



SPOTLIGHT: Sail Training Committee

Summer Sailing & Celebration

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Heading Home Photo by Elizabeth Quintanilla

4th of July Family Games, Dinner & Dancing

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Bill Benker Barbecue Photo by Diane Covert



Henry Crouch enjoying dessert
Photo by Claudia Bartlett



Entertainment by the Dale Watson Band Photo by Marilyn Jackson



Egg & spoon game Photo by Marilyn Jackson

Message from the Commodore by Diane Covert



As you will read throughout this issue of the Telltale, it has already been a busy and fun summer at AYC. So instead of telling you about business at the AYC, I thought I would pump you up with happy, fun events for the rest of this summer.

June and July have been relatively wet, cool and the lake is up! The July 4th weekend Independence Cup Regatta sponsored by the PHRF fleet was a success, along with the English themed munchies. The July 4th extravaganza party with family themed games, BBQ and the Dale Watson Band sponsored by Bill Benker and Winkley's Hardware was big fun. Thanks goes to all those volunteers and sponsors to make that weekend a success.

August is usually a time when things traditionally slow down a bit at AYC but there are still many activities. On July 24th the PRF will sponsor a Single/Double Handed Regatta from 10-6 pm. Everyone should be practiced at that format of racing from last year's Covid lock down! July 31st is the end of the Summer Evening Series races with special trophies and a very special dinner featuring member-themed sandwiches. Please make sure these dates are on your calendar!

Did you know that AYC and its members contribute to many outreach organizations in Austin? What generous members we have that sponsor and organize events for these groups. Hope you can participate through volunteerism.

August 7th is the Big Brothers and Big Sisters event "Take a Kid Sailing" sponsored by the Multihull Fleet. They take under-privileged kids and their mentors sailing to Windy Point for the day and treat them to lunch and fun games. Volunteers are needed – please contact member Mike Beuerlein at mike.beuerlein@gmail.com.

The Ensign Fleet will sponsor "Sail 4 Kids" on August 21st. Kids six years old to teens from the Baptist Children's Home will enjoy sailing, picnicking, and swimming for the day. Contact Fred Ford at fford@gmail.com to volunteer.

The AYC Fleet Challenge Fundraiser will be on September 5th and will benefit the AYC Fund. Friendly fundraising competition between the fleets, games, food, and fellowship will be the order of the day. As you know, the AYC Fund supports a wide range of sailing activities including coaching/race officer/judges training, travel support to competitions, acquisition of equipment to teach sailing and conduct sailing competitions, and community outreach. This is everyone's opportunity to support the Fund and the activities and sailors that it, in turn, supports. More information on page 7 of this issue of the Telltale. Contact Steve Keckler at kecklersw@yahoo.com for more information.

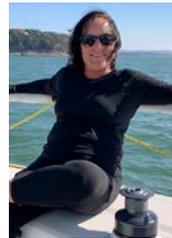
It is never too early to start looking forward to the fall season with (kind-of) cooler weather and some major events at the Austin Yacht Club. Let's not forget these important upcoming AYC sponsored regattas:

The Centerboard Regatta is slated for September 18th and promises to be a lively competition. Afterwards, there will be a post-race Caribbean Party, with "Talk Like a Pirate Day" and a calypso band. Plan on joining the fun! "Ya Mon. Arg....!"

AYC has been hosting the Governor's Cup since 1962. This year, it will be held over the weekend of October 23rd. The Oktoberfest-style party after the Saturday races will be a Roadrunner Fleet fundraiser, complete with an Oompah band. Can you say, "Ein Prosit"?

It all adds up to F.U.N. I hope you can join in the upcoming racing, outreach events, and social activities.

Vice Commodore Report by Anne Morley



I would like to talk about kindness this month. Kindness is the quality of being "friendly, generous, and considerate." Austin Yacht Club is full of members who are very kind. Many of us volunteer and participate to help make AYC a "Kind Club." I would like to encourage all of us to promote kindness around the Club and on social media.

All of us love our boats and our fleets. All fleets are special. Let's remember to be kind to each fleet and recognize them all as amazing groups of people.

We have volunteers and employees with challenging jobs at AYC. These jobs include knowing the detailed inner-workings of the Club. We need to be kind and respectful of those volunteers and employees who spend countless hours running this Club. Please educate yourself before you criticize or jump to conclusions. Be part of the solution. Ask questions.

I would like to challenge you to write or say something positive before you say something negative about a situation or a person.

COVID created a challenging situation, but we really did very well. Think of the positives that resulted. We had races (although it looked a little different), we did private lessons, and most of us followed the protocols, which helped AYC stay healthy through these challenging times.

Let's stay positive and kind. Think before you criticize, whether it's verbal or written. Thank all of the amazing volunteers.

Let's be a Kind Club!

Buildings & Grounds Report by John Maddalozzo



Two Board motions approved in the last couple months have been in progress.

The Shelter 1 work is proceeding under the care of Building and Grounds Committee member Patrick Flynn. Consideration of potential future flooding has been made in the plans and we are hoping for completion in the next couple weeks.

Removal of trees by Tom's house that succumbed to the oak wilt was performed the first week of July.

Gutter replacement on the clubhouse is still awaiting scheduling.

Photographs of the Shelter 1 remodel (on the following page) are courtesy of Diane Covert.

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triangle work party was held on Sunday July 11th. With great help from 18 volunteers, we were able to complete the triangle replacement project on Docks 1 and 3.

Given the huge amount of work involved, we did not expect to complete the project in one day. During the first work party, held late last year, concrete was carried off of a barge at the T-head and placed near each wood triangle location. One team removed the rotted wood and rusted hardware. Occasionally hardware had to be broken or ground off the metal dock frame. The frame was then cleaned by a second team that placed butyl bead of caulk on the metal dock deck frame and then set the concrete deck plates. A pre-cut faux wood trim board was placed on the water edge to make the concrete a perfect fit replacement for the old wood. The plates were then centered using a pry bar to make them look nice and even.

Between that work party and this final one, **Bob & Gayle Leonard** came out during the evenings and finished installing the concrete in the locations that did not have dock boxes. **Bill Records, Kurt Carson** and others did the work on their own slips.

This time, there was a lot of additional work to do. The remaining corners all had either a dock box or hydro hoist control box mounted. Removing the dock and hydro hoist boxes was required before removing the wood. In some cases the contents of the dock boxes had to be removed. On one slip corner, the dock box was bolted to the wood rather than screwed. It took a bit of effort to remove that one and **Kurt Carson** showed us what the hole on the end of a crescent wrench is really for! We also found it quite humorous that several dock boxes had different sized lag bolts attaching them to the old wood decking.

Once the wood was replaced with concrete, the dock or hoist box was centered and masonry bits were used to pre-drill the holes. An impact driver was used to attach the box firmly to the new decking material.

We owe a great big thanking you to the eighteen volunteers who worked hard to get this project finished in a single morning. Special thanks to **Bob Leonard and Kurt Carson** for bringing the necessary tools and expertise to ensure the job was done correctly.

The Harbor Committee has started several more projects on the list. Look for work party email blasts if you would like to participate. For more information, please email me at russ.shermer@gmail.com.



Bob Leonard reattaching boat boxes after replacing the bad wood with concrete corners. Bob finished his work and put away his tools, then turned around to help others who still needed to complete their tasks. Thank you, Bob! *Photo and recognition by Keith Denebeim*

Harbor Report by Russ Shermer



The lake is up a little over 10 feet over the lowest point near the end of April. As a result, we have made the decision to move Dock 6 back into the cove.

The AYC Harbor Committee has officially completed the Boneyard trailer cleanup project. We have ample space for incoming board and wet slip boat trailers in the Boneyard now. All of the

unclaimed derelict trailers have been removed from the grassy knoll by the front entrance.

Dock Triangle Work Party

The Harbor Committee finally had a rain-free forecast and the dock

Race Commander Report by André de la Reza



Hello AYC!

