



## SPRING SAILING AT AYC

Kinda Wild and Crazy!



New member **Ken Tothero** had daughter, Sierra, pop into Austin on her way to a work engagement in Minnesota. The ATX native (and now L.A. resident) was off to freezing temps for a couple weeks so she was keen to get a few hours on the lake. It was blowing pretty hard – in fact, the only other sailor on the lake was **Mack Warner** on his Ranger 23. Pulling aside, Mack convinced Sierra to do the Titanic movie thing and, despite single-handing, managed to snap this terrific photo. Thanks, Mack! (from Ken Tothero)

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### SAVE THE DATE

Every Fri in May	Beer Can Races	May 15	Downwind Tactics & Crew Work
Every Wed in May	Sunfish/Laser/Opti Racing	May 20-22	J22 SW Circuit Stop
Every Sat in May	Adult Beginning Dinghies	May 20-21	ASA 101
May 7	AYC Workday	May 22	Discover Sailing
May 7	Coffee with the Commodore	May 28	Crawfish Boil EOS Party
May 13	MoonBurn Series	Jun 4-5	Roadrunner Regatta
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May 14-15, 21-22	Spring Series		
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## Easter Laser Regatta

The great AYC RC team managed to get us through two races which is about two more than anybody could have reasonably expected. Fortunately, there were a whole lot of people who simply enjoyed hanging out with one another. Sailors all know, sometimes regattas simply don't happen and after 38 years of always getting in a bunch of races, we had two drifters and one where it stopped altogether.

Next year is Mr E. Bunny's 49th regatta and we already have over 50 "I will be there's" from sailors who have enjoyed the event at least once.

Maybe we can have "The Woodstock of Laser Sailing." (Woodstock was held in the summer of 1969 two months before Yachting held the One of a Kind America's Teacup Regatta for singlehanded sailboats under \$700 where the prototype 100-pound wood yet to be named Laser was sailed as TGIF. *Fred Schroth*

## Message from the Commodore by Anne Morley



### Happy Spring!

We started April out with **Bill Gladstone** and his team giving the North U High Performance Racing clinic at AYU April 4-8. There were participants from all over the world, with the furthest being from Israel. They were all from different places but had the same passion for sailing and racing. Thank you to all the AYU members who volunteered as RC, cooking duty, and hosting coaches in their homes. Our true mission of volunteerism showed through.

North U is already planning to schedule another clinic at AYU next year.

Coffee with the Commodore is a hit! Our May 7 Coffee with the Commodore will include Board member **Bill Hawk**, Harbor Commander. Our members are enjoying this forum as it gives them an opportunity to ask questions and make requests. It's a way to help open communication between the membership and the Board. Come join us May 7 at 10am in the clubhouse!

Please note: If you see caution tape on anything at the Club, we request that you do not remove it. We placed caution tape on the children's playscape, and someone removed it. We were doing our due diligence to have it inspected by the manufacturer for the safety of the children. The tape will be put back. Please keep it in place until we get the playscape properly inspected. Also, please do not remove any signs that are posted around the Club. Thank you.

We've received a couple of questions about charging electric cars on the AYU property. AYU only has 110-volt plugs. We are not in a position currently to offer electric car charging stations.

More donations are needed to help AYU become one of the founding Yacht Clubs of The Sailing Museum, founded by **Gary Jobson**. This museum will showcase sailors and sailing nationwide through interactive exhibits that provide real-world applications of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math). AYU members have donated a little over \$2,000 of the \$10,000 needed. If you would like to make a pledge, please click on the "donate" link you will find at <https://thesailingmuseum.org>. Be sure to include that you are a member of Austin Yacht Club (write it out as AYU could be confused with Annapolis YC) and this money will go towards a total donation that could make Austin Yacht Club one of the Founding 100 Yacht Clubs.

## Secretary Report by Cheryl Pervier



### Ahoy AYU Members,

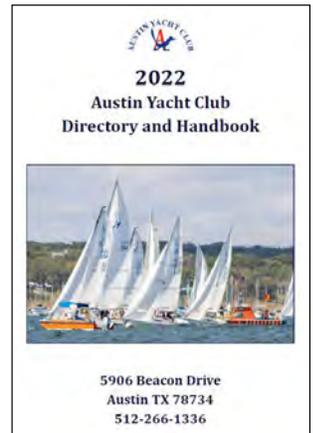
The printed version of the 2022 AYU Member Directory is now available in the office. Each member is entitled to one copy. To get your copy, stop by the office during business hours. Or, send an email to Jackie ([gm@austinyachtclub.net](mailto:gm@austinyachtclub.net)). She'll put it in a bag and hang it on a hook outside the clubhouse. The Directory includes important contact information – About AYU, Member Listing (based on the office

records), Boat List (based on boat registrations on the web site), the AYU Handbook, and "new" for this year, the AYU Bylaws. All of the printed information is available and updated on the AYU website, under Information/About AYU, Members/Directories, Race/Active Racing Boats, Information/Handbook, and Information/Bylaws.

Please help us keep the Member Directory up to date. If your information needs to be changed, use the "Member Information Change Form" on the website at <https://www.austinyachtclub.net/contact-change-form>. We periodically update the online Member Directory here: <https://www.austinyachtclub.net/printable-member-directory>.

If your boat information is out of date, you can update it here: <https://www.austinyachtclub.net/ayc-series-race-registration/>. You can view current boat information here: <https://www.austinyachtclub.net/ayc-racing-boats/>. If you sell a boat, we would really appreciate it if you'd tell us by using this form: <https://www.austinyachtclub.net/contact-change-form/>.

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



## Buildings and Grounds Report by Jeff Sabuda



This past month was not as hectic due to Spring Break and several Club hosted events. I am happy to report the following:

1. Repainting of all AYU Buildings COMPLETED: All buildings, including the small sheds are completed. Big thanks to **Erick Gerdeman** and his crew at Urban Painting for getting the big task done and in a very professional manner. The buildings all look great, and also special thanks to **Tom Cunningham** for daily support of the painters. Come out and check out the buildings!

2. Revamping Overnight Cabins: Due to some supply chain delays, we finally received all the items and materials needed to revamp the bedding and interior of the cabins. The goal was to have these cabins ready with new bedding, decor and pillows by Turnback Canyon Regatta! This was accomplished with huge efforts from **Claudia and John Bartlett, Nan Taylor and Dee Chow** for all the intense work put into design, purchasing and installation. The goal was to have these cabins look inviting and relaxing and this group nailed it! Thank you!



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3. Grills: It has been my observation that Texas enjoys their BBQ more than any other state! The current grills are rusted through with gaping holes that may prevent some burgers from reaching plates. After reviewing costs to repair or replace, we decided to replace. Four new grills are on order and hope to be here by the end of the month in time for BBQ season! Special thanks to the dynamic duo – Jeff and Marilyn Jackson for heading up to install this project.

4. Pool Furniture: Current pool loungers take up a lot of space in the already confined space of the pool and many shins have bruised when traversing around one pool end to other. New white Adirondack chairs like the current gray ones have been ordered – they are in a relaxed position for lounging (vs the upright plastic chairs) and take up less space!

5. Fix Playscape: The roof of the playscape supports was removed for replacement. They broke in high winds and were removed by John Bartlett. There is a call into Play Wood playscape to get the roof replaced. Thanks, John Bartlett!

6. Work Day: March's workday was rescheduled due to J/24 Circuit. There was too much going on and people enjoying AYC property to do 'work'. Pending weather, our next workday is Saturday, May 7. The goals are to beautify the entrance (painting and landscaping), finish landscaping and leaf cleanup, clean gutters, and install owl houses/ purple martin houses. Special thanks to Carolynne Griffin for her landscaping expertise!

Thank you so much for all the volunteers that make AYC the special place that it is!

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This month I am proposing the Board reallocate budgeted funds earmarked for the purchase of a dedicated RC RIB to acquire two additional BOTS; one with a set of wind instruments that will provide the PRO with accurate Realtime information right on the course setter app. The two additional BOTS can be deployed in a number of ways to support RC efforts:

- Use as W/L marks during series and Wednesday night racing
- Set up a square leeward gate (J/24 circuit stop)
- Use for training to allow coach to configure various drills
- Ability to run multiple square start lines during large regattas such as our TSA RoadRunner regatta



On April 23rd and 24th, I held MSB training sessions each morning. There were roughly 12 Club members at each session. After running through the training, I have come up with opportunities to improve future training sessions which we will continue each month.

