fleet has a representative. If yours doesn't, expect a call or start finding that Fleet member who is high speed and needs a great place to share their knowledge!

Red Eye Regatta

PHRF Fleet A is the helm for 2021 Red Eye Regatta. I am super excited to be working with them, and they are elevating the game with some changes that they wanted me to share:

Late entries will be accepted on the morning of. You can gauge your degree of hangover at 8am and make the start!

Ratings will be awarded to boats without a PHRF Certificate.

Dinghies are welcome.

Competitors will need to have a liability insurance policy. This avoids exposing members to high costs of repairs and liability risk in the event that a person is involved in an accident. It also protects the insured competitors from the uninsured. This is consistent with existing Club Guidelines for boats at AYC.

The Race Committee has the option to set a temporary first mark to create an upwind start before boats sail the designated distance course. This will be signaled as part of the course designation with a direction of rounding to port or starboard.

Reasonable onboard safety equipment requirements are recommended, such as having a radio on board.

Please send me an email if you have any questions – Race_commander@austinyachtclub.net.

Hope to see y'all in the water. Stay Safe and Sail Fast!

Scenes from 2020 Red Eye Regatta *Photos by Cheryl Pervier*



Mike Beuerlein and crew on F28-R



Shortened course at mark 4



Annie and Charlie Lancaster on Ensign Eagle

Wild Turkey Regatta



Wild Turkey Report

by Bruce McDonald, Regatta Chair

Our 2020 version of the Wild Turkey Regatta finally got underway on December 8 after first getting bumped off its usual before-Thanksgiving Saturday to make room for series racing and three postponements. We had a large fleet of 53 boats racing up the lake towards Lakeway and back in what, at least for those of us racing short-handed, were punishing high wind conditions. Race Committee had a great time on the water, and we were thrilled to see so many smiling faces crossing the finish line.

Aboard the Signal Boat was the some of the core crew of Blue Moon, which was great as they all were comfortable with each other's social lives (or, more accurately, lack thereof during COVID).

Race committee had a meeting the night before with everyone, and it was a good thing they did as the morning of was a bit hectic (as expected?). Everyone knew their roles, and we had a blast. If there's anything I can pass on to future RC crews, it's to work out the intros, kinks, and what to expect in each role before getting to the Club. The racing crew that joined RC: **Brittany Davis** (foredeck) and **Christian Dohse** (trimmer, and new dad). Thanks to first-time RC crew **Daniel Berlin and Patty Calabrese** (who swapped with Christian after the start). Daniel and Patty both brought landlubber-based strengths aboard to make sure scoring was smooth and no boats were missed. Calling the finish tactics/covering on the J/80s was a fun experience for the newbies.

The Chase Boats were manned by all new members. Chase 1 was **Can Kalyoncuoglu and Matt Brown**. Chase 2 was a private powerboat flying an AYC flag, owned by **Patrick and Cecilia Flynn**. All of whom are excited to be a new part of our sailing community, and it was great to get to know them

There were no disabled boats, but some fun anecdotes such as **Bob Leonard** feeding the starboard jib sheet the wrong way through the ratchet block on his new J70 that he was sailing with his wife, **Gayle**. They managed to make it all the way through the race, when Bob, who had been yelling at his wife to "trim faster" the whole race, discovered the problem.

James Bland, who lobbied to race his centerboard Finn with the B fleet, was having such a good time that he sailed past the mile marker 11, his fleet's turning mark, two miles out of the way to mile marker 12. He did manage to go around mile marker 11 in the correct fashion, avoiding disqualification, but did not have the finish that he probably was hoping for.

Then there were those who decided to play close to the shore and either bumped bottom or went aground. No one required help to get free, but there were a lot of crash tacks around a certain marina.

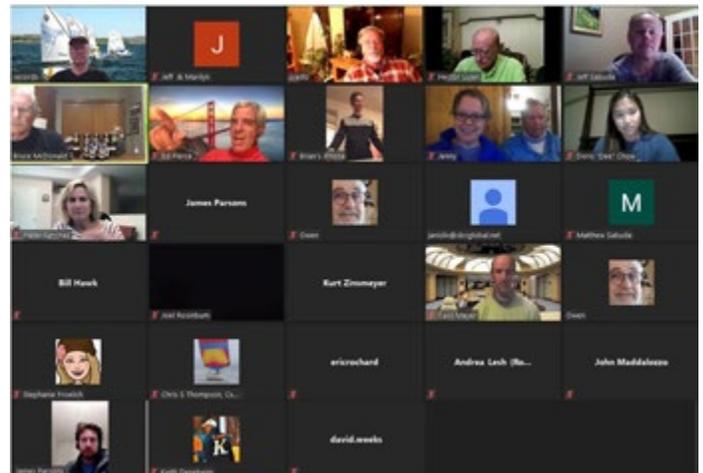
Special mention goes to **Doc Gamble and his crew** aboard his Ensign. They were last across the line, and got a horn from Race Committee (and perhaps some cheers).

Back at the Club there were a lot of enthusiastic sailors happy to have survived three to four hours on the water in rather breezy fall conditions.

The results are:

MULTIHULL	First	Aaron McCulley	F28R
	Second	Mike Buerlein	F28R
J80	First	Matt Romberg	
	Second	John Bartlett	
	Third	Kirk Livingston	
J/22, J/24	First	Jim Bridgwater	J/24
	Second	John Halter	J/22
	Third	Linda McDavitt	J/22
ENSIGN	First	Tom Groll	
	Second	Bill Hawk	
PHRF A	First	Bruce McDonald	J/70
	Second	Kurt Zinsmeyer	J/88
	Third	Bob Leonard	J/70
PHRF B	First	Bill Records	P26
	Second	David Weeks	P26
	Third	Brian Grothues	C22

Many thanks to all who helped with the Regatta, **James Parsons, PRO, Jim Casto** who helped organize the Regatta, the AYC staff and the members of the Race Committee.



