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MultiFest Regatta

All Multihull Event Wraps Up 2022 Regatta Season



Bill Coon and crew on Corsair Sprint 730 Humility powers through a rough ride *Photo by Bill Records*

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New Year's Eve at AYC



Featuring



The Shoal Brothers

No Charge! Bring a Dish to share!
BYOB, Other Beverages Provided

BEVERAGES * SNACKS * MUSIC * DANCE

WHEN

New Year's Eve
December 31st, 2022
8:30pm-???

WHERE

Austin Yacht Club
Clubhouse

*Bring your Friends and your favorite Libations
Snacks and Beverages provided with Bubbles at
MIDNIGHT!!!*

Message from the Commodore by Anne Morley



It's been an exciting year as Commodore! Lots of racing, learning, fun events, and special programs!

I started Coffee with the Commodore to help improve communication with the members. There have been eight Coffee with the Commodore dates this year and the feedback has been great! We all learned things from each other. I feel it's been a great addition.

In the past we've had one social director which resulted in a ton of work for one person. I decided to try

having a Social Team to handle our social events. The Team said it's been a wonderful experience. Thank you to **Molly Isbell, Dee Chow, Carolynne Griffith, Audrey Ravelo, Nan Taylor, and Lynn Jaeger** for testing the model out! Glad you had fun!

In February we ordered the new fleet of 420s for the use of UTST, the High School Program, and Adult Sail Training. The boats should arrive in January. We also re-wrote the UTST contract to include a charter agreement for the boats. Everyone is very happy with the new arrangement.

In March, Gary Jobson and Peter Gerard gave the membership a wonderful presentation on the Sailing Museum that opened in Newport, Rhode Island. Many of members donated generously to help support the museum. Gary had many fun stories and videos of his sailing adventures over the years.

In April, Bill Gladstone brought the first North U Performance Race Week Clinic to AYC. We had over 60 participants who were very excited to sail on Lake Travis. North U is coming back in April 2023 for another clinic. The participants kept saying that it was the First Annual!

In September, we had a reception, honoring the AYC Team that competed in the invitational regatta, The Resolute Cup at New York Yacht Club. Our team made up of **Chris and Karen Lewis, Jeff Brock, and Matt Romberg** did a great job representing AYC.

In March, the Board started discussing the details of a software package made for yacht clubs. We have been working diligently with Clubspot on the onboarding process and hope to have it up and running by the beginning of 2023. Thank you to **Russ, Jackie, and Lynn Weir** for working so hard to facilitate this process.

I want to thank **Jackie** for all her help and support during my time on the Board thus far. Jackie juggles many balls every day. She is the GM and the bookkeeper. Not many people know that she started as our bookkeeper and then the Board added the job of GM when the previous GM left. Watching her do end-of-month while people are asking her GM questions amazes me! She can jump from one job to the other without a hitch. She knows the Handbook better than any of us. I am one of the many people guilty of going straight to her when I cannot find something easily in the Handbook or Bylaws. The time that Jackie puts in for AYC is amazing. Some of it is done at home late at night. Until you work with her you have no idea just how lucky AYC is to have her.

We are lucky to have **Emily Verdoia** as our **Youth Sailing Director**. She is an amazing coach and instructor! The kids, parents, and members all love her. She has the biggest heart. Emily has done a GREAT job with the youth sailing program. You've been a joy to work with and I look forward to working with you in the future!

Tom Cunningham, our **Senior Caretaker**, does a lot of behind-the-scenes things that none of us knew he was doing until he had to be out for health reasons. Then we learned what he did early in the mornings and late at night! Tom, I'm so sorry that you had health issues, and I hope that you get better soon! Thank you for all that you do!

Thank you to **Diane Covert, Immediate Past Commodore**, for the guidance over the past two years. It was an honor to follow you up the ranks! Enjoy your time not being a Board member!

Thank you, **Vice Commodore, Russ Shermer**, for running awesome regattas and working with me on Clubspot. It's been invaluable having your technical expertise on the project. You've just rolled with the project, and I appreciate all your hard work.

Through challenging times, **Treasurer, David Jamail** was still able to keep attention to his Treasurer duties. Thank you for all your hard work on getting all our bank accounts and investment accounts merged into one financial institution. It was a lot of work and I appreciate it.

If you ever need an editor, call **Secretary Chery Pervier**! She is great at catching the entire Board's typos and grammatical mistakes. Cheryl also knows the Robert's Rules of Order backwards and forwards. We have been very lucky to have you! Thank you!

Bob Gross, Race Commodore, thank you for all the things you did to upgrade our racing experience. You think outside the box. Also thank you for your great cooking!

Harbor Commander Bill Hawk, you write the best emails ever! You get to the point and get stuff done! You've really done an amazing job with Harbor! I've never seen it so organized. You've gotten AYC ready for virtually any lake level mother nature can send us. Thank you!

Building and Grounds Commander, Jeff Sabuda has gotten AYC grounds and the buildings looking great! I received the comment that the property looks cared for now. Our property is an important AYC asset, and you've done a great job keeping things working and sprucing things up. Thank you!

Linda McDavitt, Sail Training Commander, has done GREAT things with our Adult Sail Training. The various levels of skills that were taught in the classes were very extensive and thorough. Plus, many of the class participants have become members. Thank you for all your hard work and I look forward to helping you teach next year!

Thank you to all the 2022 Board for working so hard to make it a great year! Thank you volunteers for stepping up and displaying the true spirit of volunteerism!

Vice Commodore Report by Russ Shermer



Greetings AYC Board and Membership,
Rather than a lengthy rehash of all of the great regattas we had this year, here is a summary of the Club-sponsored regattas we held:

Regatta	Chair	PRO	Boats
Opening Day	Anne Morley	Bill Hawk	44
Turnback	Lynn Jaeger Chris Covington	Brad Davis	48
RoadRunner	Gal Sela	Ray Shull Stefan Froelich James Bland	104
Centerboard	Annie Lancaster	Ray Shull Terry Schertz	67
Governor's Cup	Janis Livingston	Bill Hawk	26

Although the Governor's Cup was exceptionally well-run this year, the turnout was much lower than expected. We believe that schedule conflicts with Formula One racing and J/Fest along with falling lake levels were the significant factors to fewer registrants this year.

The good news is that we still have some commemorative hats from the Centerboard Regatta and some of the wicking race shirts from Governor's Cup still available. You won't be required to prove that you attended those events to qualify to purchase the hats and shirts!

One of the things that makes our Club special is the tremendous amount of volunteer hours and vendor sponsorships we receive throughout the year. Although we failed to accurately document all of the many volunteers and their valuable contributions this year, we were able to capture much of the sponsorships.

Sponsor contributions greatly enrich the quality of life at our Club. We encourage all of our membership to go out of their way to do business with these sponsors and to thank them for their contributions!

Here is the list we captured for this year:

Sponsor	Contribution
Bruce McDonald	Two Mark Set Bots
John & Claudia Bartlett	Cash and sail services
North Sails	Automated starting system
Bob Gross	Beer for events and use of RIB for RC
Ruta Maya Coffee	Coffee for every event this year
Bill Benker	Turnback BBQ dinner at cost

Bikkle Restaurant	Discounted Gov Cup dinner
Infamous Brewing	Turnback beer discounted
Iron Wolf	Regatta spirits
Westlake Wine Bar	Wine and champagne at Gov Cup
Los Pinos Restaurant	Discounted breakfast burritos at Turnback
AYC Fleets (you!!)	AYC Fund – Annual Fleet Challenge

In many of my reports this year, the word "Clubspot" appeared. Here are some of the benefits we expect to see for the staff, Board and event volunteers:

1. Save roughly thirty hours a month in manual payment processing.
2. Save 20-40 hours per regatta in registration page construction and subsequent member billing.
3. Full integration of camp registration with billing.
4. Integrated cabins and slip management.

The benefits members will see in the coming weeks include:

1. View your bill, payment history and change your method of billing.
2. Sign up for a regatta or other event and be billed automatically to your account.
3. See race results on your phone in near real time.
4. Purchase merchandise through an online store that tracks inventory and automatically bills your account.

