

# TELLTALE

AUSTIN YACHT CLUB

OCTOBER 2022



## Governor's Cup, Ensign Regionals & More! Fall Sailing at its Best



Governor's Cup excitement! Bo Kersey and crew on Trimaran Abandoned Assets; Chris Hargett and crew on J80 Kicks; Terry Schertz and crew on J80 Sweet T *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*

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### SAVE THE DATE

11/5-6, 12-13 Fall Series  
11/5-6 Lake Travis High School Fall Classic  
11/5 Discover Sailing Clinic

11/9 Crossing the South Atlantic – Ed Pierce  
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12/31 AYC New Year's Eve Party

Austin Yacht Club 



# Seas and Greetings



Join us for dinner and dancing at  
our Annual Holiday Banquet

The Oasis on Lake Travis  
Saturday, December 3rd, 6pm-10pm  
Plush Party Band  
Save the date. Invite to follow.

## Message from the Commodore by Anne Morley



October has been the month of regattas! The Centerboard regatta, chaired by **Annie Lancaster**, Ensign Regional Regatta, chaired by **Lewis Price**, and the Governor's Cup, chaired by **Janis Livingston** – all happened in the last three weeks. The true spirit of volunteerism got us through this busy month. Thank you everyone!

I also want to thank everyone who has stepped up to help with **Tom's** duties. We haven't had to reach out for more

help yet, but will reach out when we need it.

The next Coffee with the Commodore is on November 13th at 10am in the Clubhouse.

We are still diligently working with Clubspot to get them all the data needed to set up the new software program. The activation date that we are shooting for is December 1, 2022. The onboarding process is moving forward currently. We will keep you posted.

The November Board Meeting and Annual Members Meeting will be held on November 17th. Mark your calendar!

## Secretary Report by Cheryl Pervier



Proxies for the upcoming election of 2023 officers of the Club have been mailed to the eligible voting members of the AYC. The eligible voters are members with non-probationary membership status of Life, Senior, or Young Adult. They were mailed via USPS to the member's address of record with the AYC office.

The Annual Meeting of the Membership will be held on Thursday, November 17th at 7:00 pm in the AYC Clubhouse. To conduct business and to formally vote on the 2023 slate of Board Officers, a quorum of voting members needs to be present in person or by proxy. If you haven't already done so, please fill out, sign, and return your PROXY form no later than November 10, 2022 in one of these ways:

- By mail to Austin Yacht Club, 5906 Beacon, Austin, TX, 78734
- By scanning and emailing to: [proxy@austinyachtclub.net](mailto:proxy@austinyachtclub.net) (Subject: AYC Proxy)
- By dropping it into the AYC office door mailbox

If you have not received the proxy, you may need to update your mailing address via the "Member Information Change Form" at <https://www.austinyachtclub.net/contact-change-form/>.

If you need to have a proxy emailed to you, please contact [gm@austinyachtclub.net](mailto:gm@austinyachtclub.net) immediately.

Thank you! We look forward to seeing you at the Members Meeting.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



### Teddy Rave

Senior Probationary

Teddy's sponsoring member is Jeff Brock. He moved from Houston and has a 9 year old in the Junior program. He currently crews with Joel Rosinbum on Trimarans and wants to learn RC. He sails a Vanguard 15.



### Alex Monroe

Senior Probationary

Alex is from Wisconsin and moved here with his wife and three children. He has sailed and raced in the Great Lakes, raced FJs, and windsurfers. Alex is super excited to race here at AYC.

Board of Directors Reports for October  
may be found on the website at  
<https://www.austinyachtclub.net/board-meetings/>  
A log in is required.



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## Governor's Cup Day 1 Race

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*Photos by Marilyn Jackson*



The J.A.C.K. (J80) and Bo Kersey with crew on Abandoned Assets (Trimaran)



Anne Riggs, Cass Meyer, Thomas Young & Max Ross on Shotglass (J80)



Art Matje, Kenny Gall, Pat Carr, Dave Wahlberg (skipper) on Restless (J80)



Chris Hargett with crew on Kicks and Dave Wahlberg with crew on Restless (J80s)



Chuck Waldron and crew Dan Ruble and Martine Lacombe on Nina (Beneteau)



Doug Casey and crew on Flash (Trimaran), The J.A.C.K. (J80)

