



SPOTLIGHT: Building & Grounds Committee

Busy Summer, Winners All!



Dee Chow on ChickaDee – 1st race in new boat, 1st time at the helm, 1st place Sunfish Green, and 2021 Sunfish Chick – Centerboard Regatta *Photo by Bill Records*

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2021 Perpetual Award Nominations



Recognize those who have made a difference this year at AYC!

Email the awards committee: nominations@austinyachtclub.net. Deadline is October 18.

Jimmy B. Card Memorial Trophy: This Award honors the Club senior member new to the sport and recognizes the beginning sailor who enthusiastically, bravely and with a real zest and enjoyment for life, becomes a reasonably competitive sailor in their first or second year of sailing.

Nominee & Why: _____

Max White Memorial Trophy: This Award honors the Club senior sailor for outstanding service to the club in the past year. The recipient is an individual who has given freely and unselfishly their time and talents over and above what might otherwise have been necessary or expected of them.

Nominee & Why: _____

Jessie McIlroy Smith Bowl: This Award honors the Club junior or senior sailor who has made an outstanding contribution or achievement in yachting or racing beyond the club level or normal club activities such as significant application of sailing skills in a rescue, ocean crossing, yacht construction, etc.

Nominee & Why: _____

Corinthian Woman Sailor Trophy: This Award honors the woman sailor who exhibits the Corinthian traits of exhibiting good sportsmanship, enthusiasm, & participation, thereby making an overall contribution to the enhancement of the sport of competitive sailing.

Nominee & Why: _____

Liz Bauman Memorial Trophy: This Award honors the young woman who, though not necessarily the most accomplished, demonstrates Corinthian traits of cooperation, discipline, willingness to learn, and good sportsmanship that are the goals of the junior sailing program.

Nominee & Why: _____

Ron W. Harden Memorial Trophy: This Award honors the young man who, though not necessarily the most accomplished, demonstrates Corinthian traits of cooperation, discipline, willingness to learn, and good sportsmanship that are the goals of the junior sailing program.

Nominee & Why: _____

Ol' Salt of the Austin Yacht Club: This Award honors the club senior sailor who has exhibited enthusiasm, sportsmanship, and a competitive zeal over a period of time, and has a quality of life that can be admired by all.

Nominee & Why: _____

Bill Records Roadrunner Fleet Trophy: This award honors the club member who has gone beyond expectations to serve and volunteer on behalf of the Roadrunner Fleet. The recipient is an individual who consistently, and over a long period of time, acts as a pivotal leader and contributor, furthering the advancement of the program development.

Nominee & Why: _____

Vic Manning Memorial Trophy: This award honors the club member who has made a deep and lasting impact on the sport of sailboat racing at AYC through excellence in Race Management. This trophy is awarded to the Club member who consistently and over a long period has given their time and expertise in support of race management at AYC.

Nominee & Why: _____

YOUR NAME: _____ EMAIL OR PHONE _____

Message from the Commodore by Diane Covert



Its looking a little bit more like the “old days of 2019” at AYC. Regattas, series races, sail training have filled up the calendar which is jam packed for October. Here are some brief updates on happenings at the Club:

Several “perpetual” awards are given every year by AYC to members who

have made extraordinary contributions to sailing and to the Club. Nominations for the 2021 perpetual awards are now open. Details are on the website and on page 2 of this newsletter. Nominations can only be submitted by email. Please consider nominating a deserving and outstanding AYC member for one of these prestigious awards. The awards will be presented at the December 4 annual AYC banquet.

Nominations are also still open for next year’s AYC Board. The three most recent past-Commodores make up the nominating committee. They review candidates and make recommendations for the membership to consider at the AYC Annual Meeting in November. Their recommendations will be sent to each voting member by mid-October with instructions on how to return your votes. They have already received several nominations so if you would like to nominate someone, please let them know.

The AYC Fund had a great Virtual Fleet Challenge fundraising event. Thanks to all who contributed! As you know, the AYC fund makes grants to support regatta travel expenses, and helps pay for training events, support for sail training personnel, and boats for AYC-supported programs. Big thanks go to Steve Keckler and his committee. More details on page 5.

In late September, AYC hosted a collegiate match race between our own University of Texas Sailing Team and Tulane University. Tulane had originally been scheduled to host the race in their hometown of New Orleans, but could not because of the recent storms. AYC stepped in and offered our venue for this match race.

And speaking of UT, the contract between AYC and the UT Sailing Team (UTST) and the UT Sailing Club (UTSC) was recently renewed. This happens annually. This year, the UTST and the UTSC contracts were combined and simplified as requested by UT and AYC. Going forward, each student member will pay the same reasonable \$15 per month fee. We at AYC continue to proudly host and mentor these collegiate sailors.

As you may have seen, the renovation of Shelter 1 has been completed. It looks great and will be a huge asset to AYC! It will be used for sail training classes plus other activities. A reservation system still needs to be set up. Big thanks to AYC member Patrick Flynn and to AYC Building and Grounds Commander John Maddalozzo.

Last but not least, the Centerboard Regatta, held the weekend of September 18 was a huge success. 70+ boats participated and even though there was not much wind, a good time was had by all. There was a great Caribbean-themed party on Saturday night with steel-drum music and excellent food. Kudos to VC Anne Morley, regatta chair Louise Miller, social chair Cathie Martin, a ton of volunteers and to the “Master of Meat” Bill Benker. I met many new members that weekend, all of whom were enthusiastic about the Club, what it has to offer, and what they can contribute. Remember, you don’t have to be a new member to contribute, volunteer, participate in the Club, the racing, and the great events.

Vice Commodore Report by Anne Morley



Centerboard Regatta was a huge success with 75 boats registered! Chair Louise Miller did a spectacular job! What a special weekend.

It was a challenging day for racers and race committee! On Saturday, after postponement on shore until 1PM, a tentative North breeze settled in, fighting with an even more indecisive Easterly. Racers battled winds that oscillated between 1-10

knots, with huge shifts in almost every race. Getting to the breeze first was key! The race committees on all three lines did their best to run races that were challenging but fair. Finally, at 5:30, it was decided that there was little quality racing left in the day, and racing was abandoned. On Sunday, even the most brazen kibitzer couldn’t convince the race committee that sailing in a 0-1 knot breeze oscillating from Southwest to Northeast was worth it, and the regatta was over at 11:30.

On Saturday, we had fun-filled evening at the Chill’ Caribbean Dinner with a One-Man Steel Drum Band. Great fun, food, and fellowship! Thank you to Cathie Martin and her team for the fun-filled evening!

The spirit of volunteerism really shone through during the Centerboard Regatta weekend. Thank you from the bottom of my heart to Louise Miller for all her hard work. She worked so hard and had an amazing crew of volunteers. Members really stepped up to do all the parts that made the event go so well! It was great watching the teamwork!

Thank you to the many volunteers who helped make the regatta successful. I would like to shout out to a few of them:

- Louise Miller, Regatta Chair
- Jeff Brock, PRO, sunfish/laser lead,
- Bill Coon, Portsmouth Course Lead
- Terry Schertz, Opti Course Lead
- Emily Verdoia, Opti RC
- Rene Ruais, for heading registration along with Adriana Ravelo and Lynn Jaeger
- Cathie Martin for chairing the wonderful evening meal, refreshments and entertainment, and thank you to your amazing volunteer team
- Bill Benker for his amazing Jamaican Jerk Chicken. Thank you!!!
- Janis Livingston for procuring the coffee
- Jeff Sabuda for coordinating Saturday breakfast
- Claudia Bartlett for coordinating the Sunday meals
- Dee Chow for arranging for our amazing t-shirts!
- Martine LaCombe and Mark Kamen for communications and marketing
- Ed Pierce for being our website guru
- Mary Carew for trophies
- Bill Records, Marilyn Jackson and Peggy Hennig for their great photography!
- Diane Covert for stepping in while I was out of town on a family health emergency
- Also thank you to our amazing staff, Jackie, Tom, and Emily, for working above and beyond to help us!

We couldn’t have done it without each and everyone of you! AYC is a volunteer Club, and everyone came out in force to help out!

Many thanks to Centerboard Regatta sponsors Ruta Maya Coffee, Thundercloud Subs at Four Points, Los Pinos and Randalls. We appreciate your support!



THE NEXT STEP

Sundays from 10AM to 12PM

September 26, October 3, October 10 (filled), November 14



Updated Information:

The Next Step Adult Sailing Class will be help on FJs and potentially some singlehanded boats, Lasers and Sunfish. The singlehanded boats are limited and will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants in the FJs have the option of requesting a skipper/ crew – if a participant does not have a request, one will be assigned when the class begins. Give the current COVID-19 situation, pairings will remain consistent throughout the entire class.

This class is a succession of the Adult Beginning Sailing series offered earlier this year. The goal of the class is for students to achieve a comfort level sailing upwind, downwind, tacking, gybing, capsizing and performing Mariner Overboard maneuvers. Students will learn to make adjustments to the boat using weight placement, sail trim, centerboard placement and steering.

[Click here to register.](#)

If you have questions, please contact:

Ann Kitzmiller – sail_training@austinyachtclub.net

Linda McDavitt – bandboat@hotmail.com

Race Commander Report by André de la Reza



Hello AYC!

Argh me fella sailors of ye Austin Yacht Club! I am penning this missive on September 19, the internationally recognized "Talk Like a Pirate" day. It may be the grog, but I am lured to write it in lamentable Pirate-ese...avast cooler heads prevailed and I chose to sail away from that siren song of lee shore that has caused many a sailor to sink to the inky depths of Davey Jones reports...

Since last we chatted there have been wondrous opportunities to enjoy our time at the Club. August, while normally supposed to be a quiet time sheltered away from the dreaded scorching 100+ days of Texas summer, was a bit milder than expected. J80s sailed informal races, C22/SC21 had some race seminars and the trimarans had regular practices.

It was a good thing too, because we are in the middle of Indian Summer, MoonBurn and Beer Cans. AYC has hit a fine stride, with many of the past weekends races happening Friday, Saturday AND Sunday! I am really happy with how the Indian Summer Series change to split the J80s to Saturday and the rest of the fleets to Sundays has resulted in people sailing on boats they normally don't get a chance to. I highly recommend catching a ride on a boat in another fleet. AYC has so very many talented sailors who are willing to share their knowledge and experience. Always a blast to learn a new skill, position or boat!

Intermixed we have had the Centerboard Regatta that had a HUGE turnout, but I will leave that to its PRO and OA. PRF has been rolling the Beer Cans and MoonBurn, one storied with decades of heritage, the other under the wondrous cool night and light of the moon that has guided sailors from the beginning of time.

PRC also brought back RC training classes. To keep participants COVID safe, we have had smaller class sizes that were held outside.



In August we rolled through all the signal boat roles and responsibilities, iPad scoring, communication, and flags and cards. In September the fleet captains provided a captive audience of folk that were "volun-told" to attend and we had a deeper dive on PRO skills to help upcoming PROs. Huge THANKS to Ed Pierce, Jorge Martin-de-Nicolás, Anne Morley, James Parsons and Ray Shull for their help organizing and teaching! We are aiming for shorter monthly classes, so keep an eye out for the next one!

Sail safe, sail happy, sail fast.

Secretary Report by Cheryl Pervier



You might have noticed that our Club has been a very busy place the last few months. We have had series races, regattas, social events, sail training for all ages and skills, Scout events, youth events, board meetings, and more. To see what's going on, you can look at the calendar on our website.

How to access the calendar

To access the calendar, go to our home page at austinyachtclub.net and hover (or click on) "Calendar" in the blue bar at the top. Select the Full Calendar or specific types of events. That will give you list of events starting at today. Click on the > and < symbols to go forward and back. Click on the icon in the upper right to select other types of views, such as by month, day, and week.

Use a FUR to schedule an event

If you would like to schedule an event at the Club that includes more than 12 non-member guests, or if you need to use facilities that are not generally available, you need to submit a "Facility Use Request," aka FUR. This is described in the AYC Handbook section on House Rules, Guests, #13, (austinyachtclub.net/handbook/#house). Club facilities include the clubhouse (upstairs and under), Rylander Pavilion, RC boats, shared centerboard boats, sail training shelters and camping areas. Check the full calendar to see if the facility you want is available on the date you want. To submit a FUR, go to austinyachtclub.net, log in, go to Members menu, and click on Request for Event Facility Use. Fill out the form and submit. (Interesting trivia: The FUR form is the first form ever created on the AYC website, years ago. Before that, members had to use paper forms.)

FURs are reviewed and voted upon by the AYC Board at the monthly board meetings. *They must be submitted by 7 pm on the Sunday before* so that they can be reviewed. It helps to have a FUR representative at the Board meeting so that questions and conflicts can be discussed.

If you have any questions or need help with form submissions, please feel free to contact me (secretary@austinyachtclub.net) or General Manager Jackie (gm@austinyachtclub.net).

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

General Manager Report by Jackie Wheelless



The employee medical and dental insurance renewal was very smooth this year. We've agreed to renew our medical with Blue Cross Blue Shield, the renewal rate stayed the same.

Please remember that the Work Area is AYC's designated area for washing your boat (so that the water can be contained). Please do not wash your boat in any other area on AYC grounds.

Make sure that only environmentally friendly products are used during washing procedures.

We just renewed our LCRA Water Contract for Irrigation. This annual contract allows us to continue using the lake water for our irrigation purposes. LCRA's current raw water rate is \$145 per acre-foot. The application processing fee is \$100.

If you're not receiving the Mailchimp emails and you would like to receive them, please contact me and let me know. Some members have unsubscribed from the emails which means you will not receive them AND I cannot add you back to the recipient list, you will need to submit a form to Mailchimp to be resubscribed. You may also want to check your PROMOTIONS or SPAM boxes, the majority of the Mailchimp emails hit my Promotions box.