With that said, it is important to consider that any major change in technology will have hiccups. Things will look different. There will be different steps to accomplish things. Members will become frustrated at first. However, we have compared how we do things today with what this platform can do and are completely convinced this is a major improvement in how we provide services to our members and manage this Club.

We have transitioned to Clubspot for race registration, scoring, billing and results publishing. We plan to run the first dues billing cycle from Clubspot on December 1. You will be receiving a link to sign up for the annual holiday party through Clubspot. We plan to have the full transition over to Clubspot completed early next year.

Buildings and Grounds Report by Jeff Sabuda



Wow! I can't believe 2022 is almost over and Buildings & Grounds did a lot! The honey-do list does seem to grow here as well as at home – seems like my job will never be "done"! Ha! But on a more serious note, it's been a great experience to serve AYC and our members in the Buildings & Grounds department. It truly takes a village to do what we all do while juggling life outside of

AYC. I want to give a special thanks to our B&G committee members: **Jeff & Marilyn Jackson, John & Claudia Bartlett, Cass Meyer, Tom Groll, Jorge Martin de Nicolás, John Madalozzo, Owen Crouse, Bill Coon, Dave Morely, Richard Ryon, John Powell, Bret Wilson, Doug Herling, Canton O'Donnell, Jonathan Joy, Jay Pochop, Patrick Flynn, Trevor Miller, Ty Brockhoeft, Bryce Bezant, Joseph Runyon, Juke Ball, Richard Johnson, Eric Faust, Ravi Subramanian, Spencer LeGrande, Chris & Christina Covington, Frank Lynn,**

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Janet Hendricks, Tobin Beal, Andy Price, John Lanagan, Karen Lewis, Andy Linseisen, Nathan Leake, Cody Hix, Michael Bayer, Alex Monroe, Ozkan Yavuz, Rolland Wooten, Bryce Bezant, Abby Ryan, Lynn Jaeger, Mark Vories and Steve Whitley, Kirk & Janis Livingston, Louise Miller, Bob Leonard, Dee Chow, as well as countless number of volunteers to continuously improve AYC for our membership! Thank you for all you have done for AYC!

In the beginning of 2022, we had set out to do these improvements: replace the cabinets in the kitchen; replace outdated mattresses and bedding the cabins; update interior of cabins; cabin fireplace improvements; replace all outdoor grills; tree work; water line improvements; replace the chair and couch cushions in the clubhouse; replace the clubhouse middle southside door; major asphalt repair; exterior painting of the clubhouse, office and Cabins 3-8; replace office phone system/gate/security; and general upkeep of the facilities. We were able to complete some of these, and re-evaluated and triaged what was necessary due to unexpected dock moving expenses due to very low lake levels.

Our 2022 accomplishments are:

1. 65" TV installed in a storm-proof enclosure under the clubhouse deck near the Race Committee board. (We are working on a solution for better WiFi connectivity for streaming).
2. Work Day for Opening Day: Beautify the grounds with gardening, mulching, leaf raking, washing clubhouse windows, and power washing the walls and concrete floors outside.
3. Repainting all exterior buildings including small sheds: We contracted Urban Painting, a local painting company with 30+ years of experience in residential and commercial painting projects that include many homes in Steiner Ranch, UT Golf Club and St. Luke's Episcopal Church. After much discussion, the colors chosen were Sherwin William Stonington Gray on walls and Nocturnal Gray on trim.
4. Revamping our overnight cabins: Little changes at a time, but the cabins for members and their guests are getting a facelift. New bedding, decor and decorative pillows will give a more classy and traditional yacht club feel. Other improvements in future include new mattresses and an electric fireplace for Cabin 6. Cabin 6 got new windows years ago and as a result, it is very airtight and does not allow air flow for a healthy fire.
5. New Smart TVs in clubhouse and TV stands: Two smart 55" TVs with WiFi and Bluetooth connectivity were purchased at a bargain price backed with Costco's extended warranty, as well as rolling TV stands for the clubhouse and sail training Cabin 1.
6. Grills: It has been my observation that Texas enjoys their BBQ more than any other state! The grills were rusted through with gaping holes that prevented some burgers from finding their way onto their destined plates. Four new grills were ordered and installed. **Jeff & Marilyn Jackson** came out on Mother's Day when it was hot and humid to dig, pour concrete and install the new grills. **Cass Meyer** temporarily donated his smoker where the J24 sponsored area is – **Rhonda Moore** has reached out that J24 fleet is considering donating a new grill next year!
7. 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 as they are in a relaxed position for lounging (vs the upright plastic chairs) and takes up less space!
8. Playscape: The roof of the Playscape supports were removed for replacement. These broke in high winds and Play Wood replaced them.
9. Work Day 5/07: This was a very successful workday with many volunteers participating. We cleaned leaves and landscape around the clubhouse to freshen it up. Volunteers also bravely climbed ladders to the roof of the office and clubhouse to remove the growing pile of leaves off the roof and ones that have accumulated in the gutters along the office and clubhouse. **Tom** and the Kubota also had a fun time yanking all the old grills out and disposing them. Other volunteers grabbed paint brushes and repainted the AYC sign by the front gate.
10. Pool lights: Pool lights were repaired shortly after July 4th holiday after lights did not work.
11. Picnic tables under clubhouse: The picnic tables under clubhouse have seen more than normal usage due the pandemic and congregating downstairs vs the clubhouse. The fabulous new color is called Hale Navy and was picked to match the RC and ice machine doors under the clubhouse.
12. Owl houses: This area has seen tremendous growth and development and as a result, trees are being torn down, destroying their natural habitat. These owl houses will be strategically placed on AYC property near the shorelines away from boats and docks as an Eagle Scout project. Owls are amazing natural pest control – they feed on insects and rodent pests and keep certain predatory birds away.
13. Work Day 8/20: Almost two dozen volunteers showed up to deep clean our kitchen. Stoves and tables were pulled back, drawers and shelves were cleaned out and reorganized, and pantry was also reorganized and cleaned. Lots of vacuuming took place, especially on the tracks of the sliding glass doors. We added some new kitchen supplies (including can openers that actually work!) to help benefit our social committee and our membership while in the kitchen.
14. Building 1 sensor lights: Thank you to **Jeff & Marilyn Jackson** for climbing into the attic of Building 1 (by the front gate) and installing electrical wiring for the motion light. This new light helps light up the area to increase visibility.
15. Hose bib repair: **Jeff & Marilyn Jackson** took on the task of repairing the leaking hose bib in order to fill our pool back up after water loss due to evaporation. Please be mindful if you are using the hose and don't wrap the hose so tight around the bib to kink it.
16. AYC Point sign: Special thanks to a team that consists of **Jorge Martin-de-Nicolás, John Maddolozzo, Cass Meyer, Jeff & Marilyn Jackson, David and Can!** Together, they applied the graphics over the old Gulf sign and installed it on the point! If you haven't checked it out yet, do so! It looks amazing!
17. Propane tank and propane grill under clubhouse: If you are using the propane grill under the clubhouse, please remember to clean and put cover back on it after use to avoid debris and rain from accumulating in it. Also, please remember to turn off propane after use, but NOT at the tank. Turning off the tank by the parking lot means no hot water for the bathhouses!