Topics covered last weekend included:

- Mark Set Bot
  - Components
  - Set up (from stored position)
- Inflation pressures
- Systems check
  - Tow harness
  - Top placement and secured
  - Confirm connection and controls
- Course setter App
  - Navigate, Anchor, Stop, Layout, Refresh
  - Marks vs. routs
  - Control multiple bots vs. single bot
  - Navigate – Nothing happens until the navigate function is initiated
  - Anchor – Stop and hold position (motor is still engaged)
  - Stop – Stop and drift (motor is stopped)
  - Layout
    - \* Course Direction
    - \* Course Length
    - \* Line Length
    - \* Offset/Wing length (Finish, Gates, Offset)
    - \* Start Location
    - \* Course type
    - \* Auto Pin Bots
    - \* Add and Share Course
- Shut down
  - Battery Metrics
    - \* Start up
    - \* On station
    - \* Post race
    - \* At Dock
- Charging tablet and Bot batteries

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## Race Commander Report by Bob Gross



Spring weather continues to throw every condition at the AYC racing program this year, from dead calm, to blowing the dog off the chain, followed by false hope with just enough breeze to get a race started before collapsing. Fortunately, it has also provided several "Chamber of Commerce days" with good breeze, and moderate temperatures and blue skies.

The PRC team has been focused on improving the racing experience, both for competitors, and our RC volunteers. We have been particularly focused on the integration of our new Mark Set Bot (MSB) which we have been using as a starting pin. There are two key benefits that we have identified for use of the MSB in this application. The first is the ability for the RC to set an accurate, square start line. I have been impressed with the quality of the starting line since we implemented the MSB. The second benefit is the RC ability to make adjustments without having to send a chase boat into a congested area to pull an anchor and attempt to reset the mark.

From my perspective, the benefits to AYC from the MSB have far exceeded my expectations. This has resulted in me rethinking the priorities for the racing program at the Club.

In addition to additional BOTS, I asked the Board to approve a motion for an EZ-anchor spool winch for the signal boat. These are much more robust and powerful than the undersized windlasses we have used in the past with the intent of improving the RC experience. Last month while visiting customers who build boats for the Alaskan fishing market, I had the chance to inquire about their experiences with the EZ-Anchor puller. The customers could not say enough great things about the product calling it a "game changer."



Finally, I had the opportunity to support the North U training held at the Club earlier this month. I can not express how much our guests were in awe of the special place we have here. The volunteers did an amazing job of ensuring our out-of-town guests enjoy the best AYC has to offer. I specifically want to than PRC members **Kurt Carson, Jorge Martín de Nicolás, and Steve Pervier** who were here every day working tirelessly to ensure we provided the students and coaches a great experience. Additionally, **Claudia Bartlett, Nan Taylor, and Ann Riggs** made sure everyone was well fed when they came off the water.

**Keith Denenbeim** crushed it, working with **Bobby Brooks** to arrange and coordinate off the water activities and ensure the boats were ready to go.

**Commodore Anne Morley** was out on the water capturing stunning images of the event, and **Bay Peterson** drove the Drone pilot and North U photographer around the course in **Mark Foster's** Boston Whaler. My apologies if I missed anyone, I simply want to let everyone know how impressed I was with how the Club stepped up to put on a world class training event.

Finally, I want to thank the **Bartletts** for the use of their RIB which **Kurt Carson and Bobby Brooks** used to manage marks on an ever-shifting race course. I'm not sure if we realize how frequently **John and Claudia** step up to the plate with the use of their personal RIB to support AYC racing.

## Sail Training Commander Report by Linda McDavitt



How does one say...WHEW, April just flew by! Is it really true "time flies when you're having fun?" If so, I am having way too much fun!

Since last report, we have:

- Completed two Discover Sailing Clinics, both in heavy air, with the March 27th done by the Pearson 26 Fleet with **Bill Records, David Weeks, Cody Hix, Henry Hebel and Jeff Sabuda**, and the April

23rd clinic done by the Ensign Fleet with **Tom Groll, Doc Gamble, Richard House, and Bill Hawk**.

Great fun watching the excitement in the faces of some brand new and some a bit of experienced having the time of their lives in 15 to 20+ winds and exciting gusts. You know the wind must be bad when only two J80s go out. Hmmm!



Tom Groll teaching the basics! I would say the man knows a lot and is a great teacher.

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Doc Gamble and Discover Sailing crew with all having time on the helm and pulling in the jib and main sheets.



Tom Groll trusting his Discover Sailing newbie to helm!



Tom Groll and fearless crew, L-R Tom, David, Colleen, Christina and Georgia



Bill Hawk and crew having fun. Question is, which crew member was the best at helming or running the sheets?



Doc Gamble, Richard House and awesome crew, L-R John, Carlos, Kristin, Richard, Ed and Doc



Bill Hawk and his fun Discover Sailing crew. Note the happy faces! L-R Dmitry & Inna, Brandon, Rolland and Bill

- US Level 1 Certification Course completed for several of our summer camp counselors and two of our PB&J leaders, **Sarah Faust and Robert Bennett**
  - Free Sails have started though we have had to cancel April 10th and 24th due to high winds.
  - Team Racing has been on hiatus and will be ramping up again in May
- May looks to be an exciting month as we will be starting:**
- Adult Beginning Sailing in Dinghies May 7, 14, 21 and 28
  - Scott Young clinic on Starting Strategies and First Upwind Leg Tactics May 14th from 9 to noon
  - John Morran clinic on Downwind tactics and Crew Work May 15th from 9 to noon
  - Free Sail May 8, 15, 22, and 29th from 1 to 5pm
  - Discover Sailing May 22nd from 1 to 5pm
  - And PB&J under the direction of **Sarah Faust, Robert Bennett and Lauren Crouch** starts May 28th

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## Tip of the Month

Tip of the month comes from J70 and Offshore racer **Chris Lewis** (most likely in conjunction with first mate **Karen Lewis**): Have to brag a bit on those two and their Team KENAI for being the repeat winner of the 2021-2022 SORC Islands in the Stream series. **Chris** and team will also be representing AYC at the NYYC Resolute Cup in September.

"Recognize that there are two completely different modes when sailing upwind...steering from the telltails or from the boat's heel. When you are not overpowered always fly your telltails, usually the fastest upwind mode is with both the inside and outside telltails streaming. If you lift the inside telltails you are not at 100% power and lose both speed and VMG to the mark. But when the wind fills in, you no longer steer on them; it's better to keep the optimum angle of heel, even if that means lifting the inside telltails consistently by actively steering. Let your crew de-power the rig (flatten the sails) so you can get back to streaming the telltails in the lulls. But still luff to keep that constant heel angle in the gusts.

A side benefit of sailing fast in light winds with your telltails streaming is a reward for being in phase with the wind-shifts; you get to the next header first and have leverage on the fleet."

That's it for now, Happy sailing!

## *Mark Your Calendar for These Upcoming Sail Training Events!*

### **Adult Beginning Sailing in Dinghies**      [Register here](#)

May 7, 14, 21 9:00am - 12:00pm

May 28 2:00 - 5:00pm

This is the first course in a series of three for adult dinghy sailing.

### **Starting Strategies & First Upwind Leg**      [Register here](#)

May 14, 9:00am - 12:00pm

Clinic on starting and first upwind leg tactics with **Scott Young**. There will be a short chalk-talk followed by time on the water. Come and bring your crew. \$50 for a skipper with crew; \$25 for an individual member; \$50 for non-members.

### **Downwind Tactics and Crew Work**      [Register here](#)

May 15, 9:00am - 12:00pm

Learn downwind tactics with **John Morran**, bow person for the awesome **Scott Young, John Morran and John Kern** team that represented AYC so successfully. A chalk-talk explaining the role of the bow person and how they are the integral person providing information as well as how they work with the helmsman and spinnaker flyer to have a very successful downwind race.

Please contact me if you have any questions at all.