We are one race away from finishing the Summer Evening Series. It has been surprisingly nice weather for the series (knock on teak), and we have avoided the normal assault of 100+ degree days. The weather and eagerness to be out sailing and racing in our slice of paradise has made some busy days on the lake. It has been

an exciting series, we have ties and very tight spreads for the podiums in multiple fleets – it promises to be a nail biter!

A huge thanks to all the fleet PROs, Race Committee volunteers, and PRC series reps – **Mark Kamen, Jorge Martin-de-Nicolás and Bruce McDonald!** Wow, have they had their hands full! With rounding up enough representatives to run the signal and chase boats; just in time training; trying to accommodate the desires of our 11 different classes; running up to FOURTEEN starts; and dealing with the normal challenges that our lake topography and shifty winds presents. Whew! I get tired just typing that out. Anyone who has been part of a recent Race Committee knows how much of a juggling act it can be. So hats off to them, for not only embodying the volunteerism of the Club, but also being willing to give up a day of their own racing to help out the rest of the Club.

I also want to talk about the first MoonBurn race of the year, PRF did a great job of weathering the challenges and getting it out there. I am sure they will talk about the series as a whole, so I just wanted to share some points of July 23rd. I wanted to thank the **Lancasters**(on Chase 1) and **David Weeks** (PRO). There was a medical emergency and Chase 1 was able to safely get the injured sailor onboard and transport them to AYC. They advised Signal boat of the actions and David called 911 of the incident. As a result, trained and professional medical responders were waiting at the Club to provide care. I also want to especially thank **John and Claudia Bartlett**. Once again they embodied the spirit of AYC, being willing to use their skills and resources to assist a fellow sailor and Club member that grounded in the witching hour under a full moon.

I know there have been many comments of wanting “more professional” aspects to AYC, be it RC, building construction, medical response, etc. I would like to address the RC comments in specific. With the amount we are asking of our volunteers, and the fact they only get to practice these perishable skills every couple of months – I think they are doing a great job! Professional and permanent PRO and Race Committee staff may provide consistency and different skills, but the price tag to the Club and our membership dues would be a tough pill to swallow. It also goes against the “Volunteer led spirit” of our picnic table and flip flop Club.

PRC is going to be starting monthly Race Committee Training again Aug 14th to help bolster skills. I encourage everyone to come out to those. It is a great chance to learn, and running races translates to

better awareness on the course when you are in the race. But please, let's remember to value the time and effort of the volunteers that keep our Club running in all aspects – race committee and beyond.

Like I have always said, I will take sailing and competing with my friends in the worst conditions over any day behind a desk!

Sail safe, sail happy, sail fast,

Secretary Report by Cheryl Pervier



Would you like to have a fast and easy way to connect with other AYC members? The printed version of the 2021 AYC Member Directory & Handbook is now available in the office. Because of COVID-19, there had not been an update since 2019. To get your copy, stop by the office during business hours. Or, send an email to Jackie (gm@austinyachtclub.net) and she'll put your

directory in a bag and hang it on a hook outside the clubhouse. It's one per member.

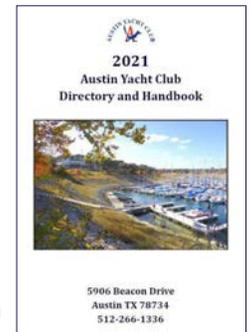
The Directory includes “important information,” Club history, member listing (based on the office records), boat lists (based on boat registrations on the website), and the AYC Handbook. The “Awards” section will be included in the 2022 version.

All the information in the hardcopy book is available (and updated) on the AYC Website, under Racing, Members, History, and Information.

Please keep your information up to date by using forms that are on the website. You can include a spouse/partner name, two phone numbers and two email addresses with your listing. You can view and update the latest information here: austinyachtclub.net/printable-member-directory/

You can view your boat information here: austinyachtclub.net/ayc-racing-boats/ and update it here: austinyachtclub.net/ayc-series-race-registration/

Thanks for helping us keep this information accurate. It helps us all to know who's who, where, and what in the Austin Yacht Club.



General Manager Report by Jackie Wheelless



Missing Boat Usage Log

The Boat Usage Log is no longer in the clubhouse. If anyone has information as to where the log might be, please contact me at gm@austinyachtclub.net or call the office at 512-266-1336. The Boat Usage Log is utilized by the Harbor Committee in the event there is a situation when boat usage is in question. If usage of a boat comes into question the member will have the burden of establishing that his/

her boat is actively used per the AYC Harbor Rules. Evidence of such use is limited to race results in which the boat has participated or documentation of use of the boat by proper recording of such in the Boat Use Log maintained by the Club Manager. All members should record their boat use in the Boat Usage Log just in case they're not racing often enough to satisfy the guidelines for active boat use.

Staff Schedule Reminder

Reminder that days off for **Spencer and Emily** are Saturday and Sunday due to their hectic camp schedule. My days off are Mondays and Tuesdays, and **Tom's** days off are Saturday and Sunday afternoons and all day Monday.

Best of Luck to Spencer!

On a sad note, **Spencer's** last day of employment with AYC is Thursday, July 29th. We wish him the absolute best of luck with his new adventure in Miami. We're excited for **Emily** and her new position as Youth Sailing Director. Emily has a couple of vacations that were previously scheduled for August so she'll be coming and going a bit in August, but she'll be settling into her new position by early September.

Be Sure to Sign in to Access the Member Menu

Members are still attempting to access Member sensitive information without signing in on the website. If you don't sign in with your username (your member number) and your password, you won't be able to access the Member Menu. The Member Menu has the Storage Request Form, the Online Member Directory, Board Meeting Documents and other information for members' eyes only.

The audit continues.....

It's now time for the Workers Comp audit ... A reminder that monthly fees are due by the 25th of the month. If your account becomes past due you will be taken off email statement distribution and you will receive a mailed statement instead. This is an effort to "get your attention" in case you haven't been checking your email. Once your account is back in current status you will begin receiving emailed statements again.

Did you want to donate that item to the Club?

If you have things that you'd like to donate to the Club, please contact me or the Commodore. Please don't just leave items in the clubhouse or elsewhere on the grounds.

The staff doesn't know why the items are left behind, so we will generally leave them where they were dropped in hopes that their rightful owner will retrieve them.

Health Insurance Renewal

Next month begins the employee health insurance renewal process.

Exciting News!

I'm welcoming my very first grandchild next week!!!!!! A BOY!!!!!! So...I'll be working remotely the week of July 26 - August 1. **Carolyn and John Howard** have graciously accepted covering the office for walk ins. They'll keep in touch with me and, of course, members can continue to email. I will respond as quickly as possible or you may call and/or text me at 512-791-1168. Please identify yourself when texting.

Office Hours for July 26 – August 1

Monday and Tuesday – CLOSED

Wednesday – 11:00 – 5:00

Thursday – 9:00 – 5:00

Friday – 11:00 – 5:00

Saturday and Sunday – 9:00 – 5:00

Carolyn and John Howard
in the office/ Jackie working
remotely

MARK YOUR SOCIAL CALENDARS!

Save The Date!

Summer End of Series Dinner
July 31st after the Race
AYC sandwiches
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Indian Summer End of Series Dinner
October 3rd after the Race
Pat Manning's Hawaiian Nights
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Fall End of Series Dinner
November 14th after the Race
Guest Chef J80 Fleet
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Lynn Jaeger, Senior Probationary

Lynn took a course in sailing with her daughter back in 2009 and now wants to learn more, with a focus on ultimately racing small boats.



Steve Whitley, Senior Probationary

Steve has been sailing for over 40 years and is looking to be part of a group of like-minded people. He and his wife, Kate Elliott, have a Catalina 27 Tall Rig on Lake Travis and want to be more involved in both sailing and the social fun.



Steve Getson, Associate Probationary

Steve is an avid boater who has sailed since childhood. He and his wife have experience around boats. Their children have had sailing lessons for the last four years and are interested in the High School Sailing Team.



Jason & Emily Lifsey, Senior Probationary

Jason and Emily are new sailors seeking a community to be part of and to learn from. They are both very competitive and have recently gone into partnership on the Ross 830. Their partner, John Thurston, is their AYC sponsor. They have completed ASA 101.