Wild Turkey awards Zoom presentation submitted by Marilyn Jackson

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Wild Turkey Regatta



Race Committee: L-R Brittany Davis, Christian Dohse, James Parsons, Can 'John' Kalyoncuoglu, Matt Brown, Daniel Berlin, Patrick Flynn, Cecilia Flynn *Pre-race photos by Marilyn Jackson*



Kurt Zinsmeyer and crew on Shaken



John Maddalozzo, Jeff Jackson, David Mok on Omery



André de la Reza in protective gear



New Member Chris Lewis and crew on GB



John Bartlett and crew on Speed Racer

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Wild Turkey Regatta



Andy Linseisen and crew on Nissus



John Halter and crew on Project Mayhem



Chris Thompson and André de la Reza on Nemesis



Dave Gamble and crew on One with the Wind



Mack Warner on Warley



Ed Taylor and crew on Air Supply



Positioning before first start

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Wild Turkey Regatta



Terry Schertz and crew on J80



Kirk & Janis Livingston and crew on Swift



Hector Lujan & crew on Banshee



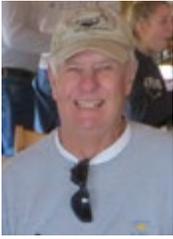
Ed Pierce, Fred Schroth and crew on Lickety Split



Wild Turkey trophies

Words to Sail By

Submitted by John Howard



On Winning

There is a theory why more people with sailboats do not race them: People do not want to lose.

First place finishes in sailboat races, with few exceptions, require long, dirty toil in the ranks before accomplishment meets expectations, and (generalizations) a sailor is a special type person,

usually a "winner" or at least a "mover and shaker" in his dry land calling ... a type hardly satisfied to come in ninth in a field of 10 one-designs.

To win, the football coaches tell us, is everything; there is no second place. I have been through my Vince Lombardi phase of sailboat racing which, hopefully, is behind me. It may be a disappointment to come in less than first, but it does not automatically make on a loser, a second-class citizen or a subject of scorn. Winning, like most words in the language, has indeed more than one meaning.

It is possible to "win" almost any race you enter, whether you are a rookie or a rabbit. With credit for some thoughts to **Joe Henderson** writing in *Runner's World* I submit:

Winning is realizing you have won by getting involved in the sport, entering the race, and using your best efforts. You have "beaten" those too lazy to come to the lake or too indifferent to quit cruising around and enter the contest. Losing is not starting, sitting at the dock and talking about what might have been, or what could have been done if the race had been entered.

Winning is to get the best performance possible from your crew and equipment for the day's conditions.

Losing is blaming failure on the lack of proper sails, sloppy crew work or

malice of the wind gods.

Winning is finishing a goal set for yourself. If your project for the day is to come in ahead of another boat of about equal ability and experience, achieving this can be just as meaningful as any first-place finish trophy.

Losing is dropping out because things are not going your way and it's easier to quit because of some minor inconvenience than accept a finish of less than first place.

Winning is measuring yourself against yourself. Winning is taking pride in, and recognizing improvement in yourself and your crew.

Losing is matching yourself against everyone else entering. This is self-defeating. Like the old west, there will always be a faster gun around the next corner.

Winning is accepting results as they come, knowing an occasional bad race will happen to everyone. The few bad races are important as contrasts to help you more appreciate the good ones.

Losing is cutting someone else down so you can look taller. It is interfering in any way with another sailor's progress.

Winning is knowing you are only as good as your last race. The thrill of victory is perishable; so, you must renew it all the time.

Losing is living in the past. It is trying to restore old glories to the condition they were during their short life.

Above all, "winning" is only available to those who compete; it can only be found on the course ... never on the sidelines.

"On Winning" is by Tom Birmingham from Windycrest Sailing Club and appeared in the Club newsletter, May 1979 issue.

Thanks to Tom Romberg for sharing this. Originally printed in the June 1979 AYC Telltale.



"Winning is only available to those who compete," 2019 Wild Turkey Regatta Photo by Bruce McDonald

2020-21 SORC Islands in the Stream Series

Submitted by Chris and Karen Lewis



"J/44 Crushes SORC Palm Beach Race"

(Fort Lauderdale, FL) The second event of the 2020-21 SORC Islands in the Stream Series on December 5 was a revised course when it was deemed the traditional Wirth M Munroe Palm Beach Race course could not be held due to COVID-19 regulations. Instead, a round-trip 80.0nm course from Fort Lauderdale to Palm

Beach and return to finish off Fort Lauderdale attracted 15 teams in ORC.

As you can tell from the photos, this was light airs affair for most of the race. Virtually all boats went off the starting line with Code Zeros flying and crew sitting on the leeward rail. Occasional "puffs" (more like by zephyrs) would waft gently across the course and crews would slowly move to the windward side!

Winning the fleet in ORC Overall was Chris Lewis' J/44 KENAI, crushing the fleet by literally one hour corrected time.

With nine on board, Chris and Karen required each crew to present a negative COVID test 72 hours before the race and maintained a crew bubble during the event.

KUDOS TO AYC NEW MEMBERS CHRIS AND KAREN LEWIS!



1st place trophy winners of 2020-21 SORC Islands in the Stream, Chris & Karen Lewis and crew

How to Become a Better Crew Member

by ASA Instructor Harry Polly



What Weight Means

Where the crew positions itself is a huge component of boat speed on every point of sail. Consider this: an increase of one percent in boat speed, from 6.0 to 6.1 knots, would equal two minutes over the course of a normal two-hour race, two minutes 24 seconds at five knots.

Moving a single body of average weight to the rail, when sailing with the keel loaded (wind forward of 120 degrees apparent), increases boat speed on your average racer/cruiser 30-40 footer a tenth of a knot. Similar gains can be made by adding heel or moving weight forward in light air. Get the picture?



If crew members always have their weight in the right place, you could be as much as 10 minutes faster over the course of a two-hour race. It takes effort and concentration. Bring a full crew. Hike like you mean it. If the whole crew simply hikes harder, which means moving outboard six inches, it will make the boat a tenth of a knot faster upwind. Remember, sailing is a sport; no pain, no gain.

Where You Should Be

The magic spot varies depending on wind velocity, boat speed, sea state, design characteristics of the boat, and the needs of the helmsperson.

It also reflects the design characteristics of the boat. Most racer/cruisers ride high in the bow, low in the stern, so they always need the weight well forward, (though usually not forward of the shrouds). This means stay out of the cockpit!

Think in terms of a diagonal line running from the leeward shrouds to the weather rail at the back end of the cabin top. In light air weight should be forward and to leeward. As the breeze builds, weight should shift aft and to weather. Upwind, the crew should react automatically to puffs and lulls, and the needs of the helmsperson for more or less heel. Create heel in light spots, out of tacks, or in waves.

