



DECEMBER 2022



## December Rivalry and Revelry

TEAM AYC WINS TEXAS CHALLENGE CUP



Texas Challenge Cup Winners! Congrats to Spencer LeGrande, James Brock, Fiona Froelich, Thomas Young

*Photo by Bruce McDonald*

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# 20221 Perpetual Awards

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## Lynn Jaeger

### Jimmy B. Card Memorial Trophy

*This award honors the Club senior member new to the sport and recognizes the beginning sailor who enthusiastically, bravely and with a real zest and enjoyment for life, becomes a reasonably competitive sailor in their first or second year of sailing.*

Anne started racing with the Ensign and Sunfish fleets after taking Adult Sailing lessons. After joining AYC, she quickly became an active volunteer at the Club. In 2022 she co-chaired the Turnback Canyon Regatta as a new member. She also served on the extremely busy Social Team. You see her sailing virtually every weekend. *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



## Marilyn & Jeff Jackson

### Max White Memorial Trophy

*This award honors the Club senior sailor for outstanding service to the Club in the past year. The recipient is an individual who has given freely and unselfishly of their time and talents over and above what might otherwise have been necessary or expected.*

Marilyn and Jeff volunteer to help with everything! They were on the Social Committee before they became members in 2018. They completed their probationary points in record time, three months. They have been on the Buildings & Grounds Committee since 2018. Marilyn and Jeff are the definition of volunteerism! They can fix anything and are always the first to volunteer for everything! *Photo by Cheryl Pervier*



## Karen & Chris Lewis

### Jesse McIlroy Smith Bowl

*This award honors the Club junior or senior sailor who has made an outstanding contribution or achievement in yachting or racing beyond the Club level or normal Club activities such as significant application of sailing skills in a rescue, ocean crossing, yacht construction, etc.*

Karen and Chris started 2022 by serving as PRO for the Red Eye Regatta. They then taught a program for one of our Adult Sail Training classes. Karen and Chris have represented AYC in the Texas Challenge Cup with three younger AYC sailors as crew. They love to teach and mentor younger sailors by having them as crew. Boy, are we lucky to have them as members! *Photo by Cheryl Pervier*



## Molly Isbell

### Corinthian Woman Sailor Trophy

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

Molly graciously supported AYC in 2022 by serving on the Social Team, the Long Range Planning Committee and the PRC. She is sailing and racing every free moment ... when she isn't giving back to AYC. She was on the Social Committee when she first joined the Club. She was Treasurer for two years, Vice Commodore in 2015 and Commodore in 2016. She just keeps giving back. *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*

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## Roni Sela

### Liz Bauman Memorial Trophy

*This award honors the young woman who, though not necessarily the most accomplished, demonstrates Corinthian traits of cooperation, discipline, willingness to learn and good sportsmanship that are the goals of the junior sailing program.*

Roni graduated from her Optimist recently and immediately jumped into High School Sailing and C420 sailing. Without a formal C420 program at AYC, she and her crew put in the work outside of the regularly scheduled practices. In her first year of C420 TSA competition, she faced a struggling fleet but her enthusiasm helped bring in new C420 sailors. In the summers, Roni volunteers as a counselor-in-training at camp. The campers she works with always have a very strong understanding by the end of each session and always come off the water smiling. *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



## Lucas Tenreiro

### Ron W. Harden Memorial Trophy

*This award honors the young man who, though not necessarily the most accomplished, demonstrates Corinthian traits of cooperation, discipline, willingness to learn and good sportsmanship that are the goals of the junior sailing program.*

Lucas has sailed at AYC since his Optimist days. In the Optimist, he competed nationally and internationally quite successfully. He moved on to Laser sailing once he outgrew his Opti and has been competing in Texas and beyond. This year, Lucas won the Smythe Trophy, the premier singlehanded junior sailing award, at the Chubb US Junior Championships, sailing his Laser. He also competed in two world championships this year: ILCA 6 Youth Worlds, where he raced in the silver fleet, and ILCA 6 Worlds, where he placed 6th!



## Brad Davis

### Ol' Salt of the Austin Yacht Club

*This award honors the Club senior sailor who has exhibited enthusiasm, sportsmanship and a competitive zeal over a period of time, and has a quality of life that can be admired by all.*

Brad has been a Certified National Race Officer and a Certified National Judge for 12 years. He has run over 15 national championships in various classes of boats. He is a recognized Senior Race Officer by US Sailing. He has been invited to teach Advanced Race Management seminars at many yacht clubs all over the US, including AYC. He has been an active racer throughout his lifetime. Brad was PRO for our Turnback Canyon Regatta in 2022 and has taught seminars for our membership. *Photo by Cheryl Pervier*



## Sarah Faust

### Bill Records Roadrunner Fleet Trophy

*This award honors the Club member who has gone beyond expectations to serve and volunteer on behalf of the Roadrunner Fleet. The recipient is an individual who consistently, and over a long period of time, acts as a pivotal leader and contributor, furthering the advancement of the program.*

At the 2022 Annual Meeting of the membership, two things that make our Club exceptional stood out: the extraordinary volunteerism and the success of our junior program. This award recognizes a member who has gone beyond expectations to serve and to volunteer on behalf of the AYC junior sailors. Over 30 years ago a near perfect program was created and run by volunteers to teach sailing to very young children. We call it PB&J and it is unique to AYC. And through the years it has been supported and nourished by very dedicated volunteers. Recently, it was decided to remove the volunteers and run it as part of camp. That did not work out and one person stepped up to bring back the volunteer leadership. This year's award goes to that person, Sarah Baker Faust. She studied the heritage and unique curriculum of PB&J and brought it back better than before. The parents of the PB&J kids are thrilled.