There are lots of probationary members who are needing to fulfill their service points. If you're needing service points, please email me at gm@austinyachtclub.net and I'll help find service projects for you to help with. Don't forget that Governor's Cup Regatta is coming up and there will be volunteer opportunities galore for that event.

Thank you again to **John and Carolyn Howard** for being present in the office all day on September 11 while I was out of the office. They're always so gracious and so ready and willing to cover the office and do projects when I need to be away.

There are still TB Canyon t-shirts hanging on the clubhouse wall and also some directories that members have requested. Everyone who has something hanging on the clubhouse wall has been contacted, please come pick up your items as soon as possible.

There are directories available in the office on a first come first serve basis, please email me if you would like a directory and I will hang one on the clubhouse wall for you.

This was a busy month assisting the CB Regatta team with regatta tasks but as everyone could see last weekend, IT REALLY PAID OFF! It was a wonderful weekend even though the wind didn't cooperate. Thank you to **Emily** for handling the boat charters and to **Tom** for all the behind and in front of the camera activities he handles for these events. **Cathie Martin** and **Louise Miller** gathered awesome teams together to pull off a fun and festive weekend. The volunteers worked really well together and there were lots of new faces joining in – that's the family vibe of Austin Yacht Club.

AYC Fund Fleet Challenge Results by Steve Keckler



The AYC Fund Board thanks the membership of the Austin Yacht Club for supporting the 2021 Fleet Challenge fundraising campaign. In all, we received contributions of \$25,000 from 300 different named donors.

It was a wild and wooly finish with the **Multi-Hull Fleet** submitting a large number of donors and dollars a few minutes before the campaign ended. As a result – let us all congratulate the

Multi-Hull fleet for winning the 2021 Fleet Challenge and being forever commemorated on the Bernstein-Brinkmann Fleet Challenge Trophy!

Sincere congratulations to the **J-80 fleet** for setting the early standard in fundraising and participation, and to members of all of the fleets large and small who made generous contributions of all amounts to the AYC Fund.

The final standings for the Top Five Fleets is shown below. Please remember that regardless of the final standings, the Fleet Challenge is intended to be fun and light-hearted, and that the true winners are those who receive support from the Fund to further our mission of advancing competitive sailing in central Texas.

Fleet	Donations	# Donors	Dollars Score	# Donors Score	Total Points	Standing
Multi-Hull	\$9,475	130	1	1	2	1
J-80	\$7,530	63	2	2	4	2
Laser	\$3,000	22	3	4	7	3
Sunfish	\$2,337	22	4	4	8	4
Roadrunner	\$2,175	32	5	3	8	5

Many thanks go to the fleet captains who drove the fundraising at the fleet level and of course to all of the individuals who made generous contributions to the campaign. I encourage you to learn more about the AYC Fund and consider service to the Fund Board. We anticipate being able to return to our in-person Fleet Challenge event next year, which will be tremendously more fun than an on-line fundraiser.

2021 AYC Fund Board of Directors

Steve Keckler (Chair), Ray Shull (Treasurer), Louise Miller (Secretary), Mary Carew, Sarah Faust, Kirk Livingston, Linda McDavitt and Matt Romberg.

AYC Fund Mission

The mission of the AYC Fund is to teach competitive sailing, develop amateur athletes for national and international sailing competitions, develop sailing judges, race officials, instructors and coaches, and foster national and international sailing competition in the Austin area.

AYC Fund Guiding Principles

Over the years, the Fund has established a practice of spending roughly half of annual donations received on grants, and saving half, with the objective of the fund being capable of financing future grants with fund income.

The AYC Fund has recently supported regatta travel expenses to represent AYC, training events, educational lecture, support for sail training personnel, support boats for the junior program and community outreach.

Questions or comments? Contact us at: aycfundboard@gmail.com

Social Committee Report by Cathie Martin



The Summer Series' EOS Dinner was held on Saturday, July 31st. The dinner highlighted sandwiches named after AYC members:

The **Claudia Bartlett pimento cheese sandwich** blended southern charm and Texas spice. Claudia originally hails from Shreveport, LA where she



started sailing Sunfish at age 11. She came to Austin 37 years ago. She is a long-time member (35 years) of AYC. Claudia is a four-time winner of the Women's Single-Handed Championship, two-time winner of the AYC Women's Team Championship and a Texan Navy Cup – Club Senior Champion winner along with her husband John and Gretchen Douglas. She is an active racer with the J80 Fleet, helming Speed Racer. An avid Sunfish racer, she teaches a group of enthusiastic women who want to learn to helm on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Her passion is her family and every year she organizes AYC's family games competition. When she is not racing, she and John are enjoying the grandchildren on their 40' foot Beneteau, Trixie (Speed Racer's girlfriend).



The **Knot Kurt Karson** was a chipotle chicken sandwich with avocado and bacon garnished with a pickled okra. On the docks you may hear Kurt Carson shouting "Will crew for beer!" Don't fall for it! He will drink it all! Kurt has been a member and active sailor at AYC since 1984.

He was 2002 Race Commander and has helped

with PRC in one way or another ever since. He has competed in sailing national and international championships. He has actively supported numerous programs to help underprivileged children get out and enjoy the wonderful world of sailing. Kurt also enjoys teaching sailing and is an ASA sailing instructor as well as a USCG 100 ton Master captain. Kurt is currently sailing "Knot Rite" in the J-80 fleet. His chipotle sandwich won the best sandwich award! He also is a gardener and grows the best okra this side of Canada!



The **Danewich**, named after Dane Ohe, was an All-American peanut butter and jelly sandwich. A 30-year member of AYC, Dane has given back through various leadership positions including Harbor Commander during a drought and flood, Vice Commodore, Commodore in the beginning of Covid, and currently serves as Past Commodore/Membership Committee Chair. As

ASA-instructor, he teaches all levels with patience and understanding. He races the mighty Aphaia, a Pearson 31, toasting champagne at his competitors as he sails by them.



If **Bill Benker's** name is on the menu, members will be sure to attend the event. **Bill's Burnt Ends** sandwich featured his rich, smoky brisket on Texas bread. Bill sails his Hunter 30 in MoonBurn and Beer Cans. His Texas roots go back to 1836 and Texas' Independence from Mexico. His father, however, was originally from Germany. So, he is a first generation American as well as multi-generational Texan.



A caramelized onion tart with sherry, gruyere cheese and thyme, **Jim Casto's Savory Onion Tarte Tatin** was a big hit. Jim races a NACRA 5.5 called Two Hot with the Multi-Hull Fleet. He has held AYC leadership positions including Race Commander, Permanent Race Committee and Long-Range Planning Committee. Jim is involved in the planning of a long-distance multi-hull regatta over the first

weekend in October to be held at AYC. He is a past winner of the Bill Records Roadrunner Fleet Trophy.



Having turtled a few times, **Bill Coon** earned the honor of having a dessert name for him, the **Flippin' Coon Turtle Cake** (yummy chocolate, caramel pecan cake made by new member Martine LaCombe). A life-long sailor, Bill joined AYC in 2010 to learn how to race his new-to-him 2004 Nacra 20 performance catamaran (Bo Kersey was the previous owner). In addition, he

has become an avid Corsair Sprint 750 trimaran racer over the past three years. Bill also enjoys taking his family and friends cruising on the tri. Starting in 2020, Bill stepped up his AYC volunteer activities by joining both the Membership and Harbor Committees, including assisting in AYC's Mentoring Program for new members, and helping improve AYC's boat slip assignment system. This year, Bill and his crew competed at the Corsair Nationals Regatta in Sarasota Florida – finishing third in their division. Bill also serves as Co-Captain of the Multihull fleet for 2021 and 2022.



The **Blue Duck Sangria** was born when helpful volunteers placed boxed wine on ice in coolers. As the day went into night, the boxes disintegrated and left wine bags with no labels. What to do with mystery wine? Mix the whites together and mix the reds together, throw in some fruit and call it "Sangria"! Thanks to the Social Committee's mixologists, **Annie and Charlie Lancaster**, for excellent sangria.

Come Join in on the FUN!
Make your Reservation NOW!!



PAT MANNING'S HAWAIIAN NIGHTS

featuring her beloved luau recipes

OCTOBER 3RD

Pupu Platter
4:30 PM

Dinner
5:00 PM

\$10 per person

[Click here for reservations](#)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Vaughn Brock
Associate Probationary

Vaughn enjoys sailing and wants to build his skills. He has raced in Oklahoma and has owned a Catalina 30 on Lake Travis. He has sailed offshore to the Bahamas and has chartered many times as captain. Vaughn is sponsored by David Jamail.



John McKallip
Associate Probationary

John's son, Reid, attended sailing camp and really enjoys sailing. John has sailed in the past and wants to return to sailing. Spencer LeGrande has endorsed John for membership.



Christopher Cherry
Associate Probationary

Chris is interested in developing his sailing skills. He wants to learn through classes and interaction with experienced sailors.



Carolynne Griffin
Associate Probationary

Carolynne has just started sailing this year and is hooked. She has been out almost every Friday and is trying to get as much experience as she can. She has taken the Small Boat and Intro to Sailing classes at AYC. Carolynne is a pediatric nurse and enjoys teaching children. She is sponsored by Bob Gross.



Tyler Teisberg
Associate Probationary

Tyler has taken lessons on a J22 in Rhode Island and wants to continue to learn. He is interested in racing Lasers.

(not pictured)

Quentin & Jana Baker, Senior Probationary

Quentin & Jana raced extensively at AYC in the 1980s and into the early 1990s on Fireballs and Flying Dutchman. They own a house in Travis Landing and are sponsored by Linda McDavitt and Fred Schroth.

Richard Ryon, Associate Probationary

Richard owns a Pearson 26 which is currently at Dodd Street Marina. He has crewed on a wide range of boats, including South Coasts, J Boats, San Juan 7.7s and other, working all the positions. Richard has charter experience with boats up to 25 feet. He is sponsored by Bill Records.

Ethan Lawson, Junior

Ethan is part of the Junior Sailing program and is on the High School Team.

Blake Lawson, Junior

Blake is part of the Junior Sailing program and is on the High School Team.

Mylie Alrich, Associate Probationary

Mylie wants to get more involved with AYC and plans to get her children involved in the Youth program. She has been racing and learning at AYC for the last two years and has crewed on J/24s and J 80s. She is sponsored by Ken Berringer.

Centerboard Regatta: Sailing

Photos by Bill Records



Beating Lasers – L-R: Chris Henkel and Pierre Bossart



Brian Grotheus, 3rd Place Laser Full



Hazel Sanchez on Zephyr, Sunfish Green



Amy Brock on yo mama so fast, Sunfish Green



PRO Jeff Brock

2nd place Sunfish Sarah Faust

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Centerboard Regatta: Sailing

Photos by Bill Records



Sunfish Green coaches



Daniel Garces, Sunfish Green



Sunfish start



Dave Grogono with daughter Sonia on a FJ



FJ start



Terry Schertz, Opti Course Lead

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Centerboard Regatta: Sailing

Photos by Bill Records



Fiona Froelich takes the pin and a 1st place on FJ *Wild Crew*



Mike Beuerlein & crew, 3rd place Portsmouth Catamaran on #919 F-18



Matthew Sabuda and Caleb Bui competing on a FJ



Opti Coach Emily Verdoia



Portsmouth Cats, L-R: 1328 1st place Ethan Froelich, 4th place 2555 Philippe Bettler, 3rd place 918 Mike Beuerlein



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Centerboard Regatta: Sailing

Photos by Bill Records



Elsa Brock on Opti 5 *The Unicorn*



Margaret Faust on *Lil Gull*, Opti Green



Opti Green competitors 1st place Sydney Monahan, 2nd place William Deboer, 3rd place Elsa Brock



James Parsons and Victor Gotay, 3rd place Portsmouth Centerboard



Katie Froelich and dad Stefan take a 2nd on Portsmouth Centerboard *PerSIS tence*



Ethan Froelich, 1st place Portsmouth Catamaran division

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Centerboard Regatta: Sailing

Photos by Hennig Productions



Kate Hennig and Preston Friedmann FJ #6



2nd Place Wendi Froelich and Vivian Heitkoetter on FJ #15 *Charlie*



1st Place Fiona Froelich and William Cranney-Fee FJ #16 *Wild Crew*



Gal Sela with daughters Roni and Yaval, Portsmouth Centerboard



Left: 1st Place Fiona Froelich and William Cranney-Fee, Right: 2nd Place Wendi Froelich and Vivian Heitkoetter

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Centerboard Regatta: The Chicks



Watch out AYC ... Here come "The Chicks"
By Claudia Bartlett

Back in early 2020 Nan Tayler, Dee Chow and I were talking about how they had been sailing for a while, but had no idea how to helm. The thought of driving was pretty intimidating and they didn't think they could do it. I told them I had learned to sail (and drive) as a kid on a Sunfish and that I could teach them to helm the same

way I had learned. We had two Sunfish they could borrow and a RIB that we could use to follow them around and coach from. And that was how the Sunfish Chicks of 2021 began.



Chicks and Rooster, front row L-R: John Bartlett, Claudia Bartlett, Terry Schertz, Lynn Jaeger back row, L-R: Stephanie Froelich, Amy Brock, Hazel Sanchez, Dee Chow, Anne Riggs, Gayle Leonard, Mary Carew

After the delays of 2020, we decided to pick this idea back up. I told them we would plan to do two training sessions a week for a month. Nan and Dee were so excited and I guess that excitement spread. Anne Riggs, Amy Brock, Hazel Sanchez, Mary Carew and Molly Lewis wanted to join and just like that, two chicks had grown to seven. Terry Schertz volunteered to join the fun and coach as well, so now we had two Mama Hens and a Papa Rooster, John Bartlett. Ray Shull, Bob Gross, and Jeff Sabuda helped with coaching and setting courses. Over the summer, Karen Bogish, Stephanie Froelich, Annabel Jamil, Gayle Leonard, and Lynn Jaegar (new member) also joined in the fun and we had 12 chicks to work with!! Most of these women either could borrow a boat or owned one. All of these women are seasoned crew sailing on Ensigns, J80s, Keel handicap and Pearson 26s but hadn't experienced the basics of helming a boat. We eventually had a few roosters join us for practices, Bay Peterson, Keith Denebeim, Chris Thompson and Daniel Garces (new member).

