



# 2021: Ain't No Stoppin' Us!



Thank you 2021 AYC Board of Directors! L-R: Dane Ohe (Immediate Past Commodore), André de la Reza (Race Commander), Cheryl Pervier (Secretary), Ann Kitzmiller (Sail Training Commander), Russ Shermer (Harbor Commander), Anne Morley (Vice Commodore), Diane Covert (Commodore)

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# 2021 Perpetual Awards

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## Dee Chow

### 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.*

Dee began sailing at AYC by crewing on various boats. This year she started skippering and purchased a Sunfish. With enthusiasm and determination, she learned to sail the Sunfish and won the Sunfish Green Fleet at this year's Centerboard Regatta. Along with her sailing accomplishments, Dee has volunteered regularly for AYC events and has helped with many of this year's regattas, including co-chairing the successful Turnback Canyon Regatta.



## Bob Leonard

### 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 of their time and talents over and above what might otherwise have been necessary or expected.*

Bob has been a strong volunteer and member of both the Harbor Committee and the Permanent Race Committee. This past year he was instrumental in a number of key dock improvement projects. He also served as PRC Quartermaster, leading the team that keeps all the PRC equipment working smoothly.

Bob was unable to attend but here he is reattaching boat boxes after replacing the bad wood with concrete corners. Bob finished his work and put away his tools, then turned around to help others who still needed to complete their tasks. Thank you, Bob!



## George Dahmen

### Jesse 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.*

George is very committed to Ensign racing at AYC and beyond. He has raced in the Ensign Nationals 14 times, has finished in second place twice, and finished fourth this year. He has also successfully competed in more than 20 Ensign Regional regattas, winning in 2017 and never finishing out of the top four. AYC is well represented by his sailing skill and sportsmanship.



## Louise Miller

### Corinthian Woman Sailor Trophy

*This award honors the woman sailor who exhibits the Corinthian traits of good sportsmanship, enthusiasm and participation, thereby making an overall contribution to the enhancement of the sport of competitive sailing.*

Louise continues to take a leadership role at AYC. The Sunfish Fleet has thrived during her three years as Fleet Captain. Louise herself has become an accomplished Sunfish racer. She chaired this year's successful Centerboard Regatta with over 70 boats, and last year she chaired the Centerboard weekend of the Fall Fling Fleet Regatta. She is also a member of the AYC Fund Board, and a regular AYC volunteer. Louise's spirit and her love for sailing are inspiring to us all.

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## Kate Hennig

### 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.*

Kate is an accomplished AYC sailor and takes an active leadership role in junior sailing programs. She is a member of the Lake Travis High School Sailing Team and President of the Lake Travis High School Sailing Club. As a counselor for AYC Youth Sailing Camp, she demonstrated great spirit and energy. She recently received the Level 1 Instructor Certification from US Sailing. Kate has participated in a number of AYC, state and national regattas. She is also an excellent singer, and sings the National Anthem for AYC's Opening Day ceremonies.



## Nicholas Carew

### 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.*

Nicholas has sailed at AYC since he was seven years old. He first competed in Optis at the state and national levels, demonstrating perseverance and determination while striving for improvement. He now ranks second in the state in Laser Radials, and he won his first TSA event this summer. His accomplishments in sailing have been matched by his growth as an individual and by his sportsmanship.



## Harry Polly

### OI' 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.*

Harry has endless energy. He is our lead ASA instructor and a teacher-of-teachers. He is a big supporter of the Sea Scouts and bringing young people into sailing. Harry has worked hard on major projects like dock repairs and boat storage as a Harbor Committee member. He has organized and led several cruises to the British Virgin Islands. His enthusiasm and a commitment to sailing are worth emulating. (Harry was sailing in the BVI's so could not attend this year's banquet.)



## Jeff Brock

### 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.*

Jeff is an enthusiastic and active supporter of the Roadrunner Fleet, and has been a major part of the Fleet's success. He is a long-standing member of the Roadrunner Fleet Board, serves as Sportsmanship Chair, and is a travel coach. Jeff is truly dedicated to helping young people grow personally and become accomplished sailors. He also serves on the AYC Long Range Planning Committee and is the coach of the UT Sailing Team.

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## Jorge Martín de Nicolás

### 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. It goes to someone who has consistently given their time and expertise in support of race management at AYC.*

Jorge's work on race management has directly improved the competitive sailing experience at AYC. He is a key member of the Permanent Race Committee. He has improved the process of scoring races and posting results, and he created a display for the AYC website. In addition, Jorge is very supportive of the UT Sailing Team and Club. (Jorge was unable to attend this year's banquet.)



## Karina Bertelsmann

### Scott Young UT Sailing Award

*This award is given annually to the University of Texas Sailing Team member voted by the team for outstanding service.*

Karina is President of the UT Sailing Team. She is also the Undergrad President of SEISA, and on the national board of the ICSA. In addition to her regatta participation and activities with the team, Karina helped AYC and UT collaborate to renew their contract. She has also been active and supportive of the process for the purchase of new boats for the UT Sailing Team.

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## Congratulations to the 2021 Perpetual Award Winners!



## Message from the Commodore by Diane Covert



As this year draws to a close, it is amazing to reflect on how far we have come since January. As I said in my last Telltale article, I think we should all be proud and pleased that we had all of our series races and all of our regattas. Some on-shore entertainment was modified, but all in all it was successful. We even had our annual banquet at the Oasis which

was a blast with the 10-piece Plush Party Band.

We also had multiple adult sail training clinics, and we had all our youth sail training clinics and camps. The youth participation was over the top in attendance, and we did well financially as a result.

I am pleased and excited to be passing the Commodore hat to **Anne Morley** and Vice Commodore baton to **Russ Shermer**. I know they are dedicated to the Club's success and will lead us forward to a better year ahead.

I am pleased to be the new Membership chair next year, and have assembled the committee to take on that task. Lets try and get those new members integrated into the Club and on the water.

I will say again that I have been honored to be your Commodore this year and hope that you all have a safe and happy holiday season.

## Race Commander Report by André de la Reza



Hello AYC!

Turns out my "End of Year" summary report in the November Telltale may have jumped the gun. I have one more Telltale that I get to share my thoughts with y'all as a captive audience.

I will let the numbers stand for themselves (if you didn't read last month's RC report, check it out – we had a ton of racing!), and instead reflect on

what I love and am thankful for about AYC.

I love the lake, our slice of paradise.

I love the sailboats, healed over in the breeze or ghosting on a zephyr.

I \*really\* love racing, whether it is towards the front or the back.

But what takes the cake? What really fills me with joy?

It is the people I have gotten to meet,

The folk I have the honor of serving next to,

and the racers PRC got back to racing amid COVID crazy!

It is easy to get caught up in the "I can't believe they...", "Well I would of ...", "That is the dumbest..." It is easy to forget that at the other end of a thrown away quick complaint was a person who has been sacrificing their time and energy to help the Club members. I am amazed by how much time, passion, sweat (and sometimes tears) our volunteers put into this Club. Since I believe all of you treasure

our fellow members like I do, I ask you to remember that. Let's work together, play together and appreciate each other.

As I have said and will continue to share, I am humbled by the work of so many. I am thankful to have had this year to work next to you, and I am on pins and needles for the ideas and plans that 2022 Race Commander **Bob Gross** has brewing. He is going to keep this crazy thing rolling and take it to even higher heights!

It has been a wild ride and I can't think of a better organization to have been with!

Thanks and as always – Sail safe, sail happy, sail fast!

## Building and Grounds Report by John Maddalozzo



Whenever I'm talking to someone about buying a boat, especially a racing sailboat, I tell them there is one thing very boat comes with that is not in the advertisement. That thing is 'the list'. The list is everything you will find the boat needs, or that you are going to want to fix, improve or otherwise invest time and/or money into. My boat has a long list. Building and Grounds also has a list.

Starting the first of the year, I will no longer be the owner of that list. **Jeff Sabuda** has taken on the Building and Grounds Commander position by unanimous vote of endorsement by the membership! I plan to help **Jeff** with the list, I hope you will too when called upon. Here's the latest progress:



Point signs "before"



Trench erosion mitigation

- As you can tell by the scaffolding on the Point, the signs are still in the process of being refurbished. The underlying old Gulf signs are in pretty bad shape but we are still hoping to be able to re-use them. That effort has been slowed down a bit by a B&G Committee member being on injured reserve.
- Also, as mentioned last month, the erosion mitigation in the Shelter One area is still being nurtured with as much grass as we can get growing there. We've been watering the grass regularly by hand for about six weeks now. While it is unfortunate we haven't had more rain this Fall, we're happy that the trench fill has had time to settle in. Thanks for all that grass watering, **Tom!**

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- For the guys using the bathhouse, you will notice some upgraded fixtures. Thanks to our B&G All-Star team, Jeff and Marilyn Jackson for knocking that out in one day.