# THE COACH'S CORNER



Emily Verdoia

## New Boats Galore!

This month, the Junior Program purchased three new Optimists to replace some of our aging fleet. The three boats are from McLaughlin and made in the USA. These boats were used as charter boats at Opti events in 2021. For someone who spends a fair amount of time around Optis, I thought I had a pretty good gauge on how big an Opti really is. However, when the boxes arrived on a palette, I couldn't believe how big they seemed. I figured there was a lot of extra space in the boxes, but when I opened them up, those Optis were packed tight in each box. I guess Optis really aren't as rectangular as we all think!

**Max Ross**, the Assistant Coach, and I unpacked them when they were delivered. Despite having been used a few times, they look brand new! They come completely set up except for the sail. The sails are brand new and are class-legal North sails. We're going to keep these sails in pristine condition so these boats can be chartered by AYC sailors for AYC regattas, such as the RoadRunner Regatta! The boats will be down on the docks rigged and ready to go in the next few weeks.

When the old Optis are officially phased out, Max and I will clean them up a bit to hopefully sell to some of our aspiring young Green Fleet sailors! While not in great racing condition, they can still be used to train without the fear of wrecking a new boat. If you're looking for an Optimist, keep an eye out for an announcement about this!

Check out some pictures from the unboxing process!



## STARTING STRATEGIES & FIRST UPWIND LEG TACTICS



WHOOOPS, MISSED  
THE START LINE

**What kind of Start do I want and how do I get it??**

MUCH  
BETTER,  
BUT I BET I  
COULD  
IMPROVE !



YES!!! THIS IS WHAT I  
WANT MY STARTS TO  
LOOK LIKE. I NEED TO  
LEARN FROM

*SCOTT YOUNG!*

**May 14<sup>th</sup>** is the date to hear **Scott** on how to **set up for a great start on the LINE, on time, at the favored position.** Once off, then how to use that incredible start with the best tactics on the **FIRST UPWIND LEG.** Chalk talk and then on the water practice. **Registration limited.**

**AYC, MAY 14<sup>TH</sup> FROM 9AM TO NOON. REGISTER ON AYC WEBSITE.**

***Tired of this?!***



**DOWNWIND TACTICS and  
CREW WORK**

***But afraid of that?!***



***Wanna sail like this?!***



Then Come hear super bowman John Morran explain how to develop great Downwind Tactics and how the crew works together to get the best speed and performance going downwind. There will be a chalk talk and then on the water time. Registration is limited so sign up now on AYC Website.

Sunday, May 15, 2022, 9am to Noon at Austin Yacht Club



## Social Team Report by Dee Chow



It has been relatively quiet since our last report but we are in full swing of things to get ready for Turnback Canyon Regatta. Social Committee Team is still seeking volunteers to help our regatta chairs, Lynn Jaeger and Chris Covington, with this two-day regatta!

Thank you to Marilyn Jackson for updating the pictures on all of our napkin holders!

In terms of social activities, thank you to our dynamic duo – Jeff and Marilyn Jackson for organizing, promoting and heading up Fun Fridays! There was AYC's rendition of SXSW in the clubhouse where members brought a mic, speakers and assortment of musical instruments. Fun was to be had by all!



Another Fun Friday included a movie night where Bill Benker brought his popcorn machine and a big screen projector was set up on the outside dance floor. On April 15, Beer Can races started, followed by fresh hot burgers on the grill!

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
Saturday, May 28 for End of Series (EOS) Party!

Did you enjoy last year's crawfish boil at the Turnback Canyon Regatta?! Well,....it's baaack!



Mark your calendars!



Important Easter Board of Directors meeting Photo by Cheryl Pevier

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## 2022 J/24 Circuit Stop “March Madness Regatta”

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The J/24 Texas Circuit is the fleet’s traditional flagship 7-Regatta, District 14 Championship Circuit. The Austin Yacht Club was one of seven Texas yacht clubs hosting circuit stops from March through November. The AYC March Madness Regatta was held March 26-27.



*Photo by Bill Records*

### PRE-RACE ACTIVITIES 03/26

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Beautiful J/24 Circuit Stop banner *Photos by Marilyn Jackson*



Rhonda Moore at the regatta registration table



L-R Joan Freeman, Jorge Martín de Nicolás, Ken Berringer



L-R Gabriela Banks, Brian Metz, Dave Hull, Rhonda Moore

# 2022 J/24 Circuit Stop "March Madness Regatta"

ON THE WATER 03/26



First start Photos by Marilyn Jackson



2nd start



Chris Hammel and crew on Sforzando



Crash course?



Symmetrical racing



John Parker and crew on Thunder Cookie



There they go



Here they come

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# 2022 J/24 Circuit Stop "March Madness Regatta"

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ON THE WATER 03/26

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Ken Berringer and Jorge Martín de Nicolás on Vang Go, Guest Racer on the right Photos by Marilyn Jackson



Spinnaker action



Crowded at the mark



Rhonda Moore, Brian Metz and crew on Illegal Smile



Mark rounding madness!

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SATURDAY DINNER 03/26

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Dinner is served! Phoos by Marilyn Jackson



Rem Copeland, John Parker, Susan Torney, Meiling Parker, Steve Frick, David Fowler



The dinner crowd unwinds



Meiling Parker making her famous Caribbean Coladas



UT students celebrate another great day on the water

# 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 (if 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



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## North U Performance Racing Clinic



Ray Shull

AYC and the J 80 Fleet hosted the North U Performance Racing Clinic on April 4-8. North U is widely regarded as the premiere sailboat racing instructional program in the US, and their Performance Racing Clinics are one of the only clinics focused on advanced sailboat racing techniques and strategies.

**Bobby Brooks** approached the J 80 Fleet approximately one year ago about the possibility of hosting this Clinic at AYC and using J 80s as the training boat. **Bobby** had been an instructor for North U for several years and had worked

with **Bill Gladstone**, the President and lead instructor, many times at other clinics. After discussing several of the logistics of conducting this Clinic at AYC, the J 80 Fleet enthusiastically embraced the concept of having North U come to Austin in the spring of 2022.

The J80 Fleet submitted a request to hold this Clinic at AYC in the Spring of 2022, and the AYC Board in 2021 approved the request conditional on the pandemic not preventing the gathering of sailors for this event. The interest from sailors throughout the US in attending this Clinic in Austin was awesome. Typically North U schedules and conducts these Clinics with 8-10 four-person teams of sailors, with an instructor on each boat for the on-the-water portions. North U had enrolled entries for 10 teams within a few weeks of announcing the Clinic. We arranged for two more boats and instructors, and these spots were quickly taken. We found two more boats for charter, and North U found two more coaches and those spots were also taken. The interest in the Austin Clinic was so great that we finally had to limit the number of teams at 14 maximum, primarily due to the number of boats and instructors that were available.

The 14 teams came from California, Washington, Michigan, Illinois, New England, Colorado, and California. Several participants were from Austin, including two entire J 80 crews and one local crew of trimaran sailors. The sailors assembled at AYC for a week of classroom instruction, on-the-water coaching, daily debriefings of lessons learned, and evening social events which focused on the Lake Travis area.

Each day started with a classroom type discussion of what was planned for that day. Most days this was followed by an instruction session in the AYC clubhouse conducted by **Bill Gladstone** and assisted by the coaches. Topics covered sail theory, boat preparation, crew organization, starting techniques, mark roundings, upwind strategies, downwind techniques, finishing strategies, sailing racing rules, and protest procedures. The information presented was current, supported by recent experiences, and presented by instructors who spend most of their time sailing in national and international regattas. The presentation included videos, animated situations, photos illustrating the concepts, and numerous drawings of the situations being discussed.

After the classroom discussion, we went to the boats for sailing in late morning followed by a lunch with additional discussions of the concepts utilized. That was followed by another sailing session for most of the afternoon. Numerous starts, mark roundings, finishes and crew training exercises were performed each day. Each day of sailing and discussions was followed by a debrief where the concepts presented were discussed in relation to what occurred on the water. Video footage from support boats and drones was provided to show us what was done well and what needed additional practice by the teams.

On the last day of the Clinic (Friday), all races for that day were scored and each team was ranked based on their finishes. Eight races were conducted and 16 starts were completed. There was no shortage of tired crews at the end of that day.



