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# Red Eye Regatta Kicks Off 2022



Moments after the start from the signal boat: Chris Hargett and crew on J80 Kicks, Claude Welles and crew on Jackrabbit, James Brock and crew on J80 JazzTacks, Ray Shull and crew on Flyer Photo by Bruce McDonald

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Mar 12-13/19-20	Spring Series Races*
Mar 26-27	J/24 March Madness
Mar 26-27	US Sailing Level 1 Certification

## Message from the Commodore by Anne Morley



### Happy New Year Everyone!

I am honored to be your 2022 Commodore. We have an amazing Board this year and have had open and constructive discussions about some very exciting plans! The individual Commanders will be reporting on their specific projects and events. I think you will see some big changes and improvements this year. I'm excited to be working with such a wonderful Board.

Please be patient with us as we follow the Covid guidelines. Signage is required by Travis County. Please do not remove the signage as AYC could be fined if the signs are not posted, per Mayor Adler. The great news is that we can still sail in a safe manner.

The AYC Opening Day will be held on March 6, 2022. We will be looking at the Covid stage in the next couple of weeks and decide if we will be doing the festivities remotely or in person. Either way we will have a great celebration and racing.

I would like to start a monthly *Coffee with the Commodore* to better communicate with members in a smaller group than at the Board meeting. I will have one of the Commanders with me each month so we can have the Commander focus on their committee. In February I will have Sail Training Commander, **Linda McDavitt**, joining me. Our first *Coffee with the Commodore* will be on February 5th at 10am under the clubhouse. Look forward to seeing everyone there!

### Social Committee Update

We are handling social activities a little differently this year. Instead of a Social Chair, we will have a team who will then create their own committee for each event. The AYC Social Team includes: **Dee Chow, Adrianna Ravelo, Lynn Jaeger, Carolynne Griffin and Molly Isbell.**

I want to thank this team in advance for taking on the social events this year. It's an amazing group and I'm sure they will have great committees working with them.

First social event will be Opening Day, March 6, 2022. Planning has already started.

Here's to a great 2022!

## Vice Commodore Report by Russ Shermer



### Greetings AYC Board and Membership

I am honored to be named 2022 Vice Commodore and look forward to a fun year of regattas. Planning is just getting started, but mark these dates in your calendar.

Here's what we have so far:

Opening Day Regatta	March 6
Turnback Regatta	April 30 – May 1
Roadrunner Regatta	June 04 - 05
Centerboard Regatta	October 08 - 09
Governor's Cup	October 22 - 23

Given the two-day series race format starting with the Spring Series, we decided to make the Opening Day its own separate regatta to bring the entire Club together for the celebration.

We can't emphasize enough, the fact that we are a volunteer-run Club. That is what keeps our dues and fees low while keeping the fun and camaraderie high! Putting on major regattas takes a huge amount of work, volunteers and planning. We are just getting started with the planning and would love to have you participate. If you have helped with a previous regatta, then you are already an expert! If you have not, then welcome to a new adventure. Please contact me at: [vice\\_commodore@austinyachtclub.net](mailto:vice_commodore@austinyachtclub.net) to get involved. We would love to have your participation.

I would like to thank **Bill Hawk** for taking on the Harbor Commander role. As a long-time member with prior board service, he brings a wealth of talent both to that position and to the Board in general.

## Secretary Report by Cheryl Pervier



It is an honor to serve as the AYC Secretary for a second year. Experienced Board members have observed that the first year on the Board involves a lot of learning and the second year gets easier. After I get through the flurry of FURs and motions in January, we'll see how that goes. In any case, I enjoy this role as I get to work with many good people and can really learn how AYC operates. It's a great Club and I'm glad I have the opportunity to contribute.

As you probably heard a few times before, the Secretary manages AYC Facilities Use Requests, aka FURs. They are used to request the use of AYC Facilities that are not generally available or if an event includes more than 12 non-member guests. Details are in the AYC Handbook, [austinyachtclub.net/handbook/#house](http://austinyachtclub.net/handbook/#house). Members may submit FURs via the website, [austinyachtclub.net](http://austinyachtclub.net). Log in and go to Members menu, Reservations and Requests, and Request for Event Facility Use. FURs more than six-months out will not be considered.

FURs are reviewed and voted upon by the AYC Board at the monthly Board meetings. The deadline for submissions is the Sunday before the Board meetings, which are on the 4th Thursday of the month, except for November (3rd Thursday) and December (no meeting).

Among other Secretarial responsibilities are the Member Directories. There is a spiral bound version that was printed last June, and all copies have been distributed. The other version is on the web site at [austinyachtclub.net/printable-member-directory/](http://austinyachtclub.net/printable-member-directory/). Please help keep your information accurate. To change your information, go the Member Information Change form. Thanks!

See you at the Club!

## Race Commander Report by Bob Gross



With my first month as Race Commander under my belt, I'd like to thank those who have allowed me to hit the ground running: **André De La Reza** and the rest of the members of the **2021 Permanent Race Committee (PRC)** position in great standing. I'm excited to build off their success in the coming months.

The first responsibility was setting the 2022 race calendar, and I'm excited to say it is full with 130 scheduled days of sailing. It's going to be a busy year!

Event Type	Events	Days Sailed
AYC Series Racing	4*	49
Wed Night Laser/Sunfish	1	23
PRF Beer Can Races	1	19
OD/Fleet Regatta	6	12
AYC Regatta	4	7
UT Sailing Team Regatta	3	6
HS Sailing Team Regattas	2	4
PRC MoonBurn Races	1	4
PRC Regatta	3	3
TSA Regatta	1	2
Sea Scouts Qualifier	1	1
<b>TOTaI AYC RACING</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>130</b>

*\*J 80 and Trimarans to race on separate days beginning with the Spring 2022 series resulting in 21 additional race days*

After splitting fleet race days in 2021 as an experiment, we recognize several benefits of racing on two days, one of which is increased pool of available crew for each day. Beginning at the start of the Spring Series, we will return to having fleets split into two days. With this comes two big challenges. The first is effectively doubling the number of race committee days and the second is bringing the fleets together at the end of the series to ensure that we celebrate racing together as one AYC family.

To ensure all series races receive quality racing, and considering the disproportionate numbers of boats in each fleet, we are considering moving away from fleet-based race committee assignments to a more balanced model that would distribute RC assignments proportionally across all fleets with the expectation that everyone who enjoys racing at AYC has the opportunity to contribute to RC.

Beginning with the Spring Series when the fleets split race days, to celebrate the end of each series together, we are going to incorporate awards presentations into an End of Series Party where we can all come together to celebrate not only the racing each series, but to recognize all the different racing activities that happen during the quarter, including the Roadrunner Fleet, High School Sailing, UT Sailing, travelling regattas, and AYC members' participation in regional and national events. These End of Series Parties will be scheduled for the first Saturday following the last race day of the series.

Our RC volunteers are vital to a successful racing program at AYC. Therefore we are taking a hard look at all aspects of race committee and looking for opportunities to reduce the burden on our member volunteers. This includes making it easier to set and retrieve marks & anchors, adjust start/finish lines for squareness, and improve the overall race committee experience.