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# Governor's Cup Day 1 Race

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*Photos by Marilyn Jackson*



Mike Beuerlein and crew on Far Reach (F28)



Isabelle Bossart, Solene Bossart, Pierre Bossart and Jim Bridgwater on Jinn (J70)



J80 spinnakers



J80 start



J80s rounding mark 6



Kirk Livingston, Matthew Mason, Wade Kokernot, Tom Presswood, Rolland Wooten on Warp Speed J80

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# Governor's Cup Day 1 Race

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*Photos by Marilyn Jackson*



RC Robbin Kersey, Molly Lewis, Bob Gross, Yolanda Diaz, Bill Hawk finishing races for Day 1



Michael Bayer & Gina Grande on Entheos (Pearson 26)



Pearson 26s starting Race 2



Ozkan Yavuz and crew on Dutch Comfort (Extreme 25), Chris & Amanda Worlow and crew on Mucho Gusto (J80), Trevor Miller and crew on Caribbean Breeze (Pearson 26)



Trimaran start

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## Governor's Cup Day 1 Party

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*Photos by Cheryl Pervier*



Clockwise, L-R: Emily Verdoia, Anne Riggs, Spencer LeGrande, Annabel Jamail, John Foster, Thomas Young, Jeff Brock, Bob Gross



Worlows, Fricks, Caseys and crew



Stefan & Stephanie Froelich, Alan & Gina Stanard



L-R: Karen Bogisch, Katie & Steve Whitley, Scott, Martine Lacombe, Chuck Waldron, Dan Ruble



Chris Thompson scoring after racing all day



L-R: Brad Davis, Jeff Brock, John & Claudia Bartlett

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## Governor's Cup Day 1 Party

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L-R: Jim Rehage, Steve & Carol Schultis, Richard Ryon, Steve & Cheryl Pervier, Janet Hendricks, Bill Records



John Skoczen and his One Man Steel Drum Band



Payam Sarabi and his Beneteau Moana Crew



Dancing ladies



L-R: Trevor Miller, Kailee Ribbans-Miller, Laura Neering



Conga Line Dancers

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## Governor's Cup Day 2 Breakfast

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*Photos by Cheryl Pervier*



L-R: Bengt Nygren, Bill Records, Brett Wilson, Mike Cramton on Pearson 26 Cafe au Lait



L-R: Janet Hendricks, Lisa, Linda Donovan on Hunter 28.5 Far Away



Breakfast volunteers, L-R: Jose-Maria Moniz, Steve Schultis, Janis Livingston



L-R: Thomas Young, Stefan Froelich, John Foster – Breakfast with a view



L-R: Richard Ryon, Tom Presswood, Steve Pervier, Kirk Livingston



L-R: Robbin Kersey, Jeff Hiller, Rick Allen, JT Cody

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## Governor's Cup Day 2 Race

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*Photos by Cullin Wible*



J80 77 Warp Speed



Corsair 31-1D 276 Abandoned Assets



J80 to a mark



J80 398 Shotglass



Corsair F-28R 140 Far Reach

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## Governor's Cup Day 2 Race

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*Photos by Cullin Wible*



Corsair 31-1D 276 Abandoned Assets



J80 540 The J.A.C.K



J80 540 The J.A.C.K shrimping

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## Governor's Cup Day 2 Race

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*Photos by Cullin Wible*



J/80s 540 The J.A.C.K., 720 Air Supply and 537 Sweet T



J/80s 537 Sweet T and 720 Air Supply



J/80s 540 The J.A.C.K. and 720 Air Supply



Corsair Sprint 750 Mk2 130 Humility



J/70 541 Jinn

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## Governor's Cup Day 2 Race

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*Photos by Cullin Wible*



Pearson 26 258 Entheos



Pearson 26 60 Cloud 9



J80 252 Mucho Gusto

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## Governor's Cup Day 2 Party

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*Photos by Cheryl Pervier*



RC volunteers Cullin Wible, Mark Kamen



Kitchen volunteers Daniel Hochman, Marci Bertuzzi



Beverage volunteers Robbin Kersey,Carolynne Griffin



One of these is not named Steve



L-R Carolyn Wilsford, Sun Hi Casey, Jill Shermer, Doug Casey, Carol & Steve Frick



