



## Opening Day 2023



Opening Day and multiple generations of One-Design Fleet Pearson 26s. Above, Bill Records and crew on Cafe au lait, David Weeks and crew on Incognito, Matthew Sabuda and crew on Ryliun Nova *Photo by Anne Morley*

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4/27	Board of Directors Meeting
4/28	Beer Can Races Kick Off

\*Saturdays: Multihulls and J80s. Sundays: Ensigns, J22, J24, Pearson 26, PRF-A, PRF-B



# Turnback Canyon Regatta 2023

The Austin Yacht Club  
Cordially Invites You to Participate in  
the Annual Two-Day  
**AYC Turnback Canyon Regatta**  
Keelboats, Trimarans, and Multi-hulls All Welcome

**Off-the-Water Activities Include:**

Saturday Morning Breakfast & Coffee  
Saturday Dinner and Live Music  
Sunday Morning Breakfast & Coffee  
Awards Social Sunday After Race

**RUTA MAYA.**  
COFFEE



**INFAMOUS**  
BREWING COMPANY

**Information & Online Registration at:**

<https://austinyachtclub.theclubspot.com/regatta/CzaSYHfHSw>



Early Registration Before Wednesday April 19<sup>th</sup> 8:00 pm \$75  
Late Registration Until Friday April 21<sup>st</sup> 5:00 pm \$100  
Onsite Registration Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup> 8:00 - 9:30 am

*Competitor's Briefing:* Saturday 10:00 am under the AYC clubhouse  
First Warning - Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 am  
First Warning - Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 am

## Message from the Commodore

by Russ Shermer



On March 5, the weather for the annual Opening Day Ceremony & Regatta was absolutely perfect. We kicked off the event with brunch and Mimosas bar in the clubhouse. The Westlake Wine Bar donated all of the champagne for the event. The **Sea Scouts** kicked off the ceremony with the raising of the flag. **Julian Rabago** led us in the National Anthem. **Hylton**

**Cruikshank** played the bagpipes for the ceremony. After welcoming everyone to the Club, I invited **Steve Digby** to give the invocation. After commemorating our lost members this year, **Bill Records** provided a very humorous history of the Club. (Check out Bill's Opening Day History article in the Opening Day section of this newsletter). We recognized the past commodores who were able to attend, the current Board of Directors and our staff members.

After the ceremony closed, we had the skipper's meeting for the regatta, the current Board of Directors served as the race committee. Weather was ideal for fun racing. Our social chair, **Janis Livingston**, prepared and served fajitas for the awards ceremony.

I was thanked and applauded by several of the past commodores for how well the event ran. However, I owe the event's success to the many volunteers and all of the staff for making the celebration a raging success.

Thank you!

## Vice Commodore Report

by Bill Hawk



AYC Members,

In the time I have been a member of the Austin Yacht Club, I have noticed that every so often we need to get a reminder of the responsibilities that we all share.

The AYC is a volunteer-run organization. Except for our small staff, every single job at the

Club is performed by volunteers working on the various committees (Harbor, B&G, Race, Social, etc.).

None of us gets paid for what we do to help out, instead we just all pitch in to set up, clean up, neaten up, and generally keep the place looking nice and running relatively smoothly.

This model works great for keeping the place running (more or less) the way we want it to run, and certainly works great for keeping the costs down.

If we were to run the Club as more of a business instead of a volunteer organization, we would have a larger staff to run regattas, coordinate race committees, cook after-regatta and after-series meals, and do the other odd jobs that members are currently asked to do.

Dues would also be many times what they are now, and regatta entry fees would be something like \$200 instead of \$50, which is what we are trying to avoid.

The recent poll of the membership had a large majority of us responding that the volunteering level at the Club is "just about right":

More volunteerism, less staff. I'd prefer to keep dues low and lend a hand – 18.68%

Just right. Today's mix is fine – 53.85%

OK. But it would be nice if it weren't always the same people – 14.84%

From these results it looks as if almost 70% of us think we have the right level of volunteering, or even need more of it!

However, we are not seeing a corresponding level of volunteers to actually come out and help. Several of our standing committees (Harbor, Social, maybe B&G and Race) are very light on participation, and as Vice Commodore I am not having a great deal of luck in finding volunteers to run regattas and other events.

So, it's time to ask those of you who like our low overhead but have not really gotten involved in events (other than sailing in them), to step up. Call the Office (512-266-1336), email one of the Board members (see contact info below), figure out what you want to help with and come on out to help. Any amount of time, from two hours on a Saturday morning helping with regatta registration and breakfast to a full day on the water helping run races, is greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

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## Buildings & Grounds Report

by Jeff Sabuda



Another busy month for the Buildings & Grounds Committee and all the volunteers involved! Projects this month include (not in any particular order):

### Workday for Opening Day:

Workday was originally scheduled for Saturday 2/25, but with many sailing events and the flu creeping around, workday was rescheduled for Sunday, 3/4 the day before

### Opening Day!

We had many volunteers adding their beautiful touch of gardening and landscaping to the AYC grounds – **Lanelle Montgomery, Charlie Lancaster, Steve & Cheryl Pervier, Chris Thompson, Frank Lynn, Karen Lewis, Graham Gilmore, Andy Linseisen, John McKallip, Alex Monroe and the Sea Scouts.** A fresh layer of mulch after weeding all the beds is a beautiful contrast to spring-colored flowers planted around the office/clubhouse beds and the front gate.

The clubhouse and office windows received a sparkling cleaning treatment from **Janet Hendricks, Meredith Shepardson, Alan Stanard, and Adolfo Bernal.** These windows were so clean that people nearly walked through the closed sliding glass doors.

After a parking lot street cleaning service removed and cleaned all the loose gravel, parking lot strip repainting to the upper lots was meticulously and expertly painted by **Jeff & Marilyn Jackson and Steve Shepardson.** While improving the aesthetics and professional appeal of the lots, the newly painted lines will increase safety and traffic control leaving no ambiguity with parking spaces and where to actually park... 😊



Workday volunteers: L-R Karen Lewis, Cheryl & Steve Pervier  
*Photo by Cheryl Pervier*

A special thanks goes out to **Dee Chow** for setting up and making lunch for all the workday volunteers ... so much yummy food!

A special thanks to **Tom Cunningham** for power washing the clubhouse deck, cleaning and setting up downstairs tables and supporting all the volunteers during workday.



Enjoying lunch by Dee: L-R Marilyn & Jeff Jackson, Meri & Steve Shepardson, Janet Hendricks *Photo by Cheryl Pervier*

### Oak Wilt Update:

The treatments, as prescribed by **Danny Lien**, have started as seen by the many beer-keg looking barrels around the trees on the property.