The coaches at North U Photo by Anne Morley



Classroom instruction at AYC Photo by North U

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## North U Performance Racing Clinic

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Crowded and aggressive starting lines were the norm  
*Photo by Anne Morley*



Mark rounding with spinnaker takedown practice  
*Photo by Anne Morley*



Close quarters just before the gun *Photo by Anne Morley*

The extensive practice included every aspect of what had been discussed during the week. There was a significant increase in the sailing ability of each of the crews at the Clinic from their first to final day.

The evenings were also a great time to meet the other teams, the coaches, and talk about the events of the day. Day 1 was a welcoming party at AYC, Day 2 was a catered bar-b-que dinner at AYC, Day 3 was a gathering at Infamous to sample their local brews, and Day 4 was an evening for the teams to gather at one of the local restaurants to review the week's events. Day 5 was the award presentations for the scored races on Friday.

The AYC teams made a great showing in the final day's ranking. The Lickety Split/Rogue Warrior AYC team finished in fourth place, The JACK team, also with their entire AYC crew, finished third overall, Air Supply with Ed Taylor came in second, and the Flyer team with me on foredeck finished in first place. I believe it showed that AYC sailing is already at a fairly high level, and that additionally you can even teach some of us experienced sailors (i.e. old timers) new techniques to improve our sailing ability.

Special thanks to the many volunteers that helped this Clinic become a great success. This includes: the 14 AYC J 80 boat owners who chartered their boats for the event; the Bartletts and Bob Gross for loaning their RIBs for support boats; Steve Pervier, Jorge Martín de Nicolás, Bob Gross, Thomas Young, Bay Peterson, Cass Meyer (plus many others) and everyone else who helped with the awesome race committee; (they conducted over 70 starts and set great courses all week); Claudia Bartlett, Nan Taylor, and others for helping with organizing the lunches each day and the Tuesday bar-b-que; Anne and David Morley for the great photos; and Bobby Brooks and Bill Gladstone with North U for bringing this great event to AYC.

Several teams at the event were heard already planning to attend this event next spring at AYC. I've talked with Bobby Brooks and Bill Gladstone. They believe the Clinic was a great success at AYC and they are excited about conducting this event next year. I'm looking forward to participating next year and improving my sailing ability even more. If you plan on attending next year, be sure and sign up early before all the spots are taken.



North U instructors discussing rig tuning *Photo by North U*

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# North U Performance Racing Clinic

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## AYC MEMBERS ON BOARD

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Air Supply with Ed Taylor Photos by Cheryl Pervier



Sweet T with MH guys – Johannes Brinkman, Russ Shermer, Bill Coon, Juke Ball



Keith Denebeim, Andre de la Reza, Jim Pearce, Chris Thompson



Bruce McDonald, Lisa Porta, Gayle & Bob Leonard



Terri Schertz and David Jamail on Blood Sweat & Tears



Jackrabbit with Claude Welles

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# Spring Series Races 3, 4 & 5

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## SPRING SERIES RACE 3 04/03

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Bruce McFarland and crew on Jus Knot Rite Photos by Marilyn Jackson



Five minutes before start



L-R Jeff Jackson, John Maddalozzo and Marilyn Jackson on Ornery



Owen Crouse and crew on Old Skull



Can Kalyoncuoglu (John) and crew on Gunes

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## Spring Series Races 3, 4 & 5

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### SPRING SERIES RACE 3 04/03

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Liz Stansfeld with crew Harmony and William on Catalina 22 Elysium, Doug and Bryan Powell on SouthCoast 21 Nolo Contendere *Photos by Cheryl Pervier*



John Maddalozzo and crew on Capri 25 Ornerly

### SPRING SERIES RACE 4 04/10

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Phillippe Bettler and Mike Beuerlein on F18 Goodall C2



Cass Meyer and crew on Pearson Flyer Namaste



Trevor Miller and crew on Pearson 26 Caribbean Breeze



Dave Gamble and crew on Ensign One with the Wind

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## Spring Series Races 3, 4 & 5

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### SPRING SERIES RACE 4 0410

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Lewis Price and crew on Ensign Dos Locos *Photos by Cheryl Pervier*



John Halter and crew on J22 Project Mayhem

### SPRING SERIES RACE 5 04/24

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Chuck Waldron and crew on J22 Scorcher *Photos by Marilyn Jackson*



RC: Duke & Kim Snyder, Tracy Lanagan, Bruce McDonald (inside the cabin), Canton O'Donnell



Trevor Miller and crew on Pearson 26 OD Caribbean Breeze



Owen Crouse and crew on Hobie Getaway Neko

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## Spring Series Races 3, 4 & 5

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### SPRING SERIES RACE 5 04/24

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Bob Musselman and crew on SouthCoast 21 WT Photos by Bruce McDonald



John Maddalozzo and crew on Capri 25 Ornerly



J22 start



Tom Groll and crew on Ensign Dancing Bear



Annie Lancaster and crew on Ensign Eagle



Dave Gamble and crew on Ensign One with the Wind, Tom Groll and crew on Ensign Dancing Bear

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## Spring Series Races 3, 4 & 5

### SPRING SERIES RACE 5 04/24



L-R: Michael Bayer and crew on Pearson 26 OD Enthos, Kurt & Jill Zinsmeyer on J88 Shaken *Photos by Bruce McDonald*



Barging incident with collision at start, Tom Groll skipper of blue Ensign Dancing Bear, George Dahmen skipper of white Ensign Stijf Kop.



Mack Warner and crew on Ranger 23 Worley



#### POOL OPENING

AYC Caretaker **Tom Cunningham** has been battling the oak pollen and “droppings” from the trees, not to mention the leaves. Tom and Jackie hope to have the pool open the weekend before Memorial Day. We typically do not open the pool until all of the oak trees have completed their cycle of dropping leaves and pollen.

#### STORING A BOAT AT THE CLUB

Reminder...if you plan to store a boat at the Club, you must be a Senior member. If you've joined as an Associate member, you cannot request boat storage until you've applied for and been granted Senior member status.

#### BOAT SALES & SLIPS INFO

If you sell your boat to another member, that member does not automatically get the slip that your boat is currently stored in. The boat seller must release the slip and the boat purchaser must request a boat storage slip.

Questions? You can reach Jackie at:  
[gm@austinyachtclub.net](mailto:gm@austinyachtclub.net)

Thank you!

# THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF BEER CAN RACING

**I) Thou shalt not take anything other than safety too seriously.** If you can only remember one commandment, this is the one. Relax, have fun, and keep it light. Late to the start? So what. Over early? Big deal. No instructions? Improvise. Too windy? Quit. Not enough wind? Break out the beer. Have fun, but stay safe.

**II) Thou shalt honor the racing rules if thou knowest them.** The Racing Rules of Sailing, unless specifically stated elsewhere in the Sailing Instructions, is the current rules bible. For beer can racing, just remember some of the biggies (port tack boats shall avoid starboard ones; windward boats shall avoid leeward ones; and outside boats shall give room at the mark). Stay out of the way of bigger boats, pay your insurance premiums and keep a low profile unless you're sure you know what you're doing.

**III) Thou shalt not run out of beer.** Beer (a.k.a., brewskis, chill pills, thought cylinders) is the beverage that lends its name to 'beer can' racing; obviously, you don't want to run out of the frothy nectar. Of course, you can drink whatever you want out there, but there's a reason these things aren't called milk bottle races, Coca-Cola can races, hot chocolate races or something else. Just why beer is so closely associated with this kind of racing escapes us at the moment, but it's a tradition we're happy to go along with.

**IV) Thou shalt not covet thy competitor's boat, sails, equipment, crew or PHRF rating.** No excuses or whining; if you're lucky enough to have a sailboat, just go use it! You don't need the latest in zircon-encrusted widgetry or unobtainium sailcloth to have a great time out on the water with your friends. Even if your boat's a heaving pig, make modest goals and work toward improving on them from week to week. Or don't – it's only beer can racing.

**V) Thou shalt not amp out.** No screaming, swearing, or overly aggressive tactics. Save that stuff for the office or, if you must, for Saturday's 'real' race. If you lose it in a Friday nighter, you're going to run out of crew – not to mention friends – in a big hurry.