This will be my last B&G Telltale update and I want to thank everyone who helped with B&G work over the last two years. I had the opportunity to meet and work with some Club members that I might have not otherwise met and to have spent quality time with other friends working on our Club.

And now ... back to that boat list!

## Secretary Report by Cheryl Pervier



The "Training Shelter One" is now available for use by members for Sail Training and meetings. It's the first building on the right as you enter the AYC grounds.

Shelter One has been extensively remodeled. Many thanks to the Building and Grounds committee for their work on giving us another venue for events on our busy calendar. It can be reserved by members at no charge, but activities are currently limited to Sail Training classes and AYC committees/fleet meetings. Last I checked, it had five meeting tables, one table in the back, and 16 folding chairs. It comfortably accommodates 16 people, but with more chairs, 30 is possible.

There are two ways to reserve Shelter One: 1) You can go online to this page <https://www.austinyachtclub.net/reserve-training-shelter-1/> to see when it's available and request a reservation. Jackie will review the request and if it's available, she'll reserve it for you. 2) The second way is to request the space along with a FUR request. It is included in the list of Club facilities. If the FUR is approved (usually at the next Board meeting), you can use it. Note that Sail Training has priority.

When you reserve Shelter One, you will need to get the key from Jackie or she will leave it in the same place where she leaves keys for the cabin rentals. When you leave Shelter One, please leave it clean, put chairs and tables back in their places, put the trash in the nearby trash can, and make sure both doors are locked. It will be cleaned by a service periodically, especially after heavy use, but not as regularly as the clubhouse.

Thanks and Enjoy!

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



**Andrew Bilski**  
Associate Probationary

Andrew hails from Sydney, Australia. He sailed at MIT and Harvard, learning in dinghies with the sailing clubs. Andrew is interested in learning more about sailing and racing on dinghies, trimarans and catamarans. He's also looking for a ride on a J70.

(Not pictured)

**Colleen Minor**  
Reinstatement as Associate Probationary

Colleen resigned in good standing in July of 2020 due to Covid. Recently she has crewed on several members' boats as a guest and would like to resume her membership.

**Jim Rehage**  
Reinstatement as Senior Probationary

Jim resigned in good standing in 2014 due to health issues. He has recently retired, has purchased a Weta and would like to come out and start racing again.

**Martina Scheuermann**  
Associate Probationary

Martina has been sailing for the last couple of years on J80 Restless. She has also taken ASA 101 and 103. She really enjoys the community and camaraderie of the Club, and wants to contribute to that as a member.

### FOR SALE in the AYC Outfitters Shop AYC COLD WEATHER APPAREL

<b>Ladies' Soft Shell Jackets</b> \$44.00 Black, Gray, Slate Blue	<b>Ladies' Fleece Jackets</b> \$35.00 Red, Black, Blue
<b>Men's Soft Shell Jackets</b> \$44 Black, Gray, Slate Blue	<b>Men's Fleece Jackets</b> \$25.00 Red, Black
<b>LS Dry Wicking Shirts (unisex)</b> \$18.50 Forest Green S,M,L,XL	<b>Soft Shell Vests (Unisex)</b> \$35.00 Black, Navy, Gray
<b>Fleece Vests (unisex)</b> \$35.00 Red, Black, Blue	<i>Limited Supply of Some Sizes First Come First Served All items have AYC name/logo on them</i>

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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# AYC Annual Banquet

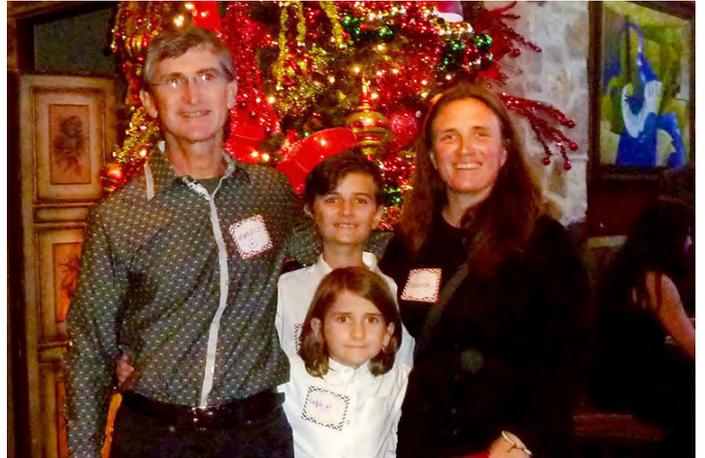
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L-R: Pat Manning, Louise Vance, Kayla Manning



Marcelo & Shannon Pando with children



Alan and Gina Stanard



Jean & Fred Ford



Mike Beuerlein & Brigitte Benquet



UT Sailing Club L-R: Lexi, Feron, Michael, Karina, Tobias, Rose



Amy & Bill Benker with children



Chris & Chris Covington with daughter Laura



L-R: Chris Thompson, Molly Lewis, Hazel Sanchez

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# AYC Annual Banquet

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Owen Crouse



Marilyn & Jeff Jackson



Kirk and Janis Livingston



L-R: James, Jeff and Amy Brock, Bob Gross



Ethan Froelich with date, Victoria



Lynn Jaeger

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# AYC Annual Banquet

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L-R: André & Leigh de la Reza with daughters Rowan and Evelyn



L-R Bill & Kelly Hawk, George Dahmen, Ann Kitzmiller



Cheryl & Steve Pervier



Diane Covert & Mark Zion



L-R: Ed & Colleen Taylor, Twila Bowden, Jo Ann Welles



L-R Wendi Froelich, James Brock, Fiona Froelich, Vivian Heitkoetter

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# AYC Annual Banquet

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L-R: Claudia Barlett, Anne Riggs, Hazel Sanchez, Nan Taylor, Dee Chow, Ray Shull



Dane Ohe and Jeff Jackson



Russ & Jill Shermer



Johanna & Matt Brown



David & Annabel Jamail



Spiro Tzivelekis & Rachel



Spencer LeGrande & Emily Verdoia

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# AYC Annual Banquet

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Mary & Paul Carew



L-R: Nan Taylor, Stefan & Stephanie Froelich



L-R: Anne Morley, Cheryl Pervier, Diane Covert



L-R: Lina & Gal Sela, Leigh & André de la Reza



L-R: Sarah Lancaster, Charlotte Lancaster-Russell, Janet Hendricks



Cristina Peck & Jim Bridgwater

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# AYC Annual Banquet

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L-R: Bill & Amy Benker with children, Mike Beuerlein, Bo Kersey, Brigitte Benquet, Robbin Kersey



L-R: Ravi Subramanian, Jo Ann & Claude Welles



L-R: Marcelo & Shannon Pando family, Mary & Paul Carew, Jeff Jackson



Jeff Sabuda & Dee Chow



Jeane Goldsmith and Karen Bogisch

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# AYC Annual Banquet

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L-R: Alison Kwiecinski and Cristina Peck



Evelyn and Rowen de la Reza



2022 Commodore Anne Morley



Chris Covington and Carolynne Griffin



L-R: Molly Lewis, Fred Ford, Adriana Ravelo



L-R: Charlie & Annie Lancaster, Sarah Lancaster and Charlotte Lancaster-Russell

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Plush Party Band Photo by Lynn Jaeger



Louise Miller & Walter Payne Photo by Marilyn Jackson

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## AYC Annual Banquet

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### Congratulations to the AYC 2022 Board ...



L-R: David Jamail (Treasurer), Bob Gross (Race Commander), Jeff Sabuda (Building & Grounds Commander), Bill Hawk (Harbor Commander), Cheryl Pervier (Secretary), Russ Shermer (Vice Commodore), and Anne Morley (Commodore)  
*Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



### ... and to the 2022 AYC Commodore! **Anne Morley**

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## And the Blue Duck goes to:

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Photos by Lynn Jaeger



Andre officiated.



Bob nominated himself.



Mike nominated Bo.



Claudia nominated David.



David accepted the honor.