### Ice Storm Update:

Arbor Pro finished the last of their cleanup the morning of workday. The Club grounds look somewhat normal again.

There is a scheduled Buildings & Grounds meeting for Wednesday April 12th at 6:30pm at AYC clubhouse. This meeting will cover B&G projects and future project task planning discussions. Please come to share your ideas to better improve our Club. For new members, this is a great opportunity to come out and meet members and to get to know your Club that much better.

## Race Commander Report

by Kurt Carson



It's hard to believe it's already March and the end of the first quarter is upon us. For this month's article, I'll provide a high-level summary of what the Permanent Race Committee and I have been up to these past three months.

While attending the Sailing Symposium in Florida, I had the opportunity to negotiate with the MarkSetBot sales rep for the purchase of a demo Bot at considerable savings to AYC. Having four MarkSetBots allows us to not only provide a better racing experience for AYC members and other organizations using AYC equipment and technologies for their events, but allows the AYC members who volunteer for the Series and Regatta Race Committees to set and adjust courses much faster and easier. I'm happy to say that we used them successfully for the ICSCA SEISA McCarthy Cup, and the people in charge of that event expressed how easy it was to set and change the course, as needed.

As far as the upkeep of the MarkSetBots, conversations are underway with **Bill Coon, Tom Groll, and Rand Forest** on designing and building a secure way of storing them that will protect them and make them easier to use. Our hope is to eliminate a lot of the setup and tear down while protecting them.

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Because there is a learning curve in utilizing the new technologies (MarkSetBot, Clubspot, and Sailbot), the PRC and I worked on the Race Committee Training Day which was held on February 18.



RC Training: Four MarkSetBots Photo by Marilyn Jackson

It was a successful event and I would especially like to thank **Terry Schertz** and the rest of the PRC for making this a great event. I think everyone learned something, including me. Our plan is to build on this program and we will have another training event in the near future with the goal of making it easier for our membership to run fair, fun, and competitive races.



RC Training: Hazel Sanchez and Molly Isbell on the signal boat Photo by Cheryl Pervier

The PRC has also been working hard to adapt to the use of Clubspot for scoring and registration. Special thanks to **Molly Isbell, Terry Schertz, and Renee Ruais** for heading up the Scoring Committee and working with AYC members to facilitate a smooth transition.

On February 26, there was a seminar on how to hold a protest hearing which was presented by Mark Foster. Many thanks to **Terry Schertz** who spearheaded this event.

The Spring Series is well underway. Hope to see you sailing. If you have any questions, let me know.

That's all folks!

## Sail Training Commander Report



The end of February we had the **Protest Hearing Class / How to Manage a Protest Hearing with Mark Foster**, International Judge. Mark did an excellent job of providing some possible scenarios and how they would be considered during a protest hearing.

Really great insight on what we should be thinking when we are in a protest hearing as either the Judge or the



Protest Clinic: L-R Brad Davis, Mark Foster, Linda McDavitt Photos by Bill Records



Protest Clinic: Terry Schertz and Mark Foster

Protestor or Protested. Thank you to **Terry Schertz and Michael Moran** for setting up this clinic.

March 19th we had our first Discover Sailing class with the Trimarans. It was a fun group and though the wind gods failed us they all got a chance to do some steering on the boats even if under motor power. If you need crew for race, beer can or just to cruise around, please contact me as we have some anxious participants that would like to get out on the water...especially if there is wind. Thank you to **Russ Shermer** for leading the class, **Russ, Juke Ball and Brigitte Beuerlein** for taking their boats out, and to **Kirk & Janis Livingston** for helping. Great job all.

**Commodore Russ Shermer, Junior Sailing Director Emily Verdoia, and myself** have now had three interviews with possible candidates for the Head Coach position. We hope to be able to move forward on that soon.

Next on our list of happenings will be the April 1st Discover Sailing with Keelboats. After that we will be hosting a US Sailing Level 1 Instructor Certification course April 14th-16th. North U will be doing their course on J80s April 17th-21st.

For those wanting to see what roll tacking is, team racing is, and some awesome teamwork, you might want to come out April 29th-30th to watch the ISCA Collegiate Nationals.

Happy Easter!

## From the Desk of the GM by Jackie Wheelées



I've completed the AYC portion of the Commercial Insurance Package, our agent will now be sending it for quotes. As in past years, it'll probably take until mid-May to get any renewal quotes. Our policies expire May 31st.

AYC Accountant, **Lynn Weir** and I are working together to get the information compiled to our

2023 Business Personal Property Rendition report which is due by April 15th. The rendition report is our written report to the Travis Central Appraisal District which provides the appraisal district with the description, location, cost and acquisition dates for personal property that we own. The appraisal district uses the information to help estimate the market value of our property for taxation purposes.

The Clubspot transition continues. Please do try to get into your account and check your billing information and update your contact information. It's nearing the time for us to begin working on the 2023 Directory so it would be GREAT if all the members had a look at their information to be sure it's correct.

I'm noticing that some members who historically pay immediately have gotten behind, they may be waiting on the statement to show up in their mailbox out by the street. Please check your email for the statements. Please avoid late fees by checking your account and making sure you are not past due.

Reminder to please keep all of the doors to the Clubhouse CLOSED so that the birds and squirrels can't get inside and nest.

I am very backlogged on email responses! I apologize! The transition has consumed lots of time. Please do reach out to me if you've emailed me and I haven't responded or acted on your email. Your emails DO MATTER to me.

If you're interested, there are still LOTS of commemorative items for sale in the office. Bucket hats, race jerseys, koozies, etc. We are down to the nitty gritty on the soft shell and fleece jackets and vests, very few choices left. Please let me know if you're interested in any of these items before they go into storage next week.

HAPPY SPRING to everyone!

## AYC YOUTH SAIL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

### Austin Yacht Club Junior Program

Contact: **Emily Verdoia** [emily@austinyachtclub.net](mailto:emily@austinyachtclub.net)

Austin Yacht Club has a strong Junior Sail Training program. There are multiple sailing lesson programs available depending on the child's age and ability. Participants learn basic sailing skills through advanced racing techniques and can successfully advance as far as they wish.

Junior programs include:

PB&J	Ages 4-7
Junior Sailing Camp	Ages 8-16
Opti I, II, III	Ages 8-12
High School programs	High School
Laser and FJ Classes	Minimum age of 12

### RoadRunner Fleet

Contact: **Constanze Heitkoetter** [cheitkoetter@hotmail.com](mailto:cheitkoetter@hotmail.com)

The Roadrunner Fleet is primarily comprised of youth sailors racing in Optimists, Lasers, C420s, and FJs. It is organized, overseen, and funded by the parents of RoadRunner fleet members.