Tom Presswood and Rolland Wooten enjoy the dessert table

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# Governor's Cup Day 2 Trophies

Photos by Cheryl Pervier



Trimaran 1st place L-R Philippe Bettler, Mike Beuerlein (skipper), Brigitte Benquet, Lily Jia – F28-R Far Reach



Trimaran 2nd place L-R: Robbin & Bo Kersey (skipper), Rick Allen (missing crew Jeff Hiller, JT Cody) – Corsair 31-1D Abandoned Assets



PRF B 1st place – Skipper Payam Sarabi with crew – Oceanis 28 Moana



PRF B 2nd place L-R Crew Scott with Katie & Steve Whitley (skipper) – Catalina 27 Nancy O



Pearson 26 1st place – Skipper Bill Records (missing Bengt Nygren, Brett Wilson, Mike Cramton) – Cafe au Lait



Pearson 26 2nd place – Gina Grande & Michael Bayer (skipper) – Entheos



Pearson 26 3rd place – Ty Brockhoeft – Pure Vida



J80 1st place L-R Anne Riggs, Thomas Young, Max Ross, (missing Cass Meyer) – Shot Glass



J80 2nd place L-R Gina & Alan Stanard, Ed (skipper) & Cate Taylor – Air Supply



J80 3rd place L-R Tom Presswood, Rolland Wooten, Wade Kokernot, Kirk Livingston (skipper) – Warp Speed



PRF A 1st place L-R Isabelle, Celine & Pierre Bossart (skipper), J70 Jinn



PRF A 2nd place L-R Jeff & Dee Sabuda, John Foster, Claudia (skipper) & John Bartlett, Thomas, Oceanis 40.1 Trixie

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# Governor's Cup Regatta

## RACE RESULTS

### Division A PHRF

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	PHRF	TYPE	TOTAL
1	541	Jinn	Pierre Bossart	120	J70	4
2	19	Trixie	Claudia Bartlett	75	Oceanis 40.1	5
3	178	Wabi Sabi	Shelby Carter	120	J70	12
4	7	Dutch Comfort	Ozkan Yavus	90	G Force	12

### Division B PHRF

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	PHRF	TYPE
1	82	Moana	Payam Sarabi	132	Oceanis 38
2	1850	Nancy O	Steve Whitley	204	Cat 27
3	132	Nina	Chuck Waldron	195	Beneteau 30.1
4	54	Far Away	Linda Donovan	195	Hunter 28.5

### Trimaran PHRF

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	PHRF	TYPE	TOTAL
1	140	Far Reach	Mike Beuerlein	24	F28-R	4
2	276	Abandoned Assets	Bo Kersey	-45	Corsair 31-1D	6
3	130	Humility	Bill Coon	33	Corsair Sprint 750 Mk2	9
4	174	Flash	Doug Casey	-39	Farrier 32 Ax	11

### J80 One Design

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	TOTAL
1	398	Shot Glass	Bob Gross	6
2	720	Air Supply	Ed Taylor	6
3	77	Warp Speed	Kirk Livingston	8
4	537	Sweet T	Terry Schertz	10

### Pearson 26 One Design

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	TOTAL
1	198	Cafe au Lait	Bill Records	3
2	258	Entheos	Michael Bayer	8
3	199	Pure Vida	Ty Brockhoeft	11
4	237	Caribbean Breeze	Trevor Miller	13



## Region IV Ensign Regionals by Lynn Jaeger



October 12th to 15th, AYC hosted the Ensign Regional Championship Regatta for Region IV.

A total of nine sparkling Ensigns competed over three glorious days on Lake Travis. Experienced sailors from far and wide congregated at AYC for three days of sailing, fellowship, and fun.

The event started on Wednesday evening at AYC for sail measurements and snacks. On Thursday, one practice race was held followed by three races with good winds. On Thursday night, **Tom Groll** hosted a wonderful evening at his house with great food, twinkling lights, laughter, and smiles. Friday, the winds were calmer, and two races were completed. On Friday, many returned to **Tom's** house for leftovers. Saturday, one final race was held (a nail biter for sure), deciding the winners.

Everyone enjoyed a terrific catered dinner on Saturday evening, followed by the awards ceremony. The Ensign Fleet conveys a BIG "Thank you" to **Ray Shull (PRO)**, Race Committee, and **Bob Gross**.