To accomplish these goals, I made a motion at the January Board meeting to purchase a Mark Set Bot, which will allow race committee to adjust the length and squareness of the starting line remotely, without using an anchor or requiring a separate chase boat. You can learn about Mark Set Bot and its capabilities by visiting [www.marksetbot.com](http://www.marksetbot.com). Additionally, the PRC is investigating opportunities to upgrade the anchor retrieval on the RC boats to make anchor retrieval easier regardless of physical capabilities.



To conclude, I'd like to thank the members of the PRC for their guidance and commitment to making racing at AYC the best experience possible for the membership.

## Building and Grounds Report by Jeff Sabuda



Happy New Year, everyone. I am really honored to be your Building & Grounds Commander for 2022. I would like to extend a huge thank you and a job well done to past B&G Commander **John Maddalozzo** and the B&G committee of **Jeff and Marilyn Jackson, Jorge Martin de Nicholas, Patrick Flynn, Claudia Bartlett, Jay Pochop, Juke Ball, Mike Beuerlein, Don Morrison, Greg Grover, and Tobin Beal** for completing what seems to be a record number projects and hours over the last two years. You all have improved, maintained and kept the Club's buildings and grounds in great working order. Thank you for all you have done for AYC's buildings and grounds!

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Over the past several weeks the outgoing and incoming Boards have deliberated over needed maintenance and improvement projects for this new year. The outcome of these discussions resulted in the following proposed 2022 maintenance and improvement projects:

- Replacing the cabinets in the kitchen
- Replacing an outdated mattresses and bedding in the cabins, updating interior of cabins, cabin fireplace improvements
- Replacing all outdoor grills
- Tree work
- Water line improvements
- Replacing the chair and couch cushions in the clubhouse, replacing the clubhouse middle southside door
- Major asphalt repair
- Exterior painting of the clubhouse, office and Cabins 3-8
- Replacing office phone system/gate/security
- General upkeep of the facilities.

If anyone has questions or concerns regarding any of these project topics, please let me know.

This month has already seen B&G's first improvement of the year, a 65" TV installed in a storm-proof enclosure under the clubhouse deck near the Race Committee board. The TV is available for members and



Jeff Sabuda and the new downstairs TV Photo by Cheryl Pervier

staff to use for training sessions, post-race recap video, America's Cup viewing and social events. Features and a how-to of this unit will be posted on the inside of the enclosure.

My professional background as an Electrical Engineer (digital design) as well as working in home improvement during my high school and college days...and beyond, has enabled me to be well versed as the Building & Grounds Commander, but I can't do it alone. I need my fellow sailors' help to keep AYC in tip-top shape so all of us and the many generations after us can enjoy this magnificent property. With the many plans for improving and maintaining AYC's property this year, I am currently looking for new faces to add to the existing Building & Grounds committee.

Do you have vision for home/building interior decoration/design?

Do you have a green thumb & love landscape design?

Do you know how to use a paintbrush & don't mind getting a little dirty?

Do you have experience in construction, building, plumbing, electrical, HVAC or security systems?

Do you want to lend a hand and feel productive?

Or do you just want to learn how to use tools to build, maintain and repair stuff?

Everyone, no matter your background, is welcome to be part of B&G committee and/or participate during the scheduled workdays and non-scheduled work events.

So far, three 2022 B&G workdays have been scheduled for the year:

**Saturday, February 26 – Preparing for Opening Day**

This includes planting, landscaping, cleaning windows, cleaning debris around the Club, pressure washing, etc.

**Saturday, March 26 – Spring cleaning**

This includes major brush removal, cabin cleaning & redecorating, etc.

**Saturday, August 20 – Paint day, others TBD**

Since we are a volunteer Club, these dates are subject to change; however, we will try and stick to them the best we can.

**Other dates**

These are days throughout the year when we will get together to brainstorm new improvement ideas, perform improvements, perform maintenance repairs, etc.

As each scheduled work day nears, I will inform everyone of the activities that are planned so you can prepare. Plus, you can look at a work day as a productive social event complete with a catered lunch and refreshing beverages. For all probationary members, work days qualify for credit towards your service points, and you get to meet and mingle with the wonderful people of AYC.

Remember, home improvement skills and landscaping skills are NOT required! Being part of B&G is a wonderful opportunity and a great way to learn useful handy skills while forming new friendships.

To be part of the B&G committee, please contact me at: [buildings\\_grounds@austinyachtclub.net](mailto:buildings_grounds@austinyachtclub.net) and let me know your interests.

Again, home/grounds improvement skills are not required! This is your opportunity to learn something new while you're improving your racing technique at AYC. With everyone's positive energy, collaborated insights, suggestions and expressed concerns, I truly believe this will be a successful member-wide endeavor.

**Harbor Commander Report**  
by Bill Hawk



The new year looks busy for the Harbor Committee – lots of small and a few big projects, several ongoing situations hopefully getting resolved, and a great crew of volunteers (last year's dedicated and this year's optimistic). Thanks to the following members for agreeing to help out:

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|-----------------------|----------------|-------------|
| Jeff Avant            | Bruce McDonald | Harry Polly |
| Mark Kamen            | Joel Rosinbum  | John Powell |
| Elizabeth Quintanilla | Doug Powell    | Bob Leonard |
| Tom Groll             | Mike Beuerlein |             |

And please let me know if I have missed anyone! I know a lot of folks had expressed interest, and hopefully I have included some of them above, but if you want to join the fun we can always find something else to do!

**A few of our planned projects:**

- The big issue this year is whether and when the docks will have to move. Thanks to the new construction, we can wait out a few more feet but soon the great migration will have to begin.

- The current budget contains funds for additional shore anchors in a few places – the far northwestern corner of the property between Dock 6 and our neighbors' park, and both north and south sides of the point.
- Steps and a short walkway are also planned for the Junior Dock and Pavilion, to help the kids (and their parents) get down over the shelf rock along the south side of the point.
- The North Rigging Dock should be upgraded with better cleats and bumpers.
- The track for the walkway to Dock 4 (and 5 and 6) will be extended to allow us to keep these in place down to lower lake levels than in the past (and currently possible).
- The Junior Pavilion will have its planking replaced and flotation repaired, along with extra padding along the sides to allow easier access for sailors getting on and off of their boats.

Other possible work would be to clean up the old cables lying at various places around the property, including the south side of the South Cove, to replace the cradles for the FJs and other AYC Sail Training boats, and to come up with a design for a cradle that will fit both Sunfish (straps) and Lasers (under the deck lip). Anyone with any ideas on the last please sketch something up and let's talk, we are looking for good ideas.

Finally, there are some revisions coming to the AYC Member Handbook related to the Work and Dry Out Areas. The current rules, while sufficient for most, allow some members to take advantage of this space at the expense of other members' needs. The suggested changes have been submitted to the Board for review and approval, and are planned to be (or to have been) voted on in the January meeting. Suggestion to all: get your trailer properly marked and be sure to plan and reserve the space you need before you haul out your boat.

### A BLAST FROM THE HARBOR COMMITTEE PAST – DRY SAIL GETS A FALL MAKEOVER

by Bill Coon, 2021 Harbor Commander

Probationary members **Gabriella Banka, Dan Ruble, Chris Cherry, Chris Reuwsaat, Steve Whitley, and Jonathan Joy** were joined by Harbor Committee's **Bill Coon** on Saturday November 6th for a Fall Makeover of the Dry Sail Area. **Gabriella Banka and Dan Ruble** tackled the job of re-painting worn slip numbers, while **Chris Reuwsaat and Jonathan Joy** used weedeaters to attack the 2-ft. tall grass growing in the asphalt, and the year's growth behind the boat slips. **Chris Cherry, Steve Whitley, and Bill Coon** trimmed branches and other over-growth behind the slips and hauled them to the Club brush pile for future mulching.