**VI) Thou shalt not protest thy neighbor.** This is extremely tacky at this level of competition and should be avoided at all costs. Perhaps it's justifiable if one's boat is damaged and blame needs to be established, but on the whole, tossing a red flag is the height of bad taste in something as relatively inconsequential as a beer canner. Don't do it – it's bad karma.

**VII) Thou shalt not mess up thy boat.** Everybody knows some hardcore weekend warrior who ripped his sails up in a Friday night race and had to sit out the championship race on Saturday. The point is that it's not worth risking your boat and gear in such casual competition. Avoid other boats at all costs, not to mention buoys and other hard objects. If you have the luxury of two sets of sails, use the old ones.

**VIII) Thou shalt always go to the yacht club afterwards.** Part of the gestalt of beer can races is bellying up to the yacht club bar after the race. Etiquette demands that you congratulate the winners, as well as buy a round of drinks for your crew. Besides, the bar is a logical place to see old friends and make new ones. However, when meeting new sailors, avoid the gung-ho, overly serious types who rehash the evening in such gory detail that the post mortem (yawn) takes longer than the race.

**IX) Thou shalt bring thy spouse, kids, friends and whoever else wants to go.** Twilight races are great forums for introducing new folks to sailing, such as your neighbors, out-of-town visitors, co-workers or maybe even the family dog. Always bring your significant other along, too – coed crews are happy crews. And don't just make the newcomers watch – give them a job on the boat. Get everyone involved.

**X) Thou shalt not worry; thou shalt be happy.** Leave the cell phone in the car, bring the ghetto blaster. Lighten up, it's not the Big Boat Series. Have fun, and we'll see you out there!

*Penned by Rob Moore. Rob was only 58 years old when he succumbed to lung cancer on Jan. 6, 2012. He was among the 20% of lung cancer victims with no history of smoking. During Rob's short tenure on the planet, he covered a lot of ground, and was both active in the sport and a popular contributor at the Latitude 38 publication.*

# beer can need to know

It's time for Beer Can Racing!

Beer Can races are informal pursuit-style races that occur every Friday evening from April 15 through September 23.

The course and start times for all boats are listed in the Sailing Instructions. Note that Start times vary during the season. Links to the NOR and SIs are on this this web page: [austinyachtclub.net/beer-can-races/](http://austinyachtclub.net/beer-can-races/).

The races are sponsored by the PRF (Performance Handicap Fleet) and more information can be found on the PRF Fleet web page.

One chase boat will be on standby.

Beer Can races occur on the same evenings as the MoonBurn Series. Plans will be managed to maximize everyone's opportunity for racing. Meals will be available for purchase with both events.

Food for purchase will be burgers and brats with selection of sides. PRF requests cooperation of all fleets for cooking and support duties.

There are prizes for 1st and 2nd boat each week.



Time for burgers! Can Kalyoncuoglu and crew on Capri 22 Gunes  
*Photo by Cheryl Pervier*



Scenes from April 15 Beer Can Opener –  
Doug Casey and crew on Flash - New Trimaran  
*Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



Kurt Carson and crew on J80 Knot Rite  
*Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



Chris & Karen Lewis with crew Elizabeth  
Quintanilla on J70 GB *Photo by Cheryl Pervier*



Post race chillin' L-R Jeff Sabuda, Lisa Rogers,  
Hayden Ross's sister, Hayden Ross, Daniel  
Garces *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



At the grill L-R Aaron Mcculley, Steve Getson,  
Jim Casto *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*

## Wednesday Night Sunfish & Laser Races

by Annie Lancaster



### Hello Sunfish and Laser Sailors!

The Wednesday Night series is about to begin! May 4th is "Opening Day". Let's all come out and sail, or watch, and enjoy a dinner together to get the season started. Sailing at 6:00pm, dinner to follow.

We will have Laser and Sunfish fellowship after the races, underneath the clubhouse. (I will bring pulled chicken tacos. Anyone willing to bring a side is welcome, but it is not necessary.)

Let's get together and launch a wonderful sailing season!

Happy Sailing!



Hazel Sanchez on Sunfish Zephyr at 2021 CB Regatta  
Photos by Bill Records



Beating Lasers, 2021 CB Regatta

## Catalina 22 Fleet Report

by Steve Pervier



We expect Spring to be a breezy time with the usual Central Texas variations – but does that mean whitecaps and big gusts every race day? Mostly yes so far, starting with Opening Day, then the first two Sundays of Spring Series. It wasn't that much all day for Spring #3 but I think there were gusty moments even then. Would the breezy days continue for our Race Committee day?

On April 10, the wind was forecast at 15 to 25mph and "gusts as high as 30". Several of us met at 10:30am on the Board Boat dock to watch and learn as we set up the MarkSetBot – a first time for our fleet's RC. We also talked about chase boats and mark inflation with our newer members. From the harbor it looked a little less windy than forecast, but the higher wind potential was still there so we hoisted Code Flag Y ashore, getting compliments on that choice later. (See Rule 40. Do you have the free Racing Rules app? Search your App Store / Google Play for US Sailing!)



Spring Series race #3 Race Committee boat and Brian Grothues & crew on C22 Moonlight Sonata Photo by Marilyn Jackson

Tom Meyer, PRO from the SC21 Fleet, anchored our Signal Boat in deep water with the strong south wind while I ran the MarkSetBot. The Bot held its place well as starting pin despite gusts to 18 knots sustained. Our boat near the W mark read 23 kts, and about the same time the Lake Travis Test Station read 45 mph. Let's visualize in 3D – with nothing blocking that south wind until it has to rise up and "bounce" over the dam, it then comes down to the lake at high velocity. Near W it was quite tricky! Farther downwind it evens out and spreads apart, slowing a bit as it goes. Our RC saw some great higher wind sailing, and enjoyed watching the other fleets having good races.

I'd like to list our volunteers: New AYC members who joined us were Andrew Bilski, Marci Bertuzzi, Kim Day, and Bryce Bezant. From our fleets we had South Coast 21 sailors Tom Meyer, Bob Musselman, and Joseph Runyon and Catalina 22 sailors William Kozminski & Millie Yap, James & Sarah Denny, Cheryl & Steve Pervier. We enjoyed serving with each of you. Thanks to each for fine race committee service on this sometimes challenging day!

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Now would this be enough of the high wind? The following weekend was not on our series schedule – and the light air we mostly haven't been seeing occupied that entire Easter Laser Regatta. Sorry about that! Now did we break the high wind pattern?

Spring Series #5 took place on yet another windy race day. Only a couple C22s sailed, with only one racing, and just one of our SC21s. From the winning boat in B-fleet, crew member **Joseph Runyon** called it "the wettest race I've ever done with **Bob** (Musselman)". The payoff was in planing to victory in their South Coast 21, eventually beating all but one P26 boat for boat. Congrats, you guys! Meanwhile our new C22 fleet member but experienced sailor **Doug Herling** took his Catalina 22 for a first AYC series race. He and his crew found their mainsail wasn't strong enough, but he still called it a "fun day!" and he's looking for more. Now that's why we sail!



Close racing for SC21 Bob Musselman and Doug Powell  
Photo by Cheryl Pervier

## Dinghy Fleet Report by James Bland



I'd like to encourage new members and sailors to support **Linda McDavitt's** seminars on dinghy sailing. It will be a good opportunity to tune up your boat handling skills on small and large boats.

There have been several new members and their relatives expressing interest in sailing (dinghies) during series racing. I'd like to encourage all dinghies, but especially J80 sailors to come out when the conditions are appropriate and race.

With two racing days, some people will have the opportunity to sail both days if they choose to do so.

Work on the Pelican progresses and I'm expecting the sails to arrive shortly. There is a fair bit of work to do, but by this time next month, I'm hoping to have a launching report.



It's been nice to get such lovely feedback from Club members on my build reporting. Naval Patrol VP 45 has a history dating back to WWII when it was first activated. I thought the Pelicans logo would make a nice addition to the finishing. Fred Ford was a

member of VP Eleven, Pegasus - P3 Maritime patrol.

For those keeping score, I estimate that I will have spent approximately 400 hours and about \$3000 in materials when all is said and done



Progress – 4/17/22



Progress – 4/19/22 Making the coaming boards requires a paper pattern, and I built a hard board pattern to test before cutting the expensive mahogany plywood. I spent the weekend fairing and sanding items for paint.