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## Ensign Regional Championship

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*Photos by Lynn Jaeger*



Generations of Ensign Sailors. Group includes seasoned and new sailors  
– for some, their fathers were the original Ensign sailors so they grew up with the boat.

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## Ensign Regional Championship

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*Photos by Lynn Jaeger*



Robert Williams and crew on Chasin Chickens (out of town competitor)



L-R: Eric Faust, Jonathon Baker, Max Ross, Ravi Subramanian on Jonathan Seagull



L-R: David Morley, Keith & Bonnie Lackey, Anne Morley on Abaco



L-R: Harold Neel, Molly Isbell, Tom Groll, Ann Riggs on Dancing Bear



L-R: Lewis Price, Graham Gilmour, Brent Horsely, Susie Ortega on Dos Locos



L-R: George Dahmen, Ann Kitzmiller, Franz Dahmen, Lynn Jaeger on Stiff Kop

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# Ensign Regional Championship

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*Photos by Lynn Jaeger*



Abe and David Gamble



L-R: Kurt Carson, Bill Hawk, Bay Peterson



Graham Gilmour and David Gamble



1st Place L-R: Ravi Subramanian, Eric Faust, Jonathan Baker, Max Ross on Jonathan Seagull



2nd Place L-R: Tom Groll, Molly Isbell, Harold Neel, Anne Riggs on Dancing Bear



3rd Place L-R: John Foster, Thomas Young, Abe Gamble, David Gamble, John Halter on One with the Wind

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# Ensign Regional Championship Regatta Region IV

## RACE RESULTS

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	TOTAL
1	324	Jonathan Seagull	Jonathan Baker	11
2	578	Dancing Bear	Tom Groll	12
3	1167	One with the Wind	David Gamble	16
4	588	Stijf Kop	Frans Dahmen	16
5	1029	September Charter	John Cutler	17
6	1414	Prickly Pair	Bill Hawk	22
7	508	Chasin Chickens	Robert Williams	33
8	929	Dos Locos	Lewis Price	35
9	739	Abaco	Anne Morley	41

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### Fall Series Race #5

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J80s rounding the mark bot



Bo Kersey on Abandoned Assets and Bill Coon on Humility – Trimarans



Abigail & Chris Ryan on Pearson 26 – Justus

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## Fall Series Race #5

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*Photos by Marilyn Jackson*



J80s – Ed Taylor and crew on Air Supply, Ray Shull and crew on Flyer, John Burke and crew on Amazing Grace



John Burke and crew on J80 Amazing Grace



Mike Beuerlein and crew on F28-R Far Reach



Shelby Carter and crew on J70 Wabi Sabi



Ozkan Yavuz and crew on Extreme 26 Dutch Comfort



Tom Groll and crew on Ensign Dancing Bear



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## The Last Beer Can

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*Photos by Marilyn Jackson*



L-R: Cass Meyer, Jeff & Marilyn Jackson, Kurt & Jill Zinsmeyer



Bill Hawk cooking burgers, dogs and brats



Karen Bogisch and crew on J80 JazzTacks



Happy sailors – last Beer Can supper



Ed Taylor and crew on J80 Air Supply



Kirk Livingston and crew on J80 Warp Speed



## Catalina 22 Fleet Report

by Steve Pervier



Last month we reported on the first three days of Fall Series – a good light air day, a race committee day, and a day with zero wind. That was followed by a lack of wind on both of our series race days in October. Only two good race days out of five, and somehow we have a good game remaining? Yes! Though many AYC racers have said they prefer fewer race days per series, in 2022 we should thank our Race Commander, **Bob Gross**, for

putting this seven-day Fall Series into effect.

On October 16 we had a good gathering of Catalina 22 and South Coast 21 sailors under the AYC Clubhouse. We try to do this before sailing on every series race day. **Liz and William** were already on the water and practicing with Harmony and Johannes in the light air. Meanwhile the day's Race Committee announced back-to-back 30-minute postponements by radio. No worries! We had fun just sailing our C22 side by side with Liz's to compare light air speed. For if you have patience, it's possible to make a boat weighing over a ton move well with the lightest of wind. That's just another mood of our fascinating sport, as we take what weather we're given and make the best use of it.