Help the Helmsperson

The steering groove is wider and the boat has more "feel" when it heels over. The driver should communicate need for heel to the crew. The driver should attempt to sail the boat flat or with as little heel as they can stand, and still keep the boat in the groove. Once you get the boat going, move weight up. Speed first, then weight up. The boat will get a mushy, almost slow feeling just as it really gets hooked up.

As the driver starts to lose it and slow down (or if a set of waves or a light spot is coming), he or she should ask for more heel. The crew should anticipate and try to feel the boat. A well-trained crew will react to changes in velocity or boat speed automatically; moving forward and to leeward as the breeze dies or the boat slows and back up to weather when the boat heels over in a puff, or the driver gets it dialed up.

Downwind, keep the weight well forward. Heel slightly to leeward in the light spots, and heel slightly to weather (five to eight degrees) when the boat is going well. In heavy air the weight can slide aft somewhat, but there is no need to get carried away with this. The bow is plenty full enough to keep the boat from turning into a submarine on most racer/cruisers.

This part is painful, but in light, sloppy conditions, upwind and down, it is faster (dramatically) to have the majority of the crew below, with their weight forward and to leeward. The crap shoot nature of light air sailboat races actually makes this a good deal. Who wants to watch anyway? Besides, it is much more comfortable. Bring the paper, and you can have lunch.

Movement Kills Speed!

While you need to get your responsibilities taken care of, remember that every time your weight is out of place, you are slowing the boat down. Think through your tasks so that you can accomplish them with the minimum amount of movement and wasted motion.

Many times a job can be done from the rail. For example, in breezy conditions, the pit person doesn't have to move into the companionway, but can tail halyards and topping lift from the weather rail.

Above all, movement kills speed. If you can get your job done and then freeze in the right spot for the conditions, you will help make the boat go fast. In a perfect world, the crew would be frozen in proper position, explode in one burst of concentrated action to perform the required evolution (set, gybe, or douse), and then immediately settle down and freeze. It is essential to settle the boat down after any evolution. In sailboat racing, as in life, balance is everything.

Lake Rescue at Night

by William Deboer, Age 9 (Liz Stanfeld's Grandson)



After school, my **Grandmother (Meme)** and I wanted to go sailing, so we drove to Lake Travis (AYC). It was a calm day with a light breeze.

We went to our dock and started to rig our small boat which has no motor.

Once we dropped the boat in the water I jumped in first, then Meme did. We sped away to "Skull" (Stern) Island and to the dam. There were no speed boats. By then it was 5:00 o'clock.

The sun was dropping and it was getting darker. Meme thought we could go a bit farther but decided to head back to AYC. The sun dropped even more and the wind dropped like a bomb. Meme said it was getting late. We tried to paddle because there was no wind. We were stuck.

A boat was coming straight towards us. The skipper of the boat said, "Do you want help?"

Meme said "Yes, please!"

The skipper threw us a line. I tied it to the bow but it was barely holding. The skipper towed us to our dock and we were safe at last! By now it was quite dark and getting cold. We were so thankful to the skipper and his wife who rescued us from a night on the lake.

Note from Meme: "Without the kind help of another AYC member (and possibly the ONLY other boat on the lake at that time), our adventure had a happy ending!"

ATTENTION MEMBERS:

Holiday Hours AYC Office and Staff

The holiday office hours and staff schedules for the Austin Yacht Club are listed below:

The AYC office will be closed for all business from December 21 through December 29, and January 1. Except for those dates, the office will be open and manned by **Bobby Brooks** Wednesdays through Sundays, 9:00am-5:00pm.

December 21, 29 and January 1 are also staff holidays. The AYC staff and Board wish everyone a happy and safe holiday!

Volunteers Needed for Red Eye Regatta, January 1, 2021

PRO and trusted crew are needed to run the Red Eye Regatta! Please contact **Andrea Lesh** at andrealesh@yahoo.com or 612-242-7804 to volunteer.

The race will start around noon on January 1.

PROBATIONARY MEMBERS: This counts towards your Race Committee probationary requirement if you serve on RC and it's a racing point if you race!

Thank you in advance!!

Andrea Lesh and Kurt Zinsmeyer
2020 & 2021 A-Fleet Captains



Happy holiday decorators!
Photos by Dee Chow



IN MEMORIAM

Russell Elliott Painton

December 5, 1940 - December 9, 2020



Russell Painton passed away on December 9, 2020, after two accidental falls. He was born on December 5, 1940, in Port Arthur, Texas, to Edith Virginia McCutcheon and Dr. Clifford Elliott Painton.

After graduating from Thomas Jefferson High School, Russell attended Lamar Institute of Technology and The University of Texas at Austin. He graduated with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering in 1963, was employed by Gulf States Utilities and then became an Engineer-Scientist for Microtek International, both in Baton Rouge, LA. Microtek was later purchased by TRACOR, Inc. in Austin, Texas. TRACOR was an international defense corporation and the first Austin company to be traded on the New York Stock Exchange. Russell was so proud to travel to New York to view the Texas flag being flown for the first time at the NYSE.

Russell had a diverse and rewarding career with TRACOR, with many acquisitions, divestitures and travels. He was honored to work with two great TRACOR Presidents, Frank W. McBee, Jr. and James B. Skaggs. In 1998, Russell retired when TRACOR was sold. He had attained the office of Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary during his tenure.

Russell was a sailor's sailor and came from a very active sailing family. He and his Dad built his first pram in their garage when Russell was eight. He successfully sailed and raced many different boats: Lightning, Thistle, Cal-25, J-24, J-29, C&C 37 and J-80. He also raced internationally, and four times raced Antigua Race Week. His Mother, Edith, always told the tale that Russell was conceived on a sailboat. We don't know if it was true or not, but it makes a great story.

Russell was an early member of the Austin Yacht Club on Lake Travis. He was the first author of AYC's Bylaws and Racing Rules, served on and chaired many committees, and was AYC's Commodore in 1981. He was honored as a Life Member in 2000. He also was a member of the Lake Travis Sailing Association, the Houston Yacht Club and the Rockport Yacht Club.