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18. Asphalt replacement: Buildings & Grounds Committee members versed in asphalt and construction met to discuss a long-term plan to present to Long Range Committee to get the asphalt replaced at the Club. Timing will be coordinated with Harbor projects to ensure heavy machinery does not damage new asphalt.
19. Ceiling fan pulls: Go Ceilings! Who's a Ceiling Fan? LOL Well, **Jackie** and some members suggested we install ceiling fan pulls to adjust fan speed and those have been ordered and waiting for volunteers to help with installation.
20. CO2 tanks for Kegerator: No one likes flat beer, right? CO2 tanks were refilled right in time for Governor's Cup Regatta and should last a while.
21. Exhaust fan in RC room: We briefly had a dry hot sauna amenity where the RC room was, but RC wanted their space back for the races. Turns out, some mud daubers made a home inside the fan box and the blades could not clear their home. Sadly, we had to evict them so that the fan can work again! I hope they found a new home in the crazy housing market. Thank you to the **Jacksons** for assisting me in this eviction process.
22. Clubhouse doors: This project is on standby at the moment as we work with the vendor's management regarding an unexpected price hike.
23. Brush clearing in junior sailing area: **Coach Emily** reached out and pleaded for help to clear out some of the overgrown brush that is growing into the small boats/Opti racks. Kids were not only fighting the jungle to rig their boats but also getting bitten by ants!
24. Awesome volunteers: I want to personally thank everyone who has come together to volunteer their time to help while Tom is out on medical leave. **Harry Polly** has been instrumental in helping AYC with our trash runs, **Linda McDavitt and Bill Hawk** have been unlocking and locking the clubhouse doors, **John Bartlett** has monitored the grounds to ensure all is in order, **Bob Leonard** has ensured the RC boats have fuel...and I know I left out some names and I apologize! I'm so impressed with the volunteerism of this Club, and it makes it so special to my heart. The Board and I are looking at a more permanent solution while **Tom** is out on medical leave.
25. Last Workday of 2022: This workday focused on holiday decorating, mulching, trimming, etc. See **Marilyn Jackson's** photos at right.

Again, thank you so much, and if you have some ideas and want to help implement them, I encourage you to contact me and join the B&G Committee to help make AYC's Buildings & Grounds shine for 2023! Thank you all for volunteering and making this Club such an amazing place!



Charlie Lancaster, Marilyn Jackson, Annie Lancaster and David (non member)



Left: James Wilsford, right: Ken Tothero



Jeff Jackson and Steve Shepardson



Frank Rowden

Secretary Report by Cheryl Pervier



The year 2022 was a very active year at AYC in the area of documents, publications, photographs, events, website, and history, all with the goal of keeping AYC members informed and connected.

The 2022 AYC Directory, Boat List, Handbook, and Bylaws were printed/distributed in April.

The "printable member directory" was updated several times, using information that is submitted to our General Manager. It is available at austinyachtclub.net/printable-member-directory/. The Handbook had a few changes that were approved via Motions to the Board. Changes are documented in the Board meeting documents and in the front section of the online Handbook at austinyachtclub.net/handbook/. The Boat List at austinyachtclub.net/ayc-racing-boats/ is maintained by the web team and the Secretary occasionally receives updates for the list.

There were eleven Board Meetings. Each meeting includes an Agenda, Supplemental Reports, Board Member Reports, Motions, FURs, and Minutes. All of that information is published to members online.

As for Facilities Use Requests, aka FURs, 114 were submitted, processed, and reviewed by the Board this year.

The 2022 AYC Calendar had 684 published events. This includes hundreds of Youth Sailing events, as well as racing, social, training, UT, Scout, and private events.

Eleven issues of the AYC Telltale will have been produced and put on our website in 2022. Many members provided input and Editor **Susie McDonald** created the well-formatted publications.

Many thanks to the Secretary's sub-committees for their dedication and efforts. The Website committee members are **John Grzinich, Ed Pierce, Russ Shermer, Cheryl Pervier, and Michael Moran**. The Photography Committee members are **Marilyn Jackson, Bruce McDonald, Anne Morley, Cheryl Pervier, and Bill Records**. The Historical Committee members are **John Howard, Jan Thompson and James Wilsford**.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve on the AYC Board the past two years! Many thanks to the 2022 AYC Board and **Jackie Wheelless** for their support. I look forward to working with **Lynn Jaeger** as she begins to serve as the AYC Secretary for 2023.

Sail Training Commander Report by Linda McDavitt



Wow how time flies. It must be due to "Time flies when you are having fun." Yes, it has been fun, and being able to provide clinics and opportunities for adults to learn to sail and enjoy has been great fun.

November has had two events for Adult Sail Training. November 5th was Discover Sailing with the J24s in charge. We had great wind, great instructors and a fun time by all. Thanks to **Rhonda Moore and Brian Metz** who took charge and were helped out by **Bruce McDonald, Jorge Martin-de-Nicolás, John Halter, Gretchen Douglas, Carolyn Wilsford and**

Peter Spevacek. Boats used were J24, J22, J70, Catalina 30 and a Beneteau 36.

November 12-13 was an ASA 101 class. **Harry Polly** has been the glue that has kept ASA going at AYC for several years and I want to say a special thank you to him for his work. He has now handed over the reins to **Ed Pierce**.

A recap of 2022 Sail Training:

- January was a Boat Maintenance Clinic with **Ed Pierce**, a Rules Clinic with **Brad Davis**, and the Beginning of Team Racing in FJs with **Jeff Brock**.
- February was Fundamentals of Sailboat Racing with **Bill Records and Chris Lewis**, and more Team Racing with **Jeff Brock**.
- March brought us Train/Build Your Crew, Sailing Beyond Lake Travis with **Chris Lewis**, Team Racing with **Jeff Brock**, Discover Sailing with the Pearson 26 Fleet, and the US Level 1 Certification course.
- April became quite busy and only Discover Sailing with the Ensign Fleet was scheduled.
- May started the Adult Beginning Sailing in Dinghies, **Scott Young** Start and Upwind Leg Tactics clinic, the **John Morran** Downwind Sailing and Tactics clinic, and Discover Sailing with the J80 Fleet.
- June brought Adult Beginning Sailing 2, Adult Beyond Basics, Adult Hone Your Skills and Discover Sailing with the J22 Fleet.
- July, still with wind, added the Adult Beyond Basics 2, Adult Hone Your Skills 2, Adult Basic Racing in FJs, and Discover Sailing with the Pearson 26 Fleet.
- August was a major time out with only the Fundamentals of Sailboat racing 2 with **Bill Records, Brad Davis, and Bob Gross**.
- September came with little wind and Adult Beginning Sailing in FJs 3, Adult Basic Racing in FJs 2, special practice sessions for some of the Adult sailors in FJs, and Discover Sailing with the Trimarans.
- October, due to a full calendar of series races, regattas, HS Regatta, UTST regattas, left us with only the Discover Sailing clinic with the PHRF Fleet.
- A special shoutout to our Dinghy classes volunteers throughout the year: **Jim Rehage, James Bland, Johannes Brinkman, Michael Moran, Georgia Gallavin, Jenny Loehlin, Gretchen Douglas, David & Anne Morley, Ryan Sederholm, Doug Kern, Jonathan Baker, Ravi Subramanian, Paul Carew, Susan Cushman, Annie Lancaster, Richard House, Bonner Cordelle, Bob Musselman, Bill Records, Quentin Baker, Pierre Bossart, Abe Gamble, David Michael and Nelson Reynolds, and Maddie Phillips**.

A Few Shout Outs:

- Thanks to **Sarah Faust, Robert Bennett and Lauren Crouch** for their work with PB&J this year. Well done!
- Best of luck to **Chris Lewis** and his team of **Fiona Froelich, Spencer LeGrande and Mystery Man** at the 2022 Texas Challenge Cup at Lakewood Yacht Club in their RS21s December 10-11, 2022.

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3. Special thanks to my Sail Training Committee: **Gretchen Douglas, Michael Moran, Bill Records, John (Can) Kalyoncuoglu, Ann Kitzmiller, Paul Carew, David Michael, Sarah Faust, Pierre Bossart, Jeff Brock and Emily Verdoia** for their help and guidance throughout the year.
4. **Annie Lancaster** is #1 in the Texas Sunfish Circuit.

Sailing Tip from Doug Kern, our Olympic Silver Medalist of 1992

Two Downwind Sailing Tips:

1. "When in doubt, let it out." When flying the spinnaker, ease the sheet until the luff curls to avoid choking off the airflow. Always be on the edge of a curl, easing out and trimming back to get the spinnaker powered up and the boat moving fast. This also works for trimming a jib downwind.
2. "Soak and Heat." When sailing downwind, you're often making a tradeoff from sailing low and slow to shorten distance to the leeward mark vs sailing high and fast to get more speed. As spinnaker trimmer, you've got the best feel for what to do based on the tension on the spin sheet. When you have good tension, tell the skipper to "soak low" to steer down to the mark. When the boat slows and the sheet tension gets soft, tell the skipper to "heat up" to sail higher and faster. Always have this stream of feedback going. You'll end up sailing an "S" curve through the water, sailing low and high as the puffs come and go.