L-R: Steve Whitley, Dan Ruble, Gabriella Banks, Chris Cherry (Chris Reuwsaat not pictured)



Dan Ruble and Gabriella Banka repainting worn dry dry sail area slip numbers  
Photos by Bill Coon

## Sail Training Commander Report by Linda McDavitt



### Hello and best wishes for a fantastic 2022!

Sail Training started 2022 with a rather cold foggy morning under the clubhouse – the 1/8 Boat Maintenance Clinic led by **Ed Pierce**. The good news is that **Pat Manning** had made up some coffee and fixings for hot chocolate for the brave who appeared.



Ed is a great presenter. He first asked participants what they wanted to learn, and made a list of their responses. Then he went through the list and answered all their questions. This was followed by a trip up to the work area where Ed asked participants whether an area on an unsuspecting boat needed work, and if so what kind. Lastly, he took the class back under the clubhouse and showed how to work with different ingredients that could be used to fix different kinds of issues. He also made sure that all participants knew how to clean their hands, etc.

A few quotes from from the post-clinic survey:

- *This was a really good introduction and provided good thoughts to consider with respect to prioritization and how to decide which actions to take for which issues.*
- *The most valuable elements of the clinic for me were difficult to prioritize as all components worked well together as a whole event.*

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- *The most valuable element of the clinic for me was the checklist chalk talk (prioritizing maintenance and triaging issues).*
- *Was so into it I immediately checked and replaced ring dings and now am making up a repair materials kit.*



Thanks to Marilyn Jackson for the photos!

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Clinic #2 was held Sunday 1/16. **Brad Davis** led a Rules Clinic for us on Zoom and we learned about the craziness of trying to operate with all the high-tech equipment run by **Michael Moran**. We got off to a slow start, but once Brad got going all worked well. AYC is fortunate to have Brad as a member and our local expert on the Rules of Sailing.



## More to come!

Coming up we have some exciting **Team Racing for Adults**. If you raced intercollegiate sailing, you know what I am talking about. If not, this is a great game that consists of two teams with three boats on each team competing against each other. It is a game of skill in boat handling and the ability to think fast to keep one's team in the lead.

Some tactics of Team Racing: Slowing down competitor boats to get your team mate ahead; taking another team off to one side by covering them; making brilliant mark roundings with interesting rules and tactics to slow the other team down and sneak your teammate ahead, etc. Basically, a skill of boat handling and split-second decision making. If this is something that interests you, please contact me at [sail\\_training@austinyachtclub.net](mailto:sail_training@austinyachtclub.net). We will be starting in FJs and then moving to Keel boats. All ages, all divisions, all types of events from 2 teams vs. 2, 3 teams vs. 3, etc., and anywhere from 2 to 4 people on a team.

The next Sail Training opportunity will take place on Thursday, 2/10 with **Chris Lewis** speaking about opportunities **Sailing Beyond Lake Travis**. He and his wife, **Karen**, do lots of offshore racing in national and international events. Chris' presentation is scheduled to be in the clubhouse from 7-9pm. Let's hope restrictions are lifted by then. If not, here we go with another Zoom webinar.

**Fundamentals of Sailboat Racing** will be presented by **Bill Records, Chris Lewis and Steve Pervier** on Saturday, 2/26 from 9am to 1pm. Talks will cover boat preparation, understanding the flags, starts, getting around the course, sail trim, and a giant Q&A. Be there or be square! Watch for online registration.

**Discover Sailing (aka First Sail)** will be happening on Sunday, 2/27 from 1 to 5pm. There will be a chalk talk followed by a two-hour sail and a Q&A. Of course, during the two-hour sail there will be NO cocktails served, but there will be an all hands-on-deck opportunity for one to experience pulling in the sheets, tucking the boom during a tack, understanding if weight placement makes a difference and so forth. Watch for this registration.

The **Build your Crew/Team** workshop will be a 9 to 5 day on Saturday, 3/5. During this session, you will learn how all the positions on the boat relate to each other, what your position entails and what you need to know and do to make your team mate(s) more successful. This Sail Training event will take place the day before Opening Day and the start of the Spring Series, so come as a team and gel as a team.

That's it for now, but check the website as you will see events/sail training opportunities pop up when you least expect it.

Til we meet on the water, may today be the best day of your life!

# Adult Sail Training Opportunities

Thursday, Feb 10, 2022 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.

**FUNDAMENTALS OF SAILBOAT RACING**

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

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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**  
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11:45 - 1:00 Video Review & Lunch  
1:30 - 4:30 Races with Coaching  
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## 2022 Red Eye Regatta

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Regatta Chair  
Kurt Zinsmeyer

The Red Eye Regatta was a huge success this year with 40 boats participating across all classes. Once again, the regatta was a pursuit style race format. Wind conditions created challenges to planning a pursuit style race. The night before the race, the forecast called for gusts in the low 30s, prompting conversations about mandatory life jacket usage. However, contrary to the forecast, winds were virtually non-existent with glass-like conditions before the start of the race.

Luckily, the wind built just prior to the start allowing for a successful start, although the RC shortened course for the Multihulls, allowing several boats to finish. Many thanks to our PRO, **Chris Lewis** and all of the RC Crew, for their fabulous efforts to manage this complicated race format under challenging weather and COVID conditions! Thanks to **Cass Meyer** for his help to generate pursuit start times for the various courses and to **Ed Pierce** for website and scoring support.

Social activities under the clubhouse were also a big success with lots of participation before and after the race. As always, **Bob Gross** did an amazing job with his world-class Bloody Mary bar!! There was plenty of food with Los Pinos breakfast tacos before the race and beer with New Year's pinto beans afterwards. Thanks to **Kurt and Jill Zinsmeyer** for their efforts to feed the large crowd!



Bob Gross and his annual Bloody Mary Bar Photos by Marilyn Jackson



Breakfast line: L-R Jeff Jackson, Andy Linseisen, Bill Records, John Powell



Barry Thornton (RC) & Chris Lewis (Regatta PRO)



New members (Summer 2021) Tiffin Thompson & Max Holtz



Kelly & Bill Hawk, Dave Wahlberg, James & Carolyn Wilsford

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## 2022 Red Eye Regatta

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William Kozinski, Mack Warner, Millie Yap Photos by Marilyn Jackson



Rakin Shah, Jim Casto, Owen Crouse, Drew McNeely



Molly Isbell, Claude Welles, David Jamail



Gayle & Bob Leonard



Lewis Price, Renee Ruais, Jim Bridgwater, Charlie & Annie Lancaster



Bruce McDonald and Karen Lewis

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## 2022 Red Eye Regatta

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Claudia & John Bartlett and crew on Beneteau 40.1 Trixie  
Photos by Bruce McDonald



Cass Meyer and crew on Pearson Flyer Turbo Namaste



Janis & Kirk Livingston and crew on J 80 Warp Speed



Sprint 750 trimarans, Jim Rehage and crew on Lucy Gene, Bill Coon and crew on Humility