## GORGEOUS!



Kudos to John Maddalozzo  
and Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás  
for the hours and hours of work,  
and to John McKallip for the  
awesome photos!





# AUSTIN YACHT CLUB

## SUMMER SAILING PROGRAMS



**PB&J Summer Sailing** is the perfect introduction to sailing for kids ages 5-8. Each session of PB&J is four weekly Saturday lessons that are 90 minutes long. The goal is to get young children comfortable on the water and in the boat to spark a life-long interest in sailing. Lessons are simple, safe, and fun so the young sailors can learn basics through games and hands-on learning.

**Summer Sailing Camp** will provide a unique summer sailing experience for kids ages 8-16. This day camp runs Monday through Friday from 9AM to 5PM. Sailors will learn how to sail small sailboats like Optimists, Picos, Lasers, Sunfish, and Flying Juniors. Through a combination of classroom learning, land activities, and water drills, our sailors gain the fundamental skills to become life-long sailors!



### **Camp:**

AYC member: \$500/week

Non-member: \$650/week

### **PB&J:**

AYC member: \$75/session

Non-member: \$115/session

### **Questions?**

Email Youth Sailing

Director at

[amiley@austinyachtclub.net](mailto:amiley@austinyachtclub.net)

## BOTH PROGRAMS HAVE SESSIONS AVAILABLE FOR JUNE AND JULY!

### **Summer Camp Dates:**

Camp starts at 9:00AM and ends at 5:00PM with early drop-off and late pick-up options.

**Session 1:** June 5-9

**Session 2:** June 12-16

**Session 3:** June 19-23

### **PB&J Dates:**

**Session 1:** May 27, June 3, 10 and 17 (9:00AM - 10:30AM)

**Session 2:** May 27, June 3, 10 and 17 (10:30AM - 12:00PM)



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## 2023 Opening Day

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*Brunch photos by Marilyn Jackson except where noted*



AYC harbor, Opening Day 2023 – Lake level 639.52 Photo by Cheryl Pervier



L-R: Susan Davis, Claude Welles, Brad Davis



L-R: Steve Vaughan, John & Kathy Mandell, Barry Bowden



L-R: Jeff Hart (serving), Shirley Maddalozzo, Carolyn Wilsford, Jim Maddalozzo



L-R: Charlotte Lancaster, Sue Price, Annie Lancaster (three generations)



L-R: Jeff Sabuda & Dee Chow, Hazel Sanchez, Nan Taylor, Amy Brock

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*Brunch photos by Marilyn Jackson*



Stephanie & Stefan Froelich and Claude & JoAnn Welles



Ben Miller & Ana Tule



L-R: Russ Shermer, Anne Morley, Bill Hawk



Bill Records and Can Kalyoncuoglu



Anthony, Orion, Charles and Summer Yen



Steve & Meri Shepardson

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## 2023 Opening Day

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*Ceremony photos by Cheryl Pervier*



2023 AYC Board of Directors, L-R: Jeff Sabuda, Buildings & Grounds Commander; Tom Groll, Harbor Commander; Anne Morley, Immediate Past Commodore; David Jamail, Treasurer; Russ Shermer, Commodore; Bill Hawk, Vice Commodore; Linda McDavitt, Sail Training Commander; Kurt Carson, Race Commander (Unable to attend: Secretary Lynn Jaeger)



Hylton Cruickshank on the bagpipes and Harry Polly sounding the Opening Day bell



Sea Scouts colorguard raising the flags



National Anthem sung by Julian Rabago, 2023 Board of Directors

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*Ceremony photos by Cheryl Pervier*



Welcome by Commodore Russ Shermer



Invocation by Steve Digby



AYC History by Bill Records



Kids' chorale with Jeff Brock and Cass Meyer on guitar



Past Commodores in front row seats



Past Commodores, L-R: Steve Vaughn, Lanelle Montgomery, John Mandell

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## 2023 Red Eye Regatta

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*Ceremony photos by Cheryl Pervier*



Past Commodores, L-R: Barry Bowden, Bill Records, Claude Welles



Past Commodores Danny Lien and Eric Nelson



Past Commodores Molly Isbell and Ray Shull



Past Commodores Diane Covert and David Wahlberg



Past Commodores L-R: Larry Niemann, Annie Lancaster, Sue Price (for Clift Price)

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# History of the Austin Yacht Club

## 80s & 90s

by Bill Records

Sometime before I ever sailed, I got a magazine assignment to cover the artist **Cristo's** visit to the Laguna Gloria Art Museum. Cristo was an artist from Europe who, with his wife Jeanne Claude, created environmental installations all over the world. I was asked to also serve as a driver to show Christo and Jeanne Claude around the Austin area. **While driving across Mansfield Dam, we saw sailboats on the lake, and** Cristo asked me if I knew of anyone who would take them sailing. I knew that **Francis McIntyre** was a sailor, so I called him and he said that he would love to take them sailing. He told me to bring them to the Austin Yacht Club at 2 p.m. on Saturday. So I called the museum director. He knew Francis was a doctor, and if his boat was at the Austin Yacht Club, it must be a nice big yacht! I arrived with Cristo, Jeanne Claude, the museum director carrying a picnic basket, and four bottles of wine, and two board members. There stood Francis with his M-20 tied up to the dock and it was blowing 18-25 knts! Jean Claude had on a designer dress and high heels! When the director suggested rescheduling, Jean-Claude said no way, pulled off her heels, boarded the boat, and the three of them took off. Two hours later, they returned sopping wet from capsizing three times. They were both wearing big grins.

To me this looked like fun. A short time later, I bought a boat, joined AYC, and began crewing on **Carl Morris's** South Coast 21, "Gin Tonic." In those days, the Ensigns shared a start with the South Coast 21s and they did not appear to like each other. At the start there was a lot of yelling between the two fleets, but after the race they drank beer and joked about the race.

My first race at AYC was a PHRF race in which I was competing with the Ensigns. They beat me pretty soundly, but during a lunch break when I was tied up to the T-head, **Hap Arnold, Jim Baker, Sandy Bauman, and Gene English** came over and welcomed me to the Club. They looked my boat over and made suggestions about rigging to make it faster and helped me retune the rig. I was impressed that this was a sport in which your competitors wanted you to be better. I was hooked!