Training started in late May with follow-the-leader type drills in the North cove (circles around two buoys, graduating to figure 8s, etc.). Terry, John, and I, who all learned as kids with very little instruction and a whole lot of time on the water, did our best to pass along that experience. We would all talk after the sessions over snacks and drinks and find out what they were struggling with. We would modify our lesson plans each week and focus on the basic skills until

they were comfortable. We then set small race courses and started running windward/leeward races. Our focus was to drill them hard on starts, mark rounding and basic upwind/downwind tactics and rules. We also realized a month wasn't long enough to reach the goals we had promised. We continued on into July, August and began encouraging them all to enter the Centerboard Regatta in September. Annie Lancaster, Louise Miller, Vickie Stones and Sarah Faust (accomplished Sunfish sailors) saw we had something special going on and volunteered to help by demonstrating what we were coaching.

We had no idea this "little experiment" would be so successful. We had our last practice on Tuesday before the Regatta, followed by our weekly potluck and debrief. We can't express the gratifying feeling when we witnessed the excitement in all the "chicks" who registered for the Regatta. We had seen them go from struggling to sail in circles to entering their first Regatta!!

The Regatta saw light conditions with no races on Sunday. The three races were tight and positions changed frequently. Dee Chow won race 1, Anne Riggs was 1st in race 2, and Amy Brock (yo mama's so fast) took 1st in the third race. The Saturday night dinner was lively with discussion of the races and the point spread (most only 1 point separated them).



1-2-3 Chicks L-R: Dee Chow, Mary Carew and Anne Riggs

When it was said and done, our three top "Chicks" for the Centerboard Regatta were **1st Dee Chow, 2nd Mary Carew (most consistent), 3rd Anne Riggs.**

Terry and I have had many long discussions on how this successful training program could be taken over by the Club. There certainly is a "need" for ongoing Adult Sailing Education that focuses on "on-the-water" training on small boats with racing as the end goal. This could be set up similar to what we offer for youth sailing.

Terry, John, and myself volunteered four months (twice a week) to helping some fellow members feel the joy we already knew. Being able to single-hand and race is such a feeling of freedom and independence. There truly is nothing like it! If you see any of these sailors at the Club ask them about their experience ... I know they will be overjoyed to share what it has meant to them.

Centerboard Regatta: Saturday

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Saturday before race – Sunfish & Lasers on the dock



Saturday race committee – Michael Moran, Ron Clarkson, Nathan Leake, Scott Neagle, Jay Pochop, Bill Coon



Saturday morning Registration – Adriana Ravelo, Meri Shepardson, Steve Shepardson and Renee Ruais



Saturday breakfast – Linda McDavitt, Dan Ruble (servers) with Cheryl Pervier and Pat Manning



Saturday breakfast – Jeff Sabuda, Tiffin Thompson, Max Holtz and Victor Gotay



Saturday prior to start – Daniel Garces, Annabel Jamil, Dee Chow, Vicki Stones, Louise Miller, Hazel Sanchez

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Centerboard Regatta: Saturday

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Saturday morning – Bobby Brooks Pre-Race Briefing



Saturday breakfast – Charlie Lancaster, Jeff Jackson, James Bland and Scott Neagle



Saturday before race – Patrick L, Charlie Lancaster, Scott Neagle, Annie Lancaster, Vicky Stones, Jeff Jackson, Joe Horn



Saturday breakfast – Amy Brock, Cheryl Pervier, Anne Riggs, Dee Chow and Gayle Leonard



Saturday short well deserved break – Regatta Chair Louise Miller & Walter Payne



Saturday lunch – Stephanie & Stefan Froelich, Amy Brock, Annabel Jamil, Gayle Leonard, Lynn Jaeger, Paul & Mary Carew

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Centerboard Regatta: Dinner & Entertainment



The Centerboard Regatta “Chill’ Caribbean” dinner was held on Saturday, September 18th under the leadership of Regatta Chair **Louise Miller** and executed by the Social Committee and many, many volunteers. Over 100 sailors and their guests dined on Caribbean inspired cuisine and were captivated by the sound of the One Man Steel Drum Band.

The first entrée choice was **Bill Benker’s** Now Famous Jamaica Jerk Chicken. Centerboard dinner was his first time to cook jerk chicken and it was delicious! He based his recipe on a jerk seasoning recipe from *Immaculate Bites*, a foodie website by Imma, a Cameroon-born recipe developer. Her rub and marinade can be found at <https://www.africanbites.com/jerk-chicken/>. Bill customized it by combining fresh garlic cloves, sliced ginger root and green onions, added to a large bowl with all the other ingredients and put it in the blender. He added olive oil and apple cider vinegar, crushed pineapple (substitute for pineapple water) and 5 tbs of brown sugar. To ensure it wasn’t too spicy for members, he did not use the chicken bouillon powder, habanero pepper or soy sauce called for in the recipe. He added water to help the ingredients blend together. He rubbed chicken legs and thighs and then poured the marinade over the chicken, covered with film and let it soak for 24 hours in the refrigerator. I smoked the chicken on my BBQ pit for about 1.5 for a true smoky flavor.

I sent **Doug Herling** a recipe for Caribe Roasted Pork with Mango, Pineapple Salsa. He tried making it and set the recipe aside. He started experimenting with recipes and called on his chef friends, **Link Clark** and wife, **Hanna**. The result was a deeply flavorful pulled pork. His friends **Link** and **Hanna** created a unique spice blend just for the Centerboard Regatta dinner. They have recently founded a spice company, *Spicer Jamal*. Check out Citradora with lemon myrtle, dill, basil, ginger and roasted garlic at <https://spicerjamal.com/>.

The rest of the menu rounded out to include Cuban Coconut Shrimp Sofrito by **Cathie Martin**, grilled vegetables by **Pat Manning** and grilled by **Chris Ryan**, Barbadian cucumbers by **Marilyn Jackson**, Caramelized Brown Sugar Cinnamon Grilled Pineapple by **Katie Elliott** and **Steve Whitley**. The Caribbean Capsize rum drink was mixed by **Annie** and **Charlie Lancaster**. Rum Cake and Caribbean Blue Cup Cakes were baked by *All Around Sweets and Treats*.



Bill Benker and his now famous Jamaica Jerk chicken



James Parsons stealing a flamingo



High school sailor William Cranney-Fee



Margaret and James Everett Faust



Doug Herling on oven duty



Hailey and Ben Miller load up on cup cakes, Cuban Coconut Shrimp Sofrito and Doug Herling’s roasted pork

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Centerboard Regatta Dinner: & Entertainment

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Katie Elliot and Steve Whitley grilling pineapple



One Man Steel Drum Band



The chow Conga line



Thomas Young, Emily Verdoia & Spencer LeGrande



Dinner servers L-R: Katie Elliott, Cathie Martin,Carolynne Griffin, Chris Cherry, Lynn Jaeger, Doug Herling, Liz Stansfeld, Abby Ryan

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Centerboard Regatta: Trophies

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FJ 1st Place, Fiona Froelich and William Cranney-Fee



FJ 2nd Place, Wendi Froelich and Vivian Heitkoetter



FJ 3rd Place, Gray & Millie Rackley



Laser Full 1st Place, John Bartlett with Presenter Jeff Brock



Laser Full 2nd place, Spencer LeGrande with Jeff Brock



Laser Full 3rd place, Brian Grothues with Jeff Brock



Portsmouth 1st Place, Jonathan Wolfe and Mike Roher



Portsmouth 2nd Place, Joel Rosinbum



Portsmouth Cat 1st Place, Ethan Froelich and Matthew Mason



Portsmouth Cat 2nd Place, Aaron McCulley and Mary Zadnik



Portsmouth Centerboard 2nd Place, Katie Froelich and Stefan Froelich



Portsmouth Centerboard 3rd Place, James Parsons and Victor Gotay

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Centerboard Regatta Trophies

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Opti Awards, L-R: William Deboer, Jackson Brock, Calvin Brock, Elsa Brock, Margaret Faust, Cal Lockett



Sunfish 1st Place, James Brock with Presenter Jeff Brock



Sunfish 2nd Place, Sarah Faust with Jeff Brock



Sunfish 3rd Place, Louise Miller with Jeff Brock



Sunfish Green 1st Place Dee Chow (middle) with sailors Anne Riggs and Mary Carew



Sunfish Green 2nd Place, Mary Carew (left) with sailors Cheryl Pervier and Lynn Jaeger



Sunfish Green 3rd Place, Anne Riggs (2nd from left) with sailors Dee Chow, Mary Carew, Cheryl Pervier



Weta 1st Place, Jim Rehage



Weta 2nd Place, Cass Meyer (with friend, Ashley)

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Centerboard Regatta Race Results

Laser Full

3 races scored

Last updated: September 18

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	CLUB	1	2	3	TOTAL
1	210355		John Bartlett	AYC	1	2	1	4
2	106464		Spencer LeGrande	AYC	3	1	3	7
3	79		Brian Grothues	AYC	2	4	6	12T
4	205400		Thomas Young	AYC	5	3	4	12T
5	213661		Chris Henkel	AYC, BBYC, SHBCC	4	10	2	16
6	218132	listing bucket	Pierre Bossart	AYC	7	7	5	19
7	3		Nicholas Carew	AYC	6	12	7	25
8	105	Old Poop	Fred Schroth	AYC	8	5	14	27T
9	173228		Oren Connell	AYC	9	6	12	27T
10	74	AAAAAA	Aidan Krempez	AYC	13	8	10	31
11	218140		Marcelo Pando	AYC	10	13	9	32
12	136748		Paul Carew	AYC	11	11	11	33
13	138665	Lucky 13	Steve Pervier	AYC	12	15	8	35
14	8109		David Michael	AYC	14	9	13	36
15	162453		Annabel Jamail	AYC	15	14	15	44
16	103	Henkel Laser	John Koelling	N/A	18/DNS	16	16	50
17	206096		Zachary Aronson	AYC	18/DNS	18/DNS	18/DNS	54

Sunfish

3 races scored

Last updated: September 18

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	CLUB	1	2	3	TOTAL
1	3660		James Brock	AYC	1	1	1	3
2	4980		Sarah Faust	AYC	2	2	8	12
3	81476		Louise Miller	AYC	5	6	2	13
4	93282		Ravi Subramanian	AYC	8	4	3	15T
5	80387	Rhumrunner	David McCary	Shreveport YC	4	7	4	15T
6	98	listing bucket	Bay Peterson	AYC	9	5	6	20
7	4822	Sugar Blue	Annie Lancaster	AYC	7	10	5	22
8	4768		Joe Horn	AYC	3	15/DNS	7	25T
9	88695	Surf	Patrick Laurie	N/A	6	9	10	25T
10	79344		Ed Hill	AYC	10	3	15/DNS	28T
11	77083	Pegasus	Victoria Stones	AYC	11	8	9	28T
12	20120	\$PurserE	Patricia Manning	AYC	15/RET	15/DNS	11	41
13	77320	Lil Red Boat	Cindy Wyatt	N/A	12	15/DNS	15/DNS	42
14	9		Anne Morley	AYC	15/DNS	15/DNS	15/DNS	45

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Centerboard Regatta Race Results

Sunfish Green

3 races scored

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POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	CLUB	1	2	3	TOTAL
1	8	ChickaDee	Dee Chow	AYC	1	2	4	7
2	118		Mary Carew	AYC	4	5	2	11
3	75	High Cotton	Anne Riggs	AYC	2	1	9	12
4	3059	Zephyr	Hazel Sanchez	AYC	3	3	7	13
5	80953	Fishy	Lynn Jaeger	AYC	7	4	3	14
6	105	Yo mama so fast	Amy Brock	AYC	5	9	1	15
7	13		Gayle Leonard	AYC	8	6	5	19T
8	42563		Cheryl Pervier	AYC	6	7	6	19T
9	111		Danial Garces	AYC	9	8	8	

FJ

4 races scored

Last updated: September 18

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	CLUB	1	2	3	4	TOTAL
1	16	Wild Crew	Fiona Froelich	AYC	2	2	1	4	9
2	15	Charlie	Wendi Froelich	AYC	5	5	2	2	14
3	8	Buzz	Gray Rackley	AYC	6	3	3	3	15
4	9	FJ	Sofia Pando	AYC	3	6	4	5	18
5	11	AYC	David Grogono	AYC	1	1	11/DNS	11/DNS	24
6	1	AYC Charter	Laura Covington	AYC	7	7	5	6	25
7	6		Katie Hennig	AYC	4	11/DSQ	11/DSQ	1	27
8	2		Matthew Sabuda	AYC	8	4	11/DSQ	7	30
9	10		Colt Lane	AYC	11/DNS	11/DNS	11/DNS	11/DNS	44T
9	DNC		Preston Friedmann	AYC	11/DNS	11/DNS	11/DNS	11/DNS	44T

Optimist

5 races scored

Last updated: September 18

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	CLUB	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
1	20139		Jackson Brock [RWB]	AYC	1	[2]	1	2	2	6
2	22550		Calvin Brock [RWB]	AYC	[3]	1	2	3	1	7
3	23203		Cal Lockett [RWB]	Lake Canyon YC	2	[3]	3	1	3	9