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*Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



*Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



## Congratulations to the 2022 Perpetual Award Winners!



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## Message from the Commodore by Anne Morley



Having enjoyed being part of a Yacht Club or Sailing Club since I was five years old, I decided six years ago that it was time that I gave back to AYC. I was on the AYC Finance Committee 2017-2019, Sail Training Commander in 2020, Vice Commodore in 2021, and Commodore in 2022. Reflecting on this past year, I can say it was both frustrating and rewarding. Mostly rewarding. Being Commodore is a lot of work, but I'm so glad that I did it. I met so many wonderful members, especially through the eight Coffees

with the Commodore. This venue allowed for a two-way conversation with members and Board members which everyone found very helpful. Communication is so important!

I learned, in detail, our Bylaws, Handbook, and AYC Accounting Policy and Procedures. Every member should read these and know how their Club is run. If you know how the Club is run, you appreciate all that everyone involved does. Knowledge is key.

I learned throughout this year that there are members with the kindest hearts who will do anything to help. While **Tom Cunningham** has been out, we have really seen this kindness. I would like to thank **Harry Polly** and **Bob Leonard** who have graciously collected the trash around the Club on a regular basis. This is a thankless job, but I want you both to know that we appreciate your help with this. Thank you to Board members **Bill Hawk** and **Linda McDavitt** for opening and closing the clubhouse. And thank you to **Jackie Wheeless** for taking over all of Tom's product ordering and managing the volunteers and contractors. Thank you to all the amazing members and staff for stepping up to help!

The 2022 Annual Banquet was a huge success! Fun was had by all! We danced, presented the Perpetual Awards, and danced some more! The Plush Band was amazing and played great music!

The Perpetual Awards were given to a very well deserving group of individuals. When you read the detail of why each person won, you can understand the true meaning of Volunteerism at AYC. As I said the night of the banquet, many of our Board members were nominated, which tells me our Board did an amazing job this year! The Perpetual Awards are not meant for the Board, although we appreciate the kudos, but to recognize our other members that have done great things that support and benefit the entire AYC membership throughout the year. Congratulations to all the winners!

I also want to thank **Jackie Wheeless** for all her support and institutional knowledge of AYC. No Commodore can succeed without Jackie by their side. Thank you, Jackie!

I look forward to being Immediate Past Commodore and meeting all the new members! I pass the hat to Commodore **Russ Shermer** and wish him luck in 2023!

## Sail Training Commander Report by Linda McDavitt



December seems to be the month of lots of holiday parties, and the time to celebrate 2022 and look forward to 2023.

In looking forward to 2023, I have been working closely with **Kurt Carson**, 2023 Race Commander, and **Bill Hawk**, 2023 Vice Commodore in building a calendar that

hopefully works for all. To that end, we have the following clinics scheduled for January:

- **Saturday January 7 Boat Maintenance Clinic with Ed Pierce.** Ed will go over repairs that can be made by individuals as well as provide a review of regular care needed to avoid repairs. Registration is required, no charge. 9am-1pm. Ed's preview of the clinic follows this article.
- **Saturday January 7 RC Training – MarkSetBot and SailBot** Learn how the Club's new technology will help you with Race Committee activities. Registration is required, members only, no charge. 2-5pm.
- **Sunday January 8 First of Michael Moran's six-part Rules Clinic.** Michael has worked hard to align all sessions with Frostbite to get you thinking as you hit the race course. We are also providing a lunch to get you to the next activity or to just get you fed, thus the charge is AYC Member \$30 and Non-Member \$50. 10am-noon. Michael's preview of the clinic follows this article.  
  
Here are the other dates and times for the Rules Clinic:
  - Saturday, January 14, Session 3, 10-11am with lunch after
  - Saturday, January 21, Session 4, 11am-noon with lunch after
  - Saturday, January 28, Session 5, 11am-noon with lunch after
  - Saturday, February 4, Session 6, 11am-noon with lunch after
- **Start Clinic, Sunday January 8 from 1-5pm, Michael Moran's Start Clinic.** Short chalk talk then on-the-water with a coach. Cost is \$50 per boat with crew, individual AYC member \$25, and individual non-member \$50. Best deal is come with your crew and learn together.