Russell was quite a character. He loved being around people and people loved being around him. He won many a "Joke Off" around the campfire or after a sailboat race. He mastered the art of making B-B-Q crabs, Russell Steaks and Painton Shrimp Sauce. He was quick, funny, opinionated and the life of the party. Everyone who met him remembered a Russell story and retold it with a genuine smile.

Russell was an active contributor to many civic associations: Texas Society of Professional Engineers, American, Texas and Travis County Bar Associations, American Electronics Association, American Red Cross, Paramount Theater for the Performing Arts, Austin Better Business Association, Austin Transportation Advisory Board, Austin Science Academy Advisory Board, Texas Industries for the Blind and Handicapped, National Chamber Litigation Center Advisory Board, Aransas County Education Foundation and Rockport Center for the Arts. He was also a Director of Electrosources, Inc.

Russell married Mary Lynn Weber on May 9, 1981. After they retired, they moved to Rockport, where he became active in sailing, cruising, the Education Foundation and the arts. They also maintained a home on the Spread Eagle Chain of Lakes in Wisconsin, where many good times were enjoyed.

Russell is survived by his wife, Mary Lynn, brother, Gary Mark Painton of Hemphill, one son, Todd Elliott Painton, of Neenah, Wisconsin, and five grandchildren: Elise, Natalie, Pierce, Calden and Drake. He was brother-in-law to nine Webers and their spouses, Uncle to 25 nieces and nephews, and Great-Uncle to 28 great nieces and nephews. They all thought that Russell was a "True Texan" and described him as "Larger Than Life" and an "awesome man with whom you never had a rotten time."

A celebration of Russell's life will be held when social gatherings are considered more safe.

Donations in Russell's honor may be made to the Russell Painton Memorial Fund of the Austin Yacht Club.

IN MEMORIAM

John Wellington MacDonald

November 14, 1929 - November 25, 2020

John Wellington MacDonald passed away peacefully in Austin Texas, on November 25, 2020. He was born November 14, 1929 in Grand Forks, ND. His parents were Donald C. Macdonald and Evelyn J. Salt, and he was the oldest child of three.

Jack served time in the US Army, before he went to the University of North Dakota, graduating in 1953. He worked on Capitol Hill from 1953-55, while attending special courses at Georgetown University Graduate School and Law School. He worked for Prudential Insurance from 1955-57 in New York City, then returned to Washington D.C. where he reentered government service. In 1965 he took his first post in Lagos, Nigeria with subsequent assignments in Saigon, Bangkok, Tunis, Damascus, Beirut, Amsterdam, Kinshasa and Baku.

Jack retired in 1980 and moved to Easton, MD, where he was an active sailor, single handing his 33' Swiftsure sloop until he was 80. He did volunteer work at the hospital, church and library and sold antiques in Easton. He ran a portrait group at the Easton Academy of Art for 15 years, was a member of the English Speaking Union, the Commonwealth Society, and various art groups.

Following his move to Austin, TX in 2006, he joined the Austin Yacht Club, and ran open studio art classes at the Austin Museum of Art.

Jack's passions were oil painting, sailing, bicycling, antique clocks, byzantine art, classical music, his little dog Holly, and above all, books. His friends loved his sharp sense of humor, and his tremendous knowledge on all things arcane.

Jack is survived by his daughter and son in law, Pam and John Halter of Austin, TX, his sister, Edith Anderson of Richfield, MN, four grandkids, Kristin and Neil Macdonald of Bear DE, Madeline, and Katherine Halter of Austin TX, and great granddaughter, Annabelle Tucker of Bear DE. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews, and his former wife Marie Robinson, of Annapolis, MD.

He is predeceased by his parents, brother Neil MacDonald of Aspen CO, first wife Alexandra MacDonald of Athens, Greece, son John Dimitri MacDonald, and grandson John Daniel MacDonald of Bear, DE.

Jack lived a full life, loved by his family and friends, and will be missed greatly. A memorial celebration of Jack's life will be held, likely in the spring of 2021 when Covid is under control. Direct any inquiries to his daughter, Pam Halter.

Featured Fleet: Roadrunners



Six teams from AYC, Rush Creek YC and Lakewood YC came together the weekend before Spring Break for two days of practice and racing under the leadership of Jeff Brock with assistance from Jeff Progelhof from RCYC *Photo by Constanze Heitkoetter*

ROADRUNNER FLEET: AYC FUTURE CHAMPIONS **Young Sailors and Families who represent AYC in Texas and around the world**

By David Michael, 2020 Roadrunner Fleet Captain

For youth of the Austin Yacht Club who want to race dinghies, there is the Roadrunner Fleet. This fleet, almost as old as the Austin Yacht Club itself, provides an opportunity for young sailors and their families to work together to pursue youth fleet racing opportunities at AYC, at regional events, and at national events. At AYC, the fleet is actively involved in organizing the Endless Summer Series. Regionally, the fleet participates in the Texas Sailing Association youth circuit. Nationally, the fleet regularly participates in national qualifying events for Opti, Laser, c420, and other one-design competitions.

Each summer at AYC, Roadrunner Fleet volunteers organize and run the Endless Summer Series for roughly three months, from mid-June to mid-September. Each Wednesday evening during these months, while older kids are participating in the Laser and Sunfish series races nearby, qualified adult volunteers man a race committee boat and a safety boat to create an opportunity for Opti sailors to develop their racing skills. The Endless Summer series is an excellent way for novice (Green Fleet) sailors to gain confidence, familiarity, and skills of fleet racing that they can use for a comfortably transition into the regional TSA circuit.

The primary focus of the Roadrunner Fleet is participation in the Texas Sailing Association (TSA) circuit. The TSA circuit is a collaboration of yacht clubs that is unusual in the United States – 15 yacht clubs working together each year to each to host a youth regatta, and to each support a club youth team and their coaches, as they participate in each of the 15 regattas. It is a friendly, sociable and generous community of volunteers. The TSA circuit calendar (including USODA events) can be viewed at www.tx sail.org.