And last but not least, a **Super Shout Out to Emily** for coordinating the Junior Sailing Program to a great level along with help from all of her counselors and instructors. She makes it happen and we hope to see those young sailors become the greats of the future.

Best wishes for Happy Holidays to come. And may we all be blessed with a rainbow that we can reach out and touch.



2022 ASA Recap & 2023 Plans

by Ed Pierce



AYC completed 2022 with seven new adult basic keelboat certifications in the November ASA-101 class. For all of 2022 that's 53 ASA-101 student certifications and 12 new and upgraded instructor qualifications.

This puts AYC in a very good position for our 2023 calendar of events and here are the plans:

- Six public ASA-101 classes (one each in April, May, June, September, October and November) – limited to eight persons per class
- Capacity for more than 20 ASA-101 private certifications scheduled around your needs
- ASA-103 certifications on Lake Travis per student schedules
- ASA-104 & 114 certifications in Caribbean waters during summer of 2023
- Coastal Navigation, Celestial Navigation and Marine Weather certifications by self-study or with instructor support

Consider giving yourself or an interested friend or loved one the gift of improved confidence and competence in sailing for 2023.

You can sign up today under the ASA Sailing School tab on the AYC website.

Sailing the Atlantic Presentation



Ed Pierce delivers a captivating review of his sail across the Atlantic
Photo by Cheryl Pervier

11/13 Coffee with the Commodore



Board members Linda McDavitt and Cheryl Pervier with Commodore Anne Morley Photo by Marilyn Jackson

From the Desk of the GM by Jackie Wheelles



2022 has been quite a year. We had SO MUCH HEAT and yet there were constant races and parties. Thank you to all the volunteers who've helped us with projects from filing to roasting pigs. It's been an incredibly busy year!!

A quick reminder of some of the things we dealt with this year:

- We slowly transitioned out of our Covid protocols and once again began to see each other face-to-face.
- The employee medical and dental insurance renewed at a 28% rate increase – unheard of!
- **Lynn Weir** and I spent months working on the audit of 2021 Financial Statements. We are very pleased to say that the audit is completed and our Form 990T tax returns are filed!
- Our 2022-2023 commercial liability policy increased 16% over our 2021-2022 premium. Last year we experienced a 19% increase in our 2020-2021 premium.
- An audit of our Mailchimp, website and membership data was conducted to make certain that only active members have access to the website and to Mailchimp emails.
- UT Rec Sports is no longer supporting the UT Sailing Club so the UTSC boats were moved out of dry storage to open up several spots for members who were on a waiting list.
- A snafu with Quickbooks has continued for a couple of months now. Members are either receiving multiple statements or no statement at all. January 1st we'll be launching the Clubspot software and hoping to rectify this issue for good.
- **Emily and I** aren't always sitting in the office, so if you call and miss one of us, please leave a detailed message on our voicemail so that we can call you back. I've made my personal cell phone available to everyone, so please feel free to text me on that number if you miss me in the office, but please identify yourself. Our phones are receiving so many robocalls and telemarketer calls. If we're on projects that require our full concentration, we'll let the phones go to voicemail and, most times, return the calls within 24 hours. IF you call the office, please do leave a voice message if you'd like us to call you back.
- **Emily Verdoia**, Youth Sailing Director, is not only an excellent coach, she is also a creative and detail-oriented machine. She makes her lists and checks them off very strategically and multitasks like a pro. We are SO LUCKY to have Emily and her enthusiasm!
- We've hired a part time employee to clean the clubhouse, bathhouses and cabins. **Michael Balli** began work 09/01 and is doing a really nice job. He's cleaning on Monday and Thursday nights. He is only available two nights per week most weeks, so back-to-back cabin reservations are still not available on a regular basis.
- Caretaker **Tom Cunningham** unexpectedly had to take medical leave. I had the daunting task of ordering supplies and linens and keeping the pool company and yard maintenance crew on track.

There's definitely a reason that the Caretaker is a FULL TIME gig! We wish Tom a speedy recovery and hope to have him return by the end of the year.

It's been such a pleasure working with the 2022 Board. **Commodore Anne Morley** has lead us all through some choppy waters and helped us arrive safely. She's a WORKHORSE! It's been such a pleasure being a part of her team.

I look forward to working with the 2023 Board of Directors, Committee Chairpersons and Fleet Captains in achieving their goals and dreams.

Meanwhile, I have to let go of these 2022 Board Team Members. I know it isn't good bye, so I'll simply say it's been a pleasure and I'll see you at the Club:

Diane Covert – Building and Grounds Commander 2018 and 2019, Vice Commodore 2020, Commodore 2021, Membership Chair and Nominating Committee 2022. Diane and I worked very closely during her B&G years, we handled a flood together and many, MANY other projects. As Vice Commodore, she developed the "Fall Fling Fleet Regatta" to put FUN back into the Club agenda. As Commodore, Diane hosted the first ever VIRTUAL Opening Day Ceremony, and what a beautiful ceremony it was! As Membership Chair, she's pushed and prodded the final probationary members from our Covid period and they've either graduated to full membership or decided that sailing was not their game. Diane has worked extremely hard and deserves a long vacation and lots of margaritas!

Cheryl Pervier – Secretary 2021 and 2022. She has kept the Board and me on our toes with her reminders, notes and proofreading. She's been quick to remind me to remind the members of the Board meetings and to update their personal information. She's been the chosen proofreader of the Telltale because we all know we won't get any errors past Cheryl! It's been such a pleasure to work with Cheryl, I know she and **Steve** will be THRILLED to now have time to take those trips and NOT have to return for meetings.

Bob Gross – Race Commander 2022. He brought AYC racing into the 21st century, BOTs, anchor winches, who ever thought these would be a part of AYC race equipment. Let's not forget all of the cooking that Bob's done – if he's not in the kitchen or hovering over the pig roast, you'll find him towing the BOTs out to the race course. Great job, Bob! Thank you for all your service.

To all of the new AYC members...please take a leap and step outside of your comfort zone, meet your new family members! You've entered into a gigantic – loving – caring family. Please don't be shy!

THE COACH'S CORNER

Fall Season Fun!



Emily Verdoia, Youth Sailing Director

This fall has been filled with so much fun! The beginning of the season was painfully light, which was great for the beginners, but not ideal for our advanced racers. The



Calvin Brock in a full rig and Spencer LeGrande in an Opti! Boat switch!

days we had enough breeze to get moving even a little bit, our sailors put in some good work to perfect some skills. Our Opti I sailors can all tack switching the tiller and mainsheet behind their backs – although sometimes they still make mistakes. They even got to gybing towards the end of the season, even if it was a little chaotic. The Opti II sailors focused on starts and sailing close hauled. A bit more wind would have been helpful for them. On light wind days, our Opti III sailors got the opportunity to take out different boats: FJs, 420s, and Lasers. The Laser/FJ class really



Yuval Sela, Cai Lockett and Cade Lockett sailing a 420

worked on reading tell tails and proper sail trim. For some reason, this class had the worst wind-drought of all the classes, but they

were always in good spirits and having fun with each other. All the sailors quickly learned about kinetics and how to move a sailboat with no wind and no motor, obviously. They even got the opportunity to become pretty familiar with the islands that we have access to here on Lake Travis. Starnes Island became known as Spy Kid Island (Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams had some scenes filmed there) or Rattlesnake Island. As the lake level dropped, Sometimes Island became Sometimes Islands (plural), and finally, Sometimes Island again as they all connected. We took advantage of a short-lived Island closer to home off Travis Landing that we dubbed Sometimes Sandbar – although, it is no longer an island.