Keep your eyes open for more info on these clinics:

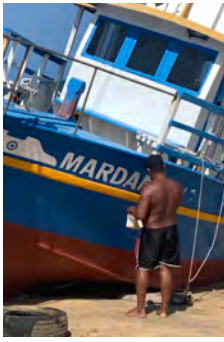
- **Team Racing** Tentative dates and time: January 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19, 26, 9am-noon
- **Fundamentals of Racing** January 15, 1-4pm
- **Tactics Clinic** January 22, 1-5pm
- **Spinnaker Clinic** January 29, 1-5pm, both symmetrical and asymmetrical
- **Discover Sailing** Tentative date: January 29

I'm always open to new ideas! Please feel free to contact me at [sailtraining@austinyachtclub.net](mailto:sailtraining@austinyachtclub.net).

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## Boat Maintenance Clinic Preview

by Ed Pierce



**Free clinic: January 7, 9am-noon**

January has returned and again it's the perfect time to refresh your relationship with your sailboat.

While your boat is ashore, we can help you make a useful plan and also share tips learned over the past year.

With boat maintenance, an honest self-assessment is essential – "What do I want to DO with this boat?" Race, maintain, or sell are

my three options (you may have others). And we will prioritize the to-do list according to importance:

- Safety
- Functionality
- Failure Prevention
- Pride of ownership — clean and pretty

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

- Buy new / replace – \$
- Hire a craftsman – @
- Do it myself – #
- Find a mentor and learn to do it myself – ##
- Ignore it for now, but keep tracking it on my wish list – !!

Now we've got a goal and a decision tool for whatever comes up as we examine our boat for maintenance opportunities.

<https://www.austinyachtclub.net/wp-content/uploads/Boat-Maint-Checklist.pdf>

**Start with a survey of your sailboat and some typical issues.** Maybe join with a buddy and do your two boats together. Fresh eyes can see what you've grown accustomed to. *You can grab a checklist online or outside the AYC office* and explore your boat (or a neighbor's) before the clinic.

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

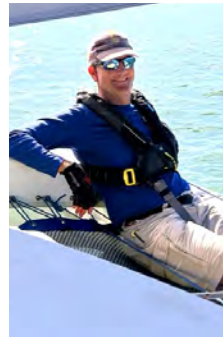
We've seen lots of work in the last few months around the hoist and dry-out areas. So, please bring your lessons learned to share with other members. And, bring your questions and your boat survey results.



Click the QR code to access your pre-clinic materials.

## Racing Rules of Sailing Clinic Preview

by Michael Moran



**Chalk Talk January 8, 14, 21, 28, February 4**

Have you ever wondered about the many rules that govern our exhilarating and somewhat complex sport?

Well, you can obtain a copy of the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing from your favorite source and sit back to enjoy a relaxing read of the 91 rules as explained over the course of 177 pages ... or you can join our Racing Rules of Sailing Chalk Talk Clinic.

Our series adopts an "flipped classroom" approach with review of video sessions in advance of in-person chalk talks. The Chalk Talk sessions will be held in the AYC Clubhouse and facilitated by AYC members recognized as RRS subject matter experts.

This is an excellent opportunity to ground yourself in the aspects of the rules of primary importance to crews afloat when racing competitively – the 15 rules that govern what boats do when meeting on the water.

Whether you are relatively new to the subject and therefore in need of "rules 101" or looking to refresh your knowledge of the rules, this clinic is designed to meet your needs.

The in-person Chalk Talk session will enable summary review of the advance video assignment enhanced by training scenarios, Q&A and review of changes, if any, in the RRS as covered in the associated video session.

The clinic is scheduled for five sessions in conjunction with the Frostbite Racing series: January 08, 14, 21, 28 and February 4. The Chalk Talk sessions will conclude well in advance of the day's skipper meeting to enable participation in both the clinic and racing.

08 JAN 10:00am - 12:00pm - double header comprised of:  
INTRODUCTION TO RACING RULES – Racing Rules Episode 1  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tFCuWtuW200>  
THE START – Racing Rules Episode 2 - Backing a Sail, Right of Way, Pin End <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KanGIVzhym0&t=2s>

14 JAN 10:00 - 11:00am  
THE WINDWARD LEG – Racing Rules Episode 3 - General Limitations, Obstructions, and Hailing for Room to Tack  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wyOx5TAahw4>

21 JAN 11:00 - Noon  
THE MARKS - PART 1 – Racing Rules Episode 4 - Marks and who is entitled to room? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BzmP5BMkVgE>

28 JAN 11:00 - Noon  
THE RUN – Racing Rules Episode 5 - When do I have to Sail my Proper Course? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JQxeasGGr-s>

04 FEB 11:00 - Noon  
THE MARKS - PART 2 – Racing Rules Episode 6 - Marks Masterclass  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xMTYEgv8WjE>

Cost is \$30 for the whole session. Lunch is included and will be served in between Rules sessions and the Start Clinic, Skipper's meeting for Frostbite and for all days with Frostbite races.