When I joined, the dues were \$35 per month. There was no Club manager. **Lee DeKeyser** was the Club secretary, and her office was in the storage room behind the trophy case. There was no automatic security gate, and we had only five docks. Most of the racing was one-design, and a large percentage of the boats were centerboards. Some of the dinghies even had wet slips, and **Eddie Halter and Jack Breen** built mechanical hoists for them. **Terry Nelms, Fred Schroth, and Linda McDavitt** sailed in the Fireball fleet. **Eddie Halter, Deke DeKeyser, and Russell Painton** sailed Thistles. **Jack Kern and Francis McIntyre** sailed M-20s. At one time, the largest centerboard fleet was the C-15 fleet, and a young Texas A&M graduate named **Terry Schertz** won a lot of races. Keel handicap racing was relatively new to the Club. Previously, PHRF of Lake Travis ran handicap races separate from the Club. Most of these races were long distance and each year there was an overnight race to Lago Vista and back. During the 80s, the PHRF participation grew so rapidly that it was divided into four classes.

I soon realized that the Club was full of remarkable people. **Frank McBee**, one of AYC's founders and first commodore, launched Tracor, the first homegrown high tech company in Austin. **Victor Szebely** was chairman of Aerospace Engineering at UT. His work on celestial

mechanics was instrumental in saving Apollo 13. **Ray Lott** was part of the Berlin Airlift following World War II. **Hap McCollum**, the Red Eye trophy's namesake, kept some of his construction equipment at the Club, always ready to lend a helping hand. We had talked to a demolition company about tearing down an old shed. When they were slow to respond, Hap knocked it down in about a minute with his back hoe. He would regularly haul or launder members' boats with his back hoe. On one occasion, he was asked to knock down the original bath house. Since it was solid concrete, the backhoe was ineffective. After a short period during which he was tinkering inside the building, he came running out and asked everyone to clear the area. He hid behind the wall below the clubhouse. In a few minutes, the building exploded, throwing chunks of concrete clear into the lake. He had used four sticks of dynamite to remove the building. Forgiveness is always easier to get than permission! **Vic Manning** was a consummate leader of the Club, and in the Sunfish fleet, he became president of USSCA. His wife, **Pat**, was national treasurer. When I was commodore, Vic was my go-to guy for advice. He did so much for the Club and never expected recognition. No one did better race committee work than Vic. On one occasion, after the LD fleets started and the RT boats had completed their first races, the wind shifted 180 degrees, throwing the RC members into a panic. Vic calmly stated that we'll just invert the course so that the starting line becomes the finish line, the finish line becomes the starting line, the windward mark becomes the leeward mark, and the leeward mark becomes the windward mark.

There were three sailboat stores in Austin, all owned by AYC members. **Rod Malone** owned Sail & Ski and sold J-boats, Pearsons, Hunters, and Lasers. **Claude Hargrave** owned the Sailboat Shop and sold Sunfish, Catalinas, Cals, and Catamarans. **Conrad Werkentine** and **Bill Howard** owned Sail Away and sold Columbias and San Juans. In addition, there were two sailmakers in Austin: **Pete Reinhardt** and **John Bartlett**, and of course there was **Fred Schroth's** Fiberglass Shop. **Patty Halter and Jane Ashby** had a sail repair business and would also make boat canopies. Austin was truly a great place to be a sailor!

Throughout the 80s, AYC had four major regattas: Fall Lakeway, Spring Lakeway, Turnback Canyon, and Governor's Cup. The fall and spring regattas would consist of a race to the Lakeway area, a race back on Saturday, and a buoy race in the basin on Sunday. In my first Lakeway Regatta, everyone would tie up on the Lakeway docks, have lunch in the Inn, then race back to the Club. Apparently some of the sailors got a little too rowdy in the restaurant, disturbing the regular customers. The next day, we received a call from the restaurant manager telling us not to come back, ever! Turnback Canyon Regatta would routinely have over 300 boats, 50 of which were Catamarans. We would have 10 kegs of beer near the cove for the arriving boats. We had to delay tapping them so the Catamaran sailors would not drink it all! Non-member boats from every marina would participate. One year, **Deke DeKeyser** raced Turnback in a Laser! Governor's Cup, originally part of the Aqua Festival, was always held on the Fourth of July weekend. One year, **Governor White** and the **Aqua Queen** were on hand to present the trophy. As soon as that was done, another rowdy bunch tossed the governor and the queen in the pool.

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Years later, when I worked for **Governor Bush**, I asked him if he would come and present the trophy. He declined and said he was told about what happened and that if he was thrown into the pool, someone might get shot!

In the mid-80s, a group of mainly keel boat sailors wanted to find an inexpensive single-handed dinghy to race at AYC. The group was driven by **Shirley Slaughter and Tim Erwin** and included **John Saunders, Steve Brown, Bob Stephens, Roy Crouse, Claudia Bartlett, Rod Ethridge, Bonnie Chambers, Vickie Palmer, Vic & Pat Manning, Mike Strange, and yours truly**. Some of us would look around the dry-sail area, find a boat full of leaves and with flat trailer tires, and call the owner and make an offer. I think that this works even today. Tim and Shirley registered our fleet with USSCA and chose Fleet 70. When asked why Fleet was 70, Shirley said we had a local rule that your age plus your girth had to be under 70. Claudia was a rule-breaker; when she was measured, she was pregnant with John!

News travels fast. **Bubba Horner**, a member of the Woodlawn Sailing Club, invited us down to their sunfish regatta on Woodlawn Lake in San Antonio. Several of us, thinking that we were pretty good, loaded up our boats and made our way to Woodlawn Lake, a small lake in the middle of an old neighborhood. The course was a figure eight, like a demolition derby. When you get to the cross in the middle, you better be on starboard! It turned out to be a humbling experience, as they kicked our behinds! In one race, I had a brief lead, but right before the weather mark, I hit something and came to a complete stop. As Bubba passed me, he informed me that I had collided with an HEB shopping cart that they intended to remove. All of the locals knew where it was. The wind was more shifty than Lake Travis, and the word was that every time a bus came by, there was a wind shift. I imagine that they also knew the bus schedule.

Soon after the Woodlawn Regatta, we wanted to have a special Sunfish Regatta. On a visit to the Austin History Center, **Rod Ethridge** read that people sailed on Town Lake (now Lady Bird Lake) in the early part of

the 20th century. Why not have our regatta there? We got our permits and, with some politicking, became the second sailing event to be part of the Aqua Festival. **Steve Clark**, owner of Waterloo Ice House and an Ensign sailor, sponsored us. Sunfish sailors from all over Texas attended, and of course the Woodlawn clan won their share of the trophies. The sight of over 20 Sunfishes on Town Lake was impressive!

A lot of the activities in the 80s were family-oriented and did not always involve racing. We had sports car rallies, scavenger hunts (on the water), and cruises. On one occasion, we had a dinner cruise to the Captain's Club restaurant. We sailed to the lakeside restaurant, enjoyed cocktails and a meal, and sailed back. The only problem is that about half of us woke up the next morning with a form of dysentery. It seemed that their water source was too close to their septic system. It was affectionately remembered as the "Shigella cruise."