Dan & Sandi Ruble, Senior Probationary

Dan is looking for opportunities to learn, sail and socialize. He has completed ASA 101 and 103, and has crewed on Nemesis in Beer Can races and in Turnback this year. His sponsor is Keith Denebeim.

(not pictured)

Daniel Hochman, Associate Probationary

Daniel wishes to reconnect to sailing, having been a member of the UT Sailing Team from 1999-2003. He has sailed as far away as the Great Barrier Reef. Daniel wants to get back into dinghy racing, and get his daughters involved in sailing.

Mark Vories, Senior Reinstatement

Mark resigned in good standing and is now requesting reinstatement as a returning member.

AYC Fleet Challenge Sponsored by the Austin Yacht Club Fund



By Steve Keckler, AYC Fund Board

The AYC Fund is delighted to invite you to participate in the 2021 AYC Fleet Challenge. Last held in 2019, the Fleet Challenge is a fundraising event benefitting the AYC Fund. The 2019 Fleet Challenge raised over \$40,000 for the AYC Fund, and we aim to beat that record this year.

Here are the fleets to beat:

2019 Challenge, Final Standing

Fleet	Total Dollars (Donations, Calcutta, Throwouts)	Number of Individual Donors	DF95 Racing Position (Best Overall Position for the Fleet)	Number of Games Tokens	Funding	Participatio	DF95 Racing	Games Rank	Total Points	Final Standing
UTSC	\$6,775	63	1	16	2	1	1	2	6	1
J-80	\$10,160	49	2	2	1	2	2	4	9	2
Roadrunner	\$2,495	23	9	33	5	3	8	1	17	3
Laser	\$2,075	17	5	12	9	4	5	3	21	4
J-24	\$3,107	7	3	0	3	12	3	6	24	5
DF95	\$2,450	14	4	0	6	8	4	6	24	6
Ensign	\$2,730	17	16	0	4	4	11	6	25	7
A&B	\$1,975	15	8	0	10	6	7	6	29	8
Multi-Hull	\$1,370	13	7	0	12	9	6	6	33	10
Sunfish	\$1,840	15	11	0	11	6	9	6	32	9
C22&S21	\$2,375	12	18	2	7	10	12	4	33	11
J-22	\$2,225	12	14	0	8	10	10	6	34	12

Mark Your Calendars!

The 2021 Fleet Challenge event will be held on Sunday, September 5 at the Club and will feature a range of activities, pitting the AYC racing fleets and other sailing organizations against one another as they compete for the Bernstein-Brinkmann Fleet Challenge Trophy.



UTSC – 2019 1st place trophy winners

The UT Sailing Club is the reigning champion, excelling in fundraising as well as both on- and off-the-water competitions. This year, fleets will again compete in fundraising, fleet-racing in DF-95 radio-controlled sailboats, and on-shore games. The event will culminate in an awards ceremony and a hosted dinner open to all Club members.

The fundraising campaign will kick off in early August; mark your calendars now for the September 5 event. Formal invitations will be distributed to Club members in August.

About the AYC Fund

Founded in 2005, the Austin Yacht Club Fund is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to teaching competitive sailing; developing amateur athletes for national and international sailing competitions; developing sailing judges, race officials, instructors, and coaches; and fostering national and international sailing competition in the Austin area. While independent of the Austin Yacht Club, the AYC Fund collaborates with the AYC Board to support overlapping objectives.

Recent AYC Fund grants have included:

- Travel support for junior and adult AYC sailors who qualified for national or international regattas.
- RIB purchase to support sail training and the Roadrunner Fleet.
- Support for professionally delivered sailing instructor training.
- Scholarships for Big Brother/Big Sister youth to attend AYC sailing summer camp.

The AYC Fund will support the future purchase of a replacement dinghy fleet to be used by the AYC Junior Program and the UT Sailing Team.

Support from generous donors in the AYC community, combined with thoughtful management and investment, has grown the AYC Fund's endowment to over \$300,000. Future growth over time will enable the fund to be self-sustainable in perpetuity, helping to enhance competitive sailing in central Texas for generations to come.

The 2021 AYC Fund Board includes: Steve Keckler (President), Ray Shull (Treasurer), Louise Miller (Secretary), Mary Carew, Sarah Faust, Kirk Livingston, Linda McDavitt, and Matt Romberg.

For more information:

<https://www.austinyachtclub.net/2019-fleet-challenge-re-cap/>

<https://www.austinyachtclub.net/ayc-fund/>



FYI



Summer End of Series Dinner
Saturday, July 31, 2021 (after the first finishers arrive)

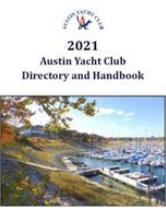
Choose a delicious sandwich in the poll:

- The Claudia Bartlett**
spicy pimento cheese with bacon
- Knot Kurt Karson**
chipotle chicken with avocado, bacon and garnished with a pickled okra
- Danewich**
grilled All-American peanut butter and grape jelly
- Jim Casto's Savory Onion Tarte Tatin***
caramelized onion tart with Sherry, gruyere cheese and thyme
- Flippin' Coon Turtle Cake**
Chocolate, caramel, and pecan cake
- Blue Duck Sangria**

\$10 per person

*Vegetarian Option

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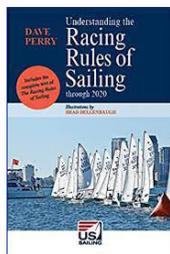
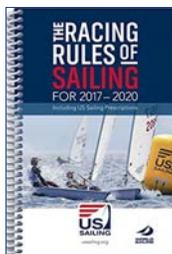


2021
Austin Yacht Club
Directory and Handbook

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2021 MEMBER DIRECTORY

The 2021 Member Directories are now available in the AYC office. Please stop by to pick up your directory, or email Jackie gm@austinyachtclub.net, and pick up your directory later, at your convenience. Limit one per member, please.



SELLING AT A DISCOUNT!

Both of these books have newer editions for 2021. AYC has several copies of the 2020 editions for sale at a discount.

The Racing Rules \$15 (reg. \$30)

Understanding the Racing Rules \$20 (reg. \$35)

If you are interested, email Jackie.



Save the Date!

Join new member Spiros Tzivelekis
as he shares his passion for Greek cuisine
at an AYC exclusive cooking class on

September 25th

Details to Follow!

OFFICE HOURS FOR JULY 26 - AUGUST 1

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If you need to reach Jackie, she will be working remotely. Please:

- Call or text 512-791-1168 (please identify yourself when texting)
- Or email gm@austinyachtclub.net

THANK YOU!

Sail Training at AYC

by Sail Training Commander Ann Kitzmiller



Sail Training
Commander and
Committee Chair
Ann Kitzmiller

2021 Adult Sailing Opportunities

2021 has been a busy year for Sail Training, especially compared to how little we were able to accomplish last year due to COVID restrictions. We kicked off the year by facilitating a discounted rate for AYC members to watch a four-part webinar on Rules Situations Around the Race Course featuring **Dave Dellenbaugh and Dave Perry**. This was a great series, with lots of good information and interpretation of the rules. Thank you, **Linda McDavitt**, for coordinating with the Daves to make this opportunity happen.

Next up was a fantastic in-house webinar on the Racing Rules of Sailing featuring the knowledge and insight of **Ray**

Shull and Brad Davis, followed by another webinar addressing the nuts and bolts of a protest hearing. Thank you **Bobby Brooks, Brad Davis, George Dahmen, and Bill Hawk** for taking us through a "trip to the room."

In the spring, Sail Training recommenced the popular Free Sail events during which members can take out Club-owned Picos, FJs, Sunfish, and Lasers for an afternoon of sailing on a Saturday or Sunday. Free Sail participants have been assisted by various coaches who have helped rig up and occasionally retrieve errant boats.