Optimist Green

5 races scored

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	CLUB	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
1	3		Sydney Monahan [Green]	Student	[5/DNS]	2	1	3	1	7
2	7		William Deboer [Green]	AYC	1	1	2	4	[5/DNS]	8
3	5	The Unicorn	Elsa Brock [Green]	AYC	2	[5/DNF]	5/DNS	1	2	10
4	17420	Lil Gull	Margaret Faust [Green]	AYC	3	3	[5/DNS]	2	3	11

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Centerboard Regatta Race Results

Portsmouth Centerboard

3 races scored

Last updated: September 18

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	CLUB	1	2	3	TOTAL	TTL Corrected
1	US1620	No Name	Quentin Baker	AYC	3	1	2	6	02:10:41
2	7032	perSistence	Catherine Froelich	AYC	2	6	1	9	02:07:37
3	999		James Parsons	AYC	4	2	7	13	02:18:46
4	777	Fearless	Jennifer Loehlin	AYC	8	3	3	14	02:17:27
5	USA185	Rojo	Mike Mashl	AYC	6	5	4	15T	02:22:38
6	4073		Roni Sela	AYC	5	4	6	15T	02:20:33
7	USA8	Secretariat	James Bland	AYC	1	11/DNS	11/DNS	23T	02:45:39
8	1480	Argos Farfish	Max Holtz	AYC	7	11/DSQ	5	23T	02:31:49
9	257	Heron	Peter Jansson	N/A	9	8	8	25	02:44:03
10	944	Watermelon	David Aronson	AYC	10	7	9	26	02:58:09

Portsmouth Catamaran

4 races scored

Last updated: September 18

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	CLUB	1	2	3	4	TOTAL	TTL Corrected
1	1328		Ethan Froelich	AYC	6	4	4	1	15	04:00:23
2	232	GT300	Aaron McCulley	AYC	8	6	5	3	22	04:15:22
3	918		Mike Beuerlein	AYC	9	3	7	4	23	04:18:33
4	2555	Hobie Tiger	Philippe Bettler	AYC	10/DNF	10/DNF	6	2	28	04:27:48

Division: Portsmouth (2 boats)

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	CLUB	1	2	3	4	TOTAL	TTL Corrected
1	827	NONAME	Jonathan Wolfe [Portsmouth]	AYC	3	1	2	0	6	02:18:55
2	945	Burt	Joel Rosinbum [Portsmouth]	AYC	2	8	2	0	13	02:41:41

Division: Weta (3 boats)

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	CLUB	1	2	3	4	TOTAL	TTL Corrected
1	524	Jesting	Jim Rehage [Weta]	AYC	1	2	1	0	4	02:05:08
2	354	Driftwood	Cass Meyer [Weta]	AYC	5	5	10/DNF	0	20	03:18:48
3	1163	MyDi	Jay Jones [West]	AYC	4	7	10/DNF	0	21	03:06:26

Spotlight: AYC Building & Grounds Committee

B&G: The Committee in Charge of All Items Regarding Facility Infrastructure Above and Below Ground*

by John Maddalozzo



Building & Grounds
Commander
John Maddalozzo

This month I have the opportunity to talk in depth about the Building and Grounds Committee. Two years ago Bill Records approached me to take the B&G Commander position. Our present Commodore, Diane Covert, had ably held that position previously. I had been on the B&G Committee the previous two years and knew she got a lot done, including a lot of repair and replacement work after the 2018 flood. Bill assured me, if I may paraphrase his pitch –

“Diane has gotten everything done. It’s an easy job.”

So I agreed to throw my name in for the position. That delusion that Bill sold me lasted until after I took over the position and Diane handed over her notes and let me know there were a few items outstanding.

***Building and Grounds is responsible for maintaining, improving and repairing nearly 30 acres of ground, including four acres classified as waterfront and 11 buildings/structures.**

In addition to our core functions of providing facilities for our sailing membership, we also are a small hotelier and very small RV resort. There’s another 97(!) acres that are underwater. Fortunately for B&G, the only thing that property requires is to be suitable for setting anchors, so no mowing. (Caveat: All of these acreage numbers are contingent on my reading the tax office records correctly.)

Let’s take a look at just one important thing – the water supply.

[Here’s a list of the things I heard about our water supply:](#)

- We need to install a two inch meter to match the new two inch line we installed.
- We have pressure problems at the barn and at Tom’s house when there’s a lot of usage at the Club.
- We think we fixed the water supply issue – we found the main valve wasn’t all the way open.
- Things seem to be ok ...
- Things aren’t ok.
- We need to totally replace everything from the cabins up to the barn.
- We just need to ‘close the loop’ on the water lines.
- We don’t know where the old lines are laid.
- We have a survey of the lines. (Never found)

Every year Building & Grounds talks about ‘fixing’ the water lines but nothing happens. *Hmm. I wonder why?*

Here are just a couple of things I’ve found out:

Water District 17, our water supplier, requires \$20,000 just for the opportunity to put in a 1.5 inch meter. A 2 inch meter would cost \$40,000. Those are just the impact fees. The actual meter, installation, etc. would be on top of that.

So I didn’t want to jump right on that. Tom and I also discovered that we have a 1 inch line at the cabins trying to feed a 2 inch line up to the barn and Tom’s house. We’re contemplating adding a 2 inch line extension from the new 2 inch line coming into the cabins to the 2 inch line going up from there. Wait, what?



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Here are some things the B&G Committee has done and what is still on our to-do list.

Completed since the start of 2020:

- Remove wire mesh from clubhouse exterior.
- Patch/repair woodpecker damage.
- Patch/repair rotting wood on railings.
- Remove old tree lighting on point.
- Lots of landscaping enhancements. Some didn't survive freeze.
- Repair paint shed door.
- Remove dead wood pile behind maintenance area.
- Rust remediation on clubhouse to office walkway.
- Repaint metal railing by the bell.
- Fix loose railing/wire mesh on deck.
- Hose bib install at front gate.
- Re-do plumbing at front gate due to continued leak issues.
- Replace hand chain on hoist.
- Professional hoist inspection.
- Replacement of missing wheel stops (with Harbor Committee).
- Various sink backups, water leaks, septic issues, electrical issues, power washing.
- Replaced high office windows (2).
- Fallen tree removal.
- Sharps and Med waste containers in bathhouse.
- New wireless to Shelters and Cabins.
- Pool fence upgrade.
- Picnic table repair, painting – (more to do).
- Pool fence repaint.
- Pool resurface.
- Heritage oak tree maintenance and trimming (2).
- New fans under clubhouse – Twice!
- Re-stripped upper parking lot.
- Lots of tree trimming and brush clearing – with help from Harbor Committee and Sea Scouts.
- Oak Wilt Remediation.
 - 20+ trees injected with anti-fungal
 - 540" of new trenching.
 - Repairing of "unknown location" Internet, septic, lighting, water lines cut by trenching.
- Remodeling of Shelter 1 as a training and meeting room.

Still on the list of To-Do's – Some of these will get done this year. Many won't. Let me know if you have favorites:

- Have electrician install new outlets for water fountain and a second "Beer Can" fridge.
- Refurbish sign on the point.
- Investigate large screen TV installation under clubhouse.
- Touchless restroom valves.
- RV Parking water, septic extension.
- Extend 2" water line by cabins.
- Gate access upgrade.
- Concrete stairs to South Cove.
- Electric fireplace/heater in Cabin 6.
- Shelter 1 improvements.
- Internet connected thermostats for clubhouse.
- Repair rusted BBQ grills.
- Paint stairs from patio to clubhouse.
- Fix hole in roof of tractor shed.
- Trim trees (not oak!) on point
- Re-stripe lower parking lot.

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- Re-stripe white outline on patio.
- Replace gutters on clubhouse.
- Remove and chip brush from North Cove and Dry Sail and various other locations.
- Determine a way forward on tree replacement to replace trees dead from oak wilt.

2021 Building & Grounds Committee

A full accounting of Building & Grounds requires recognizing those who have agreed to be on the committee. Here's the list:

Jeff Jackson	Marilyn L. Jackson
Norman (Cass) Meyer	Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás
Greg Grover	Patrick Flynn
Don Morrison	Jay Pochop
Juke Ball	Mike Beuerlein
Claudia Bartlett	Tobin Beal

I want to specially call out the following for their contributions:

Tom Cunningham – Even with a wealth of notes and records passed to me from Diane Covert and before her, Chris Thompson, I'd have been highly ineffective without Tom's help and guidance in addition to his handling of so many day-to-day and exceptional items.

Jackie Wheelless – Jackie has been great to work with and graciously handles a lot of coordination, billing and paperwork issues that make things work.

Jeff and Marilyn Jackson – for being all-around help and my right hand couple. Thank Jeff and Marilyn for hanging the new fans under the clubhouse and then replacing them with another set that actually turn on, among many other contributions. They also made some awesome structural repairs on Shelter 3 where stresses from the awning was pulling the wall away.

Greg Grover – for taking care of landscaping and plantings.

Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás – Jorge managed the fence painting party and re-striping around the patio. He's now looking at the point sign refurbishing, concrete stairs to the South Cove, and re-striping.

Patrick Flynn – Shelter 1 upgrade. Patrick just took this over and got it done.

Jay Pochop – Help with trying to figure out a gate upgrade that has the types of bells and whistles expected in the twenty twenties.

Claudia Bartlett for finding a fence contractor and her excellent aesthetic consultation.

Tobin Beal – Brush clearing. Look for Tobin to be working more brush clearing soon.

Also thanks to:

- Everyone who has helped on the various work parties and projects! Especially Danny Lien who, while not a B&G Committee member still gave me invaluable help and advice on the latest round of Oak Wilt.
- And Bill Records, who talked me into working on Building & Grounds and gave me the opportunity to work with some great people.

Finally, we end off with the recently updated job description for the B&G position. You can stop reading here if you haven't already:

2022 Building & Grounds Commander Job Description

(Person in charge of all items regarding facility infrastructure above and below ground)

Authority: The Building and Grounds Commander is primarily responsible for facility infrastructure above and below ground

- Sign checks (requires two board signatures, signature cards updated with bank annually in January)
- Review and approve facility usage requests.
- Manage and approve emergency and routine B&G replacement, maintenance,

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- Manage and approve emergency and routine B&G replacement, maintenance, improvements that are below the \$1,500 discretionary spending. These items should be discussed with the Commodore before proceeding.

Activities:

Repair and maintenance – including but not limited to these areas:

- Buildings and Shelters
- Sheds and Grounds
- Caretaker's house
- Pool
- Roads and pavement
- Cabins
- Office



- B&G Committee appointments (rotating 2 year terms, 3rd year if willing)
- Works in conjunction with the Harbor Commander to take care of the pavement, surrounding trees and brush in the Dry Sail storage, work area, Dry out area, and Trailer storage areas.
- Familiarize yourself with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and promote compliance at AYC.
- Maintain backlog list of projects for B&G with priority and planned action (visible to all members) gathering input from safety and emergency preparedness, regulatory compliance, other Board Members, Long Range Planning and B&G Committee.
- With assistance and in communication with the General Manager, ensure that all vendors submit insurance and a W9 to the GM before the vendor is contracted.

Administrative Duties

- Create and manage budget for normal B&G operations in coordination with the GM for correct billing, i.e., lawn maintenance, cabin cleaning, office, clubhouse, and bath house cleaning.
- Budget Project expenses and capital improvement budgeting for building and grounds

Special Reminders

- Ensure that records such as receipts, notes, photos, and vendors for projects are retained and passed on from year to year.
- Manage response to flooding – low spot (drain way) at entrance to lower lot and dry sail storage is not drivable for three days in order to allow ground to dry and regain structural integrity of pavement.
- Upper yard has areas suitable for boat storage and driving during flood times.
- Coordinate with other board members and committees as necessary to avoid duplication of conflicting efforts.
- Maintain septic system (drainage field is in upper area of yard; two tanks with lift pump to drainage field located outside lower restrooms and between shelters two and three).



John Maddalozzo

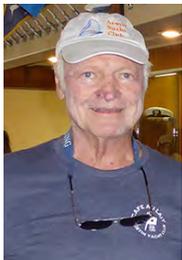
AYC Building and Grounds Commander



John & Cathy Mandell – B&G happy “customers” – enjoying AYC

Boy Scout Small Boat Merit Badge

by Bill Records



A few years ago, Keith Denebeim, Sail Training Commander, told me that there had been inquiries as to whether AYC would support Boy Scouts earning the Small Boat Sailing Merit Badge. I told Keith that I would look into it, and that I had been considering becoming a Merit Badge counselor. Upon contacting the Capital Area Council, I discovered that my U.S. Sailing Level 1 certification would all but qualify me and that a few other safety-oriented courses would get my BSA certification.

After my certification was completed, Keith told me to get with Junior Coach, Spencer LaGrande, and come up with a plan. We got a copy of the merit badge manual and discovered that it was based on U.S. Sailing's level 1 book, emphasizing double-handed sailing. We decided that the Picos were the right boat and figured a charter fee for the session, which would include one day of coaching and practice, followed by a half day of testing. Since we have four Picos, a maximum of eight scouts would be considered for each session. The non-sailing parts of the course, such as swimming, would be done off site by the scout troops. In addition to the charter fee, a service project would be performed by the troop involved.

We have had four sessions so far and we have made improvements and finetuned the program. The most recent session was a repeat for Troop 201 and it went very well. We added two Junior coaches from our Sea Scout Ship. Many thanks to our Adult Coaches – Jeff Sabuda, Michael Moran, and yours truly. And a special thanks to Junior Coaches, Matthew Sabuda and Caleb Bui.

All of the candidates for the merit badge passed with flying colors and were encouraged to sign up for AYC's High School Sailing Program. As with all of the Sail Training programs at AYC, the ultimate goal is to encourage lifelong sailing.