Both novice and advanced sailors participants in TSA circuit races. The sailors who participate in a minimum number of regattas of the TSA circuit receive a Texas State Ranking. TSA offers the following fleets for competition:

- Opti Green Fleet (open to all novice sailors younger than age 15)
- Opti White Fleet (age 10 and younger)
- Opti Blue Fleet (age 11-12)
- Opti Red Fleet (age 13-15)
- Laser 4.7, Radial and Full
- c420 two-person boats

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Featured Fleet: Roadrunners

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Roadrunners also travel to regattas throughout the United States for national qualifying events. For example, each year the TSA circuit includes a national qualifying event with the United States Optimist Dinghy Association (USODA) <https://www.usoda.org/>, and co-sponsors a Chubb U.S. Junior Championship with the US Sailing Association <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/championships/2020-chubb-u-s-junior-championships/>. If Roadrunner Fleet kids and their families choose to compete in such national events, there is ample opportunity to do so, and resources available within the AYC community to assist in making it happen.

The Roadrunner fleet is a volunteer effort. Traveling to TSA and other regattas is typically coordinated among our AYC community of youth racers and their families. The families also work together to host the Roadrunner Regatta as part of the TSA circuit, to create fun events for the kids such as our annual winter holiday party, and to hold fundraisers such as our summer carwash events. If your kid wants to race, then please join us! You can always contact us through our link on the AYC website, but please feel free to introduce yourself and talk with a Roadrunner Fleet parent about your interest anytime you see us at the Club!



Coach Spencer and helpers during Summer Camp *Photo from Camp ad*



Vivian and Julius Heitkoetter sailing informal c420 race *Photo by Marcus Heitkoetter*



Carwash Fundraiser – Roadrunners finish detailing Jeff Brock's coach boat. L-R: William Michael, Ramzi Matous, Yuval Sela, Nicholas Carew, Elsa Brock, Calvin Brock, Ronie Sela, Jackson Brock and Lucy Brock *Photo by David Michael*



2020 Really Rad Regatta, mark rounding *Photo by Anne Morley*

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2020 COVID-SAFE REALLY RAD REGATTA

by Constanze Heitkoetter, Roadrunner Parent and Social Co-Chair

It was a beautiful sight, the Flying Juniors on Lake Travis – quite literally: 44 young sailors from the AYC junior and high school sailing program racing against each other in two fleets of 11 boats each on the weekend of December 12-13, 2020.



Thank you Coach Spencer and Coach Emily! Photos by Anne Morley

A HUGE thank you to regatta organizers extraordinaire and race committee **Spencer LeGrande and Emily Veradoia** who put up a competitive, fun and safe event for the next generation of accomplished Lake Travis sailors. Many thanks also to **George** on the mark set boat, expertly navigating the tricky conditions of light and shifty winds. Sail Training Commander **Anne Morley** came out on Saturday to capture the spirit of junior sailing in some fantastic photos.



COVID-safe planning included mandatory masks

Much planning went into making this regatta safe, yet enjoyable for all the participants and their families. Only competitors were allowed on the junior

dock, masks were mandatory, and skipper/crew pairings (many with siblings) were set up ahead of time. Parents watched the races from the Point while socially distanced, yet unified in the joy of the spectator and with pride in the visible progress of the sailing and racing skills of their kids. For many, this was their first exposure to competitive racing altogether or at least since February.



Roni and Yuval Sela rounding mark

Saturday's A- and B-Fleet races marked the qualifying rounds for the Gold and Silver Fleet series on day 2, with results carrying over for the overall scoring. Experienced and novice sailors alike benefitted from observing the races of the respective other fleet and learning from each other. The fun was not limited to on-the-water activities: During the first hour on Sunday with no wind, a friendly rock-skipping competition took place on shore.

Competitors in both Gold and Silver Fleet were very strong, resulting in many tight races that were fun to watch. In the end, **James and Jackson Brock** took home 1st place in Gold Fleet, followed by **Lucy and Calvin Brock** in 2nd place and **Julius and Vivian Heitkoetter** in 3rd place. Additional congratulations to **Diego Gonzalez and Diego Nardecchia** for 1st place in Silver Fleet.

All participants would like to thank Austin Yacht Club for hosting a great junior sailing event to finish a challenging year with an opportunity for the AYC junior sailors and the currently 63 students enrolled in the high school sailing program to compete – in the truest sense of the word: in Latin *competere* means “to strive together”.



Really Rad Regatta t-shirts

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AUSTIN YACHT CLUB COVID-19 SAFE JUNIOR'S WINTER CLASSIC REALLY RAD REGATTA 2020 (AYCC19SJWCRRR2020 for short) – Coach's Report by Spencer LeGrande, Youth Sailing Director



Coaches Spencer LeGrande and Emily Vertoia Photo by Anne Morley

The Really Rad Regatta took place in AYCC's fleet of J/24s and was a huge success! The majority of the sailors racing were high school sailors, but we also had some of our Opti 3 sailors out on the water tearing it up.

Gold Fleet

PLACE	TEAM	SAIL NUMBER	SUNDAY SCORE	SATURDAY SCORE	OVERALL
1	James Brock/Jackson Brock	1	3	8	11
2	Lucy Brock/Calvin Brock	2	5	8	13
3	Julius Heitkoetter/Vivian Heitkoetter	6	5	16	21
4	Fiona Froelich/Wendi Froelich	4	11	14	25
5	Roni Sela/Yuval Sela	8	11	18	29
6	Lucas Tenreiro/Julian Rabago	9	7	22	29
7	Max Ross/Ramzi Matfous	7	14	16	30
8	Brady Reid/Lucas Nealon	12	16	25	41
9	Inaki Arriagada/Will Loconto	11	20	28	48
10	Matthew Sabuda/Caleb Bui	10	20	37	57
11	Zach Aronson/Maeve Dever	13	20	37	57

Silver Fleet

PLACE	TEAM	SAIL NUMBER	SUNDAY SCORE	SATURDAY SCORE	OVERALL
1	Diego Gonzalez/Diego Nardecchia	1	9	38	47
2	Sabina Berkley/Sofia Pando	2	12	39	51
3	Lucas Gonzalez/Nicholas Hanson	4	10	48	58
4	Keilani Fujii/Sofia Fenell	7	12	52	64
5	Laura Covington/Kate Polzin	6	19	49	68
6	Isabel Oglesby/McKenna Vogt	8	13	57	70
7	Lucas Collier/Bonnie Tuffe	9	19	56	75
8	Colt Lane/James Olden	12	14	66	80
9	Connor West/Nicholas Creed	10	36	49	85
10	Leo Pozhenko/Jeremy Sutfon	11	30	61	91
11	Tony Slowik/Ben Crooks	13	36	72	108

On day 1, we had some light winds from the north in the morning, and it shifted to the right throughout the day. The breeze seemed to be funneling out of Cypress Creek and shifts everywhere. Our racecourse was located directly off of the Point so the racing could be viewed from land. We positioned the leeward mark about three boat lengths off the Point because of the east wind, making for a great viewing area as they turned the corner to race back up to the finish line. It was great seeing all of the cars parked on the Point watching the racing!