### Congratulations David Jamail!!

David Jamail and crew, with chute up, ran aground on Windy Point during a summer Moonburn race. The chute pushed them into two feet of water and the J80 was laid over like a beached whale. David's head was cut on top by the boom. RC picked up David and brought him back to AYC where he was transported to the hospital. Meanwhile, concerned AYC members who happened to be relaxing on Dock 1 jumped in their RIB and hauled butt to Windy Point to provide assistance to the crew who were trying to push the boat off the sand in two feet of water. With a little power from the rescuers' RIB, the beached whale was soon out in deeper water and it popped right up, crew pulled the jib out, and they were sailing. Word from the ER: David was checked out and all good.

But that's not exactly why he earned the Blue Duck. Fast forward to Turkey Day and, once again, David ends up with a bloody head. Yep ... boom again! It's a good thing he has a really hard head and now he has the battle scars to prove it. The moral of the story is *Duck on Thanksgiving or end up being the turkey with the Blue Duck.* Congratulations, David!

# Adult Sail Training Opportunities

Saturday, Jan 8, 2021 Exploring Maintenance Clinic Ed Pierce 9:00 am to 12 Noon



As January arrives it's the perfect time to begin a new relationship with your sailboat. Experiences which are more satisfying and more fun. Your boat is your toy, and you want to use it to have fun. Is maintenance fun? In bygone years the work area was one of the best places to learn about your boat from folks who were actively caring for their boats. YouTube video seems to be the reference these days. Either way, there's always someone who is experienced at something I need to do for the first time. Our Club can help you make maintenance a better experience.

So, when it comes to boat maintenance our first honest self-assessment is, "what do I want to DO with this boat?" Race, maintain, or sell are my three options. I also prioritize my to-do list according to importance:

1. Safety
2. Functionality
3. Failure Prevention
4. Pride of ownership — clean and pretty

The next self-assessment is "what am I skilled for?" and what can I afford (in both money and time), and maybe even "what do I want to learn to do?" I note for each item on my to-do list what action to take:

- Buy new / replace
- Hire a craftsman
- Do it myself
- Find a mentor and learn to do it myself
- Ignore it for now, but keep tracking

Now we've got a goal and decision criteria for anything that comes up as we examine our boat for maintenance opportunities. Start with a survey of your sailboat and some typical issues, or join a buddy and do your two boats together. You can grab a checklist outside the AYC office and explore your boat (or a neighbor's) before the clinic.

- Hull (and Keel and Rudder)
- Deck
- Standing Rigging
- Running Rigging
- Sails and Canvas and Woodwork (weaklings against UV)

And if you're fortunate to have a bigger or more complex boat, also explore:

- Motor
- Battery / Lights / other electrics
- Head / Water / Icebox / Generator / and on and on...

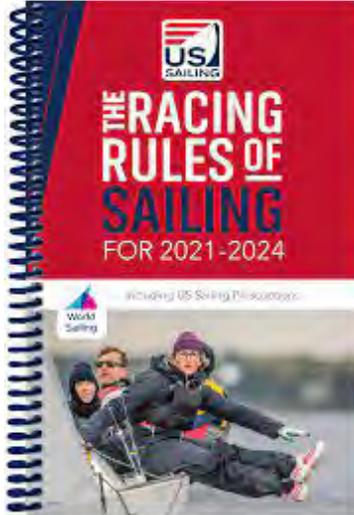
Practice the habit of recording missing, damaged or upgrades needed immediately after you return from a sail or race, before you get off the boat. This will give you planning, research and delivery time before your next outing to get some maintenance done. Don't try to do your maintenance the morning before your next outing or race – too often both are spoiled by the limited time and attention.

On Saturday we will also review a recommended toolkit and maintenance supplies for cleaning, refitting or replacing things your boat needs (bring your questions and survey results). The clinic is free, so bring a friend – resolutions are kept best when shared with a buddy.

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# Adult Sail Training Opportunities

Sunday, Jan 16, 2021 Rules Clinic Brad Davis 2:00 - 5:00 pm



**Come One, Come All! And learn the rules of Sailboat Racing – or just refresh your mind.**

A hot cup of coffee and maybe a tasty treat to get you going, and you will be on your way to the valuable information concerning the rules that will help all of us stay safe around the race course in 2022!

**Brad Davis has been a Certified National Race Officer and a Certified National Judge for 12 years. He has run over 15 National Championships in various classes of boats. He has been invited to teach Advanced Race**

Management seminars at St. Francis Yacht Club in San Francisco and Ida Louis Yacht Club in Newport Rhode Island, to name a few. In addition to being a Rules guru, Brad has been a successful sailor during his lifetime.

Brad will be teaching a Rules Clinic on Sunday, January 16, 2022 from 2:00 - 5:00 pm so that those who will be racing Frostbite Series have a chance to either go on their nonracing day or know they will be out in time for their races on their racing day. The Rules Clinic will be held in the clubhouse.

Thursday, Feb 10, 2021 Sailing Beyond Lake Travis Chris Lewis 7:00 - 9:00 pm



**Sailing Venues and Events Beyond Lake Travis**

**Chris and Karen Lewis** have sailed extensively on the Gulf and East Coasts as well as internationally. This discussion will touch on venues, formats and boat types, ranging from one-design windward-leeward competitions to the Newport-Bermuda Race. Chris will also identify organizations and initiatives that enable you to expand your sailing horizons beyond Lake Travis.

**Chris Lewis** has sailed competitively from the age of eight. He grew up racing Int. Cadets, Lasers, 505s and the Laser 5000, competing in Europe, Japan and Australia. Team racing at college, he became Captain of the University of London and the British Universities teams sailing in Fireflies, Larks and Enterprises. During a career in Engineering, he moved to keel boats, racing J80s, J70s, IC37s and the RS21. After owning an Olsen 34 while in Alaska, **Chris and Karen** purchased a J/44 named Kenai 25 years ago upon moving to Texas. They have cruised and raced Kenai over tens of thousands of miles from as far south as Veracruz, Mexico to Halifax, Nova Scotia. As the holders of the SORC "Islands in the Stream Series" they are currently sailing to defend the title.

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# *Adult Sail Training Opportunities*



## FUNDAMENTALS OF **SAILBOAT RACING**

**SATURDAY,  
FEBRUARY 26, 2022  
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

A CLASS FOR BEGINNING  
AS WELL AS  
INTERMEDIATE RACERS

**TOPICS:** RACE PREP, START,  
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\$50 NON-MEMBERS**

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<https://www.austinyachtclub.net>

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# Adult Sail Training Opportunities

## NORTH U. Performance Racing Clinic J80's @ Austin Yacht Club April 4 – 8, 2022

### The North U Performance Racing Clinic:

#### You're Invited!

Whatever your level, we can *raise your game*. We combine expert coaches, great boats, and refined curriculum (did we mention we've been doing this since 1980?) to make the most of your time.

#### Join Us

Come alone or sign up as a team. Bring Your Own Boat or sign up without. There's special pricing for AYC members and special deals for BYOB teams. Find the set up that suits you. Just don't miss it...

#### Includes

- Five Days of training & racing
- Fleet of 10 J80s
- Expert Coach on each boat
- Daily Seminars & Video Review with North U Director Bill Gladstone
- Sign up as a crew of 4 or individually
- Space is limited to 10 boats and 40 sailors
- BYOB and AYC Member discounts

*With a coach onboard each boat you receive close personal attention*

#### Schedule

##### Monday, April 4

9:00 - 11:30 Check-in & Class  
11:30 - 12:30 Lunch  
1:00 - 4:00 Sailing  
5:30 - 7:00 Welcome Party

##### Tuesday - Thursday

8:30 - 11:30 Sailing  
11:45 - 1:00 Class & Lunch  
1:30 - 4:30 Sailing  
5:00 - 6:00 Video Review

##### Friday, April 8

8:30 - 11:30 Races with Coaching  
11:45 - 1:00 Video Review & Lunch  
1:30 - 4:30 Races with Coaching  
5:00 - 5:30 Awards & Closing



North U Director Bill Gladstone  
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## Wild Turkey Regatta Recap

by Cass Meyer



By the numbers, we had an amazingly successful Regatta – the breeze was absolutely spectacular and challenging, the temperature could not have been more ideal, and the food was nourishing and filling. We had 44 boats competing across all the big boat fleets with the J80s having the highest representation at 11, and the PHRF A-fleet only having three boats finishing.