Progress – 4/19/22



Progress – 4/24/22

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Recycling Finn sails into flags and pennants

Like everything else, there is a learning curve and the first one of anything takes the longest. In this case, the boat is actually built twice once you consider the jig construction and making the parts and patterns. If anyone is interested, I would be happy to give you this work byproduct for your own construction. If no one is interested, I'll need to discard these pieces.

I got my Finn mast repaired and painted, thank you **Fred Schroth**, Schroth Fiberglass. I have a back up mast coming from PATA in Hungary at the end of may and North Sails New Zealand [Auckland] have built a couple of new Finn sails that I'll be testing. Things are looking up after a hard 2021 season of breakdowns and tragedy. (Which reminds me, everyone carry a whistle!)

Finn Nationals are in Los Angeles [ABYC] in May and Snipe sailing starts off with Racing in Dallas at Fleet #1. OK Dinghy #812 has been found and has a new owner, **Jeff Moses** (a professional boat builder) in NE Iowa.

Any questions on Finn, Snipe or OK Dinghy Racing, please give me a holler. Once the Pelican is completed, I'll be organizing to build an OK Dinghy maybe a few of you might be interested. After all AYC was founded with homebuilt boats.

That's all for now.

## Worrel 1000 – Team Restream by Mike Beuerlein



I'll concede right off the bat I'm every bit as big of a sap as the next guy but the whole "Iron men, plastic boats" description of the Worrell 1000 Race has always struck me as being a little overly dramatic. Truth be told, the first time I heard of the Worrell 1000 race 30-40 years ago, I thought "Why

would anyone do something so stupid?" Now that I'm entered as one of 16 international teams for the 2022 running, the same thought still nags me. But, as our team gets closer and closer to the starting line, I'm getting some perspective.

The F-18 class that has been chosen for the 2022 Worrell 1000 Race was once one of the largest and most competitive racing fleets in Texas, but many of the top competitors (**John Tomko, Scott Young, Mike Rohrer, Aaron McCulley, Bill Coon, Michael Yost, Jim Rehage, John Kuc, Evan Froelich**) have sold their F-18s to concentrate on a different type of boat, or have moved to a different state (**Chris Green** to California, **Steve Piche** to deceased).

**Steve Piche's** untimely death really took the wind out of the Texas F-18 fleet's sails. Steve had been the driving force behind the Great Texas 300, a Worrell-inspired off-shore catamaran race from South Padre Island to Galveston East Beach most of us have completed on our F-18s numerous times. However, we now had more F-18s at AYC than people willing and able to sail them. **Steve Piche's** and my boat were the last two left that were rated to do Nationals level events and we and they were not getting any younger. **Steve's widow Cathy**, former crew, **Juke Ball**, and friends **Aaron, Philippe** and I decided to get both F-18s in shape to sell them as well. It was about this time that **John Williams**, the PRO for the 2022 Worrell 1000 Race approached us about entering the race. It seemed to us that, with a little help from our friends, we could generate some publicity for our boats and, hopefully, even sell them locally if we could get them both Worrell race-ready as well as provide the ability to get several boats to local regattas.

The challenge was to race both boats competitively again to determine the weak spots. Like I said, we're not as new or young as we once were. Barz Optics provided us with race goggles incorporating reading lenses so that we could read our navigation instruments without having to carry reading glasses. **Juke and Aaron** stepped up to prepare the double-stack trailer to transport multiple boats to a regatta and help design the T-shirts we hope to be able to sell to supporters. **Cathy Echols** helped to facilitate all the sale and ownership-transfer paperwork. Austin Yacht Club generously provided a grant that covered our entry fee, helped with our transportation costs and enabled us to get a new race spinnaker. However, our main sponsor, **Restream**, really impressed us with their commitment.

We first approached **Restream** last summer, shortly after **Brigitte's** Unified-Finance Organization (UFO) had assisted **Restream** CEO and native Ukrainian **Alex Kudha** secure \$50 million dollars in investor funding. Restream, at this point, was spending a lot of their marketing expense on influencers. Even though I've never considered myself a good influencer, **Alex** gave us his word; yet no money changed hands until earlier this year when Russia had already begun massing soldiers on the Ukraine border. By then Restream was already preoccupied with safely moving all of their developers from Kyiv to Portugal to get them out of harm's way but to **Alex**, a deal was a deal. Since we had helped him out, he was determined to help us out. He even provided us with a free business subscription to Restream's streaming services and all the technical support we might need throughout the duration of the race. Restream is sending much more money to support their native Ukraine, but at least we can provide his team a little diversion from the war. We proudly bear the colors of Ukraine.



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So it's clear, **Philippe and I** are only here due to the support of our supporters, especially **Brigitte Benquet and Isabelle Bettler**. I'm only here because **Steve Piche** isn't. Were he not to prematurely pass in February of 2020, he'd almost certainly be here (with his boat instead of me) fighting for a spot on the line as well. As former F-18 competitor **Bo Kersey** says: "Life is too short to sail slow."

Life IS short, the time to seize the chance to live is fleeting.

You can follow us at <https://worrell1000race.com/> or <https://www.facebook.com/Worrell1000>. We'll keep posting our experiences with daily updates, photos and videos at <https://www.facebook.com/Team-Restream-100495569307334>.



## J70 Fleet Report by Bruce McDonald



In 2018, we had one J70 at the Club. Then **Duke Snyder** brought one to the Club making two. The following year, **Bob Leonard and Chris Lewis** brought two more boats. Over the last year, we have seen four new boats owned by **Tracy Lanagan, Peter Spevick, Pierre Bossard and Shelby Carter** come to AYC making a total of

eight boats, so, I guess you can say we have seen exponential growth in our fleet. **Pierre and Shelby** both tell me that they are currently looking for crew so that they can go racing. If you want a sweet ride on a fast and nimble sport boat, give them a call. There is hardly a week that goes by that I am not stopped by a sailor who wants to know more about the boat and perhaps score a ride.



Pierre Bossard with his new J70 Photos by Bruce McDonald



Shelby Carter with his new J70

I am super excited about the growth of our fleet and the camaraderie that has developed in our owner's group.

We were fortunate to have North U come to AYC the first week of April. J70 fleet was represented by **Bob and Gayle Leonard, Lisa Porta and Bruce McDonald**. We were treated to "sporty conditions" on the lake and had short course racing on 14 J80s. We are excited to put to use the knowledge gained from the five day course on our own racing here at AYC. Spring Series has had the usual brisk wind conditions.

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Our J70 representatives at North U receiving their fourth place trophies after a punishing day on the water. L to R Bill Waltham(coach), Gayle Leonard, Bob Leonard, Lisa Porta, Bruce McDonald and Bill Gladstone (instructor).  
Photo by Ann Morley

We have been racing on the opposite days from the J80s, so, we have been able to borrow seasoned crew from them and in some cases, guest skippers. This has made the racing ever more tight with the leads changing frequently during the races and close finishes. The fourth week of the series gave us winds of 20 knots gusting to over 30. **Chris Lewis** in GB and **Bruce McDonald** in Rogue Warrior decided to brave the conditions. Fortunately we decided to use some older sails which were trashed in the race. All six J70s that were currently at the Club have raced in the series thus far. The current leader is **Bob Leonard** in Chariot, followed by **Bruce McDonald** in Rogue Warrior and **Duke Snyder** in Nittany.

The fifth race in the series, J70 fleet had race committee. Seven of the eight boats were represented on the committee. With winds in the 15-20 knot range, we had a ball setting the course and watching the competitors, some out for the first time try to survive in the conditions. The new Mark Set Bot performed flawlessly staying on station in heavy gusts and moving to the new spot when we dialed in new line length or new wind direction. Using the Mark setting software, with the help of our Race Commander, **Bob Gross**, we were able to set perfect windward leeward courses.

The first Beer Can race of the series, I turned the helm of Rogue Warrior over to new member, **Canton O'Donnell**, who sailed a near perfect race to come in first followed closely by **Chris Lewis** in GB.

Again, we are building our fleet with great sailors and talented crews. Our newest members are in need of crew, so give them a shout if you have interest in the newest, most exciting fleet out there.