AYC's October 2022 calendar included regattas for Ensigns, Centerboards, Multihulls, and for both One-Design and PRF boats at Governor's Cup – and each of these events so far has had enough wind to race. So if you've missed them all, you've missed some of our better weekend sailing days! There were Catalina 22 sailors participating in Sunfish and Lasers, and as crew on other boats. **Cheryl and I** registered our C22 for Governor's Cup, but without another boat within 60 seconds a mile we instead sailed with **Richard Ryon** on his Pearson 26. Good choice. On this very breezy weekend, it was pleasure both to sail with him and watch our boat improve in every race.

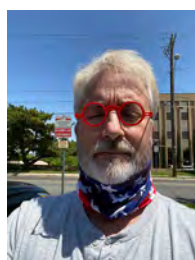
One more look at Fall Series for C22 shows that it's anyone's to win. If a new boat were to win all four remaining races they would get first in our fleet! Even allowing one second place race, that could still happen. So with summer weather over and winter not yet here, how about planning on racing these two last Fall Series Sundays with us? While series races remain in 2022... November 6 and 13 ... Let's Go Sailing!



C22 Elysium with Johannes Brinkmann, William Deboer, Harmony Capo and Liz Stansfeld Photo by Cheryl Pervier

## Dinghy Fleet Report

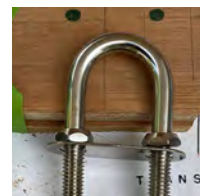
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Putting in the side stay hard points (chain plates). Drilling blind close to a deck beam and gunwale/deck edge was concerning, but everything worked out and everything is in its place. Adding reinforcement under the deck and butyl tape topside to seal the deal. Builders plate installed.



First raise of the main!





## Pearson 26 Fleet Report

by Bill Records



### The Pearson 26 Fleet at Governor's Cup

The Pearson 26 fleet has raced one-design in the last four regattas.

Years ago, we scheduled a Spring Lakeway and a Fall Lakeway and they were always well attended. The format for this year's Governor's Cup was ready-made for our boats: long distance races set up to sail up the lake toward Lakeway.

As of Friday, before the regatta, we had seven boats registered. In my effort to get the fleet out, most of the Pearsons could not race for various reasons: F-1, kids' soccer games, Cub Scout events, etc. Fall is a busy time to host a regatta.

This year's Governor's Cup was one of the best run regattas that I can remember. **Janis and Kirk Livingston** and their team put on a first rate event and **Bill Hawk's** race committee set near perfect courses.



Michael Cramton, Brett Wilson, Bengt Nygren, skipper Bill Records on Cafe au Lait

The first race was set up near the Club with a short weather leg to mark 6. We got a good start and rounded 6 first with the rest of the fleet close behind. Unfortunately **Richard Ryon** experienced hardware problems and fell behind. We could not find 10 and sailed well beyond it. When we came back, we had fallen back in the fleet. **Ty Brockhoeft** rounded first followed by **Mike Bayer**, with the rest of the fleet bunched up. By mark 12, we retook the lead and Ty and Mike were close behind. **John Durfor** and **Trevor Miller** had a match race all the way to Lakeway. During the lunchbreak a puff hit us pretty hard and I heard a splash. At first, I thought it was a winch handle but the crew yelled MOB. It seems that **Bengt Nygren**, foredeck crew, slid off of the deck into to the lake. The deck was wet from the spray we experienced on the weather legs. Mike Bayer led the race at mark 9, followed by Ty and us.

Somewhat we passed them to win, with Ty second and Mike third. The rest of the fleet was still bunched up. Sunday's race was a windward leeward. **Rich** put it together and took third.

All in all, it was a great weekend, the only thing missing was more boats!



Abby and Chris Ryan's Pearson 26 crew for Fall Series



The Pearson 26 One Design Fleet



## Sunfish Fleet Report

by Annie Lancaster



Congratulations to first place Tom Presswood, second place Bonner Cordell and third place Bay Peterson.

Each year the Ann Gairloff Memorial Award is presented to the female sailor who has shown the most zest and enjoyment of the Sunfish experience. It was difficult to name one sailor and

since we are so proud of the Chicks, the award goes to all the Chicks for their great improvement and enthusiasm for Sunfish sailing.

The 2023 Sunfish Fleet starts with a new fleet captain, Daniel Garces and scorer, Bonner Cordell. Many thanks for volunteering and service to the fleet. And thanks to Pat Manning who continues to be our treasurer.