Opti I sailors visiting Starnes Island on a no wind morning

Our final two weekends of practice for the season were finally breeze on. It was definitely a shock for a lot of our sailors and there were quite a few tears, but everyone was so tough. It was blowing probably fifteen to eighteen knots and gusting into the mid to high 20s. I'm proud to say that every single one of the Opti I sailors got in a boat and sailed in that –

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even if it was just for a few minutes. We've got a brave bunch coming up in that program. In the other beginner class, Laser/FJ, most everyone went out. I nudged some to do it, but as soon as they were in a boat and hauling across the lake on a beam reach, they were screaming, laughing, and some even cried from "fear and fun."

The High School Program had all types of wind conditions throughout the season. Coach **Max Ross** and Coach **Fiona Froelich** worked with the B Team on Mondays and Tuesdays on the basics of racing and improved boat handling skills. On Thursdays and Fridays, the A Team practiced with me and sometimes the UT Sailing Team. We worked on advanced racing tactics and boat handling. This season, **Jamie Brock**, the Captain of the LTHS Sailing Team, stepped into a bigger leadership role by preparing "Practice Plans." We sent out the plans via email to the team before practice so they could review them and we could maximize time on the water. Huge thanks to Jamie for coming up with this and executing it!

In other Junior Program news, we have a new coaching RIB! We ordered this boat way back in March and it was delivered



Blue RIB to grey RIB!

in October. She's been put in the water and down on the dock we also purchased this year. I'm looking forward to using it throughout the



New Ribcraft 4.8 Coach on new dock!

winter season and into the future. For now, the Carolina Skiff will live on a trailer, and will be back in use for summer camp.

Our beloved blue RIB got a bit of a facelift too! The blue tubes were falling apart so we decided to purchase new tubes. So now, that RIB is also a grey RIB. Sail Training now has three grey RIBs so we're going to have to start to differentiate between them all by something other than color.



Junior sailors hanging out at the Sunday Funday Regatta in August.
L-R around the table: Alex Scoggin, Sasha Scoggin, Yuval Sela, William Michael, Harry Rave, Calvin Brock, Jackson Brock, Sebastian Pando, Elsa Brock and Margaret Faust



A "leek" in my coach boat, prank courtesy of Jackson and Calvin Brock

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Girl power in Opti III!
L-R: Coach Emily, Lilly Wible, Emilie Sokolovsky, Elsa Brock and Margaret Faust



Calvin Brock contemplating the perils of light wind



Turns out, I'm still too big for an Opti! Got to test that theory while Spencer LeGrande drove the coach boat



Rainbow over the Opti Endless Summer Series!



The sky showing off for high school practice right before we got caught in a downpour!

Lake Travis Fall Classic and Texas State Championship High School Regatta!

The High School Program closed out the season with the Lake Travis Fall Classic and Texas State Championship Regatta at AYC. We had 20 AYC sailors compete in the event representing five Austin high schools. Saturday morning had horribly light winds, so we postponed until 2PM when wind started to fill, and we got seven races off before our cutoff time. Sunday morning had some shifty and light breeze again until it filled around 11AM. The sailors had to battle some nasty right shifts and increasing wind speeds saw a few boats capsize. Two boats even had to deal with breakdowns, including the winner of the event! We got off another seven races before the cutoff time for a total of 14 races.

Jamie Brock and L Wind (sailing in her first regatta ever) sailed for Lake Travis High School and took first place making LTHS the Texas State Champ for the fourth year!

- 2nd Sterling Classical
Fiona and Katie Froelich
- 4th AYC
Lucas Tenreiro, Sofia Pando, and Lexi Tomaszewski
- 6th Cedar Park High School
James Asturias and Julian Rabago
- 7th Lake Travis High School
Ryder Getson and Laura Covington
- 8th Anderson High School
Roni Sela and Zain Eleyan
- 10th AYC
Abe Gamble and Alfred Aimard
- 11th Westlake
Garrett Eadie and Evie DuBois
- 12th AYC
Katelyn Pressley and Quinn Ross
- 13th Lake Travis High School
Luka Vukmirica and Lucas Gonzalez



L-R, back two rows: Abe Gamble, Alfred Aimard, Roni Sela, Sofia Pando, Katie Froelich, Zain Eleyan, Fiona Froelich, Quinn Ross, Julian Rabago, Katelyn Pressley, Lucas Gonzalez, Lexi Tomaszewski, Luka Vukmirica and James Asturias

L-R, front row: Garrett Eadie, Laura Covington, Jamie Brock, Evie DuBois, Ryder Getson and L Wind

Congratulations to all of the sailors who competed – some of whom were sailing in either their first regatta or first high school regatta!

Finally, I'd like to thank all the people who helped make this happen. **Jeff Brock**, Regatta Chairman, helped organize and served as mark set. **Stephen Getson, Christina Sebestyan, and Terry Schertz** served as Race Committee on our signal boat, and **Amy Brock** was our scorer! Thank you all so much for helping – we couldn't do it without you!



*We have a fun & festive afternoon planned
with snack and sips, holiday crafts, karaoke,
and a visit from Santa Claus himself!*

*All AYC Members children, grandchildren,
and Roadrunners are welcome!*

See you there!

MultiFest Regatta

10/29 Photos by Bill Records



Thank you, Race Committee!



RC Bob Gross patrols the race course



Cats to weather – Mike Hardy on Hobie 16 Water Lily, Jim Casto on TWO HOT Nacra 5.5, uni + jib



Chris Reuwsaat and crew on Capricorn F18



Jim Rehage and crew on Lucy Gene Corsair 750



Joel Rosinbum and crew on Trinity Corsair F-27

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MultiFest Regatta

10/29 Photos by Bill Records



John Luzius and crew on Alright Alright Alright Searail 19



Bo Kersey and crew on Abandoned Assets Corsair 31-1D



Joel Rosinbum and crew on Trinity Corsair F-27, Mike Beuerlein and crew on Far Reach Corsair F-28R



Mike Rohrer and crew on Rush Hour F28R Trimaran



Trimarans reaching



Battling it out

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MultiFest Regatta

10/29 Photos by Bill Records



Pete Pattullo and crew on Nelda Ray Farrier F33RX



Jim Rehage on Lucy Gene Corsair 750, Bill Coon on Humility Corsair Sprint 750 Mk2



Michael Moran and crew on 'EKOLU Corsair 880 Sport



Joel Rosinbum on Trinity Corsair F-27, Bo Kersey on Abandoned Assets Corsair 31-1D



Reaching

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MultiFest Regatta

10/30 Photos by Marilyn Jackson



Start back to AYC



Russ Shermer, Anne Riggs, Pete (skipper) & Erin Pattula, and Bryan Rainbow on Nelda Ray Farrier F33RX



Joel Rosinbum and Teddy Rave (new member) on Trinity Corsair F-27



Mike Beuerlein (skipper), Gina Stanard, Brigitte Benquet and Daniel Garces on Far Reach Corsair F-28R



Hana Frluckaj, Paul Renauld, Michael Moran (skipper), Terri Kiszser, Andrew Soback on 'EKOLU Corsair 880 Sport



Jim Rehage (skipper), Cass Meyer, Caston Meyer, Mike Butler on Lucy Gene Corsair 750

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MultiFest Regatta

10/30 Photos by Marilyn Jackson



1st start



Bo Kersey (skipper), John Koelling, Robbin Kersey on Abandoned Assets Corsair 31-1D



Bill Coon and crew on Humility Corsair Sprint 750 Mk2, Mike Beuerlein and crew on Far Reach Corsair F28-R



Bill Coon and crew on Humility Corsair Sprint 750 Mk2, Mike Rohrer and crew on Rush Hour F28R Trimaran

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MultiFest Regatta

Photos by Marilyn Jackson



1st Place Division A, Jim Casto – TWO HOT, (Bill Coon presenting)



2nd Place Division A, Carl Lieberwirth, skipper (not shown), accepted by crew Levi Marconette – Tequila Express



1st Place Division B, Bill Coon – Humility



2nd Place Division B, Allegra & John Luzius – Alright Alright Alright



1st Place Division C, L-R: Russ Shermer, Erin Pattullo, Pete Pattullo (skipper), Anne Riggs, Bryan Rainbow – Nelda Ray