J/22s L-R: John Halter and crew on Project Mayhem, Linda McDavitt and Crew on Bonfire, Jim Bridgwater and crew on Silicon Ship



David Jamail and crew on J 80 Blood, Sweat and Tears

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John Halter and crew on J/22 Project Mayhem Photos by Bruce McDonald



Julius Heitkoetter and crew William Cranney-Fee (on the helm) and Vivian Hoetkoetter on RR Flying Scott



Leeward mark round-up



James Brock, skippering Karen Bogisch's J 80 JazzTacks



David Wahlberg and crew on J 80 Restless



Claude Welles and crew on J 80 Jackrabbit, winner of Hap McCollum Trophy

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William (Roadrunner) and David Michael sailing on Bill Records' Pearson 26OD Cafe au lait *Photo by Bill Records*



Drew McNeely and crew on Hobie Tiger *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



Wade Bingaman and crew on Catalina 30 Risin' Moon  
*Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



Will Schwartz and crew on Cape Dory Typoon Ann Marie *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



Owen Crouse and crew on Hobie Getaway Neki  
*Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



J 80s *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*

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## 2022 Red Eye Regatta

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Trimarans 1st place Mike Beuerlein (skipper) and crew Brigitte Benquet, Phillippe Bettler on F28R Far Reach Photos by Marilyn Jackson



Catamarans 1st place Jim Casto on Nacra 5.5 uni + jib Two Hot



J 80s 1st place and winner of Hap McCollum Trophy, Claude Welles on Jackrabbit



J/22s 1st place Linda McDavitt (skipper, center) and crew Gretchen Douglas and John Mandell on Bonfire



PRF A 1st place Pearson Flyer Turbo, Cass Meyer (skipper) Accepting award are crew Marilyn Jackson & Jeff Jackson



PRF B 1st place Pearson 260 OD Bill Records on Cafe au lait

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## 2022 Red Eye Regatta

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J 80s 3rd place Janis Livingston, Wade Kokernot, Kurt Livingston (skipper) on Warp Speed Photos by Marilyn Jackson



J 80s 2nd place Dale Scoggins, Karen Bogisch (skipper), James Brock, Lucy Brock on JazzTacks



PRF A 2nd place John & Claudia Bartlett on Trixie Accepting award are crew Bob Gross and Taylor Snyder



PRF B 2nd place on RR Flying Scott Julius Heitkoetter (skipper) and crew Vivian Heitkoetter

**2022 Frostbite End of Series  
Chili Cookoff!**  
February 19, 2022 Following Racing  
Under the AYC Clubhouse  
Let's have some fun following a fantastic series with  
a fleet vs fleet chili cookoff!  
**Details Below**

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# REDEYE REGATTA

January 1st, 2022

Austin Yacht Club

Austin, Texas

## TRIMARANS

Staggered Start Times with Time  
on Time Scoring

Division	Sail No.	Boat Name	Boat Type	Skipper	PHRF for race	Race START Time	Race FINISH Time	ELAPSED TIME	CORRECTED TIME	PLACE
TRI	140	Far Reach	F28R	Mike Beuerlein	24	12:24:53	14:39:19	2:14:26	2:32:13	1
TRI	46	Lucy Gene	Sprint 750 Mk1	Jim Rehage	33	12:22:45	14:50:07	2:27:22	2:44:18	2
TRI	130	Humility	Sprint 750 Mk2	Bill Coon	33	12:22:45	14:54:06	2:31:21	2:48:44	3
TRI	27130	Trinity	F27	Joel Rosinbum	57	12:17:04	15:18:42	3:01:38	3:14:30	4
TRI	174	Flash	F32-AX	Doug Casey	-39	12:39:49	DNF			5

## CATAMARANS

DIV	Sail No.	Boat Name	Boat Type	Skipper	PORTS MOUTH for race	Race START Time	Race FINISH Time	ELAPSED TIME	CORRECTED TIME	PLACE
CAT	427	Two Hot (Uni+Jib)	Nacra 5.5 uni+jib	Jim Casto	65.3	12:24:10	14:54:53	2:30:43	3:50:48	1
CAT	1193	Neko	Hobie Getaway	Owen Crouse	83.3	12:00:28	DNF			2T
CAT	86	???	Capricorn 18 (F18)	Rikin Shah	62.4	12:55:27	DNF			2T
CAT	7765	???	Hobie Tiger (F18)	Drew McNeely	71.4	12:17:04	DNF			2T

## KEEL FLEETS

DIV	Sail#	Boat Name	Boat Type	Skipper	Race PHRF	Finish Time	Staggered Start Times with Time on Distance Scoring	Overall Finish
OD - J80	1319	Jackrabbit	Hap McCollum Trophy	Claude Welles	117	14:21:41		1
OD - J80	122	JazzTacks	J80	Karen Bogisch	117	14:23:04		2
OD - J80	77	Warp Speed	J80	Kirk Livingston	117	14:26:15		5
OD - J80	266	Flyer	J80	Ray Shull	117	14:27:29		6
OD - J80	486	Restless	J80	** Not Registered**	117	14:28:14		7
OD - J80	1321	Blood,Sweat and Tears	J80	David Jamail	117	14:34:15		10
OD - J80	720	Air Supply	J80	Ed Taylor	117	14:34:21		11
OD - J80	252	Mucho Gusto	J80	Amanda Worlow	117	14:34:39		12
OD - J80	44	Kicks	J80	Chris Hargett	117	14:34:54		13
OD - J80	488	Likety Split	J80	Ed Pierce	117	14:35:28		14
OD - J80	540	The J.A.C.K.	J80	The J.A.C.K.	117	14:36:50		15
OD - J22	629	Bonfire	J22	Linda McDavitt	174	14:24:46		3
OD - J22	1235	Project Meyhem	J22	John Halter	174	14:25:47		4
OD - J22	672	Silicon Ship	J22	Jim Bridgwater	174	14:28:45		8
OD - J22	984	Bubbles	J22	Renee Ruais	174	14:28:57		9
OD - J22	621	Crash Course	J22	Rosanne Butera	174	TLE		
PRF A	836	Namaste	Pearson Flyer TURBO	Cass Meyer	129	14:40:32		16
PRF A	19	Trixi	Beneteau 40.1	John Bartlett	75	14:53:21		19
PRF A	5033	Risin' Moon	C-30	Wade Bingaman	189	15:00:00		22
PRF A	174	Flash	Farrier 32 AX	Doug Casey	-39	TLE		
PRF A	929	Dos Locos	Ensign	Lewis Price	252	TLE		
PRF A	697	Wanda	Beneteau First36s7	Carolyn Wilsford	126	TLE		
PRF B	198	Cafe au Lait	Pearson 26OD	Bill Records	219	14:41:10		17
PRF B	1168	Gravy	Ensign	David Gamble	252	14:50:04		18
PRF B	588	Stijfkop	Ensign	George Dahmen	252	14:54:02		20
PRF B	4073	RR Flying Scott	Flying Scott	Julius Heitkoetter	213	14:55:03		21
PRF B	1022	Boat with No Name	Columbia 26	John Powell	237	15:00:02		23
PRF B	773	Eagle	Ensign	Annie Lancaster	261	TLE		24T
PRF B	15386	Elysium	Catalina 22	Liz Stansfeld	288	TLE		24T
PRF B	179	Ann Marie	Cape Dory Typhoon	Will Schwartz	327	TLE		24T
PRF B	472	Warley	Ranger 23	Mack Warner	231	DNF		24T



## Join us for a special afternoon with sailing legend and Hall of Famer Gary Jobson!

Gary will share a sneak preview of The Sailing Museum, located in the newly renovated Armory Building on Thames Street in Newport, RI. A home for the sport, the museum will celebrate the members of the National Sailing Hall of Fame and America's Cup Hall of Fame. The Sailing Museum will showcase sailors and sailing nationwide through interactive exhibits that provide real-world applications of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts & math) concepts that come alive through sailing. And visitors of all ages will discover the magic that happens when wind and water meet.