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by Harry Polly



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ELEMENTS OF SUCCESSFUL SAILBOAT RACING CLASS August 7, 2021



Ann Kitzmiller and Chris Covington



Bill Records overviews sailing on Lake Travis



Bob Gross covers the basics

PRF Fleet Singlehand / Doublehand Regatta



Regatta Chair
Jim Casto

This was my first time as regatta chair in about six years, so a big thanks to Bruce McDonald for guidance and perspective as I set this up, and to David Weeks who I watched navigate the “regatta maze” three weeks earlier at Indy Cup. And, of course, thanks to all the Multihull Fleet members who cheerfully volunteered to assist in many different and creative ways.

Thanks to all the AYC sailors who came to sail, making this a very well-attended event, with 33 boats registered. This high turnout was in spite of being unable to have the party upstairs in the AC, on a very hot day.

For registration we had coffee, snacks and even breakfast tacos. The registration packet included a laminated course card. We also asked competitors to fly a ribbon on their backstay to help identify racers vs normal summer traffic on the lake.

Race Committee: Signal Boat was staffed by myself and Aaron McCulley as co-PRO, with Joel Rosinbum and Steve Morissette assisting. Chase boats were manned by Jorge Trevino and Rick Nelson, as well as Michael Moran and Juke Ball. We had excellent sailing conditions, with 12-15 from the south, making for easy course selection and no need to shorten. We sent the displacement boats on a 4-7-4-f, and the “sport boats” on a 4-D-4-D-f. This separated the leeward roundings where approach speeds and approach angles are quite different between the fleets. Elapsed times ranged from 1:41 to 2:25, with finish time ranging between 3:20 and 4:05. Although we had Brad Davis on standby for protests, we had none.

The Singlehand trophy was won by Pierre Bossart on a J22, but only after Ray Shull slowed down to let him catch up. By the time Ray got to mark 4 the second time, the next boat in his fleet was just barely passing the Signal boat. Unfortunately Ray’s spinnaker felt lonely without Ray’s normal crew, and decided to look for his crew in the water. Although Ray didn’t catch any shrimp, he slowed down long enough for Pierre to close the gap, and correct over him by a small margin. 3rd place was another J22 sailed by Sontian Morell-Stinson.

We had several Doublehand fleets which were split by boat type (sport vs displacement) and PHRF range.

Class B was mostly Pearson 26, won by David Weeks, PRF and B-fleet captain, who edged out the perennial challenger Bill Records, even though David had to make some penalty turns for a foul at the start line.

Class D was mostly Ensigns, won by Tom Groll, with Molly Lewis at the helm. It’s been great to see Molly out so often this summer. Second place went to the Morleys.

Class E was mostly J70, won by Chris Lewis, who edged out Bruce McDonald. The J70 seems so easy to sail, maybe the design that is not really being sailed “shorthanded” when sailing with just two.

Class F was mostly J80, won by Claudia Bartlett, with John Bartlett crewing. John Burke took 2nd, with Thomas Young and former AYC Junior star Taylor Schneider as his rock star crew on Shotglass came in 3rd. Thanks Bob for loaning out your boat so often, so other sailors can learn and improve! RC really enjoyed watching this competitive fleet do so well all day.

We did have one Multihull enter and race. Russ Shermer singlehanded his trimaran, with spinnaker! All of us on RC watched him execute a flawless gybe in front of AYC, while we held our breath hoping he didn’t end up on Keller’s point.

After the racing, there was a fun party downstairs (clubhouse closed for COVID), where an excellent dinner was served. Food committee, Melody Morissette and Mary Zadnik prepared an awesome and delicious “power bowl” style of meal – various proteins including salmon! and greens or rice.

It was a dual-purpose social event – after the dinner and awards (large bottles of rum with first place also getting a “soft shackle”), there was a birthday celebration for Ray Shull. Pretty sure the overall after-sailing attendance was so high due to Ray.

Awards were coordinated by Aaron McCulley, we had a cleanup crew help and photos from Owen Crouse and Elizabeth Quintanilla.

Thanks again to the Multihull Fleet, who came out in force to support a fun event, and serve their fellow Club members. Apologies if I missed any names.



Thank you, Race Committee Photo by Owen Crouse



Pierre Bossart on J22 Flying J, Winner Singlehand Photo by Elizabeth Quintanilla

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PRF Fleet Singlehand / Doublehand Regatta



Ray Shull on J80 Flyer, 2nd place singlehand Photo by Elizabeth Quintanilla



David Weeks (waving to fans) PRF & B Fleet captain, Class B winner on Pearson 26, Doublehand Photo by Elizabeth Quintanilla



Ray Shull accepting trophy, 2nd place singlehand Photo by Elizabeth Quintanilla



Bill Records on Pearson 26 Cafe au Lait, 2nd place doublehand Photo by Elizabeth Quintanilla



Tom Groll and Molly Lewis on Ensign Brews'r, Class D winners doublehand Photo by Owen Crouse

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PRF Fleet Singlehand / Doublehand Regatta



Tom Groll and Molly Lewis on 578 Brews'r take a first in Class D doublehand
Photo by Elizabeth Quintanilla



Bruce McDonald and Lisa Porta on J70 Rogue Warrior, Class E 2nd place, doublehand
Photo by Elizabeth Quintanilla



Anne and David Morley on Ensign Abaco, 2nd place, doublehand
Photo by Owen Crouse



Claudia and John Bartlett on J80 Speed Racer, Class F Winner, doublehand
Photo by Elizabeth Quintanilla



Chris and Karen Lewis on J70, Class E Winners, doublehand
Photo by Elizabeth Quintanilla



Claudia Bartlett accepting trophy, 1st place Class F, doublehand
Photo by Elizabeth Quintanilla

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PRF Fleet Singlehand / Doublehand Regatta



John Burke and crew on J80 Amazing Grace, Class F 2nd place, doublehand
 Photo by Elizabeth Quintanilla



Thomas Young and Taylor Schneider on J80 Shotglass, Class F 3rd place, doublehand
 Photo by Elizabeth Quintanilla



Russ Shermer on Trimaran with spinnaker, singlehand
 Photo by Elizabeth Quintanilla



Thomas and Taylor accepting the trophy, 3rd place Class F, doublehand
 Photo by Elizabeth Quintanilla



Awesome "Power Bowl" dinner by Melody Morissette and Mary Zadnik
 Photo by Elizabeth Quintanilla

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PRF Fleet Singlehand / Doublehand Race Results

Singlehand Class A

Race 1 07/24/21

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	PHRF	TYPE	FINISH	ELAPSED	Corrected
1	1025	Flying J	Pierre Bossart	174	J/22	15:32:26	01:57:26	01:45:26
2	266	Flyer	Ray Shull	117	J 80	15:24:08	01:49:08	01:46:21
3	621	Crash Course	Morrell-Sontian Stinson	174	J/22	15:34:08	01:59:08	01:46:57
4	836	Namaste	Cass Meyer	135	Pearson Flyer	15:33:35	01:58:35	01:52:31
5	1022	Boat with No Name	Jeff Avant	228	Columbia 26 MKII	16:00:34	02:25:34	02:22:38
DNF	510	Scorcher	Charles Waldron	177	J/22			
DSQ	199		Pat Feagin	246	South Coast 21			

Singlehand Class B

Race 1 07/24/21

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	PHRF	TYPE	FINISH	ELAPSED	Corrected
1	1397	Incognito	David Weeks	210	Pearson 26	15:21:12	01:41:12	01:26:33
2	198	Cafe au Lait	Bill Records	210	Pearson 26OD	15:22:34	01:42:34	01:27:43
3	1006	Chips Ahoy	Jeff Sabuda	210	Pearson 26	15:31:48	01:51:48	01:35:37
4	237	Caribbean Breeze	Trevor Miller	210	Pearson 26OD	15:33:41	01:53:41	01:37:14
5	1484	Los Monos	Ty Brockhoeft	210	Pearson 26	15:40:16	02:00:16	01:42:52
DNF	225	Ryliun Nova	Jeffry Lane	210	Pearson 26			
DSF	1510	Whitecaps	Mark Kamen	210	Pearson 26			

Singlehand Class C

Race 1 07/24/21

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	PHRF	TYPE	FINISH	ELAPSED	Corrected
1	355	Trial Run	Russ Shermer	45	Corsair F-24 MKII	15:40:45	01:50:45	02:00:59

Singlehand Class D

Race 1 07/24/21

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	PHRF	TYPE	FINISH	ELAPSED	Corrected
1	578	Brews'er	Tom Groll	252	Ensign	15:21:25	01:41:25	01:22:12
2	739	Abaco	Anne Morley	252	Ensign	15:23:36	01:43:36	01:23:58
3	588	Stijf Kop	Ann Kitzmiller	252	Ensign	15:24:08	01:44:08	01:24:24
4	1167	One with the Wind	David Gamble	252	Ensign	15:26:22	01:46:22	01:26:12
DNF	391	Old Ironsides	Chris Schuttger	234	S2 7.3			

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PRF Fleet Singlehand / Doublehand Race Results

Singlehand Class E

Race 1 07/24/21

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	PHRF	TYPE	FINISH	ELAPSED	Corrected
1	181	GB	Chris Lewis	114	J/70	15:46:26	02:01:26	01:58:52
2	50	Rogue Warrior	Bruce McDonald	114	J/70	15:48:36	02:03:36	02:01:00
3	182	Chariot	Bob Leonard	114	J/70	15:55:51	02:10:51	02:08:05
4	86	Nittany	Kim Snyder	114	J/70	15:57:03	02:12:03	02:09:16
DSQ	51	Good Times	John Lanagan	114	J/70	16:00:34	02:25:34	02:22:38

Doublehand Class F

Race 1 07/24/21

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	PHRF	TYPE	FINISH	ELAPSED	Corrected
1	1320	Speed Racer	Claudia Bartlett	117	J 80	15:44:53	01:59:53	01:56:50
2	814	Amazing Grace	John Burke	117	J 80	15:45:46	02:00:46	01:57:41
3	398	Shotglass	Thomas Young	117	J 80	15:46:40	02:01:40	01:58:34
4	252	Mucho Gusto	Amanda Worlow	117	J 80	15:50:53	02:05:53	02:02:40
5	488	Lickety Split	Fred Schroth	117	J 80	15:53:22	02:08:22	02:05:06
6	540	The J.A.C.K.	Chris Thompson	117	J 80	15:54:49	02:09:49	02:06:30
7	486	Restless	Dave Wahlberg	117	J 80	16:04:09	02:19:09	02:15:36
DNF	SUI 10	Firefly	Jay Pochop					

Summer Sailing at AYC

BEER CAN RACES



08/13 James Parsons and crew on Blue Moon & Pierre Bossart on Flying J
Photos by Marilyn Jackson



08/27 Bob Gross and crew on Shotglass



08/27 J 80 spinnakers



08/27 Bob Mathison and crew on Boddaddy & Bruce McDonald and crew on Rogue Warrior



09/10 Mike Rohrer with crew on Rush Hour



09/10 Dave Gamble & Danny Lien on Gravy

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Summer Sailing at AYC

SUNFISH & LASER RACES



08/11 Sunfish Start *Photos by Marilyn Jackson*



08/11 Laser Start



08/11 Ramzi Matous on a Laser



08/11 Sarah & Margaret Faust on a Sunfish



09/01 Laser/Sunfish traffic jam – preparing for Laser start



09/01 Sunfish rounding mark

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Summer Sailing at AYC

EOS SUMMER EVENING SERIES



Ray Shull and crew of Flyer – Photos by Marilyn Jackson



The J.A.C.K. crew (Keith, Chris, Becky, Andre, Jim)



Ensign Fleet RC – Kent, Abe Gamble, Molly Isbell, Dave Gamble, Bill Hawk



David Jamail and crew of Blood, Sweat and Tears



Dane Ohe, Martine Lacombe, Kim Day, Adriana Ravelo, Marie Snidow

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Summer Sailing at AYC

INDIAN SUMMER SERIES



Josh Davidson on Jolie leading the way *Photos by Marilyn Jackson*



Rhonda Moore and crew on Illegal Smile



Can "John" Kalyoncuoglu and crew on Gunes



Fred Ford and crew on September



Cody Hix and crew on Elysium



Terry Schertz and crew on Chariot & Claudia Bartlett and crew on Good Times

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MoonBurn Series Races 2 & 3 by James Parsons



Regatta Chair
James Parsons

When a group of people have something niche in common, there's a level of camaraderie that we achieve that helps us not even consider what differences we have with each other in other areas of life. That's one of many things I love about sailing, and hope you do as well.

This particular niche is a combination of four factors. It's not just normal sailing. It's not just racing sailboats. It's racing them at night, under a bright moon. And perhaps the hardest call of all, to

not race Beer Can that night. It takes those coming out for MoonBurn to want to be up for all four of those things.

Those who would rather sail in an informal race (no standings are kept) before the sun sets on a Friday, there is an event that I wholeheartedly encourage you to take part in. Beer Can Races start around 7pm most months, at a prescribed time for your boat type. Dinners after Beer Can haven't been served on MoonBurn nights since 2017 (doing both dinners with one cooking crew is too hard/long). I'm not sure what the logistics (read: dinners) for next year will hold, but if it's like this year:

- A. Skippers decide if they want to race at night or not. If yes: Race MoonBurn, 6pm dinner, 8pm first gun. If no, start your sail at your Beer Can start time. No lights? They are usually in stock at Wal Mart for \$30. My first year of sailing at night, I taped them on/off at the start/end of the night.
- B. If those sailing Beer Can would like burgers served after, help find a volunteer or be a volunteer. As with most things AYC, things don't happen without volunteers. Benefits: Both races get dinner. The last folks around after dinner can get a second wind when the MoonBurn racers get back to shore. PRF would get two sets of volunteers on the same night, which hasn't happened yet, since 2017.

I am truly grateful to those that come out at night, to take part. We've had 90+ boats, in the five years of MoonBurn (five years of participation = counted five times). It's so rewarding to catch up with those who have done their first MoonBurn. And I can tell from the first time grin if it was your first time sailing at night.