I am very proud to say that the entire shore side of the Regatta was handled exclusively by the crew of *Namaste*, which I believe is an AYC first (not having corroborated the previous statement at all). This was not the original, but as the plans were coming together it seemed only natural to do this as a crew, especially since I am the only boat with a large enough crew list! We tried to choose a menu that was both traditionally American and also would not conflict with Thanksgiving palettes, and so we went with locally made MMMpanadas. They were absolutely delicious and really seemed to be a hit, especially the condiment section which was organized by **Ashley Sullivan** with special saucier **Peter Young**. The food service and general management were handled by **Jeff and Marilyn Jackson**. **Matt and Scott** handled registration, and we learned a lot about how not to handle day-of registration; specifically we should not have paper day-of registration anymore.

The Race Committee duties were handled by the J70 fleet, and they did a wonderful job keeping people safe, choosing challenging courses, and ushering sailors around the race. As boats were shoving off from the docks and getting set for their respective sequence, the breeze was



absolutely lovely ... between the puffs, which seemed to roll in right when the clock was hitting zero. Complications were also introduced by having a downwind start, but having the courses shown off of the stern of the race committee boat, which was anchored facing the downwind direction. The AYC racers figured out their starts and courses, or made corrections as they reasonably saw fit, and flew around the race course in record times. I guess a virtue of short course racing is if you sail fast, it's easy to just have another race.

We ate and drank away the afternoon watching races on the big TV and also some stellar footage captured by **Bobby Brooks with Kurt Carson**. Wild Turkey trophies seemed to be much appreciated, and we hammered through the handicap committee meeting as quickly as possible for as many major changes as we were proposing. Definitely take a few minutes to look at the changes in the bylaws and also have an eye open for the Treasurer's report summary for the year. Great things are being proposed in the coming year.

Namaste Y'all

## WILD TURKEY REGATTA RACE RESULTS

PRO Bruce McDonald

November 2021

### PRF A

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	PHRF	TYPE	FINISH	ELAPSED	CORRECTED	SCORE
1	82	Moana	Payam Sarabi	132	Beneteau 38	14:04:57	01:44:57	01:40:02	1
2	7	Shaken	Kurt Zinsmeyer	87	J88	13:58:09	01:38:09	01:40:09	2
DNF	191	Jus Knot Rite	Bruce McFarland	111	J29				5
DNS	836	Namaste	John Maddalozzo	135	Pearson Flyer				5

### PRF B

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	PHRF	TYPE	FINISH	ELAPSED	CORRECTED	SCORE
1	5477	Moonlight Sonata	Brian Grothues	270	Catalina 22	13:41:07	01:16:07	01:00:20	1
2	230	Jack of Hearts	Cody Hix	210	Pearson 26 OD	13:39:33	01:14:33	01:03:01	2
3	1393	Incognito	Dave Weeks	210	Pearson 26	13:39:11	01:14:11	01:03:27	3
4	752	Ruby	John Grzinich	270	Catalina 22	13:49:32	01:24:32	01:06:17	4
5	472	Warley	Mack Warner	222	Ranger 23 TR	13:45:18	01:20:18	01:07:37	5
6	15386	Elysium	Liz Stansfeld	270	Catalina 22	14:03:25	01:38:25	01:17:10	6
7	3235	Mild Peril	Rose van de Lint	222	Catalina 25	14:03:55	01:38:55	01:22:20	7

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## TRIMARANS

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	PHRF	TYPE	FINISH	ELAPSED	CORRECTED	SCORE
1	130	Humility	Bill Coon	33	Corsair Sprint 750Mk2	13:36:08	01:31:08	01:41:36	1
2	34	Rush Hour	Michael Rohrer	18	F28-R	13:34:50	01:29:50	01:42:48	2
3	46	Lucy Gene	Jim Rehage	33	Corsair Sprint 750R	13:43:24	01:38:24	01:49:43	3
4	27130	Trinity	Joel Rosinbum	57	Corsair F27	13:54:11	01:49:11	01:56:55	4
5	355	Trial Run	Russ Shermer	45	F24 MK II	13:53:33	01:48:33	01:58:35	5

## CATAMARANS

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	H'Cap	TYPE	FINISH	ELAPSED	CORRECTED	SCORE
1	566	Feral Cat	Christopher Reuwsaat	64.4	Prindle 19MX	13:41:16	01:36:16	02:29:29	1
2	461	Old Skull	Owen Crouse	72.6	Nacra 5.7	13:59:17	01:54:17	02:37:25	2 RAF
3	7765	Hobie-18	Rikin Shah	71.4	Hobie 18	14:07:46	02:02:46	02:51:57	3 RAF
DNF	427	Two Hot	Jim Casto		Nacra 5.5 uni+jib				6
DNF	124	Calypto 4	Chris Ford		A Cat				6

## ENSIGNS

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	FINISH	ELAPSED	SCORE
1	588	Stijf Kop	George Dahmen	13:42:14	01:12:14	1
2	1167	One with the Wind	David Gamble	13:42:54	01:12:54	2
3	578	Dancing Bear	Tom Groll	13:47:28	01:17:28	3
4	929	Dos Locos	Lewis Price	13:47:46	01:17:46	4
5	972	September	Fred Ford	13:51:29	1:21:29	5
6	2027	Jolie	Josh Davidson	13:53:12	01:23:12	6

## J/22-J/24

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	PHRF	TYPE	FINISH	ELAPSED	CORRECTED	SCORE
1	1235	Project Mayhem	John Halter	174	J/22	13:39:21	01:24:21	01:15:44	1
2	629	Bonfire	Linda McDavitt	174	J/22	14:00:08	01:45:08	01:34:23	2
3	1155	Trick Bag	Ryan Miller	168	J/24	14:02:37	01:47:37	01:37:25	3
4	923	Jolly Bevo	Michael Bouvier	168	J/24	14:03:06	01:48:06	01:37:52	4
5	3282	Nyota	Megan Yancy	168	J/24	14:16:32	02:01:32	01:50:01	5
6	1025	Flying J	Pierre Bossart	174	J/22	14:18:14	02:03:14	01:50:38	6
DNF	621	Crash Course	Rosanne Butera	174	J/22				8

## J80

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	SCORE
1	221	Too Much J	Jonathan Baker	1
2	720	Air Supply	Ed Taylor	2
3	77	Warp Speed	Kirk Livingston	3
4	1319	Jackrabbit	Claude Welles	4
5	266	Flyer	Ray Shull	5
6	488	Lickety Split	Fred Schroth	6
7	486	Restless	David Wahlberg	7
8	44	Kicks	Chris Hargett	8
9	1321	Blood Sweat and Tears	David Jamail	9
10	366	Theseus	Ken Berringer	10
DNF	1320	Speed Racer	Claudia Bartlett	12

Roadrunner Kids' Holiday Party  
Photos by Lauren Crouch



Thank you, Lauren Crouch for the festive sign!



J 80 Fleet Holiday Party  
Photos by Elizabeth Quintanilla



Holiday lights for Ed! The White Elephant traders move in.



Hazel scored a nautical blanket!



Ed & Colleen Taylor displaying their White Elephant surprises!

# Catalina Holiday Party

Photos by Cheryl Pervier



Fleet Award Winners Robert & Sheila Anderson with Louise Miller



Liz Stansfeld and grandson William Deboer



AnnMarie & John Grzinich



Diane in mermaid hat & Dave Zbasnik



Sheila Anderson and Sarah Denny in their nautical holiday hats



Cheryl & Steve Pervier



Harry & Jayne Polly



Marilyn & Jeff Jackson



Louise Miller & Walter Payne



*Happy Holidays from the Catalina Fleet!*

## Fun Friday Events by Marilyn Jackson



I hope everyone is enjoying the holiday season. **Jeff and I** are starting up Family Friendly Fun Friday Events for the New Year. Fun Fridays are scheduled for January 7 & 21, February 11 & 25 and March 11 & 25 from 7 pm to 10 pm. Jeff and I will host the first night (January 7) with a game to be determined. **Ray Shull** will host a movie night on February 11. Bring a snack to share, drinks for yourself and let's have a fun time. Bring the whole family!

**New members**, please join in on the fun and introduce yourselves so we can get to know you and you can get to know your AYC family.

Do you want to host a Fun Friday Night and provide fun for yourself and others? If so, reach out to **Marilyn Jackson**, [jacksonml2000@hotmail.com](mailto:jacksonml2000@hotmail.com). Some ideas for Fun Fridays are games, movies, dance lessons, cooking lessons, crafts or whatever you think is fun.



Cass Meyer and Jeff Jackson enjoying a Fun Friday Paella Party  
Photo by Marilyn Jackson



## Red Eye Regatta January 1, 2022

### Fowl Weather Gear or Shorts & T-Shirts? It's Texas y'all!

Start the New Year off right with the Red Eye Regatta!