Go to [bit.ly/TSMRenderedTour](https://bit.ly/TSMRenderedTour) for a virtual tour!

**Sunday, March 13th**  
**4:00 PM Social Hour & Presentation**  
**Austin Yacht Club**



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## Frostbite Series Race 1

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Signal boat, L-R: Chris Renner, Jenny Loehlin, Cody Hix, Dave Weeks, Mike Mashl Photos by Marilyn Jackson



Namaster crew L-R: Christie Vickery, James Parsons, Jeff, Cass Meyer (skipper)



Shaken crew L-R: James Twombly, Jeff Jackson, Kurt Zinsmeyer (skipper)



WHO GOES THERE?! Stijf Kop crew L-R: Lynn Jaeger, Molly Isbell, George Dahmen (skipper)



Blood, Sweat & Tears crew L-R: David Jamail, crew.Anabel Jamail (right)



Gravy crew L-R: Danny Lien, Todd Anderson, Richard House, Dave Gamble (skipper)

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## Frostbite Series Race 1

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Claudia Bartlett, skipper J 80 Trixie, Claude Welles, skipper J 80 Jackrabbit Photos by Bill Records



The Jacksters, J80 The J.A.C.K.



Kurt Zinsmeyer, skipper J 88 Shaken – Cass Meyer, skipper Pearson Flyer 836 Namaste



Roadrunners on J 80 JazzTacks, Karen Bogisch skipper



Can Kalyoncuoglu, skipper Capri 22 Gunes



Jim Bridgwater, skipper J/22 Silicon Ship

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## Frostbite Series Race 1

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J 80s Kurt Carson on Knot Rite, Kirk Livingston on Warp Speed, Ray Shull on Flyer *Photos by Marilyn Jackson*



J 80s Ray Shull on Flyer, Karen Bogisch on JazzTacks, The JACK Syndicate on The J.A.C.K.



Mike Beuerlein and crew on Quiksilver



Jim Casto on NACRA 5.5 Two Hot

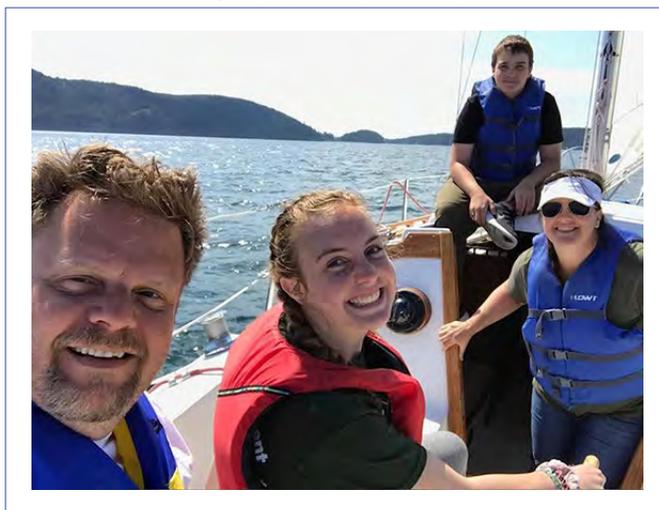


Kirk & Janis Livingston and crew on J 80 Warp Speed



Bruce McDonald and crew on J/70 Rogue Warrior, Ray Shull and crew on J 80 Flyer, Kurt Carson and crew on J 80 Knot Rite, Kirk Livingston and crew on J 80 Warp Speed

## IN MEMORIAM



**Ronald Jason Clarkson**  
January 23, 1971 - December 11, 2021

It is with great sadness that we are announcing the death of our beloved husband, father, and son, Ronald Jason Clarkson on Saturday, December 11, 2021.

A gentle soul who always had a smile on his face, Ron was born on January 23, 1971, in Boca Raton, Florida. He was the son of Judith (Meyer) Richter and Ronald Dean Clarkson. Ron attended Anderson High School in Austin, Texas. He worked at Bluepoint Games where he held the position of Senior IT Systems Engineer.

On October 23, 1999, Ron married Tanya Black in Cedar Creek, Texas, at the home of her parents. They have been blessed with two children: Morgan, a Sophomore at the University of Oklahoma, and Ronald Nolan, a Junior in high school.

There was nothing more important to Ron than his children. He was so proud of their accomplishments. He cherished every moment he spent with them whether it be sailing, exploring or traveling. His family spent every summer taking amazing vacations providing so many wonderful memories.

Ron was an avid reader, sailor, and hobbyist. His passion was learning, and he was particularly interested in astronomy, music, and of course sailing. He fiddled with the guitar, banjo, ukulele and would often entertain the family and friends with his music and gentle sense of humor.

In addition to his wife and children, Ron is survived by his brother, Michael Dean; his aunt and uncle, Rev. Willard and Stephani Meyer of Illinois; two cousins, Reuben and Holly Meyer, also of Illinois; his nephew, Vaughn Clarkson, and niece, Gracie Clarkson, both of Texas; his in-laws, Water and Georgene Black; brothers-in-law Darren (Jan) Black of San Antonio and Michael Black of Austin; and his best friend, Mike Benedict.

Ron was preceded in death by an infant brother, Daniel Ron Clarkson; his grandparents, Willard and Leona Meyer of Illinois and Ron's paternal grandparents of Minnesota.

We will think of Ron in every calm and quiet morning, hear his voice in the wind and see his brilliance in every glowing sunset.

A Celebration of Life memorial was held on Sunday, January 23, 2022 at the Austin Yacht Club.

## Fun Friday Events by Marilyn Jackson



Jeff and Marilyn Jackson hosted a Fun Friday Scavenger Hunt on January 6th and Bingo on January 21st. We played via Zoom because the clubhouse is closed due to Covid-19 stage 5.

Ashley Sullivan, Cass Meyer, Owen Crouse, Charlie & Annie Lancaster, Marilyn & Jeff Jackson and James Parsons were in attendance for the Scavenger Hunt. Jeff was

judge and score keeper. We played six games and had three minutes to find three items for each game. It was super cool to see so many interesting items and hear the stories behind our finds. James won the 1st, 3rd & 5th games, Cass won the 2nd & 6th game. Annie won the 4th game. The grand prize winner was Annie with the best overall score for each game.

Annie & Charlie Lancaster, Linda Dovovan, Marilyn & Jeff Jackson and James Parsons were in attendance for Bingo. We played one regular bingo, three games making an A, Y, C and black out. Annie won 2 games, Marilyn won 2 games and Charlie won black out. We also enjoyed fun and interesting conversations.