Rogue Warrior pops up on a plane in race day 3 of the Spring Series. L-R Shelby Carter, Canton O'Donnell, Bruce McDonald and Lisa Porta  
Photo by Bill Records

## Ensign Fleet Report by Ann Kitzmiller



First things first! The Ensign fleet is delighted to welcome our two newest members, **Jane (Janie) Margaret Burner** and **Catherine (Kit) Louise Kloetzer**. **Janie, Anne and David Morley's** first granddaughter, was born on April 20th to parents **Jen and Clay Burner**. **Kit, Joany and Lewis Price's** first granddaughter, was born on April 24th to parents **Meredith and Justin Kloetzer**. Welcome little ones – we can't wait to meet you and take you Ensign sailing!



New grandma Anne Morley with Janie Lewis Price's granddaughter Kit

Spring breezes have made for some sporty racing conditions for Spring Series racing. Six boats left the docks for the third weekend, **Stijf Kop** (**George and Frans Dahmen**), **One with the Wind** (**Dave Gamble and Danny Lien**), **Dos Locos** (**Lewis Price**), **Eagle** (**Annie and Charlie Lancaster**), **September** (**Fred Ford**), and **Prickly Pair** (**Kelly and Bill Hawk**). **September** opted to focus on crew training rather than race, and **Bill Hawk** returned to the dock and came back out to race **Prickly Pair** single handed! In very close racing, the **Dahmens** eked out a win in the first race with **Dave Gamble** in hot pursuit. **Lewis Price** came in third followed by the **Lancasters** in fourth and **Bill Hawk** valiantly in fifth. **Bill** executed a beautiful high wind single handed tack right before the finish line – very impressive. He'd had enough fun, though, and headed in. In the second race, **Stijf Kop** finished first, followed by **Dos Locos** in second, **Eagle** in third, and **One with the Wind** in fourth.

Our fourth weekend of Spring Series racing was a white knuckle ride for sure! The winds were consistently strong with periodic ridiculous gusts. Four boats headed out to the course, **Stijf Kop**, **One with the Wind**, **Dos Locos**, and **September**. Once again, **Dave Gamble** gave the **Dahmens** a run for their money. **Stijf Kop** had a broken leech line on her blade, which made it tough to go upwind but had the benefit of making her quite the bad air factory for **One with the Wind**. **Stijf Kop** pulled out the win, followed by **One with the Wind**, **Dos Locos**, and **September**. **Stijf Kop** and **September** decided enough was enough and retired after the first race. Undaunted, and in a tight points race for second place in the series, **One with the Wind** and **Dos Locos** started the second race. I'm not sure what happened to **Dos Locos**, but she did not finish the race, leaving **Dave Gamble** victorious. Great job out there!

The fifth weekend of the Spring Series was also really windy. The fleet had a great turnout again with six boats on the line. It was wonderful to



One with the Wind and Dancing Bear at the start Photo by Bruce McDonald

see Tom Groll back out on Dancing Bear! Also present were the usual suspects Stijf Kop, One with the Wind, Eagle, and September. With Lewis "Papa" Price busy learning how to be a grandfather, Susy Ortega took the helm of Dos Locos and with crew Graham Gilmour and Brent did a great job getting around the race course in very tough



Susy Ortega on the helm of Dos Locos with crew Graham Gilmour, Mike, and Brent during Spring Series racing Photo by Marilyn Jackson

conditions. In the first race, Tom Groll reminded us that he is a force to be reckoned with on the race course. There are two kinds of Ensign racers – those who Dancing Bear has rolled over upwind like a freight train and those who Dancing Bear will roll over upwind like a freight train. With George Dahmen on the helm for the first race, Stijf Kop had to pull out every trick in the book to keep up with the Bear. It came down to the last upwind

leg and the race ended with Stijf Kop crossing first and Dancing Bear coming in second. One with the Wind, Eagle, September and Dos Locos all finished, I think in that order. In the second race of the day, everyone had their moments for sure. First, Tom Groll decided that he could squeeze Dancing Bear into a non-existent space between Stijf Kop and the Signal Boat. Nope, that did not work, so after becoming unwedged, the Bear did her turns and rejoined the race. Meanwhile on Stijf Kop, crew member Lynn Jaeger got bonked in the nose by the spinnaker pole and spent the downwind leg icing her nose and reassuring George that she really was



Annie and Charlie Lancaster on Eagle during Spring Series racing Photo by Marilyn Jackson

o.k. (Lynn, you are a real trooper!) I don't know the details but over on Eagle, Charlie got "boomed" but thankfully nothing too serious. But the most impressive event took place on September when Fred Ford decided to relive his pilot days and eject crew from the cockpit. Fred did this masterfully by luring crew member Carolynne Griffin into standing on the cabin top looking back and then gybing the boat at the leeward mark. After Carolynne was launched into Lake Travis, Fred took the opportunity to execute mariner overboard drills as part of his crew training. Carolynne is also a real trooper and did not immediately resign from September. Once everyone got done with their mishaps, the racing continued. The star of the show was Dave Gamble with regular crew Richard House, who drove One with the Wind to an impressive first place finish in the second race. He was followed by Stijf Kop in second, Dancing Bear in third, Eagle in fourth, and Dos Locos in fifth. After retrieving her crew from the water, September retired from the race to stage an intervention with Captain Ford. The intervention turned into a "boat stuffing" event when everyone returned to the docks



Crew of September after a training session, L-R Chris & Chris Covington, Fred Ford, Linda McDavitt, and Josh Davidson

and piled onto September to enjoy a beer or two and compare injuries. It was another marvelous day of Ensign racing.

Members of the Ensign Fleet assisted Sail Training Commander Linda McDavitt by running the First Sail class on April 23rd. Dave Gamble, Bill Hawk, Tom Groll, and Fred Ford shared their boats and knowledge with a class of about 14 enthusiastic new sailors. They even took them out for a sail and each student helmed the boat in 20-25 mile per hour wind conditions.

Thank you, Linda, for giving the fleet an opportunity to introduce our boat to new sailors. One of the students had so much fun that he came back the next day to crew on One with the Wind and was part of the masterful first place finish in the second race. We hope to see him become a fleet regular.

The fleet is enjoying a bit of a resurgence these days with consistent participation on the race course and a whole bunch of new and enthusiastic crew members. Each of the racing boats are putting together solid crews and are consistently competitive. Long time fleet members and skippers are to be commended for keeping the fleet active and sharing the spirit of Ensign sailing with new sailors. Our new fleet members and friends are bringing wonderful energy and enthusiasm to the race course and to our social events. Our fleet members are also continuing to make significant contributions to the Club as a whole, including chairing regattas and serving on various committees and the Board.

Stay tuned for news about Turnback and the exciting conclusion of the Spring Series!

## RoadRunner Fleet Report

by Constanze Heitkoetter



### 2022 TSA Youth Circuit

*2022 TSA Kick-Off: Changes in L'Attitude Regatta  
Corpus Christi Yacht Club | March 12-13, 2022*

AYC was represented with five youth sailors. Congratulations to those who participated! In the Opti class, **William Michael** placed 1st in Blue Fleet and in first place Opti overall. **Roni Sela**

finished 1st in Red and with a second place overall. **Yuval Sela** faced challenges with bravour and resilience in Blue Fleet. **Nicholas Carew** and **Zachary Aronson** (4th place) sailed in Laser Radials, at least until their masts broke. Yes, that's Corpus Christi Bay!

*2022 TSA Canyon Chaos Youth Regatta  
Lake Canyon Yacht Club | April 23-24*

#### Optis

Second place overall and 1st in Blue Fleet went to **William Michael** (AYC/LYC). **Roni Sela** placed 2nd in Red Fleet, and **Yuval Sela** 3rd in Blue. Congratulations!

#### Laser

AYC youth sailors in Lasers included **Ramzi Matous** and **Sofia Pando** in the Laser 4.7, and **Fiona Froelich**, **Nicholas Carew**, and **Zachary Aronson** in the Laser Radia. Congratulations to **Nicholas Carew** for placing 3rd and **Fiona** in 4th place in their class.