Since we have been able to do more in-person training, **Harry Polly** has ramped up the ASA 101 classes and has started a new series of introductory sailing classes called First Sail. **Bill Records** has assisted with chalk talks, and many AYC volunteer skippers have taken students out on their boats for this training experience. These include **Kurt Carson, Bob Gross, Can Kalyoncuoglu, Bill Records, Chris Schuttger, and George Dahmen**. These classes often result in follow-up opportunities for students to participate in Beer Can racing to further their development. It is great to see AYC members mentoring new members and providing them opportunities to get out on the water.

AYC was finally able to schedule the in-person portion of the Certification Course for US Sailing Level 1 Instructor Certification. **Bobby Brooks and Anne Morley** were instrumental in making this happen, and AYC now has several newly minted certified instructors, which is a great asset to the Club's sail training efforts.

In preparation for the Roadrunner Regatta, **Jeff Brock** organized a training session featuring **Tony Slowik, Emily Verdoia, and Lucy Brock** as instructors. This was a great warm-up for the Opti racers who put their skills to the test at the very well attended Roadrunner Regatta.

This summer kicked off the extremely popular Adult Beginner Sailing Classes using AYC-owned centerboard boats. **Linda McDavitt and Gretchen Douglas** took the lead in organizing the curriculum for these classes, and have been assisted by a slew of AYC volunteer teachers including **Annie Lancaster, Louise Miller, Jenny Loehlin, Johannes Brinkmann, James Bland, Jeff Brock, Gal Sela, David Michael, Anne Morley, and David Morely**. Several AYC members also generously loaned their Sunfish to the class. A big thank you to **Pat Manning, Jennifer Hopgood, Bay Peterson, Vicki Stones, and Jenny Loehlin**.

In June, Sail Training held the first of a two-part Spinnaker Clinic. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate but we managed to have some fun and get a little



WEBINARS



CHALK TALKS



ON THE WATER CLINICS



ADULT BEGINNER SAIL TRAINING

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SPINNAKER CLINICS



HIGH SCHOOL COACHING



SUMMER CAMPS AND JUNIOR PROGRAMS

teaching in. Some boats hit the water and had a good upwind sail only to encounter stormy weather requiring a quick retreat to the docks. Other boats stayed at the dock to practice spinnaker sets and douses with great success. If there is room in the calendar, we might be able to reschedule this class as we had lots of students interested. AYC members stepped up again to volunteer to teach including **Pierre Bossart, Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás, Kurt Carson, Linda McDavitt, Bill Records, George Dahmen, Brian Metz, Rhonda Moore, Anne Morley, David Morley, and Fred Schroth**. Thanks to all of you! The second part of the series will feature our own **John Bartlett** and will take place on September 11th.

And that's only the first half of 2021. On August 7th, **Bill Records** will spearhead a seminar on the Elements of Successful Sailboat Racing, mercifully inside the air-conditioned clubhouse. Also in August, J24 Fleet Captain **Rhonda Moore** is organizing a racing clinic to be taught by **Bobby Brooks** of Wind Advisory for the J22 and J24 fleets.

Youth Sailing Opportunities

I am not even going to attempt to summarize the incredible number of youth sail training activities that have taken place throughout the year. The youth sailing activities have been the subject of previous Telltale articles, which I encourage you to read. Suffice it to say that this program is amazing.

Spencer LeGrande, Emily Verdoia and their assistant coaches continue to do an incredible job with the kids.

Jeff Brock is everywhere coaching the AYC Roadrunners, high school teams, and the UT Sailing Team.

Gal Sela, Mary Carew, Constanze Heitkotter, and David Michael are super-involved parents who keep encouraging their kids and others to take it to the next level.

I am sure there are others I am forgetting to mention. It is truly impressive and inspiring to see.

Fall Plans

One thing we plan for the fall is an open house for parents of young kids interested in getting involved in the youth sailing program, to explain the various opportunities that are available and to encourage the youngest kids to get in the sail training pipeline. They are the future of the sport.

As you can tell, Sail Training at AYC spans a wide variety of activities and involves lots of volunteer support from all corners of the Club membership. It is gratifying to see members who have boats and racing and sailing experience happily sharing their knowledge with new or less experienced sailors. There is nothing more rewarding than seeing a new sailor enjoy the sport and come off the water eager for more. Thank you each and every one of you who have supported AYC sail training with your time, your boat, your ideas, and your enthusiasm!

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Sail Training Commander & Committee Chair

Linda McDavitt

Bill Records

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4th of July Family Games by Claudia Bartlett



I was so excited when **Cathie Martin** approached me back in January about hosting a 4th of July event at the Club. I volunteered to handle the "games" part of it as it may be my passion!!!

I don't think the games disappointed any of our participants ... young or old. We had Tug-A War, Sail Bag Sack Races, Egg Relay, Egg Throw (kids favorite), Water Balloon Toss, Hula Hoop

Contest, Coin Toss in the Pool, Greased Watermelon in the Pool and the Piñata! We were also planning to do a fishing contest but weather didn't cooperate, so hopefully we can do it for the Fleet Challenge.

Some funny moments were when **John Bartlett** cheated and figured out how to run in his sail bag. **Charlie Lancaster** (who I hear is an expert hula hooper) was disappointed with his finish due to the kid-size hula hoops. Don't worry Charlie, I'll have some for big people at the Fleet Challenge so you can show us all how it's done. I have never witnessed such determination to win as **Dee Chow's** performance in the Tug-a-War. Sure wish there was a video. Priceless.

At one given time, we probably had in excess of 25 children participating and having a ball. Children and grandchildren made up the majority of our competitive youth with many getting multiple awards. The younger crowd had a big time trying to bust open the Piñata. That was the toughest Piñata I have ever seen. They all had multiple hits and finally **John Bartlett** had to help out with the pocket knife. There were a lot of happy faces scooping up bags of candy.

I could not have run these games without help of **Anne Riggs, Lauren Crouch, John Foster and John Bartlett**. Special thanks to **Madeline Crouch** for donating her Opti for the Egg Toss.

Diane Covert had suggested that since it was an Olympic year we should award medals. I thought what a great idea! We presented the winners Bronze, Silver and Gold Medals and they remained standing at the wall while we finished the celebration with the playing of the Star Spangled Banner.



Olympic medal winners Photo courtesy Claudia Bartlett

It was a perfect way to end the games and move on to the fabulous BBQ and dancing to **Dale Watson** courtesy of **Bill and David Benker!**

4th of July Dinner and Dancing by Cathie Martin



4th of July Celebration Featuring Bill Benker's BBQ and the Dale Watson Band

Some members came to celebrate our country's independence, some came for family games, some came for **Bill Benker's** BBQ, and all were surprised with the appearance of singer, songwriter, and honky tonk artist, **Dale Watson and his band**.

Plans for the Club's 4th of July celebration started as old-fashioned family games and an All-American picnic. **Winkley's on the Bend and the Benker family** took that vision and shot it off like a firecracker.

Several **Benker family** celebrations came together. **Bill** and his brother/member **David's** birthdays are days apart. **Bill and his wife Amy** were celebrating their 10th wedding anniversary. Ten years ago, **Dale Watson** officiated and sang at their wedding. They decided to share their celebrations with Austin Yacht Club members. How fortunate for us!

Winkley's and the Benker family donated and grilled six briskets, four pork shoulders and 120 pieces of chicken, along with cowboy beans, sweet onions, and potato salad. Volunteers made salad, pimiento cheese and crackers, pasta salad, mushroom salad, and **Pat Manning's** corn casserole (cooked by **Marilyn and Jeff Jackson**) just to name a few.

Meanwhile, **Claudia Bartlett** arranged for **Iron Wolf Ranch and Distillery** to offer samples of their fine craft spirits. Iron Wolf is a J 80 Fleet sponsor whose spinnaker flies down the lake.

Intermittent rain, mist, and table re-arranging did not stop the dance party. Club members danced for two hours before Dale departed for a gig at the Continental Club.



Diane Covert, Russ & Jill Shermer, and Annie Lancaster pose for a rainbow photo Photo by Elizabeth Quintanilla

After the thunder, lightning and torrential rain, a rainbow stretched across the sky.