New members, please join in on the fun and introduce yourself so we can get to know you and you can get to know your AYC family. Our next AYC Fun Friday event will be on February 11th starting at 7 pm. The game will be determined that week. Join us for some fun. 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)



Scavenger Hunt Zoomers



Bingo Zoomers

## More Fun at AYC: Old SOT's by Carolyn Wilsford

**Old SOT's (Old Retired Guys/Gals Sailing On Tuesday's) is back!**

Doug Laws came up with the original idea of retired persons getting together to sail during the week. John Mandell started an email list about 15 years ago which would make it about 2006. The rest is history. Old SOT's sailed during the week and were the envy of all the YWS's (Young Working Stiffs).

Well, time marched on and now there is a whole new group of retired sailors at AYC. You don't need an excuse to have fun. People just enjoy sailing and that is the reason for bringing back Old SOT's. (Also, I need to practice my tacking on Wanda.)

So thanks Doug and John for the idea! My hope is to share the joy of sailing on Tuesdays with all of my Old SOT sailor friends.

Are you ready to get on board? If you just want to go out and enjoy a sail on a Tuesday, show up at AYC at noon for the winter and 10 a.m. for the summer. No need for an ice chest, just byob and snacks because we have a great ice box. We will usually have Wanda at dock two.

Please join us:) Nelson Reynolds has resurrected the old email list – let him know if you would like to be added. His email is [nelson.reynolds@gmail.com](mailto:nelson.reynolds@gmail.com). You can email me at [cjwilsford@gmail.com](mailto:cjwilsford@gmail.com).



Me and Wanda, Dock 2

The 2020 Racing Schedule was approved at the 1/27/22 Board Meeting. For Spring Series, the Saturday races will be J 80 and Trimarans. Sunday races will be PRF, Catalina 22/Sc21, J70, Ensign, J22/J24, Pearson, Beach Cats, Centerboards. 1:30 starts, skippers meeting at noon.

## RACING FEB-MAY

### SERIES RACES

Frostbite #5	Sat February 5
Frostbite #6	Sat February 12
Frostbite #7	Sat February 19
Spring #1	Sat-Sun March 12-13
Spring #2	Sat-Sun March 20-21
Spring #3	Sat-Sun April 2-3
Spring #4	Sat-Sun April 9-10
Spring #5	Sat-Sun April 23-24
Spring #6	Sat-Sun May 14-15
Spring #7	Sat-Sun May 21-22

### REGATTAS

Opening Day Regatta	Sun March 6
Turnback Regatta	Sun April 30-May 1

### UTST

Q1 Regatta	Sat-Sun Feb 5-6
McCarthy Cup	Sat-Sun March 5-6

### OD/FLEET REGATTAS

J24 March Madness	Sat-Sun Mar 26-27
Easter Laser	Sat-Sun April 16-17
J80 Intergalactic	Sat May 7
J22 Circuit Stop	Sat-Sun May 21-22

### HIGH SCHOOL SAILING TEAM

LTHS Spring Regatta April 30-May1

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT SAILING

Laser/Sunfish Races May 4, 11, 18, 25

### FRIDAY PRF BEER CAN

Beer Can Races Fri April 15, 29  
Fri May 6, 13, 20, 27

### PRF MOONBURN

Beer Can Races Fri May 13

**For June - December racing, please refer to website calendar.**

## SAIL TRAINING FEB-MAY

### SAILING BEYOND LAKE TRAVIS

Chris Lewis, presenter. Learn opportunities to sail offshore, national and international regattas. Feb 10

### ADULT FJ RACING/TEAM RACING/JUDGING TEAM RACING

Multi-day series covers FJ Racing, Team Racing and Judging Team Racing Cost \$50 members/\$75 non-members  
Feb 19-20 & Mar 19-20 / April 2, 10, 23, 24

### FUNDAMENTALS OF SAILBOAT RACING

Informative class for sailors new to racing or just looking to brush up. Topics: race prep, tactics, sail trim. Cost \$30 members/\$50 non-members February 26

### DISCOVER SAILING (FIRST SAIL)

Beginner sailing class with 45 min to one-hour chaltalk followed by a two-hour sail followed by a Q&A. Drinks and snacks during Q&A. On-the-water training includes rigging and rotating crew positions. Cost \$30 members/\$50 non-members. Feb 27, Mar 27, Apr 23, May 22

### TRAIN YOUR CREW

Two sessions simultaneously working to help crew members understand how their part fits and how it affects other positions on the boat. Two formats, one dealing with Asymmetrical Spinnakers and the other with Symmetrical Spinnakers. Wing on Wing If boat does not use a spinnaker. Cost \$50 per boat/crew. Individual/no boat \$25 members/\$50 non-members March 5

### PRF TRAINING DAY

Bobby Brooks hosts training day for A and B Fleets. Includes classroom and on-the-water sessions. Cost \$20 members/\$20 non-members March 12

### US SAILING LEVEL 1 CERTIFICATION COURSE

Course uses Shelter 1, FJs, Lasers and Coach Boats. Dates Pending US Sailing availability.

### ONE DESIGN, KEELBOAT, MULTIHULL CLINICS

Clinics when requested by any of the fleets or put into motion by Sail Training Committee. Refer to website calendar for open dates. Cost TBD

### ASA 101 COURSE

April 23-24, May 21-22

### ADULT BEGINNING SAILING IN DINGHIES

Learn to sail in FJs, Sunfish, Lasers and Picos. Cost \$50 members/\$75 non-members May 7, 14, 21, 28

**For June - December Adult Sail Training activities, please refer to website calendar.**

## Multihull Fleet Report

by Mike Beuerlein



### Red Eye Regatta 2022

This has been a favorite regatta for the Corsair F-28R Far Reach crew for years but this is the first time we've ever won it. We love the uncrowded early New Year's Day drive to the Yacht Club, the bonhomie

of the other racers and organizers, the generous breakfast taco selection, the assortment of tamales, the strong coffee, but most of all, the well-provisioned Bloody Mary bar! We're too old to make it to midnight the night before anyway so we save our partying for early New Year's morning.

It helped tremendously that some of the past winners must have been sleeping off hangovers because, despite the conditions being absolutely beautiful, the competitor pool was relatively small compared to past years. Certainly **Bill Coon** was going to be crowding the start line, as he nearly always is, with his deceptively non-threateningly named Sprint 750 Humility. Bill's former Sprint 750 Lucy Gene, now owned by long-time catamaran racer, **Jim Rehage**, was also right on the start line at the gun and either Bill parted with his old boat in pretty darn good shape or Jim remembers a fair bit about racing (or both) but the Sprint 750s were tough to catch even with the small head start they were given. **Joel Rosinbum's** Corsair F-27 Trinity was right in the mix in the dodgy wind between Emerald Point and the cliffs of the north shore but Far Reach made the rounding at mile marker 9 first and were able to get a clean spinnaker set despite the Bloody Mary fog. From there, the wind gods smiled on us and we were able to build on our lead, thanks in part to our raising our daggerboard so as to clear the shallows between Emerald Point and the U-Flote-em. There are some days when you can do nothing right and there are some days when you can do nothing wrong; this was definitely one of the latter. We were able to pick our course from wind patch to wind patch thereafter and notch a surprisingly easy victory.