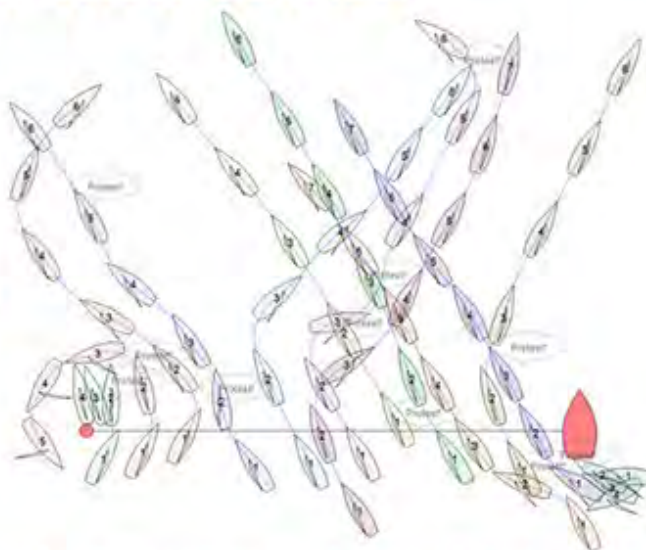
Any questions should be directed to Michael Moran at [moranmp42@gmail.com](mailto:moranmp42@gmail.com).

# ***RACING RULES OF SAILING 2021-2024***

## ***CHALK TALK SERIES***

Do you wonder about the many rules that govern our exhilarating and somewhat complex sport?

Would you rather get a copy of the rule book to sit back and read 91 rules over 177 pages OR join us for the **Racing Rules of Sailing Chalk Talk Series?**



This series will require review of video sessions in advance of the in-person sessions. Chalk Talks will be led by expert-AYC members in the Clubhouse.

### **January 8th from 10AM to 12PM: Sessions 1 & 2**

- Introduction to the Racing Rules
- The Start

### **January 14th from 10AM-11AM: Session 3**

- The Windward Leg

### **January 21st from 11AM-12PM: Session 4**

- The Marks Part 1

### **January 28th from 11AM-12PM: Session 5**

- The Run

### **February 4th from 11AM-12PM: Session 6**

- The Marks Part 2

\$30 for the entire series. Lunch will be provided between the Chalk Talks and the Start Clinic, Frostbite Competitors' Meeting, and Frostbite Series Racing.

**Register by scanning the QR code!**



**Please direct all questions to Michael Moran at [moranmp42@gmail.com](mailto:moranmp42@gmail.com)**

Austin Yacht Club Sail Training Presents...

# ***START CLINIC***

Is this what your normal start looks like?



Do you want  
your start to  
look like this?



**Then, join us January  
8th from 1PM-5PM!**

This will follow Sessions 1 & 2  
of the Rules Clinic from  
10AM-12PM. Lunch provided  
for those who attend all of  
the clinics!



**There will be a short chalk talk, and then, on-the-water with  
coaches on your boat to help you learn.**

Cost per boat: \$50 (bring your crew!!)

Individual AYC members: \$25

Individual non-members: \$50

Register by scanning the QR code!





# FUNDAMENTALS OF **SAILBOAT RACING**

**SUNDAY,  
JANUARY 15, 2023  
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

A CLASS FOR BEGINNING  
AS WELL AS  
INTERMEDIATE RACERS

**TOPICS:** RACE PREP, START,  
TACTICS, SAIL TRIM,  
FOLLOWED BY Q & A WITH  
SUCCESSFUL RACERS

**QUESTIONS?**

CONTACT BILL RECORDS,  
PRESENTER 512-913-4989

LINDA MCDAVITT,  
SAIL TRAINING  
COMMANDER 512-731-6614



**\$25 MEMBERS  
\$30 NON-MEMBERS**

**REGISTER ONLINE AT**

[https://austinyachtclub.theclubspot.com/  
register/camp/xWMjCDjpeK/class](https://austinyachtclub.theclubspot.com/register/camp/xWMjCDjpeK/class)



From the Desk of the GM  
by Jackie Wheelers



Everyone have a SAFE and HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!

2023 will bring some changes via Clubspot, but let's all jump in together and not let this new software scare us. Change is difficult for everyone, but let's all accept the challenge and do this TOGETHER.

Happy, Healthy 2023 to everyone!

## Thank you!

I wish to express a deep THANK YOU to all the members who stepped up and filled in during my absence. I am up and moving around but still on light duty. I hope in the coming weeks to be able to do more of my normal duties and get back to taking care of the Austin Yacht Club.

Tom Cunningham  
Caretaker

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



**David Broadlick**

Associate Probationary

David comes from a sailing family in Indianapolis, but is recently getting back into the sport. He is enthusiastic about learning to race and launch his Sunfish, Luger here at AYC.



**Ketti Boller**

Senior Probationary

Ketti learned to sail in Chicago, raced in Newport at world championships, overnight distance races, and participated in the North U Clinic here in Austin. AYC sponsor is Kurt Carson.