A lot of the boats were raced by family crews. The **Bowdens, Welleses, Odells (Bonnie Lackey), Kerns, Lotts**, and more. On race days, **McKenna Nelms** would rope off an area under the clubhouse for babysitting the young children of racers. It became a temporary nursery with cribs and playpens.

A lot of the construction at the Club was undertaken by members. The office was designed by **Trenton Wann** and built with the help of members. **Claudia Bartlett and Mark Rylander** directed the design and construction of the Rylander Pavilion. The cost was covered by the generosity of the members. It didn't cost the Club a penny.

In 1993, a group of parents: **Claudia Bartlett, Tom & Karen Presswood, and Kirk & Janis Livingston** began teaching their small kids to sail Optis. They would make PB&J sandwiches afterward. **Doug Kern and John Moran** added a curriculum, and the PB&J Program continues today as the foundation of the AYC's Junior Program. In 2019, **Commodore Annie Lancaster and I** presented the program at the U.S. Sailing Symposium and it was enthusiastically received.

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



### Will Crary

#### *Young Adult Probationary*

Will has extensive sailing and racing experience. He has coached Youth and High School programs for more than 10 years. Will likes to do boat repair and loves to volunteer.



### Wilson Barac

#### *Junior Member*

Wilson has taken sailing lessons in Wisconsin and would like to join the AYC Youth program.



### Andrew Brunhofer

#### *Associate Probationary*

Andrew has extensive sailing and racing experience. He is interested in helping with Sail Training and the Youth program.



### Paul & Cindy Hintikka

#### *Senior Probationary*

Paul & Cindy have been sailing on and off since the 70s. They have raced with the Perviers, and are now proud owners of a Catalina 270.



### Jeff & Patti Hart

#### *Senior Probationary*

Jeff & Patti have extensive sailing and racing experience, and have owned many boats. Excited to join AYC!

### (Not pictured) Will Thomas

#### *Young Adult Probationary*

Will grew up racing with his dad, Mike Thomas. He is currently crewing on the Flynn's boat KAOS, and wants to develop his sailing and racing skills.



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## 2023 Opening Day Regatta

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*Racing photos by Anne Morley*



2023 Board running RC – Thank you, Race Committee



Corsair F31 Abandoned Assets, Bo Kersey skipper



Ensign Eagle, Annie Lancaster skipper



J80 Kicks, Chris Hargett skipper



Pearson 26 Ryliun Nova, Matthew Sabuda skipper



Ensign September, Fred Ford skipper

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## 2023 Opening Day Regatta

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*Racing photos by Anne Morley*



J80 Flyer, Ray Shull skipper



Pearson 26 Incognito, David Weeks skipper



J80 Merlin, Gretchen Douglas skipper



Nacra 5.5 TWO HOT, Jim Casto skipper



Ensign One with the Wind, Dave Gamble skipper

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## 2023 Opening Day Regatta

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*Racing photos by Anne Morley*



J24 Out of Control, Stephen Burke skipper



Pearson 26 Caribbean Breeze, Trevor Miller skipper



Pearson 26 JustUs, Chris Ryan skipper



Ensign 588 Stijf Kop, George Dahmen skipper



J80 Farvrumwerken, Keith Lackey skipper



Ensign Dos Locos, Lewis Price skipper

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## 2023 Opening Day Regatta

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*Trophy photos by Cheryl Pervier*



Presenters Vice Commodore Bill Hawk and Commodore Russ Shermer



1st place Trimaran Abandoned Assets, Skipper Bo & Robbin Kersey



1st place Catamaran TWO HOT, Skipper Jim Casto



1st place Pearson 26 Incognito, Skipper David Weeks, Jenny Loehlin, Mike Mashl



2nd place Pearson 26 Ryllun Nova, Skipper Matthew Sabuda, Zach Aronson, Nicholas Carew



3rd place Pearson 26 Cafe au lait, Skipper Bill Records



1st place B Fleet Catalina 22 Moonlight Sonata, Margarito Morales & Skipper Brian Grothues



2nd place B Fleet SC21 WT, Skipper Bob Musselman



1st place A Fleet J22 Project Mayhem, Skipper John Halter

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# 2023 Opening Day Regatta

*Trophy photos by Cheryl Pervier*



1st place J70 GB, Skipper Chris & Karen Lewis, Nan Taylor



2nd place J70 Chariot, Gayle Leonard, Terry Schertz (missing Skipper Bob Leonard)



3rd place J70 Rogue Warrior, Skipper Bruce McDonald



1st place J80 Warp Speed, Tom Presswood, Skipper Kirk & Janis Livingston, Loren Graham, Matthew Mason



2nd place J80 Air Supply, Skipper Ed Taylor, Alan Stanard, Cullin Wible



3rd place J80 Jackrabbit, Skipper Claude Welles



1st place Ensign Stijf Kop, Ann Kitzmiller, Skipper George Dahmen, Ensign National Commodore Bud Brown



2nd place Ensign One with the Wind, Skipper David Gamble, Yolanda Diaz, Richard House, Danny Lien

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# 2023 Opening Day Regatta Results

## PRF A

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	TYPE	PRF RATING
1	1235	Project Mayhem	John Halter	J22	174
2	2731	Out of Control	Stephen Burke	J24	168
3	007	Shaken	Kurt Zinsmeyer	J88	87
4	621	Crashcourse	Rosanne Butera	J22	174

## PRF B

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	TYPE	PRF RATING
1	5477	Moonlight Sonata	Brian Grothues	C22	270
2	163	WT	Bob Musselman	SC21	246
3	472	Warley	Mack Warner	Ranger 23 TR	222
4	4933	Rendezvous	Steve Pervier	C30	198

## J80

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER
1	77	Warp Speed	Kirk Livingston
2	720	Air Supply	Ed Taylor
3	1319	Jackrabbit	Claude Welles
4	266	Flyer	Ray Shull

## PEARSON 26

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER
1	1393	Incognito	David Weeks
2	225	Ryliun Nova	Matt Sabuda
3	198	Cafe au lait	Bill Records
4	194	Tacking Tiger Jibing Dragon	Anthony Yen

## J70

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

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## 2023 Opening Day Regatta Results

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### ENSIGN

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER
1	588	Stijf Kop	George Dahmen
2	1167	One with the Wind	David Gamble
3	929	Dos Locos	Lewis Price
4	773	Eagle	Annie Lancaster

### TRIMARAN

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	TYPE	PRF RATING
1	276	Abandoned Assets	Bo Kersey	Corsair F31	-42
2	140	Far Reach	Mike Beuerlein	F28-R	24

### CATAMARAN

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	TYPE
1	427	TWO HOT	Jim Casto	Nacra 5.5 uni+jib
2	86	Capricorn F-18	Rikin Shah	Capricorn F-18

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## SOCIAL COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Greetings, Members! We're looking for help preparing, serving and cleaning up for the two End of Series events on April 15 and 16. We need 2-3 people for each of the three shifts on both days.