Conspicuously absent, however, was **Doug Casey's** new Corsair F-32AX Flash even though we'd seen his crew rigging her prior to our departure. Sure, he got a bit of a late start due to some last minute adjustments prior to his first race helming what is now Lake Travis' latest and largest trimaran, but we expected to have him breathing down the back of our neck any minute with that monster. Turns out that a misunderstanding of the day's race course had him looking for wind (or something) off of mile marker 3 rather than between markers 6 & 9. No judging, Doug!



Red Eye Regatta photos Submitted by Brigitte Benquet



### 2022 Worrell 1000 Race

**Philippe Bettler** and I are announcing our entry into the 2022 Worrell 1000 Race as Team UFO since, with **Brigitte Benquet** along as our manager, our core team is mostly aliens. It's also because our main sponsor, at this point, is Brigitte and my fractional CFO business consultancy, Unified-Finance Organization, but we're looking for other sponsors so the name that appears on our mainsail on this 1,000 mile off-shore catamaran race from Miami, FL to Virginia Beach, VA is liable to change. The Worrell 1000 race (<https://worrell1000race.com/>) is the pinnacle of distance catamaran racing, attracting top sailors from all over the world and coverage from ESPN, Sailing World magazine, Outside magazine, The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, and National Geographic as well as local and regional media coverage all along the East Coast. We expect to do well, given our success in nearly all of the 16 Great Texas 300 races over the past years along an equally woolly stretch of Texas coast; plus our familiarity with and access to two of this year's Formula 18 class catamarans, our own Goodall C2 F-18 Quiksilver and **Steve Piche's** former Goodall C2 F-18 Monkey Business. We intend to fix up both boats and a double-stack trailer to the absolute best racing condition and then sell one boat at the conclusion of the race with the proceeds going to Steve's family.

## Ensign Fleet Report by Bill Hawk



Last month's Ensign Fleet newsletter left the group at **David and Barbara Gamble's** house for our annual meeting. It was a wonderful evening, thank you **Dave and Barbara**, for letting the barbarians invade, at least for a short time!

The next big event was the AYC Annual Banquet, which was held atop the Oasis in their Starlight Terrace. Great venue, great camaraderie, really great band, Oasis dinner – what else can you say! **Fred Ford** set a high bar for the Ensign Fleet dancers, and was joined by the entire Fleet in tripping the light fantastic. Everyone seemed to enjoy the evening which was reputed to have gone on long after your faithful scribe had departed for quieter surroundings.

Even though there was no New Year's party at the Club this year (at least, they did not tell me about it) the hardcore racers still settled in for a chilly and breezy Red Eye Regatta. The Ensigns were particularly settled in, having made the decision based on wind forecasts of 15-25kn to sail non-spinnaker with our "blade" sails – the smallest jib in our inventory. When the forecast gusts turned out to be 6-8kn and dying, the Ensigns also died and drifted as quickly as possible to the finish line.



Annie & Charlie Lancaster and crew on 773 Eagle, Red Eye Regatta  
Photo by Marilyn Jackson

After the fun wrapping up 2021 and starting 2022, we all looked forward to the Frostbite Series! This series began a bit slowly – light wind and misty weather. Two brave souls risked their boats and crews to compete – little more is known than that as neither is capable of facing the reality of what really happened that day.

The second Frostbite Series race was assigned to the Ensign Fleet for RC duty – we were pretty nervous due to forecast 35kn winds with gusts into the 50kns, with a high temperature of 50F. However, the job got a lot easier when (for a change!) the forecast winds actually materialized and the other fleets let us know that they were not excited about racing under those conditions. As a result the racing was canceled ashore before anyone began rigging out their boats, and the Ensign Fleet dodged a bullet on RC.

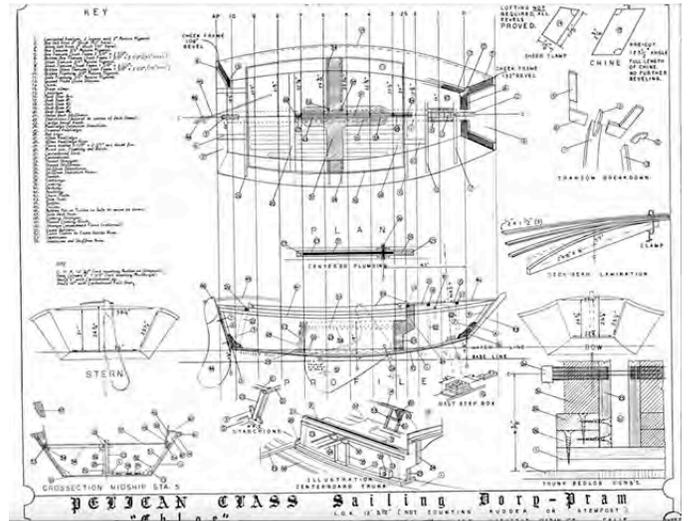
We are all looking forward to having a Frostbite race with reasonable weather, Opening Day and the beginning of a new year racing, and continuing to support the Club as the oldest active fleet still sailing.

## Dinghy Fleet Report by James Bland



### BUILDING THE SAN FRANCISCO PELICAN *The continuing saga of #2925*

**Bill Short** didn't build the first Pelican with the intention of selling the plans, but in the months following her launching, the Chloe Maru began to attract attention due to her "ugly duckling" charm and remarkable seaworthiness. An article in a San Francisco newspaper generated even more interest and soon Captain Bill began receiving requests for building instructions. In 1960, Rudder Magazine published a letter from Bill and a photo of the Chloe Maru and in 1963, a three-page article about the boat.



Bill and his wife Muriel began reproducing the plans for the Chloe Maru and providing them to amateur boatbuilders. The early plans were workable but fairly crude, until a retired marine insurance adjuster became interested in the boat and worked with Bill to create step-by-step building instructions and more accurate drawings.

Monoque design concepts make the hull strong, light and roomy with a minimum of internal bracing. Its construction is all 3/8" plywood with the exception of the transoms, centerboard and rudder, which are 3/4" plywood. Bill assured amateur boatbuilders that if they possessed basic carpentry skills and could read a table of offsets, they would have no problem following the drawings and plans. According to an article in Good Old Boat Magazine, it's estimated that over 10,000 sets of plans have been sold worldwide. Bill died in 1986; Duckworks Boat building supplies still sells the plans, complete with instructions for constructing a jig and boat. Once the first hull is built, the jig can be used to make additional hulls, making the Pelican a good design for club sailing. (#2925 strongback, flair forms, patterns, etc. are currently available to the next AYC builder who asks for them and could save you a lot of time and effort). One of the recognized sailmakers is here in Texas.

Over the years, the basic design of the San Francisco Pelican has remained essentially unchanged; within the specifications, however, there is plenty of opportunity for customization. Most home-built boats have personal touches added by their owners, including oarlocks,

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boom tents and other amenities. Built-in storage compartments and boxes for camping equipment are popular; it's even rumored that one Pelicaner added a fiberglass foam-lined built-in beer cooler. A small outboard motor can be mounted on an adjustable bracket on the transom for use when the wind dies or the tide changes.

**Vital Statistics**

Length overall	12 ft. 2.5 in.
Beam	6 ft. 1.75 in.
Draft, board up	4 in.
Freeboard amidships	2 ft.
Minimum racing weight	390 lbs.
Sail area, main	72 sq. ft.
Sail area, jib	33 sq. ft.