Which is why I want to get people out at night, with any excuse I can find. MoonBurn is the one you know about, but I've brought out 1,107 people out to the lake (not including MoonBurn participants on other boats). The joy of providing people with new experiences, that they might not otherwise get, is almost as fun as seeing an unexpected moonrise. Most sailors don't get to sail at night, unless they've done an ocean or gulf crossing. And sailing at night here, can help prepare you for an experience at night on a blue water voyage (I'm more than happy to help you find a way to get some Vitamin Sea).

There's always a lot of work leading up to the series, including creating the Sailing Instructions, Notice of Race, and compromises along the way. Thanks to all who helped piece it together and assisted while I was in another hemisphere. All the work feels worth it when you see someone express just how magical an experience it is to have been out there racing at night. Or hear them say it's their favorite event of the year.

We've had 21 boats on the line this year. Which is really special, considering the challenges of 2021. And all of those factors needing to align.

Speaking of aligning, these are the two races I'm able to be in attendance for this year. Race 1 I was at a family reunion, and Race 4 I'll be helping a former member (Heath Philips) sail from Annapolis, MD to St Augustine/Jacksonville, FL on his Pearson Alberg 35.

So, without further ado, here's some info and photos. Races 2 & 3 had the same course for all keelboats, just like prior years, so I'll speak to that some.

+++ Race 2 +++

The RC consisted of PRO John Maddalozo, Jorge Martín de Nicolás on VHF, Jeff Sabuda, Dee Chow, and new members: Abby & Chris Ryan, Steve Whittey & Katie Elliott. Abby ended up going sailing, while Chris was on RC. They both had a blast, and sailed with Caribbean Breeze for Race 3.

The 1st six boats finished within four minutes of each other, including a B Fleet boat.

The J.A.C.K. was leading A Fleet at all the marks, the whole fleet at the leeward mark, and got line honors. All four members of the syndicate (Jim, Andre, Chris, Keith) had their own boats competing in MoonBurns of past years. Keith won the overall in 2017 (and Chris was his crew, a former skipper of mine, and he's also the guy that said "If you build it"). It's not a surprise to me that they punch above their weight at night considering their daylight series results. At night, the J.A.C.K. crowd have magical synergistic wind reading abilities, or something.

2nd was another J80, Blood Sweat and Tears (David Jamail), 1:06 behind. This is David's first MoonBurn year, and he came back after running aground in Race 1. 3rd was a J22, Crash Course (Rosanne Butera and Sontian M-Stinson), only eight seconds behind 2nd. who's also been punching above their weight at night (I think this is Rosanne's 3rd or 4th year at competing in MoonBurn).

Almost a minute later was the next set of boats. 4th was J24 Out of Control (Stephen Burke), 5th (five seconds behind) was J80 Mucho Gusto (Amanda Worlow), and 6th (14 seconds behind) was Catalina 22 Moonlight Sonata (Brian Grothues) of B Fleet.

The rest of the crowd were: Namaste (Cass Meyer) Theseus (Ken Berringer), A Boat With No Name (Jeff Avant), Blue Moon (James Parsons), Caribbean Breeze (Trevor Miller), and Awesome BBQ (Bill Benker).

For the Multihulls, Hobie Tiger (Ethan Froelich) beat out Barely Tri'n (Steven Morrissette).



Waiting for start, MoonBurn #2 Photos by Marilyn Jackson

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Cass Meyer and crew on Namaste, MoonBurn #2



Linda McDavitt, David Morley, Dan Ruble, Renee Ruais, James Parson (PRO) and Joel Rosinbum – Race committee for MoonBurn Series #3

+++ Race 3 +++

The most recent race was on Sep 17, and featured yours truly as PRO and live commentator. David Morley was shadow for PRO (Ensign fleet, I think he's ready), Linda McDavitt keeping us on time and the tip that got a runaround boat off, and first time RC'ers and new members Dan Ruble and Dave Ferrera. The chase boat was driven by Renee Ruais and VHF was Joel Rosinbum. They did a great job of keeping an eye on the wind, the last place boats, finishing the MH's at D Mark, and lookover a ruaground boat.

Race 3 was probably the most fun I've ever had as PRO. We had the International Space Station pass over (not that we saw it, researching finishing early if the wind died), a seaplane, an amber alert (not for a seaplane), three potential finish lines, scoped out where a boat might run aground near a green light in transit between Emerald Point and Lake Travis marinas, and a boat run aground (near a green light they may or may not have heard about), and they managed to beat a boat that approached the start with their anchor light on (which they may or may not have had deployed).

In first place, including line honors over J80s, was a boat taking part in MoonBurn for the first time, J70, skippered by Chris Lewis (owned by Bruce McDonald). Hope you guys had a blast, and got a taste of what makes this series so special for those that have been enjoying and taking part.

2nd place again was Blood Sweat and Tears (David Jamail). 3rd was 2016 MoonBurn winner Air Supply (Ed Taylor), 4th looks to be the 2021 winner The J.A.C.K. 5th was Moonlight Sonata (Brian Grothues) who got a horn at the line for their B Fleet line honors, 6th Namaste (Cass Meyer), 7th A Boat With No Name (Jeff Avant), 8th Crash Course (Rosanne Butera), 9th, Caribbean 'Runaround' Breeze (Trevor Miller), 10th Awesome BBQ 'Anchor' (Bill Benker).

MH results saw Russ Shermer (a former MoonBurn PRO) on Trial Run finish 1st, with Barely Tri'n (Steven Morrisette) coming 2nd for the 2nd race in a row.



Skippers Meeting, MoonBurn #3



Brain Grothues & crew on Moon Light Sonata, Cass Meyer & crew on Namaste, The J.A.C.K. crew, MoonBurn #3

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Russ Shermer and crew on Trial Run – with moon – MoonBurn Series #3



The J.A.C.K. and Good Times at sunset – from MoonBurn #1



Cody Hix and family after first sail on their new Pearson 260D Photo by Bill Records

BURGEE EXCHANGE

Between Lake Champlain Yacht Club
and Austin Yacht Club



AYC Junior sailor William Michael exchanging burgees with Lake Champlain Yacht Club Commodore Walt Marti while attending summer camp at LCYC



AYC Commodore Diane Covert receiving the Lake Champlain Yacht Club burgee from Junior Sailor William Michael

J 80 Fleet Report by Ray Shull



The J 80 Fleet has been very active this summer. We have competed in the Singlehanded/Doublehanded Regatta, the Summer Series, numerous Beer Can races, the Moon Burn Series, and many of us also raced in the Centerboard Regatta,

In the Singlehanded/Doublehanded Regatta, seven J 80s participated in the Doublehanded portion and one raced in the Spinnaker

Singlehanded portion. In the Doublehanded side, Speed Racer was victorious with Amazing Grace and Shotglass close behind in second and third. Flyer was the only J 80 in the Singlehanded class, with a second-place finish. This regatta should also be known as the Crew Appreciation Regatta, especially for the Singlehanded boats.

The MoonBurn Series provides the opportunity for night racing at AYC. J 80s are dominating A Fleet with The JACK in first place and Blood Sweat and Tears in second. Mucho Gusto and Theseus are close behind in this Series with maybe one race remaining.

The Indian Sumer Series started on August 28 with 12 J80s racing and continued on September 9 with 15 boats racing. The J 80 fleet is racing on Saturdays this Series to reduce the congestion during the Sunday racing and to allow for more racing better suited to the J 80 Fleet. This change was discussed with the Permanent Race Committee several months ago, after a couple of series where other options were tried to address the differences in starting line and course length that were necessary for our fleet. A move to one-design racing on one day, with handicap racing on the other weekend day, was considered, but it was finally decided to move only the J 80 Fleet to Saturday racing. We're trying this for the remaining series races this year and will evaluate at the end of the year to see if this is better than combining the Fleets on one day.



A lonely crew member from the J 80 fleet looking for a Sunday ride

A great benefit of the change to the sailing schedule is that this allows many J 80 skippers and crew to sail on Sundays on other boats. Our guess is that over 10 J 80 sailors have been regularly crewing on other boats. This benefit could not occur without the change in schedule.

I have been asked recently to include how many J 80s are sailed by women skippers. Skippers that have raced recently driving the J 80 have included Claudia Bartlett, Terry Schertz, Amanda Casey, Karen Bogisch, and CeCe Flynn in races on their own boats and Lucy Brock, Taylor Snyder, Hazel Sanchez, and Celine Felin (probably more that I don't know about) driving this year as a guest skipper on a J 80. Numerous women routinely crew on a J 80 for Series, Beer Can, and Regatta races. The J 80 is an attractive boat to sail and crew. We believe that sailors are attracted to our fleet due to the friendly people, the competitive racing, the social events that occur after each race, and

the friendliness that exists within the group. If you would like to find a spot on a J 80, just come out and introduce yourself during our after-race parties or send me an email and we'll try to find you a spot.

As a part of encouraging women to take up or increase their involvement in the sport of sailing, Claudia Bartlett started an adult learn to skipper program this Spring for women who may have been crewing on sailboats for a number of years, but had never learned to skipper. Claudia and John Bartlett have been conducting these lessons nearly every Tuesday evening and Saturday morning, with assistance from other sailors, especially Terry Schertz.



Claudia's students practicing on a Tuesday

Over 20 women have signed up and have participated in the hands-on learn to skipper program on a Sunfish. Known as the Chicks, they practice rigging, sailing, starting, mark rounding, and boat handling. They routinely have 7-10 sailors attend each session. After each sailing session, they have been meeting and discussing the training that day and sharing a pot-luck meal. This training has provided an awesome opportunity for experienced crew members to learn how to skipper a sailboat.

As part of graduation from this program, seven of the participants in this training program entered the recent Centerboard Regatta in the Sunfish Green Fleet. These skippers were racing in their first regatta ever as skippers. The training that they have received instilled in them the confidence and knowledge to compete as racing skippers. A special thanks to Claudia and John Bartlett and Terry Schertz to provide the training that these skippers needed. Be sure to catch Claudia's article about the Chicks on page 15 of this Telltale.

Additionally, Nan and I joined Claude Welles on his New Hampshire J 80 for the 2021 East Coast J 80 Championships in late September. 21 J 80s signed up for this Regatta on Lake Winnepesaukee. We had sailed there two years ago in the J 80 Nationals. That race was in late September in very light air. This year we also sailed in late September in even lighter air. Great people, great scenery, wonderful times on shore with the local yacht club, and no wind on the lake. We enjoyed seeing all the friends we met at the Nationals and they were very glad to see a team from Texas once again. Claude and JoAnn have a great place near the lake and are great hosts. Maybe we can race again next year when there will have to be more wind than this year.

Lastly, we look forward to some great sailing in the Fall on Lake Travis. Everyone knows that some of the best sailing of the year occurs at this time. Fewer power boats on the lake, warm temperatures, and good winds will provide some of the best conditions of the year. We look forward to some great sailing in the next few months.

Ensign Fleet Report by Ann Kitzmiller



This summer has brought unexpectedly good winds for racing and enjoying sailing our Ensigns. First up was the Doublehanded Regatta which saw four teams of Ensign sailors take on some surprisingly brisk wind conditions. First to finish were Tom Groll and Molly Lewis aboard Brews'r (578). They were followed by Anne and David Morley on Abaco (739), Ann Kitzmiller and George Dahmen on Stijf Kop (588), and Dave and Abe Gamble on One with the Wind (1167). It was a really fun day and a great turnout by the fleet.

The fleet also participated in the Beer Can races and were tasked with burger duty for two weekends in August. The burger lines were long, but grill masters Tom Groll and George Dahmen handled the crowd with assists from the rest of the fleet under the supervision of Fred Ford.

In August, two teams from AYC headed to the Ensign National Championship in Marquette, Michigan to race on Lake Superior. George and Frans Dahmen teamed up with Tom Groll and Ann Kitzmiller on a borrowed local boat and Bill Hawk, Erin Hawk, Will Hawk and Brad Shaw with ground crew Kelly Hawk towed Prickly Pair (1414) to the event. Both teams did a great job cracking the top ten with Stijf Kop (588) coming in fourth and the Pair coming in ninth. Nationals is always a really special event, a family reunion of sorts, and this year was no exception. A separate article, following this one, will provide more details about this incredible week of Ensign racing and camaraderie.

Meanwhile, back at the Club, Ensigns were competing in the Indian Summer Series. Although some of the boats were unable to compete due to some unforeseen circumstances, there has still been some great competition. Annie and Charlie Lancaster took the bullet in the first race of the series. For the second race of the series we had the great pleasure of seeing newly returned Jolie (2027) skippered by Josh Davidson (see page XX) lead the way around the course followed by Lewis Price in Dos Locos (929) with his crew including Susie Ortega. Fred Ford on September (972) with crew Adriana Ravelo and Molly Lewis rounded out the group in third place. The Ensign fleet will have to wrap up this series on September 26 because the last race of the series will be the fabled Chaparral de Mar event.

Chaparral de Mar this year promises to be very exciting. We have at least ten of our senior skippers registered to take on the challenge on boats supplied and crewed by the members of the Ensign fleet. As everyone knows by now, there are two divisions: 70-74 (the Juniors!) and 75 and up. Both of these groups are composed of highly competitive, experienced, and skilled skippers. I can't wait to see how this one will turn out—stay tuned!

And, in breaking news, Jonathan Baker will remain the Ensign Regional Champion because once again our attempts to unseat him at the Region IV Championship were foiled. Tom Groll and Molly Lewis with Brews'r (578) and George Dahmen and Ann Kitzmiller with Stijf Kip (588) packed up and drove to Houston for the second year in a row only to find that weather conditions scuttled the racing. There was absolutely no wind for either day unless you count the 30 minute squall and downpour that added insult to injury by drenching us shortly before race committee pulled the plug on racing Sunday. They gave it their all, but the wind just would not cooperate. When it did pick up a bit it was

short lived and from multiple directions. Fortunately, the Houston Yacht Club has a beautiful pool, lovely grounds, welcoming staff, and a great bar. We enjoyed spending time with our Ensign friends and our friends from other fleets and clubs. We got assurances from four Houston boats that they will return the favor and come to the Regional regatta we are hosting next October. Jonathan, get your boat ready because we are coming for ya!