On day 2, we were met with colder conditions than the previous day and a fog over the lake. The forecast was calling for light to medium winds in the morning and wind gusts of 40kts in the afternoon. We floated around, waiting for some breeze to settle in the morning so we could set a course, but the wind was going in circles with 180-degree shifts. Finally, the breeze seemed to settle in from the north, and the races were off. We happened to get off the water before the 40kts gusts came barreling down the lake.

We had a handful of sailors in the Regatta who had never sailed in a regatta before. After so much hard work put in by these guys and gals over the last couple of seasons, it was great to get a race to set some baseline scores for the sailors just entering the racing world! Check out the scores below!

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2020 ROADRUNNER CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY

by Constanze Heitkoetter, Roadrunner Parent and Social Co-Chair

The Roadrunner Fleet's traditional holiday party was transformed into a new format this year: Equipped with goodies and supplies from a party-in-a-bag, the Juniors and their families celebrated a great year of Junior sailing fun and camaraderie in a live virtual party.

Activities included a cello duet of "We Three Kinds" performed by **Fiona Froelich and Julius Heitkoetter**, a game of "2 Lies and a Truth" – spinning a yarn of tall tales, a Sailing-Story-Show-and-Tell, and collaborative Zentangling (aka Santa-tangling).

No Roadrunner holiday party would be complete without a certain gentleman in attendance: Santa came to visit! And even though we missed seeing him arriving in a dashing ski boat on Lake Travis, it was wonderful to visit with him and tell stories of all kinds.

Use this link to watch a video clip with impressions of the most unusual but fun Roadrunner year of 2020: <https://youtu.be/3R6kavkPeLo>



Roadrunner children's Holiday parties Photos by Summer Wise Yen

Fun Fridays Are Back!

by James Parsons



Fun Fridays are going to make a return for the winter of 2021. We are planning on scheduling them for the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month.

The overall goal of Fun Fridays is to provide a gathering place (even if virtual, for the time being) for sailors and their friends to hang out. Towards the end of our first season of Fun Fridays, the games became shorter and the conversation longer. Then we switched to virtual Fun Fridays and played Jeopardy, poker, and other games online.

Upcoming schedule

1/1/21: The first one will be directly after the Red Eye Regatta awards. Tell tall tales about the race, Wild Turkey, or whatever else comes up in conversation.

1/15/21: Scavenger Hunt. Find things around your house. Expect some sailor centric items. Hosted by James Parsons.

Future dates through April

2/5, 2/19, 3/5, 3/19, 4/2, 4/16.

Fun ideas that could become full-fledged events

Virtual Cooking Class (ever wanted to make homemade salsa? Bring the ingredients, we'll bring the instructions), Name That Tune, Family Feud, Jeopardy, Price is Right (West Marine prices?), Hollywood Squares, Among Us (a mafia-like online game gaining popularity this year), and we are open to other ideas.

Contact funfridaysayc@gmail.com if you have a fun idea for a group of 8-16 people.

Fun Fridays will be hosted by **James Parsons and Marilyn & Jeff Jackson**, so feel free to reach out to us directly as well. Zoom calls to start with, and back at the Club if/when things are safe indoors.



Fun Friday selfie, January 2020 L-R Guy, Margo, Linda, Renee, Marilyn, Charlie, Meiling, Annie, Jeff and photographer James

Dinghy Fleet Report

by James Bland



Dinghy Sailors Unite!

I've done it! I've completed the sale of Spirit, Ensign #2021. She has gone to a comfortable home in Harbor Springs, Michigan. I got the same price as I bought her for, four years and several upgrades ago. I'm sad she didn't stay in Austin as we probably have some of the better Ensign Sailors and Champions right here at AYC. On the other hand, no more Zebra

Mussel problems, or wet slip drama.

I am now a PURE dinghy sailor and I encourage everyone (Laser, Sunfish, Contender, Finn, Harpoon, OK Dinghy, Snipe, Thistle, Flying Scott, MC, FJ, 420 . . .) to get out and start racing. Please contact me jfbland@me.com to discuss building your fleets. I will be discussing dinghy start(s) with our Race Commander as needed. Please plan on coming out next year. 90% of life is just showing up.

Sailing your boat will extend the quality and longevity of your life and the life of your boat. Dress appropriately for the winter months and sail within your abilities. Merry Christmas and kind regards for the coming New Year.

Survive, Revive, Thrive.



OK Dinghy USA 235 Restoration Before and After - Seattle, Washington



J/22 Fleet Report

by Jim Bridgwater



2020 has been a quiet year for the J/22 fleet for obvious reasons, but finished on a more active note with participation in the Fall Fling Regatta, Fall Series and the much postponed but highly appreciated Wild Turkey Regatta.

Even when there were no organized racing events, some boats continued to enjoy informal racing together with some of the J/24s. On one occasion we

joined in with the Catalinas and South Coasts for starting practice – lots of fun and helpful exercises, thank you **Steve Pervier** for the invitation!

Other fleet members have continued sailing just for the sheer fun and escape from the routine of Working From Home. **Gordon and Candace Miller** even went cruising in their J/22 – moored in a secluded cove of Lake Travis, they achieved something I had not thought possible in a J/22 and spent three days and two nights onboard their boat.

Two J/22s took part in the Fall Fling Regatta with **Linda McDavitt and Jim Bridgwater** each gaining one win and one second place. In the 2020 Fall Series **John Halter and Rosanne Butera** joined as well for a total of four J/22s. John and Linda took first and second places this time.

The same four J/22s enjoyed a fantastic 10-15kt breeze in beautiful sunny conditions as part of the "Three Design" fleet in the Wild Turkey Regatta. The J/22s raced along with two J/24s and six ensigns in this format, where all boats were given corrected times so that all 12 boats could be ranked. The race was a long distance course which took us all the way "round the bend" to mark 12 and back again, providing some tricky moments squeezing past the marinas and swirly winds. **Jim, John and Linda** managed to take the top three spots in the fleet, and **Rosanne** came home in fifth place.