Special thanks to our volunteers who made the 4th of July celebration possible. Beginning the night before, the Independence Cup post-race clean up left the kitchen in pristine

condition with all serving utensils stowed away. **Peter Spevacek, Stephen Getson, Doug Herling and Lynn Jaeger** performed above and beyond to make the event successful. Carrying heavy pans of food, beans and sides is to be appreciated. **Ron Clarkson** stayed late after all of us went home to help **Bill** pack up. **Kurt Carson** jumped in to create a dance floor, then showed us his dance moves.

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4th of July Family Games



Bartlett family – Lauren Crouch donated Card My Yard sign
Photo courtesy Claudia Bartlett



Madeline Crouch, Margaret Faust, James Everitt Faust
Photo by Claudia Bartlett



Claudia Bartlett officiating at the family games *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



Adult balloon toss *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*

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4th of July Family Games



Adult sail bag race Photo by Marilyn Jackson



John Foster handed out candy bags at the piñata game
Photo by Marilyn Jackson



Kids sail bag race Photo by Marilyn Jackson



Pool games starting line Photo by Marilyn Jackson



Egg toss game Photo by Marilyn Jackson

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4th of July Dinner and Dancing



Dave & Cecilia Ferreira with family Photos this page by Marilyn Jackson



Dinner line



Hazel Sanchez, Steve & Cheryl Pervier



Bill Benker and David Benker – provided BBQ, band and more



Russ Shermer and Bill Coon



Duke & Kim Synder with family



Matthew Sabuda, Dee Chow, Jeff Sabuda and Cathie Martin

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4th of July Dinner and Dancing



Karen Bogisch, Hazel Sanchez, Charlie Lancaster, Annie Lancaster and Bill Records *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



Elizabeth Quintanilla, Lisa Porta and Bruce McDonald *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



Charlie & Annie Lancaster *Photo by Lynn Jaeger*



Margo Bower and Guy Abbey *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



Three generations! Madeline and Lauren Crouch with Claudia Bartlett *Photo by Lynn Jaeger*



Roni Sela, Amy & Jeff Brock *Photo by Lynn Jaeger*



Kayla Manning, Pat Manning and Adriana Ravelo *Photo by Lynn Jaeger*

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4th of July Dinner and Dancing



Chuck Waldron, Renee Ruais and Rick Kole Photo by Marilyn Jackson



New members Lynn Jaeger, Chris & Chris Covington Photo by Marilyn Jackson



John & Cathy Mandell and Keith & Bonnie Lackey Photo by Marilyn Jackson



Dale Watson and his Band Photo by Diane Covert



Brooke Nash, Dale Watson and Tiann Young



Swaying to the tunes of Dale Watson
Photo by Diane Covert

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4th of July Dinner and Dancing



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4th of July Volunteers Special Thanks!



Post-Independence Cup Clean-up Crew	Decorating & Family Games	BBQ
Robbin Kersey	Anne Riggs	Bill & Amy Benker
Liz Weeks	Terry Schertz	David Benker & daughter, Shirah
Melody Morrissette	Claudia & John Bartlett	Afton Potts
Pat Manning	Lauren Crouch	Dee Chow & Jeff Sabuda
	John Foster	Kim Day
	Janice & Kirk Livingston	Ron Clarkson
		Chris Covington
		Lynn Jaeger
		Chris Tan
		Stephan Getson & son, Ryder
		Marilyn & Jeff Jackson
		Marie Snidow
		Suzanne Martin Warsley
		Peter Spevacek
		Janet Hendricks
		Doug Herling
		Pat Manning & granddaughter, Kayla
		Kurt Carson

Independence Cup Regatta

Photos by Cheryl Pervier except where noted



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



1st place B Fleet: Bill Records and crew *Photo submitted by Bill Records*



Andrew Linseisen and crew on Pearson 26 Nissus



Ed Taylor and crew on J 80 Air Supply



Tom Meyer, Linda Donovan on Hunter 28.5 Faraway



Steve & Melody Morrisette with Bo & Robbin Kersey on Corsair F31
Abandoned Assets

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Independence Cup Regatta

Photos by Cheryl Pervier



A Fleet start



Trevor Miller and crew on Hunter 33 Black Swan



David Weeks, Jennifer Loehlin, Mike Mashl on Pearson 26 Incognito



Ty Brockhoeft and crew on Pearson 26 Los Monos



Martine Lacombe and Owen Crouse on Nacra 5.7 Old Skull

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Independence Cup Regatta

Photos by Cheryl Pervier



Breakfast crew: Adriana Ravedo, Rhonda AmRein-Moore, Robbin Kersey



Tea time: Marie Snidow, Pat and Kayla Manning, led by Liz Weeks and crew



RC: Chris Covington, Joe Roddy, David Gould, Steve & Cheryl Pervier



Independence Cup Winners: Bill Records, Lisa Porta, Bruce McDonald



Regatta Chair David Weeks with 1st Place Multihull Fleet: Aaron McCulley and crew



Regatta Chair David Weeks with 2nd Place A Fleet: Brian Metz and crew

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Independence Cup Regatta

Photos by Cheryl Pervier



2nd Place B Fleet: David Weeks, Jennifer Loehlin (not pictured: Mike Mashl)



Regatta Chair David Weeks with 2nd place Multihull Fleet: Steve Morissette

Independence Cup Regatta Results

A Fleet									
Place	First Name	Last Name	Boat Type	Sail #	PHRF	Delta	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected
1	Bruce	McDonald	J70	50	114	0	12:59:07	1:49:03	1:46:45
2	Brian	Metz	J24	2285	168	0	13:09:08	1:59:04	1:47:47
3	Ed	Taylor	J/80	720	117	0	13:01:01	1:50:57	1:48:07
4	Megan	Yancy	J/24	3282	168	0	13:30:40	2:20:36	2:07:17
5	Spiros	Tzivelekis	Open 5.70	USA266	144	0	13:41:16	2:31:12	2:21:37
6	Trevor	Miller	Hunter 33	43112	174	0	13:50:00	2:39:56	2:23:35

B Fleet									
Place	First Name	Last Name	Boat Type	Sail #	PHRF	Delta	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected
1	Bill	Records	Pearson 26OD	198	210	0	13:13:42	1:58:38	1:41:28
2	Dave	Weeks	Pearson 26	1393	210	0	13:15:20	2:00:16	1:42:52
3	Mack	Warner	Ranger 23	472	222	0	13:26:04	2:11:00	1:50:18
4	Jeff	Sabuda	Pearson 26	1006	210	9	13:30:24	2:15:20	1:55:45
5	Andrew	Linseisen	Columbia 26	1022	228	9	13:37:25	2:22:21	1:58:56
6	Ty	Brockhoeft	Pearson 26	1484	210	9	13:35:29	2:20:25	2:00:06
7	Linda	Donovan	Hunter 28.5	54	195	9	13:33:35	2:18:31	2:00:51

Multi-Hull Fleet									
Place	First Name	Last Name	Boat Type	Sail #	PHRF	Delta	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected
1	Aaron	McCulley	F28R	232	24	0	13:00:40	1:55:36	2:10:54
2	Steve	Morrisette	Corsair 31UC	323	-21	9	13:16:13	2:11:09	2:41:09
3	Owen	Crouse	Nacra 5.7	461	63	9	13:50:00	2:44:56	2:54:53

Summer Evening Series



Ray Shull and J80 signal boat volunteers *Photos this page by Marilyn Jackson*



Bill Records and crew on Pearson 26 OD Cafe au Lait



Tom Groll and crew on Ensign Brews'er, John Halter and crew on J22 Project Mayhem, Terry Schertz and crew on J22 Lite'n Up



Henry Hebel and crew on Pearson 26 OD Broken Arrow



Jim Bridgwater and crew on J22 Silicon Ship



Multihull traffic jam

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Summer Evening Series



Rombergs on J 80 Too Much J *Photos this page by Cheryl Pervier*



J 80 start – Bob Gross and crew on Shotglass in foreground



Ron Clarkson and crew on C22 La Perla, Peter Broberg and crew on C22 Trivial Pursuit, Bob Musselman on SC 21 WT