Please reply to me and cc our **Social Chair, Janis Livingston**, if you are able to help and let us know which shift (food prep, serving or cleanup) you'd like to help out with.

**For new members, volunteering with the Social Committee is fun and rewarding way to meet your fellow sailors!**

Looking forward to working with you,

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Janis Livingston  
[janisliv54@gmail.com](mailto:janisliv54@gmail.com)

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## Spring Series Races

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*Photos by Cheryl Pervier*



Spring Sunday 2 had insufficient wind



Pearson 26 Tacking Tiger Jibing Dragon crew L-R Paige, Ethan, Anthony Yen, Marissa, Spring Sunday 2



Pearson 26 JustUs crew L-R: Carl Meyer, Skipper Chris & Abby Ryan, David Broadlick, Spring Sunday 2



Steve Pervier and Russ Shermer on Trimaran Trial Run, Spring Saturday 2



Multihull finish line, Spring Saturday 2



Northeast wind was tricky, Spring Saturday 2

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# Spring Series Races

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*Photos by Bruce McDonald*



J80 Sweet T



J24 Illegal Smile ;-)



Ensigns



J80s



J80s



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# Spring Series Races

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*Photos by Bruce McDonald*



Ensign Eagle



J80 JazzTacks



Sunday RC J70s: Bob & Gayle Leonard, Chris & Karen Lewis



J80s



J80 start



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## Spring Series Races

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*Photos by Bruce McDonald*



J80s



Ensign Stijf Kop



J24 Bonfire



J80s Air Supply and JazzTacks



J80s



Ensigns Dancing Bear and Stijf Kop

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## Winter Training Season by Ethan Froelich



Hello AYC Family,

I wanted to give you an update on my successful winter training season. In between college finals I started the drive to Florida for the winter season with the car jam-packed full of gear. There was just enough room for me to fit in the driver's side.

I made it to Jacksonville all in a single day so I could take my last final exam the next morning (Thanks Prof. Lake for letting me do so!). I

earned A's in all my classes so the vibes leading into this next training block were positive.

For two months I practiced on both coasts and raced in two Olympic Class Regattas. I performed my first ever fully foiling tack! The first one on a windsurfer was only done in May of this year, so this is a serious accomplishment.

I have incorporated a serious weightlifting component and a cardio regime to cross train for the required iQFOIL skills and the extra effort is rewarding. In fact, just this past weekend I entered my first powerlifting competition where I squatted 325 lb, benched 204 lb, and deadlifted 441 lb. In the last year I've gained 20 pounds which translates into increased power and control when I'm on the board.

I'm still pursuing my engineering degree at UT and most of the professors were understanding when I missed the first and third week of the spring semester.

The current situation at US Sailing is causing some disruption as the elite coaching team has dismantled. I am reformulating a revised gameplan for the rest of 2023 leading into the Olympic Trials being held in January of 2024 in Miami.

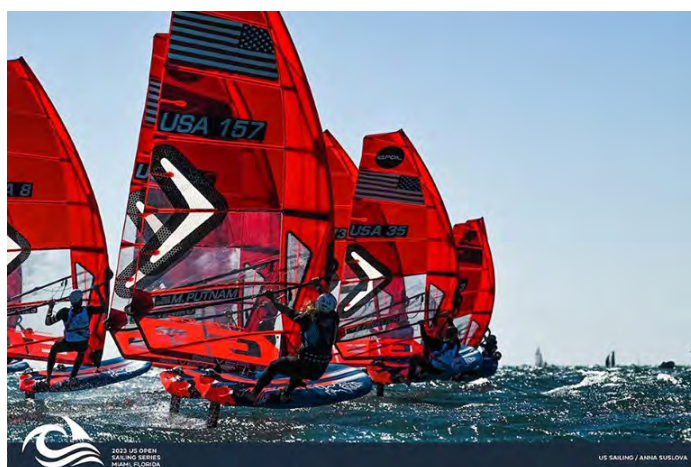
Thank you AYC Fund for the support and to Fred who keeps fixing my broken gear. For current updates you can find me on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and [www.froelichsailing.com](http://www.froelichsailing.com).



Clearwater US Open

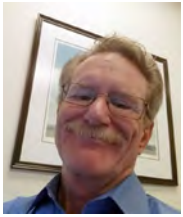


Thank you AYC!



Miami US Open

## Living the Dream by Nelson Reynolds



### Part 1

What is the dream? Well, this goes back a lot of years, like when my father was teaching me how to sail. At the time he was amazed how quickly I took to the sport. After that we found that we both really loved sailing. A few years later he related that his dream was to retire on a sailboat. So, one of our favorite topics was sailing on big boats, discussing the latest Sail magazine, etc. Unfortunately, he passed away before he could realize his dream.

Fast forward to present day. I have never lost my own desire for blue water cruising and recent events helped me realize that the dream was now in within my reach. So, I started looking through the boat listings to see what was out there that was both affordable and suitable for blue water sailing. I was looking at boats from 40 to 50 feet long. I figured that was a size that I could effectively single-hand and have enough room to have guests join me from time to time.

So starting a few years ago, I started looking through the listings on YachtWorld to check out the various boats in that size range to see what was available. After looking through hundreds of listings over the course of a year or more, I found a few that really peaked my interest. I had originally been looking at Beneteaus, Hunters, Catalinas, etc. But I came across a listing for a Cal 2-46 that intrigued me. The pictures showed the layout and such and I thought it definitely had potential. The challenge, however, was finding one that was available to see. I would find one, but it seemed like it would be sold before I could call to get an appointment to view it. On one hand it was frustrating, but it did show there was a fairly active market for the boat.

Finally, I located one up in Seattle. I contacted the broker and arranged to go up visit. That ended up being a very cool motorcycle trip up to Seattle, which could definitely be a story all its own. The boat was on Lake Union in Seattle which is a pretty decent area. The agent took me down to the boat and we went through her. On first look, she definitely looked like something I could move into. Nice master suite aft, v-berth forward, 2 heads, galley and a workroom/engine room. Very cool. She was laid out for shorthanded/single handed sailing. Stand up headroom and the bunks were long enough.