L-R: Alan Davis, John Koelling, Rick Allen, Bo & Robbin Kersey



L-R: Gina Stanard, Mike Beuerlein (skipper) & Brigitte Benquet, Daniel Garces, Steve Pervier – Far Reach

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MultiFest Regatta

RACE RESULTS

Division A Catamarans

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	TYPE	TOTAL
1	427	TWO HOT	Jim Casto	Nacra 5.5 uni+jib	6
2	126	Tequila Express	Carl Lieberwirth	Nacra 6.0	9
3	114894	Water Lily	Mike Hardy	Hobie 16	13
4	270	Bad Kitty	Allen Bruns	Tornado	20
5	86	Capricorn	Chris Reuwsaat	F18	20

Division B PHRF

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	PHRF	TYPE	TOTAL
1	130	Humility	Bill Coon	33	Corsair Sprint 750 Mk2	12
2	SR19	Alright Alright Alright	John Luzius	48	Searail 19	15
3	34	Rush Hour	Mike Rohrer	18	F28R Trimaran	15
4	27130	Trinity	Joel Rosinbum	69	Corsair F-27	16
5	46	Lucy Gene	Jim Rehage	33	Corsair 750	19
6	140	Far Reach	Mike Beuerlein	24	Corsair F-28R	22

Division C PHRF

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	PHRF	TYPE	TOTAL
1	9	Nelda Ray	Peter Pattullo	-45	Farrier F33RX	5
2	276	Abandoned Assets	Bo Kersey	-45	Corsair 31-1D	7
3	19	'EKOLU	Michael Moran	-21	Corsair 880 Sport	16

Fall Series Races

11/5 Saturday Race Photos by Elizabeth Quintanilla



J80 fleet on downwind with JazzTacks in the lead



Brian Metz and Rhonda AmRein-Moore teaching people how to sail



J80 spinnaker takedown- crew of 398 doing a great job



Bill Coon and crew for Trimaran start

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Fall Series Races

11/6 Sunday Race Photos by Marilyn Jackson



Bob Leonard and crew on Chariot – J70, Bruce McDonald and crew on Rogue Warrior – J70



Chris Ryan and crew on Justus – Pearson 26



Dane Ohe and crew on Aphaia – Pearson 31



Trevor Miller and crew on Caribbean Breeze – Pearson 26



Liz Stansfeld and crew on Elysium – Catalina 22, and Pearson 26s Trevor Miller and crew on Caribbean Breeze and Richard Ryon and crew on Cloud 9



George Dahmen and crew on Stiff Kop – Ensign

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Fall Series Races

11/13 Sunday Race Photos by Marilyn Jackson



Ampersand – J70, Justus – Pearson 26, Jack of Hearts – Pearson 26, Rogue Warrior – J70



J70 start



Jeff & Marilyn Jackson on Namaste – Pearson Flyer



Katie Whitley, Bill Records, Steve Whitley, Georgia Gallavin on Justus – Pearson 26



Linda McDavitt and crew on Bonfire – J22



Warren, Jill Zinsmeyer, Bob Gross, Kurt Zinsmeyer on Shaken – J88

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Fall Series EOS Dinner

Photos by Marilyn Jackson



Doug & Karen Powell



John Mandell with kitchen volunteers Lynn Jaeger and Graham Gilmour



Kurt Carson, Audrey Ravelo, Molly Isbell, Tom Groll



Matt Young, Warren, Cass Meyer, Jeff Jackson, Robbie, David Mok, Kurt & Jill Zinsmeyer, Christy Vickrey



Thom Miner, John Maddalozzo, Matt Brown



Tom Groll and Molly Isbell

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Fall Series Trophies

Photos by Marilyn Jackson



1st Place Ensign Fleet, Molly Isbell and Tom Groll (skipper)– Dancing Bear



1st Place J70 Fleet, Bruce McDonald (skipper), Lisa Porta, and Canton O'Donnell – Rogue Warrior



1st Place B Fleet, Daniel Chen, Andy Wynes, Cody Hix (skipper), John Turvill – Pearson 26 OD Jack of Hearts



1st Place Catalina 22 Fleet, Brian Grothues & Margarito Morales – Moonlight Sonata



1st Place A Fleet, Cass Meyer's (not pictured) crew Jeff & Marilyn Jackson, Christy Vickrey, Jeff Shay, David Mok – Pearson Flyer Namaste



2nd Place A Fleet, Jill & Kurt Zinsmeyer – J88 Shaken



2nd Place Catalina 22 Fleet, Cheryl & Steve Pervier – Affinity



3rd Place J70 Fleet, Bob Leonard (not pictured), Gayle Leonard – Chariot

Fall Series Race Results next two pages

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Fall Series RACE RESULTS

Division A PHRF

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	PHRF	TYPE	TOTAL
1	836	Namaste	Cass Meyer	129	Pearson Flyer	3
2	7	Shaken	Kurt Zinsmeyer	87	J88	5
3	224	Aphaia	Dane Ohe	180	Pearson 31	9
4	40	Dutch Comfort	Ozkan Yavus	90	G Force X-Treme 25	14

Division B PHRF

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	PHRF	TYPE	TOTAL
1	230	Jack of Hearts	Cody Hix	210	Pearson 26 OD	3
2	1660	Justus	Chris Ryan	210	Pearson 26	7
3	1393	Incognito	Dave Weeks	210	Pearson 26	8
4	237	Caribbean Breeze	Trevor Miller	210	Pearson 26 OD	12

J70 One Design

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	TOTAL
1	50	Rogue Warrior	Bruce McDonald	10
2	181	GB	Chris Lewis	12
3	182	Chariot	Bob Leonard	13
4	51	Good Times	John Lanagan	20

J22 One Design

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	TOTAL
1	672	Silicon Ship	Jim Bridgwater	6
2	629	Bonfire	Linda McDavitt	11
3	1235	Project Mayhem	John Halter	13
4	621	Crash Course	Rosanne Butera	18

J24 One Design

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	TOTAL
1	2731	Out of Control	Stephen Burke	8
2	2160	Stray Dog	Jorge Martín de Nicolás	13
3	2285	Illegal Smile ;-)	Brian Metz	13
4	923	Jolly Bevo	Adolfo Bernal	15

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Ensign One Design

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	TOTAL
1	578	Dancing Bear	Tom Groll	8
2	588	Stijf Kop	George Dahmen	9
3	1414	Prickly Pair	Bill Hawk	13
4	929	Dos Locos	Lewis Price	20

Catalina 22 One Design

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	TOTAL
1	5477	Moonlight Sonata	Brian Grothues	8
2	7619	Affinity	Steve Pervier	8.6
3	9802	Chili Verde	Steve Shepardson	17
4	15386	Elysium	Liz Stansfeld	18

SouthCoast 21 One Design

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	TOTAL
1	36	Nolo Contendere	Doug Powell	6
2	163	WT	Bob Musselman	8

Trimarans PHRF

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	PHRF	TYPE	TOTAL
1	130	Humility	Bill Coon	33	Corsair Sprint 750Mk2	17
2	140	Far Reach	Mike Beuerlein	24	F28-R	20
3	276	Abandoned Assets	Bo Kersey	-45	Corsair F31	27
4	174	Flash	Doug Casey	-39	F32AX	30

Catamarans

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	TYPE	TOTAL
1	86	Capricorn	Rikin Shah	F-18	5
2	427	TWO HOT	Jim Casto	Nacra 5.5 Uni jib solo	8

J80 One Design

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	TOTAL
1	77	Warp Speed	Kirk Livingston	9
2	1320	Speed Racer	Claudia Bartlett	19
3	122	JazzTacks	Karen Bogisch	30.6
4	537	Sweet T	Terry Schertz	31

Thank you for volunteering your services on behalf of AYC!