Tom and Molly accepting the trophy, 1st place Class D, Doublehand Photo by Elizabeth Quintanilla



2nd place Class D, Morleys on Abaco



Ann Kitzmiller and George Dahmen racing in Doublehanded Regatta



Dave and Abe Gamble two-handing on Ensign 1167

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George Dahmen, Frans Dahmen, Ann Kitzmiller and Tom Groll enjoying Lake Superior at the Ensign Nationals



Ensign 588 keeping up with National Champions Bud Brown and Tom LaBelle, Ensign Nationals



Ensign 588 rounding the mark with some traffic, Ensign Nationals



Bill Hawk, Erin Hawk, Will Hawk and Brad Shaw not afraid to mix it up, Ensign Nationals



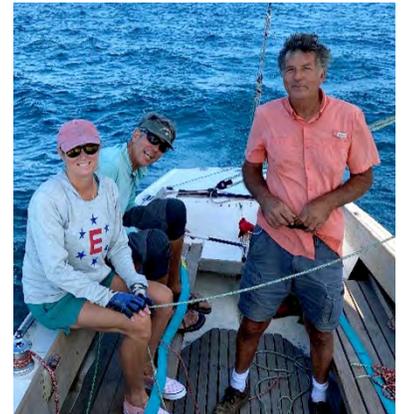
Looking for wind at the Region IV Championship at Houston Yacht Club. There wasn't any.

The 2021 Ensign Nationals by Tom Groll



Ensign Fleet 30 represented well at the 2021 National Championship held on Lake Superior in August. **George Dahmen** and the crew of Stijf Kop (#588) borrowed "Lickety Split" from a local Marquette sailor, **Jim Knappe** (thank you Jim!!!), and **Bill Hawk** and the crew of Prickly Pair (#1414) trailered their boat nearly 1,600 miles to join in the competition! Joining George on #588 was **Ann Kitzmiller**, **Frans Dahmen**, and myself. Sailing on Prickly Pair along with **Bill** was **Will Hawk**, **Erin Hawk**, and her now fiancé **Brad Shaw** (congratulations to Erin, Brad

and the entire **Hawk and Shaw families!**). Apparently, we managed to arrive for the entire week of summer in Marquette as the weather was beautiful and, according to the locals, was very unusual to be so warm and clear for an entire week. It seems though that the warm and clear weather was also an indicator of light winds, which is generally what we had. But, Lake Travis had us prepared for the shifts and variations in velocity. In spite of the wind conditions, we managed to complete seven races. Stijf Kop finished in 4th place overall with finishes of (in order) of 4, 3, [10], 10, 9, 3 & 6 for a total of 35 points, and Prickly Pair finished in 9th place overall with finishes of 14, [19], 12, 9, 12, 6 & 3 for a total of 56 points!



Ann, George and Frans heading out to races



Support from the home team: Adriana, Fred & Molly

Congratulations went out to both crews from our local support including **Molly Isbell**, **Adriana Ravelo** and **Fred Ford**. We thank you for your support!!! There were 29 boats in the regatta with five competitors from Texas including three boats from Fleet 2 at the Houston Yacht Club. Race Committee did a fine job, too. In fact, it was so good that when my Tilley hat went overboard at the weather mark, I thought "oh no, my Tilley has been lost to Lake Superior." But later that day, after the races an announcement was made that one of the competitors found a Tilley hat floating by the leeward mark and they retrieved it. Now well washed by the crisp, clean waters of Lake Superior, I was reunited with my Tilley after its journey of over 1 nautical mile. Now that's a good course! It was a great time at a beautiful venue with a fine group of sailors and I can't wait to do it again!



2021 “CHAPPARAL DE MAR”

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October 3, 2021

**To be held in conjunction with the Indian
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- ❖ A Regatta to honor our senior skippers who have sailed as a Racing Skipper.
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Dinghy Fleet Report by James Bland



San Diego Rollercoaster

It all started out as a normal road trip to another Finn Championship, but the racing I was looking forward to was not the racing I got. There was a redemption of sorts and lots of mistakes that I learned from.

While I noticed something not quite right with one of my trailer leaf springs in Austin, it wasn't until I unloaded Audacious, USA 88 at Mission Beach Yacht Club that I discovered a broken bracket holding the leaf spring in place. Normally welded, this trailer had a bolt on assembly. After calling all over San Diego with no results, I finally called the maker in Houston and had a \$5 part shipped 3 day UPS and made the repair. Disaster averted, peace of mind achieved.

My training partner, Rob Coutts, was delayed in Okoboji, IA so I had a day to set up and get settled after my trip out. The facilities at MBYC are first class, but the dinghy launching ramp does get filled with sand every so often. After being injured on the ramp at the beginning of August by the foot deep blockage, I brought a shovel to clear the sand if needed.



MBYC dinghy ramp "after"

I ended up shoveling about three yards of sand and averting injury. MBYC is a volunteer club too, so I felt at home and "paid" for my use of their facilities [reciprocal privileges clubs]. Going up and down the ramp was definitely easier.

We trained from Tuesday to Friday at MBYC and then moved the boats over to San Diego Yacht Club. We were able to have a couple of sparring tune up races with the eventual Pacific Coast Championship winner, Jack Jennings, but he looked vulnerable to me at the time. The regatta started normally enough and I was off to a solid mid fleet start at 12/19.

While relaxing between races and getting something to eat and drink, I heard a noise in back of me. It was one of my training partners. He was laying down in the boat, so I thought he was also taking a break and relaxing, which was not the case. "D" was having a heart attack [age 62]. He was only able to communicate his distress, so I quickly stood up in my boat, standing off a boat length or two and signaled the RC and coach boat fleet SOS [... - - - ... /] with my emergency whistle. A RIB came over within 30 seconds or so and "D" managed to flop into the RIB, which departed immediately. Other SDYC Race Officers jumped in to help, performing CPR until EMTs could take over. While arriving with a pulse at the first available landing, "D" expired on the way to the hospital.

The competitors didn't know the status of the rescue and after the empty boat was secured, racing resumed in about an hour. I was overcome with emotion / adrenaline periodically and capsized under conditions I could have normally averted. The boat wouldn't come upright and I flagged down a rescue boat to bring the hull into the wind, where it recovered quickly. Racing was called off after the third race [a distant last for me] when the Signal boat had learned of "D's" passing.

Rob Coutts and I took care of the sailor's personal effects after racing, and we withdrew from competition to be with the family members who flew in the next morning to help them sort things out. The competition continued and I have mixed feeling about that. We got back to training on the following Tuesday, but it was difficult to make the hour sail out and back to Coronado Roads, all things considered. Wednesday was better and we took Thursday off to assist with the measuring-in and registration.

Friday was the start of the Finn North American Masters and I felt ready, but I soon discovered I'd lost the recipe, I had no boat speed and was sailing tight. I worked on it overnight and found the right sail trim set up and improved, getting some winning starts and finding my boat speed. With boat speed I was able to work out the course bias



and started tracking with the first tier peloton. I never quite got out of last place overall, but was recognized for sailing all the races in the regatta and making the improvements, along with being one of the first responders for the medical emergency with the "Lanterne Rouge" award. [Red Light on the caboose]. This is a prestigious award in the Tour De France.



USA 88, Audacious, battling in the front rank

I was glad to have completed the racing, it had been an emotional rollercoaster of a trip. But wait, there's more. Upon finishing, clearing the finish line after the last race of the regatta and preparing to hook up for a tow, I noticed I was ankle deep in water. My automatic bailer had pulled clear of the hull and I had a clear view to the Pacific Ocean through the bottom of my boat. Besides the Emergency Whistle, I always carry a big sponge which was immediately deployed to fill the hole. Once the tow began I was able to drain the boat and arrived at the pier dry.

Thank goodness the trip home was uneventful and I have full confidence that Fred Schroth will fix the bailer.

Despite the mental lapses and drama, I did manage to improve with each race and learn some more about my boat speed and tuning. It's difficult to race at the top level without local competition, so anyone interested in sailing one of the best single handed boats in history, please let me help you get started.

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Dinghy Bits & Pieces

Progress! Fitting the keel and knees to the Pelican Jig, everything is squared up. The good work continues.



Experience Snipe Sailing!

I took Dr. Jennifer Chu, Physical Therapist and Weightlifting coach [ranked in top 10 for her weight class nationally], out for a test ride in Snipe #19888, Bombshell, in some sporty conditions. Our goal was a little research to determine good accessory exercises and stretches for dinghy sailors along with weightlifting [snatch, clean and jerk]. Jennifer got a little more wind than she bargained for, but was all smiles at the end of her ride / crewing experience.



Anyone else who'd like to experience Snipe sailing, please contact me! jfbland@me.com



08/28 fleet practice, Nathan and Matt aboard Ragin' Cajun" Photo by Cheryl Pervier



08/29 Liz and William with Ron Clarkson prior to racing La Perla Photo by Cheryl Pervier

the first day of the Indian Summer Series, I sailed aboard that boat with new C22 owner Nathan Leake and a Sea Scout leader, Matt Brown. Despite my making Nathan start a minute early (oops!) and returning to start at about the next Prep signal, we found a good port tack off the line to better air and were only a minute out of 2nd in B-Fleet. Meanwhile Cheryl, Liz, and William sailed with Ron Clarkson on his C22 "La Perla," and they did well enough as long as they had wind.

On the second date of Indian Summer Series, 9/12, Ron was guest skipper on Liz and William's boat. Steve and Meri were looking strong on their green C22, until John Grzinich got past them in his purple boat right at the end. I heard it was not only a light air but very tricky just as the race finished. Photos also showed one or two South Coast 21s racing, making 8 or 9 Fleet Alliance boats represented during this series so far. We're expecting more boats to race as the weather cools a bit, including ours since we're back from travel. Besides seeing family for the first time since 2019, we visited with two long time sailing friends. Friendships grown around sailing can last a long time!

Catalina 22 Fleet Report by Steve Pervier



Steve and Meri Shepardson won the Summer Evening Series on 7/31 – with Cheryl Pervier as fill-in crew on that last day for 2-1 finishes! The same day new Catalina 22 skippers Ron Clarkson and Liz Stansfeld (and young William)

sailed with me to finish 1-2. We also had an extra victory of our own that day, after a sudden "love bite" from a clear-astern J/80 swept our motor from the mount (see Anne Morley's photo, right). I was able to quickly grab it and resume steering before lifting it into the cockpit a moment later. You might say I "held on for first place" in that race! Also thanks to James Denny for lending me that sturdy tiller after my old one broke on 7/17.



07/31 Steve S wins Summer Evening Series and an Old Timer Trophy Photo by Cheryl Pervier

Two more boats have joined the Catalina 22 Fleet since the last Telltale! We're delighted to welcome William Kozminsky & Millie Yap, and Doug Herling. We also have several new people interested in being crew. More of those could come from the Sea Scouts, since their C22 "Ragin' Cajun" has now raced with us. On 8/29,

There are many potentials within our fleet members new and experienced. Some enjoy local daysailing or overnight cruising (see CatFleet69.org) while others take their boats to the coast or other lakes. Here at AYC and via traveling we can race from beginning to advanced levels. We had half a dozen fleet members as volunteers for the Friday MoonBurn dinner on 9/17 and one boat racing, then more of us were in various roles for the 2021 Centerboard Regatta. Thanks to each of you Catalina sailors and all the others who helped make that a great regatta, especially Louise Miller, a C22 skipper, Sunfish fleet captain, and 2021 Centerboard Regatta Chair!

Now it's time to meet more Catalina 22 sailors at AYC and on the water, as we get cooler, better sailing weather. With another fleet practice, local daysailing and cruising, teaching aboard C22s, and more series racing coming up soon, you should join us too!



07/31 C22 Affinity between J/80s, Steve P steers while holding the outboard Photo by Anne Morley

The Summer Finale

by Ethan Froelich



The Columbia Gorge lives up to all the windsurf hype. It was a stunning venue with no day less than 18 knots. I am spoiled now, because I think that 15 knots is light wind. Unlike so many other places in the US, when I told locals that I was there for windsurfing, their first question

was not “What is that?” It was SO hard to take an off day in the Gorge when it is blowing 20+ knots! As a result, we windsurfed for eight straight days before finally taking a rest day. I placed 3rd of 13 at the Gorge Olympic Cup and became very comfortable in the breeze. There were plenty of other amazing outdoor activities like whitewater kayaking and mountain biking! I did have Jeff Brock’s regatta conscious voice in my head saying “Ethan, no feet on wheels!!!” So, after catching some accidental air out of some berms I decided to slow down a little.

After the Gorge it was time for the final event, the San Francisco Olympic Class Regatta. There were another 10 amazingly windy days of training, with the current and increased chop making it even more difficult. All three days of the regatta however, had tide flooding with wind direction, so the water was very flat (good for the Lake Travis sailor!). The shallower left shoreline had more current relief, so often the winning move was to start to leeward, race to the left and tack in a puff. I placed 8th of 14 and learned so many valuable lessons. Mainly, I need to develop a playbook to be able to focus more on speed and make the racing simpler. Also I need to sail cleaner and avoid protests! I am excited to finally be back in Texas and will be continuing as a sophomore at UT later this month.



RS21 Notes

by Kate Hennig



There were a lot of things to do that day – the first competitors meeting, the debrief on the dock, and then rigging the RS21 for the first time. Once we had done that, we made our way out to the RC using our electric motor (it could retract into the hull!). It was really light that first day, and we only ended up doing 75% of a practice race. Finally, after derigging came the ceremony and competitors’ dinner (penne) and cards.