For 2022 at the AYC Clubhouse there will be breakfast tacos, Bloody Mary Bar and Mimosas for you Saturday morning. Follow with first warning signal at noon and awards at 5pm at AYC.

#### Registration and Details:

**Online registration only:** <https://www.austinyachtclub.net/red-eye-regatta/#register-redeyeregatta>

Open to: All keelboats and multihulls. Please be sure to indicate "spinnaker" or "non-spin."

Fee: \$25 (\$5 KHF discount), \$35 late registration after 5:00 pm on December 31, 2021.

Registration fee refund requests must be made to the Regatta Chair before 5:00 pm, December 30, 2021. No refunds after this time.

#### Race Day Schedule

9:00 am	Online Late Entry deadline (no on-site registration)
10:00 am	Skippers Meeting in person at AYC beneath the clubhouse
12 Noon	Commencement of Starts for multihull and monohull boats
5:00 pm	Post-race trophies will be in-person

#### Questions? Please contact:

Regatta Chair Kurt Zinsmeyer at [zinsmeyerk@yahoo.com](mailto:zinsmeyerk@yahoo.com)  
PRO Chris Lewis at [aycredeyering@gmail.com](mailto:aycredeyering@gmail.com)

*Red Eye Regatta is sponsored by the Performance Racing Fleet.*

## 2021 Texas Challenge Cup by Chris Lewis



AYC was invited to sail against Texas Sailing Clubs in the fleet of RS21 sport boats owned by Lakewood YC for the Texas Challenge Cup. Represented by a team of four with experience, strength and youth with **Chris Lewis** helming, **Ethan Froelich** on main and spin sheets, **Spencer LaGrande** trimming jib and **Fiona Froelich** dedicated to back stay and pit, the crew assembled at the Lakewood RS21 docks

on Saturday, December 11 and met 10 other Texas teams as they rigged the numbered identical RS21s.

The clubs racing were: LYC, CSC, GBCA, LCYC, FWBC, RCYC, HYC, CCYC and TCYC. The docks were full of familiar sailing faces from various classes and despite the friendly atmosphere there was a sense of focus and purpose as the teams hit the water. Our team was supported on location by **Bruce McDonald** and **Karen Lewis**, on and off the water, and felt prepared as we readied for a tough day of racing.

### TCC History

The Texas Challenge Cup dates back to 1986, first held at Texas Corinthian Yacht Club ("TCYC"). That year, nine clubs competed on Solings. Lakewood Yacht Club and Houston Yacht Club held the event over the next three years but was not repeated until 2001, when it was resurrected. By 2005, the event included clubs throughout Texas. Sometime after, the tradition paused again until Lakewood revived this great Texas tradition of competition and togetherness.

### Race Day

The forecast was ominous with a strong north front sweeping through early Saturday morning. Winds built to 18 gusting 30 from a northern direction. The fleet had to race out in Galveston Bay rather than the more sheltered Clear Lake because the lake is too narrow. At the briefing **Dwight Bengston, PRO** said that the racing was on; but watch the flags. Bravo flag flying would mean non-spin racing which is how we started the day.

Team AYC rigged and set off with the spinnaker folded and safely sealed under the bow hatch. We also attached a Vakaros instrument to the mast which allowed us to ping the line. This would pay dividends as the starts were super competitive and we always knew our distance to the start line in steep seas and gusty conditions.

Leaving the Clear Lake channel where the waves were stacked up, the boat was getting swamped by wave after wave as we powered out to the race course. But the RS21 design provides for water to slosh straight through the boat and out the stern. After some practice the AYC crew settled down, surviving upwind with only a part of the jib pulling in the gusts and hitting 14 knots downwind without a spinnaker!

The Race 1 start looked to be pin biased and also to favor the left side of the course where there was flatter water tucked under the shoreline. In Bow 11 we had a clean start three boats up from the pin and started working the main and jib in every gust. We held our lane and showed good speed. Tacking short of the port lay line we rounded second to TCYC in Bow 8 who were inside of us on the port approach. Downwind we closed up a little and going up the second beat we again rounded close behind TCYC for the run to the finish. Sitting on their wind we compressed and then passed them.



RS21 start

But what goes around comes around and they tried the same to us after gybing on our breeze. However, a defensive luff gave us the space bear away and take a win in Race 1!



Race 1 RS21 finish

Race 2 set up with a squarer line. This time TCYC showed great speed and won decisively. We slid into the pack after a maneuver at the top marks that lost us ground, but managed to climb to finish third, just a few feet off second place with some great downwind speed on the last run.



Race 2 RS21 upwind

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RS21 AYC with spin

The wind was abating to 15 to 22 and the Bravo flag came down. Rigging the kite offshore in a strange boat was tricky but we finally had a cleanly rigged spinnaker. We lined up and this time won the start close to the favored committee boat end. But TCYC again showed great upwind speed. At the top mark we set spinnakers for the first time and took off downwind with TCYC and Rush Creek YC ("RCYC") in a three boat line-up. Sailing high and fast we got our nose in front but gybed onto a starboard approach to the gate that was just too tight in the massive gusts. We dropped early and two legs later finished second to TCYC; setting up the final race of the day just two points adrift of the leaders.



Race 3 RS21 upwind

The 3rd and last race was close with us rounding ahead of TCYC after picking some good shifts. But we had good speed downwind and rounded the first downwind gate together with TCYC and RCYC after we suffered a small round-up caused by the lazy spin sheet getting trapped during our gybe. But TCYC again showed superior upwind speed and powered away up the second beat, taking a third win as we placed second in the race and in the series overall.

### Post-Race Activities

Back ashore we congratulated the winners and confirmed what we suspected. With no crew weight limit TCYC were well over 730 lb to our 660 lb. Photos and video show the boat set ups to be identical upwind and downwind. They just had more power in those seas to gain height over us. However, we were thrilled to decisively take second place in such a competitive fleet and to successfully represent our sailing talent at AYC.

### Notes of Interest

- The strength of the AYC youth program is amazing. With two teenagers and a college aged sailor onboard, we competed against the stalwarts of Texas racers and were thriving in the tough physical conditions.

**Fiona Froelich**, age 17, started sailing in Optimis, then RS Feva as an early intro to asym kites before Lasers and C420. Now J80s and RS21. Fiona has competed at national and world events.

**Ethan Froelich**, age 18, raced Optimis, Lasers and I420, becoming number one in the USA. Now pursuing IQFoil and on the Olympic development squad, recently placing 3rd at Nationals.

**Spencer LeGrande**, age 23, is a top Laser sailor in Texas and was one of the top in nation by the time he graduated from high school. He was hired as the Austin Yacht Club coach. Currently sailing J80s.

- Lakewood YC, the hosts, sailed their national RS21 champion and top J22 sailor **Casey Lambert** and crew. With a 5th in Race 1, they unfortunately suffered a collapsed stanchion and had to pull out.
- Houston YC broke a spreader early on and had to retire.
- RCYC took a credible third place with some smart sailing.

### What will the future be for this event?

**Marie Wise** asked us all to think about what comes next. Does the winner host? Or do we rotate clubs? Clearly LYC has a great venue with 12 responsive and identical A-Sym sport boats.

We shall see; but this event was a great success, bringing clubs together and providing some extremely close racing.

More coverage: <http://www.sailingscuttlebutt.com/2021/12/11/2021-texas-challenge-cup/>

Photos by Bruce McDonald



RS21 TCYC vs AYC

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## TCC Competitors

- AYC: Chris Lewis, Spencer LeGrande, Ethan Froelich, Fiona Froelich
- CCYC: Chris Corley, Scott Mears, Greg Turman
- CSC: Tom Miller, Mark Babb, Paul Miller, Rachel Mittman
- FWBC: Bryan Dyer, Conner Fullerton, Jim Mitchell, Mike Schwinn
- GBCA: Allie Cribbs, Kevin Orff and crew
- HYC: Billy Richnow, Robert Williams, Pat Gibson
- LCYC: Fred Soward, Chris Powers, Buddy Byington
- LYC: Casey Lambert, Jesse Fulmer, Evan Smith, Giorgio Martelli
- RCYC: Bill Draheim, David Hoye, Justin Adams
- TCYC: Carter Perrin, Gary Ross, Henry May, Gerard Coleman, Clark Thompson

## Race Results

2021 Texas Challenge Cup							
Team	Bow	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Points	Place
TCYC	8	2	1	1	1	5	1
AYC	11	1	3	2	2	8	2
RCYC	7	3	2	3	4	12	3
CSC	2	4	8	7	3	22	4
FWBC	6	7	4	6	5	22	5
GBCA	3	6	5	5	6	22	6
LCYC	5	9	7	4	7	27	7
CCYC	9	8	6	8	9	31	8
LYC	1	5	11	11	11	38	9
HYC	-	11	11	11	11	44	10

\* 11 = RET

## AYC Frostbite Series Schedule

Frostbite Series #1	Saturday January 8
Frostbite #2	Saturday January 15
Frostbite #3	Saturday January 22
Frostbite #4	Saturday January 29
Frostbite #5	Saturday February 5
Frostbite #6	Saturday February 12
Frostbite #7 EOS	Saturday February 19

## In Memoriam



Marian Breen

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Marian Breen on December 19, 2021. Marian was the wife of AYC Past Commodore, Jack Breen (1977) and the mother of active AYC member Michael Breen.