Fred Schroth and crew on J 80 Lickety Split



Renee Ruais with Scott Loyd and Tamara Fearnø on J22 Bubbles

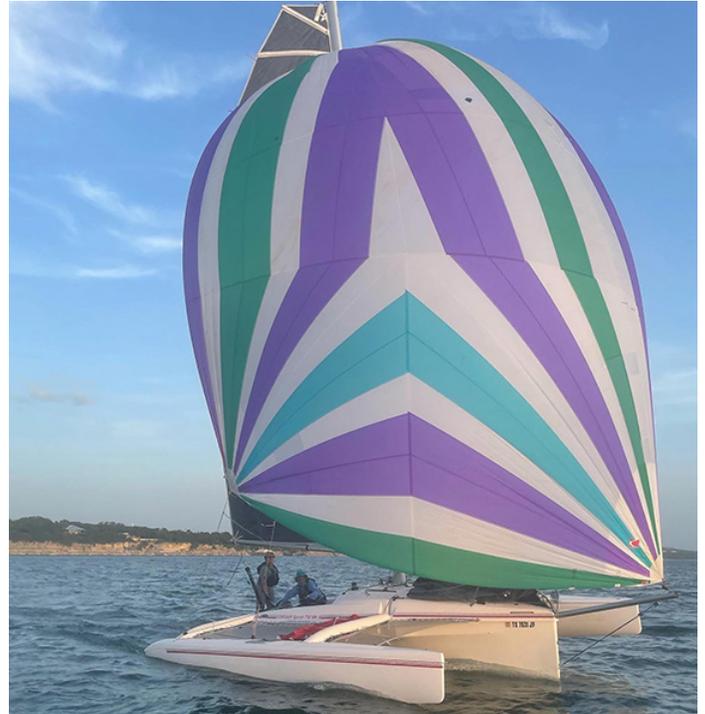


J22 and J24 start

Beer Can



Ken Berringer teaching sailing at Beer Can Photos by Elizabeth Quintanilla



Bill Coon and crew on Corsair Sprint Humility



Bill Hawk and crew on Ensign Prickly Pair (green boat)



David Jamail and Bonnie Lackey

Become an ASA Sailing Instructor by ASA Instructor Harry Polly



Austin Yacht Club (AYC) will be hosting an American Sailing Association (ASA) Instructor Qualification Clinic (IQC) over the weekend of September 25, 26, and 27, 2021. Certified ASA Sailing Instructors have demonstrated that they have excellent sailing skills and possess the ability to teach others. Now may be the time to consider becoming an ASA Sailing Instructor at

AYC. For more information, call **Harry Polly** at 214-598-5071 or email hoppolly2323@gmail.com

By qualifying to the ASA Instructor Standards, you obtain internationally recognized credentials. These credentials document your experience and level of proficiency – from basic keelboat sailing to offshore passage making.

Qualifications

- 18 years of age or older
- Possess at least three years of sailing experience
- Have teaching experience or can demonstrate an aptitude for clearly communicating sailing to the novice and advanced sailor
- Are capable of performing to the ASA Standards as stated in the ASA International Sailing Log Book

Steps to Becoming an ASA Certified Sailing Instructor

- Review the ASA101 Standards of Certification to better understand the requirements for both students and instructors. See Harry for a copy of the ASA101 Standard.
- Enroll in the IQC set for AYC on September 25, 26, and 27, 2021.
- Successfully complete the two and a half day IQC. The format includes a review of sailing theory, boat handling abilities, and communication skills all leading to formal evaluation of your skill in these areas. This is not a course of instruction as such.
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Ensign Fleet Report by George Dahmen



Hey, I'll be honest ... I signed up to write for the July and August Telltales because things are kind of slow in those hot summer months. I am more than a little surprised at how much fun we have had.

Summer Evening Series

First, we had the hotly contested Summer Evening Series. It started as a tight race for 1st between **Dave Gamble's** One with the wind and

Tom Groll's Brews'er. In the ensuing races **Bill Hawk's** Prickly Pair and **Lewis Price's** Dos Locos jumped into the fray along with **Annie Lancaster's** Eagle. **George Dahmen** on Stijf Kop hauled out for maintenance, **Fred Ford's** September had rigging problems and **Carl Wiseman** had to travel for work. One with the Wind with **Dave Gamble, Abe Gamble, Kent Winegar, Ann Kitzmiller, George Dahmen, Matt Brown and Johanna Brown** (Browns practiced during Beer Can) won the series and Brews'er with **Tom Groll, Molly Lewis and Adriana Ravelo** scored a very close second.



Ensigns racing Photo by Cheryl Pervier

Next up for **Tom Groll and Molly Lewis** on Brews'er, **George Dahmen and Ann Kitzmiller** on Stijf Kop and **Dave Gamble and Abe Gamble** on One with the Wind will be the Single/Double Handed Regatta (PRF).

Beer Can Races

Friday night Beer Can continues as a favorite venue for the Ensign Fleet. It is a time we use for training and just sharing our boats with new members, and an opportunity for our crews to experience different positions on the boat ... including helm time. **Dave Gamble, Tom Groll, Lewis Price, Ann Kitzmiller, Annie Lancaster, Fred Ford and George Dahmen** have taken new members and returning members onboard for Beer Can and series races. It is a way of sharing the experience and continuing the AYC legacy. Ensign skipper **Ann Kitzmiller** (Board Sail Training Cdr.) says that several fleets have pushed this informal training/sharing and it has really boosted AYC spirit ... nice to see.

On the Friday, July 16 Beer Can, **Fred Ford** turned 77 and the Ensigns held a little surprise gathering for him. Lots of fun and good food.

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BirthDay Beer Can sail: Adriana Ravelo, Molly Lewis, Tom Groll and Fred Ford
Photo by Elizabeth Quintanilla

Ensign Sailors on Sunfish?

Must give the Sunfish fleet a plug here. In addition to sailing the Ensign on weekends, several Ensign sailors (**Annie Lancaster, Molly Lewis, Anne Morley, Sarah Faust, Hazel Sanchez, Jen Hopgood and Anne Riggs**) have joined Sunfish sailing on Wednesday evenings ... just pure fun.

Fleet Socials

Carl Wiseman (Ensign Social Chair) hosted a great post-race cookout for the fleet. It was an enjoyable evening of being together and a chance to bring our sailing camaraderie ashore. As the evening eased to the edge of dark, we decided to revive the annual Morley Sail. The Morley Sail is a fleet destination sail to the Morley's house for an afternoon picnic and an evening sail home.

Sail4Kids

On Saturday, August 21, the Ensign Fleet will host Sail 4 Kids. We host it, but all the fleets at AYC make it happen. Skippers and crews from all AYC fleets volunteer their time to give the children from the Baptist Children's Home a sail on Lake Travis. AYC provides the sailing, and the Round Rock Kiwanis Club hosts a picnic and swim party on our campus. This is an AYC outreach program. Ensigns check the boxes and dot the i's, but it takes all AYC fleets to make it happen. We appreciate all the volunteers ... for many of these children it is a first-time experience.

Coming Up – Ensign National Championship

The Ensign National Championship Regatta will be sailed August 15-19 at the Marquette Yacht Club in Marquette, Michigan ... the venue is Lake Superior. We have two Ensign crews scheduled to race. **George Dahmen, Frans Dahmen, Ann Kitzmiller and Tom Groll** will sail Lickety Split (a chartered Ensign). **Bill Hawk, Erin Hawk, Will Hawk and Brad Shaw** will sail Prickly Pair (a long tow to Marquette). We wish them fair winds, good sailing and success.

That about rounds it up for now. The next article will include all the future events and regatta news ... y'all hang tight.

Catalina 22 Fleet Report by Steve Pervier



new AYC members.