Wednesday: first day of racing, 7789. Wind medium, built slightly throughout the day.

We could see the Boston skyline in the distance. Wendi was responsible for tack line, Fiona was responsible for hoisting, I was grabbing leeward spin sheet and clearing lines. The boat felt really fast. It almost felt like a dinghy (just with way more inertia).

Thursday: second day, better wind. Our finishes significantly improved. We ended up with a 4, a 2, a 7, and a 9.

On Friday, the wind was extremely light so RC flew the AP flag. Unfortunately, racing was postponed until it became too late to get a race in. However, during the time, the team from Rochester, California invited us to play UNO with them, and I think we all had a really fun time getting to know each other. Once the race officials let us know that racing was

cancelled for the day, we began the process of derigging. We took the sails and sheets off the boat, removed the battery for the electric motor, and flaked the gennaker. After that, we retrieved the trailer from storage and rolled it over. It was simultaneously exciting and terrifying watching the RS21s being hoisted into the air by the massive cranes stationed at the end of the dock and placed carefully upon the trailers. There was literally approximately \$45,000 hanging in the balance.

After getting cleaned up, we met up with the Bemis AYC group and waited for awards. At 3:00, the rear commodore of EYC began the ceremony by thanking all of the people who made the event as amazing as it was – volunteers, sponsors, and past winners of the Sears Cup alike. I’d like to mention that they also mentioned they were grateful for the home yacht clubs that supported getting their junior sailors to the event, a sentiment that I wish to pass along to AYC and AYC Fund on the behalf of my whole team. They then moved on to awards – 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies were handed out, as well as an award for keeping the boat the best maintained, the “Shipshape Award,” and an award for having attitudes most in the spirit of the Chubb Junior Championships. We didn’t come out of the ceremony with any hardware, but we did have a renewed warmth for our fellow youth sailors and new knowledge from the experience.

So, to finish, my teammates and I would like to answer a question that we were asked in an interview on Friday over our thoughts about competing for the Sears Cup:

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What does sailing mean to you?

Fiona: "Sailing is my passion! Sailing blends in my family and while community, the ocean makes me feel free. I enjoy the sport. Sailing helps me become a better person. I learn new challenges every time I go out sailing. Sailing has brought many friendships along the years! What I really enjoy about it is I can experience the time with my family. Most of my family sailing. I love the idea of sharing these memories with friends and family!"

Wendi: "Sailing to me has given me a great opportunity in life. It is a part of who I am. Sailing has brought me around to different places in the nation and I met a lot of new friends doing this sport. I am the team manager for sailing and it has given me the best opportunity to show what I can do. I began sailing at the age of eight and it's been a blast. I never want to let go of it and I want to show others what sailing can do. Most importantly I have fun doing the thing I am best at."

Roadrunner Fleet Report August 2021 by Constanze Heitkoetter, Fleet Captain



The Roadrunner junior racers have had a full schedule of summer sailing – this includes practicing, competing, training, volunteering, working, racing, coaching, and enjoying time with sailing friends and families. We are very thankful for the support of the Club, its staff and members as well as the AYC Fund Board who help us do all these amazing things.

I. At Austin Yacht Club

AYC Summer Camp Counselors

- 2020/21 US Sailing Small Boat Level 1 Instructor Course: Julius Heitkoetter, Lucy Brock, Wendi Froelich, Kate Hennig, Sabina Berkeley, Lucas Tenreiro. A big thank you to the parents who paid for their child's certification course.

Summer camp counselors:

- Fiona Froelich, Julius Heitkoetter, Kate Hennig, Max Ross, Wendi Froelich, Lucas Tenreiro

Summer camp CITs (3 weeks):

- Roni Sela, Yuval Sela, Ramzi Matous

PB&J and FreeSail

Volunteers and staff

- Staff: Julius Heitkoetter, Wendi Froelich, Max Ross, Lucas Tenreiro
- Volunteers: Katie Froelich, Roni Sela, Yuval Sela, Calvin Brock, Jackson Brock

Endless Summer Series

- Laser/Sunfish regulars: Lucy Brock, James Brock, Julius Heitkoetter, Lucas Tenreiro, Zachary Aronson, Wendi Froelich, Fiona Froelich, Max Ross
- Optis – 5 Wednesdays: Roni Sela, Yuval Sela, Calvin Brock, Jackson Brock, Jack Riley, William Deboer

J80 Racing

- Matthew Sabuda, Caleb Sabuda, William Crainefee, Kate Hennig, Julius Heitkoetter, Lucy Brock, James Brock, Fiona Froelich, Wendi Froelich, Max Ross, Inaki Arridagada

Tony: "Sailing means a lot to me. It's not just about the actual sailing aspect for me. Although I enjoy sailing on the water and just being out on the ocean. I enjoy the people I meet along the way. Sailing at such a young age has become a great way for me to broaden my relationships with people from all over the world. It's a massive community and it's a lifelong sport that can take you all over the world and meet all new people."

Me: Out of all sports, I think sailing most relies on the environment. That means it is most connected to the natural world, and as a natural consequence, you have to be more sensitive and thoughtful to your surroundings than the average athlete. So, I would say that foremost, sailing has been the means which has helped me become more like the version of myself that I wish to be – one that is conscientious, deliberate, smart, and kind. And because sailing is a lifetime sport, I believe that it will continue to help me grow in my future.

Other Racing at AYC

- Participants at Beer Can and Series racing, several junior racers on the RR F18 and the RR Flying Scot
- William Michael assisted with several of the AYC Adult Sail Training classes.

II. Out-of-Town Regattas

- 2021 C420 North American Championship - 91 boats, Rochester YC, NY
 - » 23rd: James Brock and Vivian Heitkoetter
 - » Other participants: Julius Heitkoetter and William Crainefee, Kate Hennig and Fiona Froelich
- 2021 C420 US National Championship - 132 boats, Brant Beach YC, NJ
 - » 30th: Tony Slowik and Julius Heitkoetter
 - » 38th: James Brock and Vivian Heitkoetter
- CJ Buckley National Team Race Regatta - 22 teams, East Greenwich, RI:
 - » 6th - James Brock, Lucy Brock, Tony Slowik, Julius Heitkoetter, Vivian Heitkoetter, Kate Hennig

Thanks to Coach Jeff Brock and Markus Heitkoetter on the RIB during the C420 summer events.



CJ Buckley team L-R: Julius Heitkoetter, Tony Slowik, James Brock, Vivian Heitkoetter, Lucy Brock, Kate Hennig Photo by Constanze Heitkoetter

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- 2021 CHUBB U.S. Junior Championship, Eastern YC - Marblehead, MA:
 - » Bemis Cup: 8th Julius Heitkoetter and Lucy Brock, 9th James Brock and Vivian Heitkoetter (with 1st place finish in the last race)
 - Shipshape Award: Julius Heitkoetter
 - *Qualifier* was at Austin Yacht Club with 5 boats: Max Ross, Roni Sela, William Crainefee, Wendi Froelich, Fiona Froelich, Kate Hennig, James Brock, Lucy Brock, Julius Heitkoetter, Vivian Heitkoetter
 - » Sears Cup (100th year anniversary):
 - 7th: Tony Slowik, Fiona Froelich, Wendi Froelich, Kate Hennig

Thanks to Jeff Brock and Stefan Froelich accompanying the teams.



Bemis and Sears Cup Teams from AYU L-R: Kate Hennig, Vivian Heitkoetter, Fiona and Wendy Froelich, Julius Heitkoetter, James and Lucy Brock, Tony Slowik *Photo by Stefan Froelich*

- BEG Clinic (Brooke E. Gonzalez Advanced Racing Clinic), Sail Newport, RI:

The 3 day program consists of lectures and on-the-water drills with an emphasis on boat-handling technique, boat speed, and strategy. Participation is by application only. Accepted youth sailors receive the highest level coaching from some of the best dinghy sailors and coaches in the country.

 - » C420s: James Brock and Vivian Heitkoetter - Recipient of the 2021 Brooke E. Gonzalez Award
- ILCA Laser North American Championships, St. Francis YC - San Francisco, CA
 - » Lucas Tenreiro, Laser Radial, sailing every race in tough conditions of 20+ knots
- 2021 USODA Optimist National Championship, Big Blue Sailing Academy, Norfolk, VA
 - » Girls National Championship - around 100 sailors: Yuval 3rd in White Fleet, Roni Sela in Red Fleet finishing in top half
 - » Opti Nationals: Roni Sela, Yuval Sela, William Michael (5th in White Fleet)
 - » Opti Team Race Nationals: Roni Sela, Yuval Sela, Calvin Brock, Jackson Brock; Coaches: Jeff Brock, Gal Sela, James Brock

- 2021 USODA Optimist New England Championship, Sail Newport, Newport Rhode Island
 - » William Michael, 1st in White Fleet, 17th overall (out of 152)
- TSA Texas Youth Race Week
 - » Optis: Roni Sela, Yuval Sela - both qualifying for USODA Team Trials in 2022
 - William Michael, 1st in White Fleet, qualifying for USODA Team Trials in 2022
 - » Lasers Radial: 2nd Lucas Tenreiro, 7th Nicholas Carew
 - » Laser Full: 3rd Zachary Aronson
- TSA Rockport Yacht Club
 - » Optis: 1st Overall Roni Sela, 2nd Overall Yuval Sela, 3rd Ramsi Matous
- TSA Lake Canyon Yacht Club
 - » Optis: 1st Overall Roni Sela, 2nd Overall Yuval Sela
 - » Lasers Radial: 2nd Nicholas Carew
 - » Laser Full: 3rd Zachary Aronson

FUN FACT: RoadRunners traveling...
Brocks, Froelichs, Heitkoetters, Hennigs, Selas between 3 and 5 thousand miles this summer not counting air travel which could bring the mileage to 6,500

More Summer Sailing Photos

BEG Advanced Racing Clinic, Sail Newport, June 18-20



James Brock and Vivian Heitkoetter, Recipients of the 2021 BEG Award



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C420 North Americans, Rochester Yacht Club, July 13-17



L-R: Julius Heitkoetter, Vivian Heitkoetter, Kate Hennig, William Cranney-Fee, Fiona Froelich, James Brock, Jeff Brock *Photo by Constanze Heitkoetter*



Rock the Rock TSA Regatta, Corinthian Sailing Club, Dallas, Sep 11-12



(L) Roni Sela 2nd Place Opti Red, (R) Yuval Sela, 1st in Opti Blue



(L) Zach Aronson, 4th Laser Full, (R) Nicholas Carew, 1st Laser Radial *Photos by Gal Sela*



Nicholas Carew *Photo by Mary Carew*

USODA New England Championship, Newport RI Aug 10-12



AYC Junior sailor William Michael placed 1st in White fleet and 17th overall (out of 152) *Photo by David Michael*

AYC Centerboard Regatta, September 18-19



AYC Junior Racers, Centerboard Regatta *Photo by Constanze Heitkoetter*



October 23-24, 2021

**The Governor's Cup is this Fall
with an Oktoberfest Theme
including a German Dinner
presented by the Roadrunner Fleet!**

There will be racing on Saturday and Sunday for Multihulls and Keelboats including round-the-buoy racing for the one-design fleets.

If you aren't sailing, please consider volunteering. We need:

- ★ Race Committee for both days
- ★ Registration help for Friday evening and Saturday morning
- ★ Help with Breakfast on Saturday
- ★ Help with Lunch on Sunday
- ★ Cleanup help on Sunday
- ★ Help with various other chores
- ★ Photography Team

Lending a helping hand will ensure that the Regatta is a success!

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AYC 2021 Race Calendar

Multihull Distance Regatta	Oct 1-3
Indian Summer Races	EOS, J 80 Fleet: Oct 2, All other Fleets: Oct 3
Chaparral de Mar Regatta	Oct 3
Fall Series Races	Oct 10, 13, Nov 7, 14
MoonBurn Series	Oct 15
Kathryn Hammond FJ Fleet Regatta	Oct 16
Governor's Cup Regatta	Oct 23-24
SEISA Fall Collegiate Regatta	Oct 30
Fall Series Races	Oct 31, Nov 7, Nov 14
Wild Turkey Regatta	Nov 20

AYC 2021 Non-Racing Events

AYC Members Free Sail	Oct 2, 9, 16	1:00 - 5:00pm
Adult Sail Training – The Next Step	Oct 3, 10 (filled), Nov 14	10:00am - 12:00pm
EOS Indian Summer Series Dinner – Hawaiian Nights	Oct 3	5:00 - 7:00pm
ASA101 Basic Keelboat Sailing Cert	Oct 9-10	10:00am - 5:00pm
Sea Scout Ship 681 Camp n Sail	Oct 10-12	
Boy Scouts Merit Badge Session	Oct 10	9:00am - 5:00pm
Roadrunner Fleet Meet & Greet	Oct 17	3:00 - 5:00pm
Governor's Cup Octoberfest	Oct 23	5:00 - 10:00pm
AYC Board Meeting	Oct 28	7:30 - 9:00pm
Annual Meeting	Nov 18	
Annual Banquet	Dec 4	

Oct Junior Programs

High School Practice	Oct 1, 4- 8, 11-15, 18-22, 25-29	5:00 - 7:30pm
	Mon: B2 team. Tue: B1&2, Wed: B1, Thurs: A, Fri: A	
Opti II Practice	Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	9:00 - 11:30am
Opti III Practice	Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	9:00am - 2:00pm
Opti 1 Practice	Oct 2, 9, 16, 23,30	12:00 - 2:00pm
Laser & FJ Practice	Oct 2, 23	3:00 - 5:30pm
Opti III Practice	Oct 6, 20, 27	5:00 - 7:30pm