It has been a difficult year but we are lucky to have AYC and a sport which is relatively safe to practice in the pandemic. Here's hoping that 2021 will be much better and that we'll soon be able to enjoy full racing AND social activities at AYC.

See you on the water soon!



Jim Bridgwater & crew on Silicon Ship, 2020 Wild Turkey Regatta Photo by Marilyn Jackson

J 80 Fleet Report by Ray Shull



The Wild Turkey (Part III) took place (finally) on December 6. Kudos to the Performance Racing Fleet and their Captain, **Bruce McDonald**, for not giving up on holding this Regatta despite the unfavorable weather that occurred for the original and first rescheduled dates. The third race date delivered some great weather with moderate northwest winds and sunny skies. The unusual northwest winds gave us a great downwind leg, from the last marina we passed near the highline to channel marker 12. There we doused the chutes and worked our way back upwind to where we once again set the spinnakers just past the highline and carried them all the way to the finish.

13 J 80s signed up for the Regatta, but unfortunately three of them couldn't race on the rescheduled actual race day. The 10 boats that made it out to race had a great time in the better than usual December conditions. After the races, the Fleet gathered in the usual small groups under the clubhouse to enjoy a mixture of seasonal refreshments. Hot butter rum, spicy egg nogg, and other refreshments were provided by the J 80 Ad-Hoc Social Committee for our enjoyment. Special thanks to **Claudia, Janis, Dee, and Nan** for providing the drinks to take the chill off of the cool (not really) winter weather.

On the racing, Too Much J and Speed Racer essentially match raced from just past the U Flotem to the finish. They both jumped out to a lead over the rest of the Fleet in the very shifty winds coming around the west end of Hudson Bend. They battled the rest of the way around the course with Too Much J holding on for the win. Following Speed Racer was Warp Speed in third, Flyer in fourth, and Knot Rite in fifth. There was a great battle at the finish for the pack of boats battling to not be last. Four boats finished with nearly all of them overlapped, with Lickety Split holding on to claim the end of the fleet prize.

Wild Turkey also marked the first race for one of the newest AYC J 80 fleet members. **David Jamail** on Blood, Sweat & Tears made his Austin racing debut on #1321. This boat is a sister ship to Speed Racer and Wild Hare, having first visited the west coast, then the east coast, then finally coming home to Austin. Welcome David and family to the Fleet.



J 80s heading to Arkansas Bend *Photos by Nan Taylor*



Knot Rite enjoying the day



The winning crew on Too Much J

Additionally, **Pat Flynn** is expected to bring the 26th AYC J 80 to Lake Travis by Christmas. He located a boat on the west coast a few weeks ago, and is looking forward to joining the fun on the lake with the J 80 Fleet in the coming months. Welcome Pat and his family to the Fleet also.

The new additions to the AYC J 80 Fleet have now made our Fleet (officially J 80 Fleet #6) the largest J 80 fleet in North America. Annapolis has been reported to have 25 boats and we have just passed them with our recent new members. We have been the most active fleet for some time, with the numbers of boats that regularly participate (such as 16 boats for the Fall Fling Regatta), and now we are also the largest in total numbers of boats. We plan to continue to keep the racing fun, competitive and close, and hope that even more sailors join our group.

This year certainly saw challenges to maintaining any type of regular racing schedule. The J 80 Fleet was the Fleet that provided Race Committee duty on the last Series Race day before the races were canceled last Spring due to the health concerns. What everyone hoped would be a short suspension of sailboat racing turned into a long term cancelation of all Club-sponsored

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racing. Faced with a need to safely return to enjoying our boats on Lake Travis, the J 80 Fleet began informal races on Friday evenings and Sunday afternoons after the State and County eased their Covid based activity restrictions. These races proved popular and were continued nearly every weekend until Thanksgiving.

The Fleet typically set two buoys for a start/finish line and announced via VHF radio the course, start time, and any other information needed for the race. Special thanks to **Bobby Brooks, Spencer LaGrange, and John Bartlett** for setting and removing these marks for these races at various times during the year. We had up to 17 boats participate in these fun, informal races. Several sailors remarked that the informal nature, the time spent actually sailing, the fun approach to the racing, and the ease of setting the courses made this some of the most enjoyable racing they had done in a long time.

After the races, the Fleet typically gathered in small groups under the clubhouse and on the lawn to review the racing and enjoy Fleet provided refreshments. The Ad-Hoc Social committee typically provided rum and mixers and small amounts to snacks to enjoy.

I believe that we came up with a safe, enjoyable way to provide fun sailing activity for our Fleet. We modified our approach as the year progressed to encourage the gatherings in small groups, minimize the use of shared foods after the races, and encourage the use of face coverings in conjunction with social distancing. Our Fleet conducted over 75 races during this period with an average of 10 boats per race. During this period, not one person has tested positive for the Covid virus that wasn't traced to a contact from outside these Fleet activities.

An additional activity that the J 80 Fleet accomplished this year was the consistent inclusion of AYC youth sailors on our boats. During the Friday evening and Sunday races a number of boats encouraged and included youth sailors to join them. **Karen Bogisch** on Jazz Tacks, **Terry Schertz** on her unnamed boat, **Bob Gross** on Shot Glass, **Claudia Bartlett** on Speed Racer, **Matt Romberg** on Too Much J, and **Fred Schroth/Ed Pierce** on **Bob Leonard's** Lickety Split were especially active in including younger AYC sailors on their boats during the races. A number of current and former Roadrunner members experienced one-design keel boat racing on a J 80 during our Fleet races. It was common to see over a dozen of our junior sailors on these boats, many of them skippering.

We're looking forward to returning to AYC sponsored sailboat racing in 2021. We support the Club in returning to providing sailing events in a safe and enjoyable fashion.

B-Fleet Report by David Weeks



After several postponements Wild Turkey Regatta was held on a clear and breezy December day, with a NW at 9-11 knots, gusting to 18 knots, but gradually easing during the afternoon. A total of 10 boats started with B-Fleet – the usual crew welcomed **Brian Grothues** and **Margarito** sailing their Catalina 22, **Moonlight Sonata**, and **James Bland** sailing his Finn.