Remember – the Wurstfest Regatta, November 5-6 at Canyon Lake!  
Happy sailing!

## Crossing the South Atlantic

by Ed Pierce



Before I joined AYC I was more of a cruiser than a racer, some say I still am, so this adventure story will reinforce that.

My friend Ben and I would race his F-28 on San Francisco Bay and enjoy the challenging winds and tides and lulls. In return he would join me on a few of my BVI adventures and we would share live aboard experiences and dreams.

Ben retired this year (finally!) but not before placing an order for his “dream home” – a Balance 442 (hull#2) to be built in Cape Town. And, he invited me to join him on her maiden voyage and delivery from South Africa to the Caribbean this fall. It seemed an open commitment since the date was unknown, based on whenever building her was completed. Around August 15 we had a crew call and by the 25th I was on the 18hr flight to Cape Town, having packed both winter and summer clothes for this adventure.



### The Crew:

Ben retained “Capt’n Emmy!! (aka “one-tack”) as our experienced delivery skipper and Mark Chaffey (recently retired from Monterrey Bay Aquarium Research Institute) as our mechanic, and I met them for the first time at Newark airport. Everyone had so much to bring to the experience.

I knew I was going to be learning every day, and I was looking forward to it!

### The Boat:

Ben chose the Balance 442 (even before one had ever been built) because of the design and reputation for performance and comfort. Previously we had chartered a Nautitech and Ben went to Le Grande-Motte to explore Outrememer and Balance and came home loving Phillip Berman’s choices for the 442. Sage at only 12-tons was quite well fitted out – twin Yanmar 40s and 400 liters each of fuel, 48volt dual Integral power management, Raymarine instruments, 700 liters of fresh water, three freezers and two fridges and a 40 liter/hour Spectra water maker. When I landed in Cape Town we learned that it would be another week to complete finishing touches on Sage while she was docked at V&A Waterfront (a harbor facing luxury mall) and that’s when we started living aboard and learning the systems. There were a few surprises and setbacks, but nothing that couldn’t be overcome with the helpful and talented Two Oceans (manufacturer) crew of craftsmen.

### Sailplan and shakedown:

It took an extra week to get everything installed and polished and touched up. Sage has four headsails and a fully battened main and on Friday 9/2 we took her out to Table Bay for an afternoon of sail rigging. Main and roller furling jib were easy with electric winches. We launched the large asymmetric spinnaker (from a sock) and were able to clock 11 knots. Dousing that and replacing it with the smaller symmetric kite (2.5oz, which would be our overnight friend for much of the trip) took a bit more rigging and after that we put up the screecher to explore the beam reach speeds (managed to best that previous 11 knots). The socks seemed to be more difficult to douse than expected and there were many notes on what and how to rig for easier management, but overall everything worked fine and Ullman was praised. Nothing left to do but refuel and provision and we would be heading to Brazil!

### First leg:

Sage left Table Harbor under full main and screecher early the morning of Sept 9th bearing 330-deg M (three days before Ben’s visa to South Africa would expire) with winds of 6-8kts from 195-true. We would spend the next two days under the influence of African winds using main and screecher or jib until we got into the open air where antarctic cold currents and 20-28kt SSE winds would push us on a broad reach under the watchful eye of a beautiful albatross. On 9/13 we experienced our first failure: the linkage between the Autopilot RAM and the steering quadrant sheared and Mark was pressed into service to rig a fix from our bag of spare bolts. After a couple of hours locked watertight in the starboard engine compartment he emerged with a rock-solid fix and a good idea for a better design, which he later sketched out and made tech-drawings. We used our slow Irridium connection to arrange a machinist at our next stop, St. Helena – 1100nm and 8 days away. The rest of this leg we were gingerly, but effective and made good to our 145nm/day sail plan.

### St. Helena:

Our landing at this British Overseas Territory proved their motto – Loyal and Unshakeable – “The most interesting and rewarding island I’ve ever visited!” We arrived a month after the council lifted restrictions on visitors. St. Helena had ZERO Covid cases until August 8, 2022 on an island of 3800 people (99% vaccination rate) when two cases were confirmed.