While I was at the brokerage, I was also shown a number of other boats. A Swan 46 – it was nice, but it was going to take quite a bit of work to get her sea-worthy. A Baltic 42, but it didn't have the headroom. A Tayana 47, but she really was a basket case. There was one that really got me interested. A 35-foot Brewer aluminum sloop. She was beautifully equipped for blue water cruising. Unfortunately, she was just too small. Like a double berth aft open to the saloon and one head. Good enough for a couple, but pretty much any guests would be in sleeping bags on the cabin sole.

I grabbed the documents on all the boats I viewed and headed back to the hotel. The next morning I returned to the brokerage to go over the boats in greater detail, with the focus on the Cal. I was really liking what I saw. The current owner had spent a lot of time, effort and money in keeping her up, as had her previous owners. Next step was to schedule a survey to see if there were any hidden issues that I had overlooked. I located a surveyor and a rigging surveyor to go over the boat. I put down a deposit and scheduled the surveys. I wanted to be there for the haul out and sea trial, so I flew back up with my girlfriend, Barb, to be on board.

The survey went well and there were a number of issues found, but nothing that I would consider a showstopper. I got to meet the person selling the boat as well. It's always fun being on a boat, and interesting when getting a 30,000-pound boat hauled out and pressure washed. And Barb got to blow the horn to get the drawbridge to open. Probably the worst part of the day was actually sailing as the wind didn't really decide to show up. If you have ever sailed up in the Seattle area you know the breeze can be a bit fickle.

Once I received the survey reports back I decided to make an offer on the boat. After a bit of haggling the seller and I came to an agreed price. It was interesting in the process of getting the deal finalized. I was able to sign all the documents remotely, on-line. Then it was down to writing the biggest damn check I ever have. Once the payment was transferred, Barb and I got set to drive up to take possession of the Twisted Journey. I thought I would need to at least visit the title company when I got up there, but that was not the case. I got a call somewhere in Utah I think to tell me the deal was completed and I now owned the boat. Barb turned to me and said, "You just bought a big damn boat!!".

That trip was in the car due to the amount of stuff we were carrying to put on the boat, so no motorcycle or airline that trip. I almost thought I was going to have to rent a van.

My original intention was to bring the boat back to Texas, either through the Panama Canal, or by trucking overland. However, once I got out into the Puget Sound and the San Juan Islands I was in love. I figure I'll be keeping the boat up there for a while exploring and working on some of the boat systems. The search for moorage and checking out different marinas will be part of a future article. The folks at Swiftsure Yachts and Pacific Maritime Title were wonderful to work with.

Nelson Reynolds  
S.V. Twisted Journey

(Part 2 coming up in April issue)





## Catalina 22 Fleet Report

by Steve Pervier



Happy Spring – both Series and Season! Before looking forward let's remember the nicest weather arriving just in time for Opening Day on March 5th. Warm sunshine set the stage for bagpipe tunes, inspiring words, remembrances, singing, and sharing it all with sailing friends from new to many years known. Thanks to our volunteers and staff who put this program together, as well as the tasty brunch! That afternoon, thanks to our AYC Board for RC, 50 boats raced in seven starts of the 2023 Opening Day Regatta!

PRF-B fleet put nine boats on the line. **Brian & Margarito with Shane** as crew took first with their C22, while **Bob's** SC21 was a strong 2nd, with **Mack** in his newer Ranger 23 in 3rd. Each of these three beat all the faster rated boats across the finish line. When that happens, ask them how! C22 racers **William & Millie** were crew for Mack, while **Liz and William** sailed their C22 with **Harmony**. **Steve, Dallas, and brand new AYC member Paul** sailed C30 with **Cheryl & Steve** – a C22 Fleet total of 12 (the crew of six C22s) raced on this day.



Opening Day Catalina sailors: Steve & Cheryl Pervier, Cindy & Paul Hintikka, Sarah & James Denny, Steve & Meri Shepardson, Annette & David Voelter, James Wilsford, John Grzinich, Brian Grothues & Margarito Morales

Now we look forward to two last race days in Spring Series. After Spring Break weekends, both weather and turnout should get better from here! We in Catalina 22 and South Coast 21 will challenge larger Catalinas, Capri, Hunter, and other good cruiser-racer designs. These race days, starting about two hours to our Start (#2) you can meet us under the Clubhouse to talk about racing topics and more for about half an hour, and maybe bring your lunch too.

Events are revving up! Spring Series #3 and #4 (4/2 and 4/16) will alternate with regattas: Easter Laser 4/8-9 and Turnback on 4/22-23. Beer Can races begin the next Friday, 4/28, then Sunfish & Laser Wednesdays start on 5/3. Summer Series runs the next five consecutive Saturdays, starting May 6. What a great time to enjoy AYC and Lake Travis – join us!

## B Fleet Report

Can Kalyoncuoglu



Go B Fleet... Not a bad start into 2023, we had 10 registrants for the Frostbite Series. Seven boats actually raced in R1 with some dwindling numbers for participation towards the end but we made it...

We have 11 boats registered for a rather short, four-race Spring Series and six boats raced in R1. After cancellation of R2 due to low winds, we are looking forward to sailing

in R3 and R4 in this series.

B fleet will be well practiced for the upcoming Turnback Canyon Regatta that will take place on April 22nd and 23rd.

I consider encouraging more race participation and volunteerism as my primary mission. In this context, please feel free to reach out to me with your needs and suggestions, let me know if there is anything AYC or I can do in order to help you to go out and race.

Please remember that with AYC's new web platform, ClubSpot, series racing registration procedure has changed. Instead of registering only once per season, we now have to register for each series. If you are registering "no-spinnaker" please add 9 to your assigned PHRF rating for correct scoring.

If you have not been getting emails from me, please drop a note to [ckalyoncuoglu@gmail.com](mailto:ckalyoncuoglu@gmail.com) and I will add you to the roster.

Upcoming:

- Registered racers, Spring Series racing is underway. With the improving weather, it is a pleasure to be out on the water and competing with like-minded sailors... Come on out and join in on the fun.
- Turnback Canyon Regatta is coming up in April, I will follow up via email as the registration opens and NOR and SI become available.

Hope to see you out on the water!



B Fleet skipper Erin Peavler with crew Marilyn and Jeff Jackson on Catalina 27 Isla Sonadora

## Pearson 26 Fleet Report

by Bill Records



The weather was great for the Opening Day Regatta, cool temps and 10-18 knots of wind. The race committee chose course 4-3 for us, but used a translucent plaque and the "3" on the reverse side shown through, making it look like 4-8. Some of the fleet began sailing the 4-8 course and on their way to Mark D saw the rest of the fleet rounding Mark 6. By then, it was too late, so the race became practice for them.