A funeral Mass was held for Marion at St. Austin Catholic Church on Wednesday, December 22. In lieu of a reception, Marian's family visited out front of the church following Mass.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating in Marian's name to the Volunteer HealthCare Clinic, 4215 Medical Parkway, Austin TX 78756, or to the Christopher Breen Memorial Scholarship at St. Austin's school, 800 Herndon Lane, Austin TX 78704. <https://www.staustinschool.org/support-us/give-online>

Please keep the Breen family in your thoughts and prayers as they grieve their loss.

To read Marian's complete obituary, please visit <https://www.statesman.com/obituaries/p0174900>



Ron Clarkson

It is with great sadness that we announce the loss of one of our newest Catalina 22 skippers. Ron Clarkson, an AYC member since March, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on Saturday, December 11, 2021.

More details will be available in the days to come.

Please hold Ron's wife, Tanya, their children and their entire family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

## Multihull Fleet Sail Training Report

by Michael Moran



Sunday, 05 December saw the first formal sail training clinic conducted by the Multihull Fleet. **Bobby Brooks** of Wind Advisory served as our venerable instructor / coach. We had a great turn-out of 11 boats and 39 participants across two catamarans and nine trimarans.

As a “first of its kind” we put on a full day’s training agenda, spanning a number of topics that were of interest to Multihull Fleet members.



Photo by Bill Coon

The full-day classroom and on-the-water training were supported by water level and drone video as well as a Zoom session debrief.

Judging from participant feedback on that Sunday, and in responses received via a post-clinic survey, the day was a solid success. We attribute being able to achieve this outcome due to a not insubstantial amount of pre-clinic planning, coordination and direct training support. In addition to **Bobby**, the clinic involved five personnel who operated two support boats, setting and adjusting marks, an on-the-water camera and a video drone. To this end, **Bill Coon** and I wish to thank **Tobin and Jayden Beal**, **Hayden Ross**, **Bob Gross** and **Timmy Coon**. Additionally, we wish to recognize **Claudia** and **John Bartlett** for their generosity in lending their RIB as one of the support boats. We would have not achieved the objectives of the clinic without the direct support of these folks.

The agenda supported a full day’s worth of sail training based upon a survey taken by Multihull Fleet members, and developed from a menu of drills recommended by **Bobby**. Training was focused upon:

- Upwind Sail Trim – and sequence prioritization
- Starting Line Boat Handling
- Lee Bow Upwind
- Cat / Mouse Downwind
- Windward / Leeward Rolling Clock Start Sequence Practice
- Short W / L Race
- Clinic Debrief and Summary Racing Rules Review

The first and last agenda item was lecture format within the AYC clubhouse. The balance of the agenda and majority of the day was spent on the water in hands-on drills. An extensive agenda combined with the need to assertively manage time resulted in a demanding pace that kept all participants in constant motion.

For many members of the Multihull Fleet this was their first formal training. By design, most participants were given the opportunity to attempt maneuvers and skills not previously considered – such as port approaches combined with lee bows during the start sequence and lee bow maneuver again on the upwind beat.



Photo by Elizabeth Quintanilla

Not all went according to plan as we collectively learned that lee bow is definitely a two-boat scenario and cat / mouse is less impactful to multihulls due to asymmetric spinnakers and resultant speed bringing apparent wind relatively far forward. To cover an “ahead competitor” a “trailing” boat would effectively have to be on the beam. Atypical for the Multihull Fleet, the deliberately short courses created “traffic at the windward mark,” scenarios very common to our monohull colleagues, particularly of one-design classes. The resulting close quarters experience yielded some spirited exchanges on the water and debate off the water during the Debrief and Summary Racing Rules Review session.

Once the boats were pulled from the water and put to bed in their dry slips, clinic participants regrouped in the AYC Clubhouse for a DIY sandwich bar and post-clinic debrief by Bobby. Also held was an impromptu summary racing rules review. Both of which enabled additional learning stemming from verbal discussion and review of several of the events during the course of the day.

Follow-on learning continued by means of a Zoom session debrief the following Thursday, 09 December. Flowing from review and analysis of all the video – both on the water and drone footage – **Bobby** was able to effectively reinforce the points set up during the lecture and agenda prep in advance of our taking to the water the prior Sunday. Being presented with the opportunity of third person perspective from both water level and overhead was invaluable to those who joined the Zoom session. Discussion and coaching on racing elements such as port tack approach at the start as well as approach to the mark and exit were brought to life in a manner not previously experienced within the Multihull Fleet.

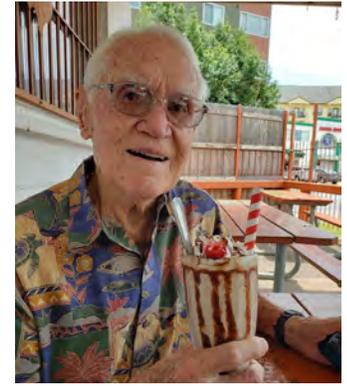


Photo by Hayden Ross

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We collectively learned a great deal and have already begun to factor lessons learned into both sailing and follow-on sail training. From a post-clinic survey it is clear the sail training clinic was a success, and there is desire for more. **Bill and I** are already at work in planning for more training in support of the Multihull Fleet over the course of 2022 – more detail to follow.

**Bill Coon and I** wish to take this opportunity to again thank the Chair of the AYC Training Committee, **Ann Kitzmiller**, and committee members: **Linda McDavitt, Bill Records, Harry Polly, and John Thurston**. We also wish to thank the members of the Performance Race Fleet (PRF) Committee: **Cass Meyer, David Weeks, Robbin Kersey, Kurt Zinsmeyer and Jim Casto**. This sail training clinic and the excellent results flowed directly from the financial support provided by these two committees.



In memory of Karl Dahmen (L) and Clift Price (R)

## Ensign Fleet Report by George Dahmen



The year 2021 has been good to the Ensign fleet. In a nut shell, we had great fun racing together and enjoyed a wonderful sense of friendship. A “well done” to all Ensign sailors.

On December 13, we closed the year with a packed Ensign party (and short business meeting) at the Gamble house. **Dave and Barbara Gamble** opened up their lovely home to a happy fleet.

**Dave** and son, **Chris**, grilled grass-fed beef burgers and the fleet brought a delicious potluck collection of sides, desserts and beverages ... we had a lot of great food. **Susy Ortega** was voted in as our Social Chair. **George Dahmen** remained Fleet Captain and **Fred Ford** stayed on as Secretary/Treasurer. The very next night at the Club banquet Ensign skipper **Anne Morley** was installed as AYC Commodore and Ensign skipper **Bill Hawk** as AYC Harbor Commander. During awards presentations, **George Dahmen** was presented with the **Jessie McIlroy Smith** award. Our fleet celebrated a great sailing year that transcended all the twists and turns of 2021. We danced together in a large circle to great music from a good band. Laughter, dancing and just plain filled the evening. It was a mighty good year to be sailing with friends.

On a personal note, I feel very honored to have received the **Jessie McIlroy** award. The list of previous recipients is humbling. Racing sailboats continues to be a lifelong passion for me. Taking this passion on the road to other clubs makes a great vacation while honing sailing skills with the help of new friends. I share this award with all my friends and family who, throughout the years, traveled with me to numerous regattas beyond our Club. It's been great fun and the memories will sustain me forever...thank you.

*Some of the many photos of 2021 memories (not in any particular order) follow...*



2022 Board with Commodore Anne Morley and Harbor Commander Bill Hawk



Commodore Anne Morley and First Gentleman Tom Morley



Stuffing the boat after racing

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An evening sail (L) and Molly's Christmas wish to the Fleet (R)

Dancing at the Annual Banquet!



The Annual Morley Sail

The race is on!