# 2022 Annual Banquet

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Amy & Jeff Brock



Anne & David Morley



Brooke & Daniel Garces



Colleen & Ed Taylor



Jill & Russ Shermer



Jeff Sabuda & Dee Chow



Dave & Liz Weeks



Doug & SunHi Casey



Johanna & Matt Brown



Tammy Russell, Perry & Charlotte Russell, Charlie Lancaster, Sarah Lancaster, Annie Lancaster, Trace Hibbs  
Photo by Marilyn Jackson



Molly Isbell & Tom Groll



Rohit, Julia, Ethan, Sireen, Matthew, Chloe, Thomas, Delilah, Warren, Sophia, Etienne - UT sailors



Mark Zion and Diane Covert



Linda McDavitt and Chuck Waldron



The Plush Band Photo by Marilyn Jackson  
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## 2022 Annual Banquet

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Lynn Jaeger and Carolynne Griffin at sign-in table with Chuck Waldron



Janet Hendricks, Liz & David Weeks



Cheryl Pervier, Abby & Chris Ryan, Katie & Steve Whitley



Johanna & Matt Brown, Kirk & Janis Livingston



Gerry & Alison Kwiecinski, Jim Bridgwater & Cristina Peck



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Janet Hendricks, Fred Ford, Daniel & Brooke Garces



SunHi & Doug Casey, Bill Records, Amy & Jeff Brock, David Morley



Spencer LeGrande, Emily Verdoia, Amy & Jeff Brock



Russ Shermer, Anne & David Morley, Kristin Spindler, Mark O'Brien



Molly Isbell & Tom Groll, Anthony & Summer Yen



Marc Michels & Martine LaCombe, Tanya & Dale Scoggins

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# 2022 Annual Banquet

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Gal Sela, Emily Verdoia, Gina Stanard, Ed Taylor, Shannon, Sebastian & Marcelo Pando



Jill & Russ Shermer



Alan & Gina Stanard, Ed & Colleen Taylor, Dee Chow & Jeff Sabuda, Audrey Ravelo & Kurt Carson



Jim Bridgwater, Cristina Peck, Alison & Gerry Kwiecinski, Dan & Stacey Loop, Chuck Waldron, Linda McDavitt, Janet Hendricks



Bill Records, Dave & Liz Weeks, Steve & Katie Whitley, Trevor & Kailee Miller, Abby & Chris Ryan, Hazel Sanchez



Steve & Carol Frick, SunHi & Doug Casey, Jill Shermer

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# 2022 Annual Banquet

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Laura Covington, Ewan Dossin, Sofia Pando, Roni Sela, Catherine Froelich, Wendi Froelich, Fiona Froelich, Vivian Heitkoetter



Sebastian, Shannon & Marcelo Pando, Debbie Day, Richard Ryon



Tammy Russell, Tracey Hibbs, Charlotte Russell, Sarah Lancaster, Annie & Charlie Lancaster



Kirk & Janis Livingston, Ray Shull, Peg Henderson, Jeff & Amy Brock, Emily Verdoia, Spencer LeGrande, Gal Sela, Cece & Patrick Flynn



Delilah, Ethan, Warren, Julia, Sophia, Etienne, Sireen, Matthew, Thomas, Rohit, Chloe



Molly Isbell & Tom Groll, Lynn Jaeger, Fred Ford, Kelly & Bill Hawk, Chris Covington, Carolynne Griffin, Brionne Griffin

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L-R: UTST sailors Chloe, Julia, Delilah, Rohit, Sophia, Thomas, Ethan, Matthew, coach Jeff Brock, Sireen, Etienne and Warren Photo by Wendi Froelich



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2022 Board, L-R Anne Morley, Russ Shermer, Diane Covert, Bill Hawk, Cheryl Pervier, Linda McDavitt, Jeff Sabuda (not pictured: Bob Gross)



2023 Board, L-R Anne Morley, Russ Shermer, Bill Hawk, Tom Groll, Linda McDavitt, Lynn Jaeger, Jeff Sabuda, Kurt Carson

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## Children's Holiday Party

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Santa is here! L-R: Barry Thornton as Santa, elves Bay Peterson and Emily Verdoia motored him to shore  
*Photo by Cheryl Pervier*



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# Children's Holiday Party

Photos by Bill Records



Seated: Anne Riggs, Claudia Bartlett, Santa, Gina Stanard, Anne Marie Fleming, Back row: John Bartlett (elf), Bay Peterson (elf), Nan Taylor, Dee Chow, Lauren Crouch

L-R: Anne Riggs, Lauren Crouch, Dee Chow, Nan Taylor, Janis Livingston, Claudia Bartlett, Gina & Alan Stanard, Kneeling: Anne Marie Fleming, Violet Fleming, Madeline Crouch

## Team AYC Wins Texas Challenge Cup 2022!

by Thomas Young



Team Austin Yacht Club, represented by **James Brock, Fiona Froelich, Spencer LeGrande, and Thomas Young**, had the opportunity to represent AYC at the Texas Challenge Cup hosted by Lakewood Yacht Club. The format was a Friday practice day followed by two days of racing in Galveston Bay on Lakewood-owned RS21s.