The boat end was heavily favored at the start, and Incognito (**Dave Weeks** with crew **Mike Mashl** and **Jenny Loehlin** on the helm) hit the line at speed

to take an early lead. There were many different approaches to working the shifts around Hudson Bend, but it was a surprise to see **Moonlight Sonata** fully matching the speed of the P26s, even if they weren't able to point so high. **Bill Records** (Café au Lait) was caught on port tack by the Catalina and Finn several times, but worked the lifts along the west/south shore to get ahead of **Moonlight Sonata** after passing Starnes Island.

At Emerald Point, Incognito held a slight lead over Café au Lait, with the Finn and Catalina 22 ahead of the rest of the fleet. A big shift on the return from the 11-mile mark led to an involuntary tack for Incognito, allowing Café au Lait to close the gap and leading to a close battle along the south shore. Café au Lait with 130 genoa was fully a match for Incognito's 150 genoa – either **Bill** had gotten his hull really clean or we were both at hull speed! RaceQs failed to record the race so we will never know. Then Café au Lait sailed too close to the three orange buoys near the power line and briefly ran aground, losing a boat length or two. **Bill** decided to heat up the reach while Incognito took the more direct route and opened up a sizable lead, which extended on the run to the finish as Incognito went wing on wing to make the 150 genoa advantage pay.

Brian Grothues was only a few minutes behind Incognito and Café au Lait at the finish, having lost **James Bland** when the latter decided that racing to 11 just wasn't a long enough course and the Finn continued to the 12-mile mark. **Andrew Linseisen** in his Columbia 26 made a similar mistake, but corrected half way to 12 and enjoyed the warm sun on the return to the start-finish line. **Jeffrey Lane** (Pearson 26) with his Sea Scout crew led the rest of the fleet to the finish. **Hector Lujan** in the second Columbia 26 sailed well, finishing close to the Pearson 26s of **Todd Middlebrook** and **Anthony Yen**. **Hector** and **Brian** were the only B-fleet boats to fly their spinnakers, and did so successfully despite the gusty conditions.

Most of the boats in B-Fleet sailed Wild Turkey short-handed, but special mention goes to the single-handers. Of course, the Finn is a single-handed boat, but the larger keel boats take more effort, learning and skill to sail effectively single-handed, particularly in those gusty conditions. **Mack Warner** (Ranger 23) has had much practice single-handing and had a great sail finishing just behind **Jeffrey Lane**. And **Anthony Yen** pushed beyond his comfort zone, coming through the race well to finish just behind Mack.

As **Andrew** summed it up "Incredible day on the lake in December in Austin, Texas. Racing under the warm sun in shorts and short sleeves, there is no losing under those conditions." No better place to be...

*Thanks to **James Parsons** and his Race Committee, also operating short-handed with multiple fleets and starts to manage. The multiple postponements were definitely the correct decisions, and the radio countdowns were really appreciated.*

Multihull Fleet Report

by Jim Casto, Multihull Fleet Co-Captain



Our fleet has been quite active this year, in spite of COVID-19.

Thankfully, AYC Series resumed in the fall, with three races scheduled, one of which we served on RC duty. For 2020 total, we had 10 Series Races where we served twice on RC duty. Although the regular 2020 AYC Regattas were cancelled, our idea for the race to Lakeway was adapted into the AYC Fall Fling, and was very successful. We also served as RC for the Fall

Fling J80 day.

Many regattas at other clubs were also cancelled, but several of our members were able to attend three out-of-town regattas, all of which were held in open air, out on the beach.

After the AYC Board allowed fleet activities under controlled conditions, our fleet was able to conduct 17 "fleet races", beginning June 20 through last weekend. Sometimes we started together, but we moved eventually to pursuit starts, then a 2nd race if warranted. We began to rotate responsibility among fleet members for choosing course length, publishing start times, collecting finish times, and publishing scores. On September 26 we even had a "Moonburn" style race – it was a stunning evening with very few motorboats.

Bill Coon led an effort to add a new permanent AYC mark "H", near 6, that can be used as the other end of a start line with mark 6, so the RC boat is not always needed for starts/finishes.

The MH fleet has been "handling" MH ratings (instead of the PHRF Committee), and this year we have formalized the activity, by creating a

"Multihulls Ratings Committee", and beginning to document the process and procedures. Once the new AYC website is up, we will set up a new page for this activity, publishing minutes, etc.

For 2021, I have volunteered to continue the role of Fleet Captain, but have asked **Bill Coon** to transition into the role of fleet co-captain to handle intra-fleet communications and activities, allowing me to concentrate on other AYC initiatives, and to ramp down by the end of the year.

2021 Goals for MH Fleet

Active participation in AYC: Board membership, committee memberships, mentoring new members, fair and transparent ratings.

Increasing MH fleet participation (even during COVID) including catamarans, and reaching out to junior sailors.

Continued participation in PRF fleet, sharing ideas and workload of the PRF regattas.

Schedule a Multihull-only regatta at AYC in 2021.

Transition /sharing of responsibilities with "fleet co-captain", with goal of full transition to new fleet captain by end 2021.



L-R Bill Coon, Juke Ball, Jim Casto, Janet, Dave Kleinman, Chris Reuwsaat, Russ & Jill Shermer, Aaron McCully



Hazel Sanchez and Bill Records after a B-Fleet victory
Photo by Nacho Vivancos

Photos by Members



Jeff Jackson and John Maddalozzo do some electrical planning Photo by Marilyn Jackson

Fall Series Races



Annie & Charlie Lancaster and crew on Eagle, Fall 2 *Photos by Marilyn Jackson*



Duke Snyder and crew on Niffany, Fall 2



Linda McDavitt and crew on Bonfire, Fall 2



John Halter and Crew of Project Mayhem, Fall 2



Ian McAbeer and crew on Seahorse, Fall 2

Fall Series Races

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Owen Krouse on Getaway, Fall 3 *Photos by Marilyn Jackson*



Chris and Karen Lewis on GB, Fall 3



Bill Coon and crew on Humility, Fall 3



David Mok, Marilyn & Jeff Jackson, John Maddalozzo on Omery, Fall 3 *Photo by Cheryl Pervier*



Austin Yacht Club marina in the fall *Photo by Bill Records*