Day's end

The Ensign Fleet wishes you all a great Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

## Dinghy Fleet Report

by James Bland



The hull construction is completed with one coat of sealing epoxy (System 3 Silvertip brand) and is ready to be removed from the jig/strongback and leveled to complete the interior construction and decking. Centerboard, rudder, deck beams, mast step, shear clamps and assorted other pieces are being prepared for installation.



## J 80 Fleet Report

by Ray Shull



The J 80 Fleet has had a busy last month. First was the Wild Turkey Regatta on Nov 20. Photos were included in the Telltale last month, but they hardly told the whole story. 11 J 80s signed up for the forecast warm weather and moderate winds for the pre-Turkey Day event. Some of us even thought we might see some great windward/leeward course action on the lake, now that the motor boat traffic was almost gone. However,

the Race Officials surprised us with the announcement that we would instead be sailing up the lake past all the marinas, through the shallow waters around Hudson Bend and Arkansas Bend, going past all the pleasure boats trying to use up all their fuel before winter arrived, and then repeat the course back to the start after locating the designated turning mark for our Fleet.

Then the weather surprised us with 15-20 mph winds out of the west, instead of the anticipated moderate south winds. These conditions made for exciting and sometimes out of control conditions.



J 80s seconds after start, Wild Turkey Regatta Photo by Marilyn Jackson

Too Much J did a great job of having the best start on port with their spinnaker flying and maintaining their lead through the various adventures that we encountered up and down the lake. Following them was Air Supply, then Warp Speed, and then Jackrabbit beating Flyer by less than a second. Great stories of huge broaches, navigating through extremely shallow water depths, frequent major changes in wind speed and direction and trying to locate the turning mark past Arkansas Bend. It was great way to end the sailing year and left us anticipating sailing again in the New Year.

After Thanksgiving, we had a large Fleet turnout for the Annual Banquet. **Claudia Bartlett** organized several tables for the Fleet and we enjoyed the great times visiting with each other, recognizing the new AYC Board Members, watching the the AYC awards presentation, and then dancing to the great band. Congratulations to new Board Members from the J 80 Fleet **Bob Gross and David Jamail**, with a partial fleet claim of **Jeff Sabuda**.

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And congratulations to **David Jamail** for also winning the coveted Blue Duck Trophy. **David** really used his head this year while sailing, and was rewarded for it.

Next up was our J 80 Holiday Party at AYC. It was great to see so many of the Fleet members again wearing something other than their sailing clothes. At least some of the Fleet dressed up a bit. The party was bring-your-own food potluck, and we were very lucky indeed with the variety of cuisine. Shrimp pesto on cucumber slices, shrimp stuffed jalapenos, prosciutto roll ups, Italian meatballs, pasta salad, fresh fruit, rum cake, apple pie, cup cakes, and many other items provided a wonderful fare for the evening. We also tried to use up all of the remaining refreshments from the racing parties, but alas we came up a bit short in that endeavor. However, we tried.

We then elected new officers for the Fleet, which coincidentally were the old officers from last year. I guess **Claudia, Janis, and I** have another year of practice in organizing Fleet events and parties. It's actually a pretty fun job. As part of the agenda, **Bob Gross** gave us a preview of plans for the Racing Schedule next year.

It looks like we will enjoy another great year of racing at AYC with a few changes that will hopefully provide even better quality, fun racing. We also discussed the upcoming North U performance Racing Clinic that will take place in April on J 80s at AYC. This event was planned for 10 teams to attend, but the interest was so strong that they have added **two more teams**. These are almost all filled and they're considering adding one or two more teams. There's a full page promo about the clinic in this issue of the Telltale.

Lastly, on December 12, we scheduled a Sail Training Clinic with **Bobby Brooks**. Bobby has conducted several of these this year for fleets at AYC.



J 80 Sailing Clinic classroom *Photo by Bill Coon*

14 J 80s attended the Clinic with over 70 people participating either as sailors, helpers on the water, or preparing the food and drink for the after-party (there always seems to be an after-party for all of our events). The attendance was fantastic and we moved the venue from Shelter One to under the clubhouse after the number of people who were planning to attend grew beyond the capacity of the Shelter. We hope to schedule more of these types of clinics next year, it's apparent that there is a real desire from our members to participate in this type of training.



J 80 start line practice *Photo by Bobby Brooks*

The clinic included a discussion of the drills that we would be conducting on the water, a review of starting techniques that should be used, and a discussion of specific rules that typically apply at starts, mark roundings, and at finishes. Most of the rule situations that were discussed were quickly experienced (and violated) by many of the boats in the packed starts, crowded mark rounding, and close finishes.



Drone photo of J 80s on downwind leg *Photo by Bobby Brooks*

After the on-the-water portion of the clinic, we reconvened for a debrief of lessons learned, improvements identified, rules that were violated, and strategies that should be employed to better your finishes in the racing. **Bobby** organized video recording of the on-the-water action from his boat, and also from a drone camera, that captured a great deal of the close sailing action. He will be organizing and presenting a Zoom meeting to show these great videos and discuss the additional lessons learned. I expect that most of the Fleet will attend to see the great action and to defend their sailing decisions as they are exposed with video evidence during the presentation.

Next up is the Red Eye Regatta on New Year's Day. I expect that we'll have a huge turnout for this event. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and we will enjoy a great day of sailing on the first day of the year.

## Multihull Fleet Report

by Bill Coon



The Multihull Fleet heads into 2022 optimistically with perhaps the largest Farrier/Corsair trimaran fleet in the world (17 with the addition of Doug Casey's Flash to the fleet) and a resurgence in the F18 catamaran fleet with six boats owned by active racers or new members – **Amanda & Chris Worlow, Ethan Froelich, Mike Beuerlein, Brendan Walsh, Ryan Pressley, Chris Reuwsaat**

and **Rikin Shah**. We're also hopeful that we'll see an increasing number of non-F18 catamarans on the race courses in 2022.

We have many fleet members looking ahead to some major out-of-town regattas. **Mike Beuerlein and Philippe Bettler** will be training on Mike's two F18s for the Worrell 1000 from Hollywood Beach FL to Virginia Beach, VA, taking place May 9-22. At least four fleet members (**Bill Coon, Juke Ball, Johannes Brinkmann, Aaron McCulley**) are planning a return to the Corsairs Nationals being held March 4-6, hosted by the Sarasota Sailing Squadron in Sarasota, Florida.

The fleet finished up the year with a festive holiday party hosted in the AYC clubhouse by our social committee led by **Mike & Laurinda Rohrer** and **Robbin Kersey**, with significant help from **Melody Morrissette, Mary Zadnik, Brigitte Benquet** and many others. Our biggest event of the year drew 41 attendees including skippers, crew and significant others.

With support from the Performance Racing Fleet and AYC's Sail Training Committee, the fleet held a day-long training clinic with **Bobby Brooks** on Sunday December 5 with 39 participants sailing nine trimarans and two catamarans. We greatly appreciate the support provided by non-fleet members **Bob Gross, John & Claudia Bartlett, Tobin & Jayden Beal, and Hayden Ross**. Be sure to check out Michael Moran's review of the clinic in this issue of the Telltale. Additionally, the recording of our Zoom debriefing session is available on YouTube at: <https://youtu.be/dxTeqSAeykU>

A burgee exchange was held between the **Coon brothers Tim and Bill** with Tim presenting Bill the Coronado Yacht Club burgee at the training clinic debriefing session. During his visit to AYC, Tim volunteered to do the on-the-water video filming during the fleet's clinic, plus driving Humility in a breezy practice day.



Burgee exchange L-R: Bill Coon receiving Coronado Yacht Club burgee, Tim Coon receiving AYC burgee

We had breezy conditions for the Wild Turkey Regatta hosted by the Performance Racing Fleet that included five Trimarans and five catamarans. **Humility (Bill Coon, Juke Ball, Steve Pollinger)** edged out **Rush Hour** by 72 seconds in the trimaran class with five competitors racing out to mile 15 and back in just over 91 minutes.



Wild Turkey Regatta R-L: Feral Cat (Chris Reuwsaat driving), Trinity in back



Wild Turkey Regatta L-R: Too Hot (Jim Casto), Rush Hour (Mike Rohrer, Chris Holt, Rick Nelson), Trial Run (Russ & Jill Shermer)



Wild Turkey Regatta L-R: Humility, Calypso 4, Trial Run, Lucy Gene, Trinity, Rush Hour, Too Hot, Feral Cat

The catamaran race included a rare withdrawal by **Jim Casto** due to some equipment breakage. For unknown reasons, three catamarans raced past their turnaround mark at mile 13 on the way out from AYC with **Rikin Shah and Owen Crouse** turning at marker 14, and **Chris Reuwsaat** following the trimarans to marker 15. The catamaran race ended with only the **Feral Cat (Reuwsaat)** sailing the proper course rounding the mile 13 marker to port on the way back to AYC Point.