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When we departed, they had survived their “spike” where 50% of the population confirmed positive with zero deaths. The “Saints” welcomed us and we learned about this island paradise and all the generous lessons she could teach us. Mother whales nursed their young at our anchorage, we explored hikes up steep volcanic mountains and deep jungle waterfalls and we came to know new friends (almost all of whom are related somehow) and community with little changed since the 1980s. Most of the buildings in Jamestown are under historical protection so it was easy to re-imagine Napoleon’s exile here 200 years ago. By good fortune we partnered with Adrian Duncan, a great machinist, and Mark’s new Autopilot coupling design was installed and confirmed.

#### Second leg:

We set out on 9/27 for the 1800nm journey to our next island landing off Brazil. By this time I was halfway through my Celestial Navigation training, making sun shots at mid-day and twilight and learning the navigation stars. Emmy was learning another new foreign language (she has already mastered seven) and Mark was picking up marlinspike skills. Ben was the most attentive student of all, learning all about his new home and what procedures would make life-aboard easy and efficient. On this leg of the journey we were all about boat speed (VMG) and fuel efficiency and fishing! Very rarely would we pass near (within 20nm) another vessel and only once were we able to hail anyone by VHF. Open ocean and steady weather (squalls to the left and right and swells of 2-3m, but overall a perfect weather leg).

On the seventh day the afternoon shift landed two mahi so fresh fish was on the menu for a couple of days! A day later I managed to suffer

a tooth abscess and started nursing that with antibiotics and a bit of extra rest. We made lots of soft shackles and splices and I completed the Celestial Navigation course with fixes that were now only 10-2nm off GPS readings (yay!). We used the Iridium again to coordinate a rendezvous with close friend, Mauricio, and get his assistance (speaking Portuguese) in locating me a dentist before we arrived in Noronha.

Fernando de Noronha – beautiful beaches, idyllic reefs, a marine preserve. We arrived on 10/9, a Sunday so our quarantine would require another day to clear immigration. Monday we discovered a totally different island – vacationing tourists from Brazil, a significant language barrier (Portuguese, which only Google translate could help us with), western prices for food and such, motorcycle and beach-buggy rentals and the free clinic that helped me out. We were joined by Mauricio (a Brazilian that Ben and I knew as a wonderful California colleague) and enjoyed snorkeling with turtles and spinner dolphins, island adventures and great food! I chose to return to Austin to get my tooth repaired and the three crew covered my shift by going to 5hr daytime watches and 3hr night watches. It was sad to leave the team. I followed them every day (and you can also at [bit.ly/sage-crossing](http://bit.ly/sage-crossing)).

Also – I’ll be hosting a slideshow Wednesday Nov 9th at 6:30pm and then leading a weekly Celestial Navigation study group for six successive weeks. Following that, if there’s interest, I’ll be leading a Marine Weather study group. Contact me to commit to any of these, please.





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## AYC Nov-Dec 2022 Race Calendar

Fall Series	11/5-6, 12-13 (See below for start times)
Lake Travis High School Classic	11/5-6
Wild Turkey Regatta/Annual PRF Meeting	11/19
TSA Race of Champions	12/17-18

*\* For Fall Series, Saturday races will be J80s, Beach Cats and Trimarans – 1:30pm start; Sunday races will be PRF, Catalina 22/SC21, J70, Ensign, J22/J24, Pearson 26, Centerboards – 1:30pm start*

## AYC Nov-Dec Non-Racing Events

Crossing the South Atlantic – Ed Pierce	11/9	6:30-8:00pm
Coffee with the Commodore	11/13	10:00am
Discover Sailing	11/5	1:00-5:00pm
ASA 101	11/12-13	9:30am-5:00pm
Fall Series EOS Parties and Trophies	11/12 & 13	5:30-9:30pm
AYC Board of Directors/Annual Members Mtg	11/17	7:00-9:00pm
AYC Annual Banquet	12/3	6:00-10:00pm
Multihull Holiday Fleet Party	12/9	5:00-11:00pm
AYC Children's Holiday Party	12/10	2:00-4:00pm
J80 Holiday Party	12/10	6:30-10:00pm
All Catalina 69 Holiday Fleet Party	12/11	5:00-11:00pm
AYC New Years Eve Party	12/31	3:00pm to 1:00am Jan 1st



Steve Whitley and crew on Catalina 27 Nancy O – Friday Night Beer Can Race (last)  
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