Six Catalina 22s have raced Summer Evening Series so far, including one new boat in our fleet. Part of the irregular turnout was three skippers traveling to Croatia, Greece, and Estonia respectively – who could blame them? Meanwhile on Lake Travis we're delighted to see **Bob Musselman** return with his SC21! And recently the C22 fleet worked race Committee for the series and for Independence Cup, also joined by a number of

Thanks to "Fleet Alliance" members: **Bob Musselman, Steve Shepardson, Ron Clarkson, Sally Caraway, Nathan Leake, Brian Grothues, Liz Stansfeld (and her grandson William), Joe Roddy, Cheryl & Steve Pervier.** Thanks also to newer AYC members: **Martine Lacombe, Jonathan Joy, Will Anderson, Don Morrison, Scott Neagle, Kristin Spindler, Chris Covington, and David Gould.** We were pleased to work with each of you on Race Committee, and we look forward to serving or sailing together in the future.

In this current series you could count 11 Catalina 22s represented! Most of our five new skippers have been with us on Race Committee,



Ron Clarkson with crew Lawrence Case and Steve Pervier on C22 La Perla
Photos by Cheryl Pervier

while two have been crew on other types of boats: **Sally** has been sailing on a J/22, and **Nate** on a Nacra 5.7. As these new skippers get more experience we should start seeing them racing their own boats with us. The first of those raced on 7/17: **Ron Clarkson**, sailing "La Perla" (#12002) with crew **Lawrence Case and Steve Pervier**, and earning solid second and third places. Congratulations, Ron!

Also on 7/17, **Louise Miller** took **Cheryl Pervier** as crew, plus returning C22 crew **Harmony**, and long-time C22 skipper and ASA instructor **Joe Roddy.** **Steve and Meri Shepardson** repeated their usual strong performance with a first and a second.



Steve & Meri Shepardson on C22 Chili Verde

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And we saw **Peter Broberg** again with his crew **Jim Eskew**. Except for a couple of mishaps Peter and Jim might have had two bullets. But before their first start they hooked the Orange starting pin, and dragged it past the stern of the Signal Boat before getting free. Then they scored DNF, which could feel like RC getting even ... just kidding! They had crossed the starting line downwind. In-between they managed a spectacular recovery, going far left and picking a shore lift that put them close to first place despite minutes of starting pin delay.

Steve and Cheryl, with Lawrence, had their own difficult race on 7/10 – starting with a sudden bear-away to avoid a downwind Ensign, not seen til the last minute due to one large hat! It continued with wrapping the mainsheet parts on my arm during a gybe, turning us nearly 180 as I couldn't keep steering while tied up, followed by touching the L mark as we approached it inside, on starboard, and yet too far by the lee. And on about the last tack I sat heavily on the tiller and almost completely broke it! It's a good thing all these mishaps occurred within one race, and only cost us a place.

We look forward to the last date in Summer Evening Series on 7/31, to be followed by the next series starting on 8/29, with weekly Beer Can or MoonBurn opportunities. During the next month or so, how about more of the fleet practice starts like we did in 2020? We had fun with C22, SC21, and eventually J/22 and J/24 sharing the starting line for 15 starts in 90 minutes, including five short but complete races. This led to eight C22s and two SC21s racing at Fall Fling, a fun one-day regatta invented during Covid and wildly successful. Let's repeat either or both of these for more fun this year!

Dinghy Fleet Report by James Bland



It's been a busy several weeks attending the Finn Nationals at Corpus Christi and then being invited to sail the US Sailing Open Event at Long Beach / Alamitos Bay Yacht Club in Los Angeles. Always have some goals for improvement in mind. Traveling to different areas and regattas is a good way to accelerate your progress.

Finn Nationals, Corpus Christi Yacht Club

I've taken to preparing for big Championships by getting to the venue a week in advance, preferably two weeks if possible. Corpus Christi Yacht Club rolled out the red carpet for the Finn Nationals and every skipper there was asking for it to be scheduled again as a championship site. Corpus Christi Bay weather did not disappoint with many days of 20 mph winds from the SE, gusting to 30 mph at times for practice and slightly more moderate weather for the race days. The original 23 boats entered were narrowed down to a fleet of 16 Finns actually attending, and the first race winnowed the fleet as a few boats were found wanting in the 20 mph wind and 4ft closely set waves. All of the boats recovered for the following races and found their way around the course without incident.



End of a race at the Finn Nationals. James Bland USA 88 and Fabiano Vivacqua BRA 44 from Miami surfing in the 20 mph wind and chop.

My personal goals were to navigate and sail all the races to completion in an upright position, and I found the breeze to be a refreshing change. The winner was **Rodion Mazin**, the USA fleet secretary, and **Rob Coutts**, a 67 year old Great Grand Master, finished third displaying hard won skills in the challenging conditions.

Results here: https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet/regatta_results.php?regatta_id=21811&fbclid=IwAR210r3XyrfA5Um6mhSJHrgiqwesaxGiqOHRLaizlQUO710_eGSi6a5htjg

US Sailing Open, Long Beach/Alamitos Bay Yacht Club

Two days at home and it was off to San Diego to work up for the Open at Long Beach. This was almost the opposite conditions, well inside the breakwater, there was little Pacific swell or chop and a weak current to account for. This was a local fleet show with a strong home field



US Sailing Open – tight racing in mild conditions

advantage, with only a few sailors from out of town, let alone out of state. I have suggested to US Sailing that an Open event be scheduled for Texas next year between the Series in Florida and California.

13 Finns were racing on the same course

as 29ers and Nacra Foiling 17s. There were a few interactions, but for the most part, each fleet stayed in their own lanes. The local Finn fleets from Newport and Alamitos had their kind of weather, with the wind just touching 12 mph at times and mostly 6-10 mph. There was an advantage to the short courses by sailing to the right corner most of the time, but occasionally the rule didn't hold. The racing was very tight, and a boat only had to make one mistake to go from hero to zero. The back of the fleet was in contact with the lead boats throughout, but there weren't many passing lanes and the boats were all going the same speed. A local sailor won the regatta. **Rob Coutts** was tied for third and lost the tiebreaker to **Peter Sangmeister**, one third of Rob's age. I had a good view of the racing from the rear of the fleet. My goal for this regatta was to work on starts and boat handling and I think I can claim improvement in both areas.

Results can be found here: <https://raceoffice.usopen.ussailing.org/en/default/races/race-resultsall/text/lbocr-alamitos-bay-yc-long-beach-yc-ussclub-en/menuaction/race-protesttimelimit?fbclid=IwAR1DG9BiihVPZECN5fTqISalo-z3lly4QD5NpYATC7hHXOdOiShJqO24wAo>

In both cases, I beat any of the 50 or so other Finns that didn't attend the regatta :-).

Coming Up

The Finn North American Masters is being sailed in San Diego on the Coronado Roads, the weekend after Labor Day. The Finn North American Championship is being sailed at Pass Christian, LA at the end of September.

Dinghy Sailing opportunities at AYC are the Centerboard Regatta Sept 18,19 - Check with **Louise Miller** and the Governors Cup in October.

Good Sailing to all!

A-Fleet Report by Kurt Zinsmeyer



Summer Evening Series

Bruce McDonald's Rogue Warrior is currently leading the series with Duke Snyder's Nittany and Bob Leonard's Chariot in close competition. A-fleet participation in Summer Evening Series has been light. A lot of people are taking the opportunity to travel now that COVID restrictions have eased. The last race of the series is Saturday, July 31st so be sure to come out and

join the fun even if you haven't been able to participate in earlier races.



Bruce McDonald and crew on Rogue Warrior, Summer Series

Independence Cup Regatta

Congratulations to Bruce McDonald for his solid A-Fleet win! The keel on Bruce's J/70 is currently being fitted with new concrete blocks so that others might have a chance at winning a race.

J/70 Fleet

We welcome Tracy and John Lanagan, the newest addition to the growing fleet of J/70s at AYU. Bruce McDonald has been leading the charge to promote the J/70 and to recruit new members and J/70 owners. Bruce and others hosted a successful J/70 demonstration day on June 19th with significant turn-out for the event. We currently have five J/70s in the Club, all of which are actively racing. There have been early discussions about how best to handle the growing J/70 fleet while encouraging overall A-Fleet participation. One possibility is to allow the J/70s to race with A-Fleet but to be scored separately. Please feel free to reach out to me with your thoughts, ideas and concerns.