#### *Upcoming TSA Regattas:*

May 14-15 at Grapevine Sailing Club  
Greg Reed Memorial Grand Prix Junior Regatta

June 4-5 at Austin Yacht Club  
RoadRunner Regatta

June 18-19 at Rush Creek Yacht Club  
Chocopalooza [USODA Mid-Americans]

#### *Full 2022 TSA Youth Circuit Schedule*

More info at <https://www.txsail.org> and on Facebook

#### *2022 TSA RoadRunner Regatta - June 4-5, 2022:*

##### *The Best Regatta/Party of The Year - Austin Style*

We have big plans to make this the most fun and awesome youth regatta of the year. With music, good food and drink, fun & games, special recognition of coaches, exciting raffles, decorations, and of course some super exciting junior dinghy racing on Lake Travis! This will also be the Laser Championship.

This will probably be the biggest (and most fun!) AYC Regatta of the year, and we will need a lot of volunteers!

### High School Sailing

Since several of our RoadRunner racers are active in the high school sailing program, we are proud to report that the Lake Travis High School Sailing Team finished with a very strong second place in the SEISA Fleet Race Championship which was held at New Orleans Yacht Club on April 9, 2022. Congratulations to **James Brock** and **Vivian Heitkoetter** for 1st place in Division A, and **Ryder Getson**,



The RoadRunner Fleet is open to all youth of members of the Austin Yacht Club and its junior members. Youth sailors race in Optimists, Lasers, C420s, and FJs, as well as in the fleet's own aspirational sailboats for double- and triple-handed sailing.

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. More info:



**Laura Covington** and **Zach Romberg** for a fantastic 4th place in Division B, considering this was their first big high school regatta as a team. Trophies will be displayed at LTHS – the new principal **Debbie Garinger** promised to showcase the sailing team trophies which have been adding up over recent years. A big shout-out and thanks to Coach **Emily** and **Jeff Brock** for their dedication to high school sailing!

#### *Easter Laser Regatta at AYC*

The RoadRunners do have some strong Laser youth sailors who were happy to sail at home and stay off the road. Thank you for hosting this great regatta every year!

### 2022 RoadRunner Fleet Board

Fleet Captain: Constanze Heitkoetter  
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Membership Chair: Mary Carew and Dave Aronson

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Nicholas Carew was awarded the 2021 Texas Sailing Assn Friendship Award in Corpus Christi. This award was voted on by his fellow sailors and parents. This is a huge honor and we are very proud of him.  
<https://www.tx sail.org/circuit/awards>



Roni Sela (center) won 1st in Red Fleet at the 2022 TSA Kick-Off: Changes in L'Attitude Regatta *Photo by Gal Sela*



Nicholas Carew, 3rd in Lasers, TSA Canyon Chaos Youth Regatta, Lake Canyon Yacht Club *Photo by Peter Atherton*



Vivian Heitkoetter and James Brock, 1st place, Division A SEISA Fleet Championship, New Orleans *Photo by Constanze Heitkoetter*



SEISA Fleet Championship, New Orleans *Photo by Peter Atherton*



L-R Vivian Heitkoetter, Ryder Getson, Laura Covington, Zach Romberg, James Brock, Lake Travis High School Sailing Team finished with a very strong second place in the SEISA Fleet Race Championship, New Orleans *Photo by Constanze Heitkoetter*

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## 2022 Miami Sailing Week Opti Regatta

by William Michael



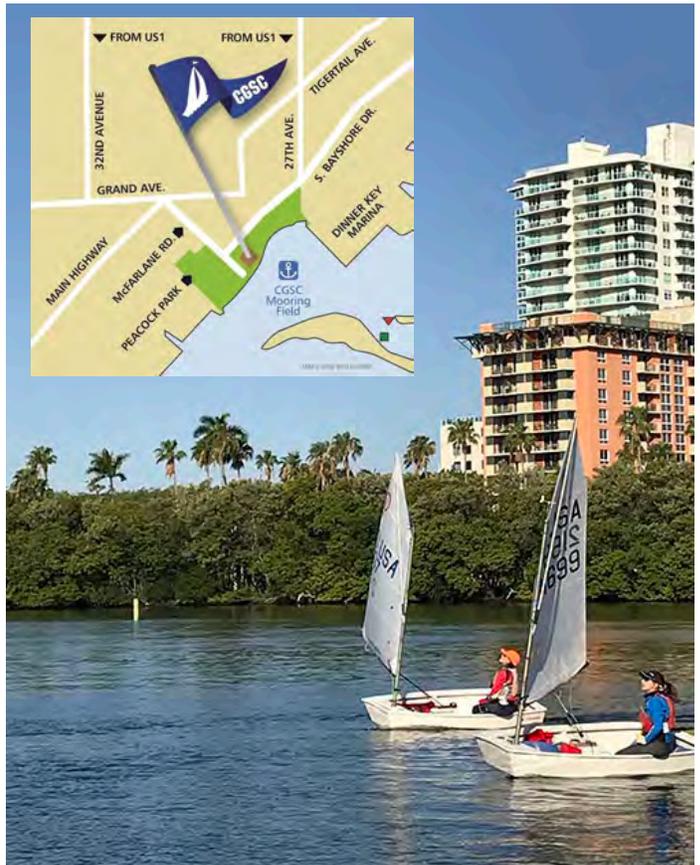
In March I sailed on Biscayne Bay in Miami for the first time when I competed in the 2022 Miami Sailing Week Opti Regatta hosted by Coconut Grove Sailing Club.

There were 95 sailors from 13 yacht clubs. The water in Miami was very salty, but the conditions were nice on both Saturday and Sunday.

On Saturday, the wind was 18-25 knots around noon. Towards the end of the day it died down to around 11-16 knots. My least favorite part of the day was the first race when I was in 10th and I nose dived and finished 25th. My favorite part of the day was sailing in big waves and dinner because I had steak.

On Sunday, it was a little less windy than Saturday, but the waves were the same. I placed 35th overall out of 95 competitors. It was a good experience because I got to sail with different coaches and with competitive sailors.

Racing against the Florida opti sailors was a great way to prepare for the USODA Team Trials event in May. I had fun and I look forward to the next time I get to race on Biscayne Bay.



## MIAMI SAILING WEEK



**THE ROADRUNNER REGATTA IS COMING SOON!  
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## AYC May 2022 Race Calendar

Spring Series	May 14-15, May 21-22*
Beer Can Races	Every Friday
Sunfish/Laser/Opti Racing	Every Wednesday
MoonBurn Series	May 13
J22 Circuit Stop	May 20-22
RoadRunner Regatta	June 4-5 **Coming Soon!**

\* 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 May 2022 Non-Racing Events

Coffee with the Commodore	May 7	10:00 - 11:30am
AYC Workday	May 7	8:30am - 3:00pm
Adult Beginning Sailing Dinghies	Every Saturday	9:00am - noon
Free Sail	Every Sunday	1:00 - 5:00pm
Starting Strategies/Upwind Leg	May 14	9:00am - noon
Adult Team Racing/Match Racing	May 15	9:00am - noon
Downwind Tactics/Crew Work	May 15	9:00am - noon
ASA 101	May 21-22	9:30am - 5:00pm
Discover Sailing	May 22	1:00 - 5:00pm
Board of Directors Meeting	May 26	7:30 - 9:00pm
Spring End of Series Party	May 28	4:30 - 9:00pm

### Youth Sailing Practice

Spring HS Sailing Practice	Every M, Tu, Th, F	5:00 - 7:30pm
Spring Opti III Practice	May 7, 14, 21	9:00am - 2:00pm
Spring Opti III Practice	May 4, 11, 18	5:00 - 7:30pm
Spring Opti II Practice	May 7, 14, 21	11:30am - 2:00pm
Spring Opti I Practice	May 7, 14, 21	3:00 - 5:30pm
Spring Opti I Practice	May 8, 15, 22	10:30am - 1:00pm
Spring Laser/FJ Practice	May 8, 15, 22	2:00 - 4:30pm
PB&J Session 1	May 28 (4 wky lessons)	9:00 - 10:30am
PB&J Session 2	May 28 (4 wky lessons)	11:00am - 12:30pm

## IN MEMORIAM



It is with great sorrow that we inform you of the passing of Sharon Jamail, David Jamail's wife. The memorial service is Saturday, April 30 at 10:00am, Austin Ridge Bee Cave Campus, Building A.

Please keep David and the entire Jamail family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time as they grieve their loss.