1/12/22 Floor boards, mast step, deck beams, gussets and frame battens installed – about 60% complete *Photos by James Bland*



1/18/22



1/20/22



1/25/22

**A Fleet Report**  
by Kurt Zinsmeyer



**J/70 Fleet Development**

Despite a nationwide shortage of J/70s due to no new US boats being built in the last two years, the J/70 fleet is growing, albeit slowly. Peter Spevicek brought boat number six to the Club last month and boat number seven is undergoing some repairs and is scheduled to come to the Club in February. New member, **Shelby Carter**, is the proud new owner. The Board is currently considering allowing out-of-town boats to participate in the Spring Series, so we may have additional competitors in the Spring. With the J/80s sailing on alternate days, we should be able to keep our boats fully crewed and raced. All in all, we are optimistic that the J/70 fleet will continue to grow and contribute to high quality one design racing at the Club.

**Frostbite Series**

Despite terrible sailing weather and low turnout, the J/70s continue to dominate the A Fleet with **Chris Lewis** once again demonstrating the use of upwind spinnaker sailing in the last race to pull a horizon-job on the rest of us mere mortals. Chris doesn't seem to enjoy racing because he's always in such a hurry to get off the course! A-Fleet seems unanimous on the issue of getting the annoying J/70s their own race.

**A & B Fleet Sail Training**

**Bobby Brooks** will be hosting a training day for A & B Fleet on March 12. The training will include both classroom and on-the-water sessions. Please spread the word and come out to participate in this great opportunity!

**Other A-Fleet News**

- The fleet has been active in race management running both the Wild Turkey and Red Eye regattas.
- We wish **Bob Leonard** a speedy recovery from his recent hand surgery. We are keeping **Gayle Leonard** up to speed on Rogue Warrior until Bob gets clearance to sail.
- **Ron DeWitt** is in the process of getting his Pearson Flyer on Dock 6 back into race-ready condition. We look forward to seeing his boat back at the start line to give **Cass** some well-deserved competition.



Cass Meyer and crew on Pearson Flyer Namaste, Frostbite Race 1 *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*

- **Matt Brown** has brought a new Capri-25 to A-Fleet and we look forward to seeing Kami (short for Kamikaze) on the water!

## US Sailing Camp, Miami, and More!

by Ethan Froelich



At the beginning of January, I attended a US Sailing training camp in Miami which included not only on-the-water coaching, but also two daily seminars by various sailing professionals on a multitude of topics.

My favorite was **Steve Hunt's** talk on controlling your mind, which discussed visualization, positive self-talk and calming your body in stressful situations. He mentioned that meditation helped him to get second at the J70 worlds, so I have been giving that a try!



Photo by Allison Chenard

The talk on hydrodynamics was enlightening. We talked about the boundary layer and how surface finish affects the foil. I am proud to have placed second at the Skiff Generation event on the iQFoil.

I also attended the Miami Olympic Class Regatta (OCR) January 21-23, and look forward to the Clearwater OCR February 4-6.

Thank you so much to my AYC family and AYC Fund for supporting me!



Photo by Stephanie Froelich

## WHAT DO SAILORS DO IN WINTER?

It's off-season for the MIT varsity sailing team. So **Julius Heitkoetter** went iceboating on a lake north of Portland, Maine with the MIT Iceboating Club!



Have something fun you would like to submit for the March Telltale?  
Email [ghowiellc@gmail.com](mailto:ghowiellc@gmail.com)

## Roadrunner Fleet Report

by Constanze Heitkoetter



The Roadrunners used the lovely temperatures over winter break for many extra practices, aspirational sailboat sailing, participation in the RedEye Regatta and other Club events.

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Treasurer: Stefan Froelich

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Membership Chair: Mary Carew and Dave Aronson



RR Fleet F18 *Photo by Gal Sela*



James and Lucy Brock  
*Photo by Constanze Heitkoetter*



RR Flying Scot and team race practice *Photo by Constanze Heitkoetter*

The Roadrunner Fleet is primarily comprised of youth sailors racing in Optimists, Lasers, C420s, and FJs. It is organized and overseen by parents and established by-laws. The Roadrunner Board focuses its efforts on racing and regattas, leaving Club sailing lessons and camps to the Sail Training department of AYC. The Roadrunner fleet is heavily involved with the Texas Sailing Association, USODA, AYC's Frostbite Series, AYC's Endless Summer Series, and simply getting on the water every chance we can.

To learn more about the Roadrunner Fleet, please check out this presentation from our 2021 Meet & Greet:



Practicing mark traps for team racing *Photo by Constanze Heitkoetter*



Julius and Vivian Heitkoetter on RR F18 *Photo by Constanze Heitkoetter*

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## AYC BUSINESS HOURS

Wednesday - Sunday 9:00A - 5:00P  
CLOSED MONDAY AND TUESDAY  
Clubhouse Hours 9:00A - 10:00P

### Closed Club Holidays:

New Year's Day	January 1
Easter Sunday	April 17
Independence Day	July 4
Thanksgiving Day	November 24
Shopping Day	November 25
Christmas Day	December 25

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## AYC Feb/March 2022 Race Calendar

UTST Q1 Regatta	Feb 5-6
Frostbite Series #5, #6, #7	Feb 5, 12, 19 (EOS)
UTST McCarthy Cup	Mar 5-6
Opening Day Regatta	Mar 6
Spring Series	Mar 12-13; 19-20*
J/24 March Madness	Mar 26-27

\* For Spring Series, Saturday races will be J80 and Trimarans, Sunday races will be PRF, Catalina 22/SC21, J70, Ensign, J22/J24, Pearson 26, Beach Cats, Centerboards

## AYC Feb/March 2022 Non-Racing Events

Coffee with the Commodore	Feb 5	10:00 - 11:00am
Winter Opti III Practice	Feb 5, 12, 19	9:00am - 2:00pm
Sailing Beyond Lake Travis	Feb 10	7:00 - 9:00pm
Fun Friday	Feb 11, 25, Mar 11, 25	7:00 - 10:00pm
Winter HS Sailing Practice	Feb 12, 19	3:00 - 5:30pm
	Feb 13, 20	2:00 - 4:30pm
Adult FJ Racing/Team Racing/ Judge Team Racing (Multi-session clinic)	Feb 19, 20, Mar 19, 20	9:00am - 12:00pm
Frostbite End of Series Party	Feb 19	5:00 - 9:00pm
AYC Board Meeting	Feb 24	7:30 - 9:00pm
Fundamentals of Sailboat Racing	Feb 26	9:00am - 1:00pm
Building & Grounds Work Day	Feb 26	8:00am - 5:00pm
Discover Sailing (AKA First Sail)	Feb 27, Mar 27	1:00 - 5:00pm
Train Your Crew	Mar 5	9:00am - 5:00pm
Opening Day Celebration	Mar 6	12:00 - 5:00pm
PRF Training Day	Mar 12	9:00am - 5:00pm
AYC Board Meeting	Mar 24	7:30 - 9:00pm
Building & Grounds Work Day	Mar 26	8:00am - 5:00pm
US Sailing Level 1 Certification	Mar 26-27	8:00am - 6:00pm