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Catalina 22 Fleet Report

by Steve Pervier



Fall Series ended with two good race days, the first with enough wind that our C22s agreed on 100% jibs for the day. On 11/6 we had five C22s competing, only matched by PRF-B for turnout. Both of our W1 races were won by **Brian & Margarito**, clearly fast in stronger air, but their good starts made a big difference in the short W1 races. **Steve & Meri** took the next place by eight seconds over **Steve & Cheryl**, after we tacked a

little too late to force a port-starboard right before the finish. **Liz and William** continue to improve, this day sailing with **John "Griz" and Harmony as crew**. Our fleet was also delighted to see the first race of new member **Dallas Dillard** with his fiancée **Brittany**, in their baby blue boat named ... Baby Blue! We wish them more good days with the Catalina 22 fleet.



Dallas Dillard and fiancée Brittany on "Baby Blue" Photos by Cheryl Pervier

In SC21s, **Doug** with crew **Bryan and Sutton** won the first race over **Bob's** boat by only seven seconds. **Joseph** drove that boat in at least one race this day, and we hope he will again bring young **Rosie** while adding his yellow SC21 to the South Coast fleet. (We'd also love to see the return of **Charles** and one or two daughters or their young friends racing again when time allows. Best wishes to **Lily**, now sailing for UCLA!) Let's have more days like this one, with a total of nine Fleet Alliance skippers racing on seven boats.

Then on 11/13, with a cool, cloudy morning and uncertain wind, we had a fine pair of match races between **Brian & Margarito** and **Steve & Cheryl**, both boats starting twice on port. I think we were even on the first start for W2, **Brian** ahead while we had the favored pin end. In race 2 we got a slightly better start for the W1, even with a downwind racer turning tightly around the Bot just ahead of us. **Brian was first** at W in race 1, then we rounded inside at L. They tried to squeeze in above us but with a left shift and backwind they were forced to tack. Similar close racing continued, as both C22s handled the wild shifts, puffs, and holes well enough to sometimes gain on a Pearson or two headed toward the same W mark! We were first this day by 12 and 9 seconds, though **Brian** won the series by a fraction of a point. Look for our three-deep series trophies at the banquet.

Now that AYC series racing has concluded for 2022, it's time for a couple of one-day regattas, courtesy of the PRF Fleet – Thanks! Look

for Frostbite Series to start in mid-January. Perhaps some of those days will be warmer than this past week, with cold 11/12-19 highs of 59 down to 48°. Lake Travis has cooled to about 70° on its way to the mid 50s in February. Remember your PFD, as warm layers could be heavy and clumsy if you go in the water.

Wishing all of you, our Telltale readers, a fine holiday season with friends and family, the best of your memories from 2022, time to make good plans for the next year, and also a good weather day now and then to go sailing!



John Grzinich, Harmony Capo, William DeBoer, Liz Stansfeld



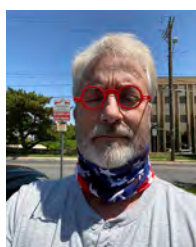
Meri & Steve Shepardson vs Brian Grothues & Margarito Morales



Cheryl & Steve Pervier Photo by Marilyn Jackson

Dinghy Fleet Report

by James Bland



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11/05 progress report: Getting closer

Laser Fleet Report

by Gray Rackley



Hello from the ILCA/Laser Fleet,
Wednesday night racing may be over for the season but we are still sailing. Come out and join us. We have a couple regattas coming up. The ILCA D15 Championships are Dec 17-18th hosted by HYC, and the CYC Rock the Ice Regatta Jan 28-29th on White Rock Lake.

Here is a recent write up from fleet member **Christian Henkel** on his experience at the LCYC Wursthfest Regatta, which was attended by three of our local AYC ILCA/Laser sailors. Great job representing AYC guys!

"Lake Canyon Yacht Club (LCYC) hosted the 54th edition of the Annual Wursthfest Regatta, located in the Texas Hill Country on one of the most beautiful lakes in the state. The first of two weekends comprised board boats and centerboard boats. The ILCA Dinghy (aka Laser) was one of seven fleets competing in the two-day event. Three of the four AYC sailors at Wursthfest sailed in the five-boat ILCA fleet (**Annie Lancaster** represented AYC in the Sunfish fleet).

The ILCAs joined the Flying Scots on the northernmost course – resulting in fewer but longer-than-usual courses. For most of the six-

race regatta, the race committee set a four-leg W/L course with yellow tetrahedrons that were marginally visible from the start of each leg. A compass served to be a helpful tool.

Saturday's racing was postponed for about two hours as we waited for the breeze to fill in. The oscillations in velocity made it necessary to "change gears" frequently while keeping your head out of the boat, looking for pressure and shifts. The first two races were each nearly an hour long yet resulted in a near-photo finish for the top two boats, despite significant gains and consolidations made throughout the course. **Chris Henkel** edged out **Craig Berleme** in race one; **Pierre Bossart** passed Henkel on the final leg to win race two. Saturday's third and final race was a three-leg test of patience and skill. Berleme and **Jon Christensen** wisely chose the right side of the course and enjoyed a huge shift that gave them a half-leg lead at the top mark. **Marcelo Pando**, Henkel, and Bossart slowly closed the gap downwind and played the shifts well on the final beat to get within striking distance of the top two boats. Pando demonstrated his light-air boat speed, passing Henkel and finishing third. Bossart sneaked into fourth when Henkel foolishly sailed to the wrong mark at the finish.

Four points separated the top four boats heading into Sunday's racing, and six races were required to discard our worst race in the regatta. The forecast called for a SSW breeze of around 10-15 knots, but the first race was the opposite. We learned from the Flying Scot fleet, who started before us, that starting at the boat and going right gave a considerable advantage in the three-knot breeze. By the time we started, it was a one-leg tack, and we sailed through most of the Scot fleet. The RC wisely shortened the course, and we finished after two legs to await the southerly breeze to fill in. **Henkel** passed **Berleme** downwind to close the gap for first place, with **Bossart** and **Pando** close behind.

Our patience paid off – the last two races were the best of the regatta. We were hiking, planing, and even doing a little surfing. The big Kiwi, **Berleme**, put on an upwind boat speed clinic and held on to take race two. With a sixth race and one discard now certain, the battle for first place was on. Berleme was poised to run away with it by taking an early lead on the first beat, but **Henkel** took advantage of a couple of favorable shifts to close the gap at the top mark. Their encounter at the end of the first beat ultimately decided the outcome. Berleme fouled Henkel and had to do penalty turns, enabling **Bossart** to catch up. The two battled downwind while Henkel extended his lead and comfortably won the final race to take the regatta win.

Despite being sore and fatigued, everyone was all smiles from that great two-day event.

I encourage you to put Wursthfest on your 2023 racing calendar. It is a well-run event with a rich history, great food, and excellent camaraderie.

Results:

1. Chris Henkel, 7 points
2. Craig Berleme, 8
3. Pierre Bossart, 14
4. Marcelo Pando, 18
5. Jon Christensen, 24

Ensign Fleet Report

by Bill Hawk



2022 was very eventful for the Ensign Fleet. We had good to great turnouts for Series racing, ran several good races in challenging conditions when it was our turn for RC, cooked a few meals for Beer Can and other worthy events, and enjoyed the (mostly) warm weather and fair winds on Lake Travis.

The Ensign Regional was covered in last month's Telltale article by **Lynn Jaeger** – not a lot more to say about that except that if you have never raced in an Ensign Regional (or National) event it is an awful lot of fun. Thanks to **Tom Groll** for letting us trash his house again, to the various other fleet members who came around the Club for pitching in as RC and crew, to **Bill Benker** for some wonderful BBQ, and to all of the Fleet volunteers who came together and made this another sailing event to remember! Wish I could remember most of it . . . but if you have never sailed or crewed in this event, you owe it to yourself to give it a try!

The only racing since then, other than a few regattas in October, was completion of the Fall Series. When we left our sailors last month,

1414 Prickly Pair was barely in the lead for the series. The middle two weekends of the series, which were practice races for Regionals, turned out to be dead calm so no practice actually occurred. The final weekend after Regionals, which was the last race day for the Ensign Fleet since we had RC on the last day of the series, turned into a duel between 578 Dancing Bear and 588 Stiff Kop. Dancing Bear prevailed, having only to throw out a third place finish while the Stiff Kop crew tossed a fourth but had to keep a third.