Roadrunner Fleet Report by David Michael



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 AYU. The Roadrunner Fleet is heavily involved with the Texas Sailing Association, USODA, AYU's Frostbite Series, AYU's Endless

Summer Series, and simply getting on the water every chance we can.

Junior sailors of the Austin Yacht Club race in regattas year-round, but in the summer there is often the most opportunities to compete. This

past month some have been away competing in events regionally, nationally, and internationally. The junior sailors of the Austin Yacht Club are having fun, learning a lot, and doing well. The Roadrunner fleet thanks the Austin Yacht Club members and the Sail Training Staff for the training, encouragement and support.

[2021 Texas Sailing Association \(TSA\) Youth Circuit](#)

Rockin' Rockport Regatta

Hosted by Rockport Yacht Club, on Aransas Bay, June 19-20
The Austin Yacht Club had three junior sailors participating:

Optimist Red, White and Blue (RWB) Fleet

Ramzi Matous, placed 2nd in Red fleet, 3rd overall

Yuval Sela, placed 1st in White fleet, 2nd overall

Roni Sela, placed 1st in Red fleet, 1st overall

Texas Youth Race Week

Hosted by the Houston Yacht Club, on Galveston Bay, July 8th-11th
The Austin Yacht Club had six junior sailors participating:

Optimist Red, White, and Blue (RWB) Fleet

Roni Sela, placed 3rd in Red fleet, 10th overall

Yuval Sela, placed 2nd in White fleet, 12th overall

William Michael, placed 1st in White Fleet, 7th overall

Laser Radial

Nicholas Carew, placed 7th

Lucas Tenreiro, placed 2nd

Laser Full

Zachary Aronson, placed 3rd

[United States Optimist Dinghy Association \(USODA\)](#)

USODA 2022 Team Trials Qualifying Event (Texas Youth Race Wk)

Hosted by the Houston Yacht Club, on Galveston Bay, July 07-11

The Austin Yacht Club had three junior sailors qualify to compete in the 2022 USODA Team Trials event for a place on a 2022 USODA Summer International Team and a place on the USODA US National Team:

Roni Sela

Yuval Sela

William Michael

[International Laser Class Association \(ILCA\)](#)

2021 Summer Solstice Regatta, June 19th-21st

Hosted by the Seabrook Sailing Association, on Galveston Bay

The Austin Yacht Club had one junior sailor competing:

Laser Radial: **Lucas Tenreiro**, placed 2nd

2021 ILCA North American

Hosted by St. Francis Yacht Club

The Austin Yacht Club had one junior sailor competing:

Laser Radial: **Lucas Tenreiro**, placed 50th

[Club 420 Association](#)

2021 Club 420 North American Championship

Hosted by the Rochester Yacht Club, on lake Ontario, July 14th-17th

The Austin Yacht Club had six junior sailors competing:

Fiona Froelich & Kate Hennig, placed 82nd

Julius Heitkoetter & William Cranny-Fee, placed 70th

Vivian Heitkoetter & James Brock, placed 23rd

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US Sailing The Chubb U.S. Junior Championship

Area F Sears Cup Qualifier

Hosted by the Austin Yacht Club, on Lake Travis, June 30th
The Austin Yacht Club had a crew of four junior sailors win the
Quadruplehanded Qualifier for the 2021 US Sailing Sears Cup:

Fiona Froelich
Kate Hennig
Lucas Tenreiro
Tony Slowik

28th Annual St Thomas International Optimist Regatta

Hosted by the St Thomas Yacht Club, at the US Virgin Islands
The Austin Yacht Club had one junior sailor competing:

William Michael, placed 1st in White fleet, 39th overall



William Michael, 1st Place White Fleet, 2021 St. Thomas International Optimist Regatta, St. Thomas Yacht Club



Launching from the beach, through the sargassum, at the St. Thomas Yacht Club.

Windsurfing in California

by Ethan Froelich



My windsurfing friend, Alex Temko, pulled up in his van from Florida. We then drove for two days to Long Beach, CA. We excitedly unloaded the boards for our first session in Long Beach and discovered that Alex's had six holes in it! Screws on the roof had punched through the board.

Way to start off with some adventure.

After five days of training, we started the Long Beach Olympic Class Regatta (OCR). The first day was packed with physical, light wind yet simple course racing. The key to performing well was to hold a lane off the start to the left to avoid the wind shadow caused by a giant tanker in the upper right. Our fourth race overlapped with 20 foiling kiteboarders which was scary because it is hard to tell whether the kites are avoiding or not! I had to be incredibly careful.



Photo by Simone Staff

The iQFoil windsurfer has three different disciplines: traditional course, slalom (reach start with gybes), and a marathon (long distance, 90-minutes long) racing. The last two days brought slalom racing. These four to five-minute races emphasize the start even more than course racing. Kelp littered the race area and added more obstacles to the race course. I finished the regatta 7th out of 19 and will continue to train hard over the next couple of weeks.

Long Beach was a wonderful venue, but we wanted a break from being on the water so we visited Sequoia National Park. While there, we hiked to a waterfall, swam in icy cold water, and visited the General Grant Tree. It is the second largest tree in the world. Next, we went to Lassen Volcanic National Park. We summited Lassen Peak and adventured through fumaroles and boiling springs. We are now off to the Gorge, Oregon for two weeks of breezy training in anticipation for the San Francisco OCR from August 13-15.



Thank you for all the support from my AYC family!

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AYC 2021 Race Calendar

Summer Evening Series Races	Jul 31 (EOS)
Endless Summer Opti Series	Jul 28, Aug 4, 11, 18, 25, Sep 1
Sunfish/Laser Wednesday Night Racing	Jul 28, Aug 4, 11, 18, 25, Sep 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Beer Can Races	Jul 30, Aug 6, 13, 27, Sep 3, 10
MoonBurn Series	Aug 20
Indian Summer Series	Aug 29, Sep 12, 26, Oct 3
AYC Fleet Challenge	Sep 5
Centerboard Regatta	Sep 18 - 19
Multihull Distance Regatta	Oct 1-3
Fall Series Races	Oct 10, 13, Nov 7, 14
Governor's Cup Regatta	Oct 23-24
Texas High School State Championship	Oct 30-31
Wild Turkey Regatta	Nov 20

AYC 2021 Non-Racing Events

AYC Members Free Sail	Jul 25, Aug 1, 7, 14, 21, 28	1:00 - 5:00pm
DF 95 Tuesday Sailing	Jul 27, Aug 2, 10, 17, 24, 31	5:30 - 7:30pm
End of Summer Evening Series Dinner	Jul 31	6:00 - 8:00pm
Elements of Successful Sailboat Racing	Aug 7	9:00am - 1:00pm
Big Brothers / Big Sisters Event	Aug 7	5:00 - 11:00pm
J/22 J/24 Racing Clinic	Aug 14	2:00 - 6:00 pm
Sail4Kids	Aug 21	11:30am - 4:00pm
French Sailors Social	Aug 25	
First Sail	Sep 4	1:00 - 5:00pm
Talk Like a Pirate Day	Sep 19	
Greek Cooking Class	Sep 25	3:00 - 8:00pm
End of Indian Summer Series Dinner	Oct 3	
ASA101 Basic Keelboat Sailing Cert	Oct 9-10	
Governor's Cup Octoberfest	Oct 23	
End of Fall Series Dinner	Nov 14	
Annual Meeting	Nov 18	
Annual Banquet	Dec 4	

July Junior Programs

High School Summer Practice	Jul 27	2:00 - 5:00pm
Opti III Summer Practice	Jul 28	2:00 - 5:00pm
Summer Camp Session 7	Jul 26-30	8:00am - 6:00pm
PB&J Summer Sailing Series Session 3	Jul 31	9:30 - 11:00 am
PB&J Summer Sailing Series Session 4	Jul 31	11:00am - 12:30pm