On Friday, we had flat water and breeze in the 8-12 knot range, which turned out to be perfect for us to practice upwind speed against the three other boats out practicing, as well as sets, douses, and mark roundings. Our practice was unfortunately cut short due to a torn kite after getting caught on the spreader on our 3rd set. Going into Saturday, we knew that we had good upwind speed, and though we would have liked more downwind practice, we felt confident going into Saturday.

Saturday conditions were similar to Friday, with slightly more wind at times, but overall great conditions, and with the Sunday forecast not

looking promising, the goal was to get as many races in on the first day. We took a 3rd in the first race, after having rounded the 2nd windward mark in 1st, but unfortunately lost speed in a hole, which allowed two other boats above us to compress and pass us into the finish. The second race of the day was solid, though we never had an opportunity to lead the race, but were comfortably in second place.

By race three, we felt that we were working well together and knew that if we were consistent with our boat speed and executed well on sets and douses, we would continue to improve throughout the day. Staying focused and working on fundamentals was the correct strategy, as we took three bullets in the final three races for a combined eight points in the five completed races.

The Sunday forecast was as promised, with rain and thunder moving through in the morning, followed by no wind. Unfortunately, no racing that day.

Overall, the Texas Challenge Cup was a great event, with tight racing, fun boats, and a great venue in Lakewood Yacht Club.

Special thanks to **Bruce McDonald**, who was on hand all weekend to not only take amazing photographs, but to be on shore to help the team with food and shore support! Also to **Chris Lewis** for all of the sailing tips on the RS21s, as well as for allowing us to stay at his and **Karen's** house in Houston. Team effort all around!



Team AYC Texas Challenge Cup winners! L-R: Fiona Froelich, Thomas Young, James Brock, Spencer LeGrande TCC photos by Bruce McDonald



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# Texas Challenge Cup

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*Photos by Bruce McDonald*



## Bob Gough Race of Champions by Terry Gough Schertz



The 2022 TSA Bob Gough Race of Champions was held at AYC on J80s Dec 17-18. The Race of Champions is an invitational event with a format designed to bring multiple generations of champions together for a weekend of competition and learning. Seven Texas junior champion sailors and their crew were paired up with seven coaches (aka Texas legends) and seven J80 AYC boat owners for a regatta of

excellent sailors of all ages!

The conditions were better than expected, given the forecast in the days before, but the light, shifty, puffy breeze out of the north on Saturday was challenging to set a course much less race in. But, the day was sunny and there was just enough breeze to make it work and four races were completed. Only three were scored after a protest, but that did not detract from the time sailing with some of the best of the best! Dinner at AYC Saturday night was followed by short talks from each of the coaches on what had motivated them and led to the accomplishments that were not only impressive, but continued over many years and types of boats. No wind on Sunday was disappointing, but once again, the coaches made the time waiting for wind worthwhile by talking about tuning and tactics and some observations from the day before.

The event, which has only been held once before in 2017, was named in honor of **Bob Gough** for his many decades of dedication to this sport and to excellence in race management. Bob, who turned 90 this year, was on the signal boat on Saturday, providing input as needed and enjoying just being on the water. He was especially impressed with the

AYC MarkSetBots which allowed the RC to keep shifting the course and get in as many races as they did!

A particular thank you to the AYC Fund, who provided the lion's share of the funding for this event. As always, the AYC members volunteered their time with enthusiasm and their boats generously, and made everyone who traveled here feel welcome. I was proud of us!!

Pos	Junior Teams	Club	Coach	Boat/Owner
1	James Brock Ryder Getson Dale Scoggin	AYC	Scott Young	J.A.C.K. Chris Thompson
2	Dylan Tomko John Tomko Tiffany Tomko	HYC	Chris Lewis	Speed Racer John Bartlett
3	Milou Van Kullenburg Parker Younger Fiona Froelich	LYC	Jeff Progelhof	Too Much J Matt Rombert
4	Jacob Granberry Isaac Barkley Maximo Hudlow	CCYC	Bill Draheim	Flyer Ray Shull
5	Kaden Virag Alex Wise Kenny Wolfe	RCYC	Glenn Darden	Sweet T Terry Schertz (Alan Stanard)
6	Mercedes Porter Taylor Snyder Paul Barnes	RCYC	Rob Johnston	ShotGlass Bob Gross (Max Ross)
7	Roni Sela Katie Froelich Spencer LeGrande	AYC	Terry Flynn	Knot Rite Kurt Carson



Bob Gough



**2022  
Coaches**

### Scott Young



- US Sailing Mallory Cup Champ (6x – most in event history)
- NA/Nat'l/MW Champion (J105, J24, J22, Laser Masters (3x))
- College All-American (3x)
- College Sloop Nat'l Champ (2x)
- US Sailing Bemis & Smythe Champ
- US Sailing Team member (FD)
- 12 US Sailing Medals (8 Gold, 1 Silver, 3 Bronze)