Unfortunately the Fleet was not able to fit the Chaparral de Mar into the schedule this year, between the dropping lake, the planning needed for Regionals, the long series schedules (made it hard to find an EOS day for the event), and the lack of water/wind most weekends it just did not come together. We will look forward to next year's race, and hope everyone keeps their racing skills polished in preparation.

Finally, a huge welcome to our new AYC members and Ensign sailors **Graham Gilmour and Kent Winegar** – both sailing with **Lewis Price** on Dos Locos – great sailors, great additions to the Club and Fleet, and great guys to get to know. Kent is a very accomplished sailor who also has good boat remodeling skills (it seems), Graham is from far Northeast Texas and seems headed towards becoming a skipper in the near future. Good to have you both onboard the Fleet!

2022 Annual RoadRunner Fleet Report

by Constanze Heitkoetter



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 (ILCA 4 and ILCA 6), 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:



On behalf of the junior racers, I would like to thank the elected 2022 RoadRunner Fleet Board officers for their dedication and commitment, as well as the AYC Board, the AYC Fund and the AYC membership for their support, and our AYC Youth Sailing Director **Emily Verdoia** for a fantastic year of sailing! Last but not least, I would like to thank all RoadRunner parents and families who keep the junior racing fleet going.

Fleet Captain: **Constanze Heitkoetter**

Sportsman Chair: **Jeff Brock**

Treasurer: **Stefan Froelich**

Equipment and Maintenance Chair: **Gal Sela**

Social Chair: **Lauren Crouch**

Membership Chairs: **Mary Carew and Dave Aronson**

End of the Year 2021

These events happened after the 2021 Annual RoadRunner Fleet Report submission deadline and should be mentioned:

- 2021 TSA (Texas Sailing Association) Friendship Award: **Nicholas Carew**
- 2021 High School ISSA National Keelboat Champions: Lake Travis High School (**James Brock, Vivian Heitkoetter, Ryder Getson, William Cranney-Fee**)

Highlights of 2022

- Strong participation in the TSA Youth Circuit regattas across Texas, bringing home good memories with their families, performance, participation, and sportsmanship awards. More info at www.tx sail.org

2022 TSA Youth Circuit Overall Awards:

TSA Scholarship awarded to **Zach Aronson**

3rd place ILCA 6: **Nicholas Carew**

5th place ILCA 6: **Zach Aronson**

3rd place Opti overall / 2nd place Opti Blue: **William Michael**

- AYC RoadRunner Regatta with 118 participants and dozens of volunteers
- Participation in AYC regattas, series races, Wednesday night racing, and sail training (as participants, volunteers, and staff)
- Many hours of RoadRunner practices
- RoadRunner racers in high school are the engine of AYC's successful high school sailing program. 2022 Texas Fall HS State Championship 1st and 2nd place won by RoadRunners.
- National regattas: C420 Nationals. ILCA 2022 Laser North American Championship
- Laser Worlds / ILCA 6 Youth World Championship participants: **Lucas Tenreiro, Fiona Froelich, Zach Aronson, Nicholas Carew**

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- Strong participation of our Laser sailors in District 15 regattas (competing with adults)
- Qualifying for and racing at the 2022 CHUBB U.S. Junior Championships:
Bemis Cup - doublehanded, two teams: **James Brock / Vivian Heitkoetter**, **Katherine Froelich / Roni Sela**

Smythe Cup - singlehanded: Congratulations to **Lucas Tenreiro** for winning the Smythe Trophy. 1st place in the Singlehanded U.S. National Junior Championship!

Upcoming:

TSA Race of Champions, December 17-18, 2022 at AYC

TSA AYC RoadRunner Regatta: March 25-26, 2023

2023 RoadRunner Fleet Board Nominations

If you would like to volunteer and serve on the RoadRunner Fleet Board or nominate someone for next year, please send an email to rrboard@hasystems.com.

AYC Children's Holiday Party

ALL children of the Club (including grandchildren, nieces, nephews, siblings etc.) are invited to the annual AYC Children's Holiday Party hosted by AYC and the RoadRunner Fleet at the AYC Clubhouse on Saturday, December 10th from 2:00pm-4:00pm.



TSA Scholarship award to Zach Aronson



End-of-Year Regatta, Lakewood YC: L-R Roni Sela, Sofia Pando (2nd place C420), Yuval Sela (8th place TSA Opti Blue Overall), Ewan Dossin (LYC), Vivian Heitkoetter (1st place C420), Nicholas Carew (3rd place 2022 TSA ILCA, 6 overall), Zach Aronson (2022 TSA Scholarship, 5th place 2022 TSA ILCA 6 overall)



TSA Regatta, Fort Worth Boat Club: L-R Nicholas Carew (3rd place ILCA 6), Vivian Heitkoetter / Ewan Dossin (LYC) (2nd place C420), William Michael, Katherine Froelich / Roni Sela (1st place C420), Yuval Sela



Getting ready for a cold launch, Nicholas Carew and Zach Aronson

*Zach Aronson scholarship photo by Dave Aronson
Remaining photos by Mary Carew*

IN MEMORIAM

William L. DeGinder

SEPTEMBER 3, 1923 – APRIL 3, 2022

Dr. William L. DeGinder, FACR, died Sunday, April 3 at 98. He loved his family, cared for his patients, and explored medicine, science, sports, and arts. The newspaper reported in 1971 he was the only Texan elected a fellow in the American College of Radiology. He was the first Medical Director of the Capital Area Radiation and Research Center. With Bob Snider and Bob Elzey he founded the Austin Radiological Association. Ed Poole and Jim Cunys joined soon after. He was a founder of the Austin Yacht Club. He had the first catamaran on Lake Travis and the first windsurfer on Lake Travis. At 70 he climbed 14,000 foot Mt. Elbert. After following him down the mountain, his guide gave up smoking. He was a master craftsman who made jewelry, sculpted wood, and could repair anything. He switched from downhill to cross country to ski with a novice wife. He enjoyed camping. One day he piloted a glider from Georgetown into Oklahoma. Flying a 2 cylinder airplane off the California coast, he was sandwiched by 2 naval planes who left with a blast. He puzzled Edwards AFB when radar failed to locate his wooden plane.

He is predeceased by his parents, William and Lorna Barr DeGinder, and his first wife, Mary Menten DeGinder. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Virginia Stullken George DeGinder (Austin High '48), and children: Dr. Kelvin DeGinder and Carolyn DeGinder Rowe (McCallum), Dr. Susan Elizabeth George / Beth, Carol Ann George, and Barbara Jane George / Janie (Austin High).

BURGEE EXCHANGE



Bob Gross and Evan Walters exchanged burgees of AYC and Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, Australia
Photo by Steve Pervier

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New Year's Day	January 1
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Thanksgiving Day	November 24
Shopping Day	November 25
Christmas Day	December 25

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AYC Dec 2022 Race Calendar

TSA Race of Champions	12/17-18
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AYC Dec Non-Racing Events

Winter High School Sailing Practice	12/4	1:00-4:00pm
Celestial Navigation Study Group	12/6, 13, 20	6:00-9:00pm
Multihull Holiday Fleet Party	12/9	5:00-11:00pm
Winter Opti III Practice	12/10, 17	9:00am-1:00pm
Winter High School Sailing Practice	12/10, 17	2:00-5:00pm
AYC Children's Holiday Party	12/10	2:00-4:00pm
J80 Holiday Party	12/10	6:30-10:00pm
Winter High School Sailing Practice (Advanced)	12/11, 18	1:00-4:00pm
All Catalina 69 Holiday Fleet Party	12/11	6:00-11:00pm
AYC New Years Eve Party	12/31	8:30pm to 1:00am Jan 1st

SAILING FUN WITH LINDA MCDAVITT

Ask her about her trip to Spain



Yes, I am ready to go!



Hmmm, why is this line dragging behind our boat? I don't believe that we are fishing.



For a real nightmare story about doing laundry, ask Linda about her 21-hour timeline.