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AYC was well represented at the 53rd annual Wurstfest Regatta hosted by Lake Canyon Yacht Club on Nov 13-14 with three catamarans and four trimarans competing.



Wurstfest Regatta: Rikin Shah and crew



Wurstfest Regatta L-R: Humility (Bill Coon, Juke Ball, Martin Hunt), Far Reach (Mike Beuerlein, Brigitte Benquet, Philippe Bettler)



Wurstfest Regatta, Silver Division L-R: Humility, Far Reach, Tri Power Plus, Trial Run, Saturday Knight



Wurstfest Regatta, Gold Division L-R: Banshee, Nelda Ray, Abandoned Assets

Low wind conditions led to no races on Saturday followed by breezy and variable conditions on Sunday, allowing four races to get completed. **Chris Ford** placed 2nd and **Chris Reuwsaat** was 5th in the Catamaran A class.

The AYC trimarans Humility, Far Reach, and Trial Run placed 2nd, 3rd, and 4th respectively in the Silver Division, and Abandoned Assets placed 3rd in the Gold division. Complete results: [Wurstfest Results HERE](#).

Four trimarans competed in the annual Governor's Cup two-day regatta on October 23-24.



Governor's Cup after rounding Turnaround Mark 15 L-R: Humility (Bill Coon, Michael Moran, Vaughn Brock), Rush Hour (Mike Rohrer, Chris Holt, Rick Nelson)



Governor's Cup: Trial Run (Jill & Russ Shermer)

Humility prevailed over guest boat Searail skippered by **John Luzius**, with a forty second victory in the long-distance race to marker 15 on Saturday. Rush Hour captured the 2nd Place tie-breaker with a fifty second lead over Searail in the W/L race on Sunday.

For the Fall Series, the fleet experimented running its own races on Saturdays in order to race two races each day. Unfortunately, participation was low with only five boats participating at least once during the four race days. Trinity, skippered by **Joel Rosinbum** was the most active in the series – completing six races – and placing 2nd just one point behind 1st place Humility. **Doug Casey** sailed his last race as the owner of Tribology.

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Adam Pawlowski won his first series driving Can't Touch This to two race wins, and Ryan Pressley earned a bullet on his new-to-him F18 Wild Thing.

With the help of 29 volunteers, the Multihull Fleet hosted our inaugural Multihull Distance Regatta on October 2-3. Special thanks go to non-fleet volunteers and contributors – Bob Gross, John & Claudia Bartlett, Tobin & Jayden Beal, Bob & Gayle Leonard, Tom Meyer, Linda Donovan, Paul Carew, Scott Nagle, John McKallip, Ed Pierce, Jorge Martin-de-Nicholas, Daniel Hochman, Dave Gould, Kent Winegar, Janis Livingston, Cathie Martin. Additional thanks to fleet members for substantial contributions: Jay Pochop (Race documents & Asst. PRO), Aaron McCulley (PRO, spaghetti dinner), Robbin Kersey (Dinner), Mary Zadnik (Asst PRO, dinner), Bill Coon (Regatta Chair) and especially Jim Casto for his inspiration and leadership in developing this special event. Six trimarans and one catamaran (Jim Casto) competed – we're hoping for much larger participation in 2022. Lucy Gene skippered by Jim Rehage won the 3rd-place tie breaker over Rush Hour, with Far Reach placing 2nd and Humility 1st.

The Indian Summer Series included only two race days as the fleet had RC duty for one race day and the final day conflicted with the Multihull Distance Regatta. Low turnout included only three trimarans and two catamarans. While awaiting repairs to Trinity, Joel Rosinbum resurrected the Grogono's Nacra 5.2 catamaran from deep storage and skippered it in two races forcing a tie-breaker with 1st-place Too Hot raced by Jim Casto. Trial Run (2nd) and Humility (1st) match raced as the trimaran participants.

Six catamarans competed in the annual AYC Centerboard Regatta on September 18-19. No wind on Sunday meant the races on Saturday would decide the outcome of the regatta. Ethan Froelich led the four F18s producing a decisive regatta victory with three first-place finishes in four races – followed by Aaron McCulley (2nd), Mike Beuerlein (3rd), Philippe Bettler (4th). Jon Wolfe won the non-F18 catamaran class beating Joel Rosinbum by one point over three races. Three Weta trimarans competed, with Jim Rehage and Cass Meyer taking first and second places, respectively.

As Jim Casto passes the leadership baton, many fleet members have stepped up to serve the fleet in 2021-2022: Bill Coon (Co-Captain), Bo Kersey (Co-Captain), Michael Moran (Sail Training), Mike & Laurinda Rohrer, Robbin Kersey (Social Committee), Aaron McCulley & Mary Zadnik (Awards), and Bill Coon, Bo Kersey, and Jim Rehage (Handicap Ratings).

Perhaps most importantly, volunteer participation by Multihull Fleet members continues to grow at the Club level: Russ Shermer (2022 Vice Commodore / 2020-2021 Harbor Commander), Jim Casto (2021-2023 Long-term Planning, PRC, PRF), Robbin Kersey (PRF Secretary), Joel Rosinbum (Harbor), Bill Coon (Harbor, Membership). Joining the above in Club level positions in 2022: Aaron McCulley (PRC), Philippe Bettler (PRC), Rick Nelson (Membership), Mike Beuerlein (Harbor).

## 2021 High School Keelboat Championships

by James Brock



Recently I had the privilege of attending High School Keelboat Nationals, 12/11-12, with my teammates Vivian Heitkoetter, William Cranney-Fee, and Ryder Getson. The regatta was sailed in St. Petersburg, Florida in a fleet of J70s. Only 10 teams from across the country qualified for the event, so it was a huge honor to be able to attend. The first day of the regatta brought medium wind that built slightly throughout the day.



It was really tough competition. just one mistake could cause you to drop several places in the race. Going in, our goal was to place in the top three every race. We focused heavily on consistency and out of the five races sailed that day, we placed out of the top three only once. These scores earned us first place going into the second day, but we were only ahead of the second team by one point.



The wind was dead all throughout the next morning, but the optimistic race committee sent us out. They started race 6 as soon as the wind filled in. Despite shifty conditions that were difficult to read, we earned third place on the final leg, with the second place team in sixth. However, halfway down the beat the wind slowly died, and so the race was abandoned.

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For the next two hours, we were postponed on the water waiting for the wind to fill in. We sat slowly nearing the final race time, knowing we were in first place by one point. Finally, with just eight minutes until the deadline, they started a race. The wind was still shifting rapidly from the north to the south. During the first upwind, we found ourselves caught on the wrong side of a 40-degree shift, so around the windward mark we were only beating one boat with our competition three places ahead. The rest of the race proved equally difficult and around the final mark we still were three places behind our competition. On the final downwind, we separated with the fleet, thinking there would be more wind on the opposite side. Luckily, our predictions were correct and we passed the second place team by just one boat length at the finish line. We collectively breathed a sigh of relief, knowing that this result had just secured our first place result in the regatta.



Photos by Markus Heitkoetter

I would like to give a huge thank you to everyone who helped us prepare for this event! **Bob Leonard and Karen Bogisch** for trusting a bunch of high schoolers to train with their boats. **Bruce McDonald** for being a sparring partner. **John Bartlett** for providing rib support. And **Chris Lewis** for spending an entire afternoon coaching us and giving us countless bits of advice. We truly could not have done it without any of you!

## AYC 2022 Race Calendar

Red Eye Regatta	Jan 1
Frostbite Series	Jan 8, 15, 22, 29

## AYC 2022 Non-Racing Events

Fun Friday	Jan 7, 21	7:00 - 10:00pm
Boat Maintenance Clinic	Jan 8	9:00am - 1:00pm
Winter Opti III Practice	Jan 8, 15, 22, 29	9:00am - 2:00pm
Winter HS Sailing Practice	Jan 8, 9, 15, 16, 29, 30	3:00 - 5:30pm Saturdays 2:00 - 4:30pm Sundays
Rules Clinic	Jan 16	2:00 - 5:00pm
Celebration of Life Ron Clarkson	Jan 23	1:00 - 4:00pm
AYC Board Meeting	Jan 27	7:30 - 9:00pm