### Jeff Progelhof



- J-22 World Champion
- National Champion (Thistle and Hobie 33)
- Commodore – RCYC and TSA
- US Sailing – Nominating Committee and Area F Coordinator
- National Board Member – c420 Class

### Terry Flynn



- World Champion J-22
- NA/ Nat'l wins J-22(7x) J-80 (3x) J-24 , I420 (2x) and 6 other classes.
- US Sailing Match Race Champ
- Offshore Racing Champ (Bermuda Race (3x) SORC (6x) Chicago Mac (3x))
- Kiel Week & Admirals Cup 1st
- Sailing World NOOD Overall Winner (3x)

### Bill Draheim



- National Champion (MC, J22, Thistle, Flying Scot, JY15, C15, VXOne)
- US Sailing O'Day Champ
- US Sailing Championship of Champions Winner (3x)
- Finalist (3x) Rolex Yachtsman of the Year
- College All American
- 4x Member of US Sailing Team (470)

### Chris Lewis



- UK 3 & 2 boat Team Racing Champions (3x)
- Int. 505 British Nat'l Champ
- NA / Nat'l Champ (Laser 5K, J80, J105 (2x), J44 (2x))
- SORC Series Winner (x2)
- IC37 Race Week & NA's 2<sup>nd</sup>
- IC37 Annual Regatta 1<sup>st</sup>
- Rolex Cup (2x) 1<sup>st</sup>
- 2021 TX Challenge Cup 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 2022 Rolute Cup Gold Fit

### Rob Johnston



- J24 Worlds 2<sup>nd</sup>
- J24 MW Champion
- J22 World Champion
- Pan-Am Games – J24 Gold medal
- J22 National Champion
- College All American – Honorable mention (2x)
- UT Sailing Team
- Commodore White Rock Boat Club

### Glenn Darden



- Lightning World Champion
- J80 World Champion (2x), NA Champion (3x)
- US Sailing Mallory Cup (2x)
- SORC & Clipper Cup Maxi Champ
- Americas Cup Defender Trials
- Swan 42 National Champion
- J105 NA /VWM Champion (5x)
- J70 Nat'l & MW Champ
- J22 MW Champion (2x)
- JY15 NA Champion

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1st place on The J.A.C.K. Ryder Getson, James Brock, Dale Scoggin, Coach Scott Young



7th place on Knot Rite Roni Sela, Katie Froelich, Spencer LeGrande, Coach Terry Flynn



2nd place on Speed Racer Dylan Tomko, John Tomko, Tiffany Tomko, Coach Chris Lewis



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## Catalina 22 Fleet Report

by Steve Pervier



*Catalina 22s* have had a fine year of racing, with younger new sailors like **Dallas Dillard** joining AYC with his C22, and our fleet's newer active skippers improving in races throughout the year. Among our newer sailors, both **Liz Stansfeld** and **William Kozminski (& Millie Yap)** have made big gains, while **Doug Herling** was already a good racer when he arrived. Liz's crew members

**Harmony** and of course young **William** are showing great natural talent. Thanks to **Johannes Brinkmann** for some great coaching. I should also applaud our South Coast 21 friends for their enthusiasm and growth. Hooray for **Bob, Doug, Charles, Lily, Ivy, Bryan, Sutton, Joseph and Tom!** Let's continue working together to improve all our racing skills and enjoyment in 2023.

Our *SC21/C22 Fleet Alliance* served several days of series RC, while we sailed within PRF-B for three of the four series. We plan to continue this successful arrangement by racing in B-fleet again next year. We congratulate the Pearson 26 Fleet on choosing to race one-design in 2023, while our *Catalina 22s* will likely replace them as the largest class within PRF-B. We hope for more of the exciting racing among those named above and our longer-term C22s – **Brian Grothues & Margarito Morales, John Grzinich, Steve & Meri Shepardson, Peter Broberg**, and us, **Cheryl & Steve**. Let's welcome **Louise & Walter, Lawrence, James & Sarah, Nathan, Bob, Dave & Daven, Joe, Dane, Sally** and others too as they join us again on the course and at AYC.

Back to 2023, PHRF racing for our one-design class holds such advantages as spinnaker and non-spinnaker boats able to race together, a larger pool of series RC volunteers, and added competition from larger Catalinas and other established cruiser-racer designs. Maybe some of us could even sail as big boat crew on those cold days of Frostbite, rather than having to launch our mostly dry-sailed boats!

*Catalina 22 Fleet 69* continues at AYC as a fleet in Region 8 of the C22 National Association. I encourage you to join our class organization at [Catalina22.org](http://Catalina22.org) for its many resources, including contact with C22 sailors nationwide. Perhaps you'll be inspired to try some higher-level competition, or travel to join a C22 cruise! Or just enjoy the great home Club AYC is for us and for so many friends. Speaking of friends, **Cheryl and I** shared a Catalina table at the AYC Banquet with owners of C25, C27, C270, and Capri 25 boats!



Matt & Johanna Brown, Jeff & Marilyn Jackson, Steve & Cheryl Pervier, Mark Zion & Diane Covert, Richard House

We also also enjoyed the holiday party of "Fleet 69" ([CatFleet69.org](http://CatFleet69.org)) which is a cruising-focused group including many Catalina sailors at AYC. It was a joyful evening for local Catalina sailors, including some alumni who've been sailing their 35 and 40-plus foot boats in bigger waters. 50 sailors enjoyed the beautifully decorated AYC clubhouse (many thanks!) as we shared stories of racing and cruising adventures here on Lake Travis, and of sailing in other waters as far as extended cruising around the Mediterranean.

Let's look on 2023 as full of new and continuing opportunities for growth as sailors and friends.



Owen Crouse, Lawrence & Amy Case  
Photo by Marilyn Jackson



Johanna Brown, Steve & Katie Whitley, Matt Brown  
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Cheryl Pervier, Steve Shepardson, John Grzinich, Norma Leben  
Photo by Marilyn Jackson



Harry & Jayne Polly, Ann Marie & John Grzinich  
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Nina Aguirre, Annette & David Voelter, Millie Yap, William Kozminski.  
Photo by Marilyn Jackson



Outgoing Commodore Joy Luther passing the hat to incoming Commodore Marie Snidow with other officers Harry Polly and Robert & Sheila Anderson  
Photo by Cheryl Pervier

## Dinghy Fleet Report by James Bland



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San Francisco Pelican #2925 (BOB) was officially launched at AYC on 11 Dec 2022 at around 15:00. Air temperature was 67°F, water temperature 55°F, wind from the North <6mph, gusts <10.

**Bill Coon, Juke Ball and Russ Shermer** were official witnesses and **Orsa (John) Tirhandil** dove right in and helped me get the boat in and out of the lake.

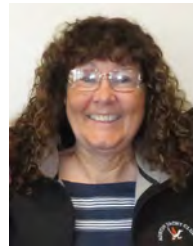
I started out to have a quiet little project to get ready for building an OK Dinghy and it's turned into a saga with

a worldwide audience, and boosting a Philippine sailmaker into the market as a first line supplier to building materials supplier I used. Each piece of the Pelican was measured from plans, designed, cut, fitted and installed by hand. Not unlike building a house, it took twice as long and twice as much as I thought it would, but I think you'll agree the effort was worth it. The final tally, 1000 hours+ (18 calendar months).

The payoff has been the kindness and interest of AYC members. **Jeff Brock, Calvin and Jackson Brock, David Michael, Ming Michael, Paul, Mary and Nicholas Carew** and UT students have helped me with build moves and the final load onto the trailer. It takes a crew, thanks to all.

Next up, sail a lot, get back to some art projects (checked the box on marine sculpture), and start planning for the OK Dinghy build.

## Fun Fridays Are Back! by Marilyn Jackson



I hope everyone is enjoying the holiday season! **Jeff and I** are starting up Family Friendly Fun Friday events for 2023. Fun Fridays are scheduled for January 13 & 27, February 10 & 24, and March 10 & 24 from 7-10pm. We will host the first night (January 13) with BINGO. Bring a snack to share for yourself and let's have a fun time. Bring the whole family! AYC Friday night racing

will begin in April.

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

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



Board game night – Marilyn Jackson, Chris Bataille, Renee Ruelas, Charlie & Annie Lancaster, Guy & Margo Abbey, Linda Donovan, Meiling Parker, Elizabeth Quintanilla



Musical jam night – Levi, Dane Ohe, Joe Roddy, Wade Bingaman, Cass Meyer

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## AYC Jan/Feb 2023 Race Calendar

Frostbite Series 1/14, 21, 28, 2/4, 11 Start 12:00pm

## AYC Jan/Feb Non-Racing Events

Winter Opti III Practice	1/7, 14, 21, 28	9:00am-1:00pm
Boat Maintenance Clinic	1/7	9:00am-1:00pm
Winter High School Sailing Practice	1/7, 14, 21, 28	2:00-5:00pm
RC Training - MarkSet and SailBot	1/7	2:00-5:00pm
Rules Clinic - 6 Sessions	1/8 (10am-noon), 14 (10-11am), 21, 28, 2/4 (11am-noon)	
Winter High School Sailing Practice	1/8, 15, 29	1:00-4:00pm
Start Clinic	1/8	1:00-5:00pm
Fun Fridays	1/13, 27	7:00-10:00pm
Fundamentals of Racing	1/15	1:00-4:00pm
Tactics Clinic	1/22	1:00-5:00pm
AYC Board Meeting	1/26	7:30-9:30pm
Spinnaker Clinic	1/29	1:00-5:00pm
Winter Opti III Practice	2/4, 11	9:00am-1:00pm
Winter High School Sailing Practice	2/4, 11	2:00-5:00pm
Winter High School Sailing Practice	2/5, 12	1:00-4:00pm
Fun Fridays	2/10, 24	7:00-10:00pm
AYC Board Meeting	2/23 7:30-9:30pm	