We (Cafe au lait) got a good start with Incognito right on our transom, however they dialed up extra speed and sailed below us and got a good lift past Cypress Creek. They went right to the east shore. We sailed left with most of the fleet, getting nice lifts from the east. We felt pretty good with Incognito 100 yards below us on the same tack. All of a sudden, a huge puff hit us from the starboard side, knocking us down. Ryliun Nova and the boats behind us quickly bore off avoiding the trouble that we had. Incognito tacked on the same shift lifting them to the mark. The rest of us found ourselves on the wrong side of the shift. By this time Incognito established a huge lead and the race for second place began. Ryliun Nova was being raced by AYC junior sailors: **Matt Sabuda**- skipper, **Nicholas Carew**, **Zach Aronson**, and **Colt Lane**.

They rounded ahead of us at Mark 7 and a tacking duel began. Maybe Old Salts shouldn't get in tacking duels with teenagers! We got lucky and got a favorable shift on the right and caught them, pinning them to the left side. My plan was to tack when we could lay the finish, but tacked too early and they crossed nine seconds ahead, taking second. We got a hard earned third. **Tony Yen** (Tacking Tiger Jibing Dragon) got fourth. **Henry Hebel** (Broken Arrow) tore his jib on the weather leg, did a quick change and finished a close fifth. Nice recovery after a near disaster. The rest of the fleet was spread out, **Trevor Miller** (Caribbean Breeze) 6th, **Andy Linseisen** (Hyperbole) 7th, **Rich Ryon** (Jack of Hearts) 8th, and **Chris Ryan** (JustUs) 9th.



L-R: Nicholas Carew, Colt Lane, Zach Aronson, skipper Matt Sabuda on Ryliun Nova took 2nd place on Opening Day



L-R: Bengt Nygren, skipper Bill Records, Charlie Pitkin, Mike Cramton on Cafe au lait

## J 80 Fleet Update

by Ray Shull



The Frostbite Series ended in February with great conditions for most of the race days. 15 J 80s participated in the Series and experienced some awesome winter sailing. The ice storm in the middle of the Series only reminded us of what most of the US experiences for most of their winter and how fortunate we are here to be able to sail nearly all year long.

The next to the last race day was in some of the best conditions we've seen in a long time. Great winds, lots of shifts, temps in the 60s, and sunny. After a week of damaging ice, it was just what we needed for a change. 10 boats showed up to get out of the house and enjoy the conditions after a week of ice, loss of power for some, and generally lousy weather in the Austin area.

The first attempt at our start resulted in a general recall. There seemed to be a lot of us bunched up at the pin end of the line. We then realized

that we would be waiting until all of the other fleets started before it was our turn again. Maybe we should be a little more conservative at our starts. After what seemed to be forever, we finally attempted another start and successfully started racing up the lake.

Fortunately the Race Committee shortened the course from the first try, and we didn't have to run all the way to mark "D" on the second downwind leg. The boat named Optional (now named J Eagle) had worked out to a small lead on the first upwind leg and extended their lead on every leg. They had their new boat sailing fast and don't seem to make many tactical mistakes. Speed Racer sailed well to finish second with only three crew, and Jazz Tacks recovered from a slow spinnaker takedown to finish third. Right behind were Flyer and Knot Rite.

The last race of the Frostbite Series again saw great conditions for sailing, with a moderate north wind, cool temps, and sunny skies. Eight J 80s ventured out to enjoy the day. At least a general recall was avoided this time and the Fleet started off at the appointed time. JazzTacks captured the pin end of the line with Optional and Warp

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Speed close behind. A large left shift had everyone on port tack as soon as possible, with boats coming back to the left anytime a small shift to the right materialized. After the first mark, Optional had moved into the lead with JazzTacks just behind, and Warp Speed looking for a puff to move closer to the leaders. Speed Racer had moved to the front of the next group of boats and was looking for any advantage to catch the leading group of boats.

By the end of the race, Optional maintained their lead on the fleet, Warp Speed had moved into second place, and Speed Racer had found a way to move up to third. This move into third gave Speed Racer the win for the overall position in the Series with Warp Speed two points behind and JazzTacks just one point out of second. Optional was forced to count their retirement from the first race and ended in fourth overall.

The Opening Day Regatta also saw a great turnout of J 80s with 10 boats racing. We were the largest fleet racing and, from my observations, also had the closest racing. It was especially awesome to see Merlin out after an absence of too long. The starts were crowded; the mark roundings close; and, the finishes frequently had boats separated by just a few seconds.

Jackrabbit jumped out to an early lead in the first race that they never relinquished. Flyer worked up the fleet to try to catch them on the last leg, but could only just get a little closer. Warp Speed, JazzTacks, and Speed Racer finished right behind those boats for third, fourth, and fifth.

The second race saw a different group of lead boats with Air Supply leading the way with Warp Speed in second, followed by Pancho and Lefty, then Speed Racer, and then Kicks.

Warp Speed's consistent finishes in the top five for each race gave them the overall win for the Regatta. There was a four-way tie for second, with Air Supply and Jackrabbit winning the tiebreaker for second and third over Flyer and Speed Racer. Awesome that the fleet finishes were so close that the points total for second through eight was only separated by three points.

Then on March 11, we enjoyed the first race of the Spring Series. The J 80 Fleet had a great showing as 12 boats came out to play. They were greeted by temps in the 80s, winds in teens, and sunny skies. Flyer and the trimaran Far Reach provided race committee, and were able to start three races for the J 80 Fleet in the near-perfect sailing conditions. Well, perfect if you like winds randomly shifting 10-20 degrees every 5-10 minutes. Someone on J Eagle (formerly Optional) sailed by after the second race and asked if we could please not have as many wind shifts. We said sure, no problem (ha-ha).

J Eagle was apparently able to figure out the winds fairly well and won two of the three races. JazzTacks came away with two seconds and a fourth. Warp Speed was able to snag a first, third, and sixth for third place. And Sweet T had a very close second, fourth, and fifth to hold down fourth place. Jackrabbit, Speed Racer, and Merlin were not far behind.

The next race day, March 18, saw 11 boats out for the races. The temps were a little cool, and the wind was a little shifty, but the racing was good and close. J Eagle again sailed great races and won both of them, coming from behind on the last leg of the second race to pass two boats. Speed Racer was close behind along with JazzTacks, Flyer, and Warp Speed. 17 boats have sailed in the Series so far. Let's have even more boats show up and race as the weather becomes even warmer in the coming weeks.



J 80s heading downwind Photos by Bruce McDonald



Typical close, organized mark rounding



## Dinghy Fleet Report by James Bland



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San Francisco Pelican [12 foot] #2925 was launched Dec 12, 2022 at Austin Yacht Club after 1000 hours / 18 months of building. Plans and builders guide were purchased from Duckworks boat building supplies. Built in a traditional manner, Capt. Bill Story's Pelican [1957] was constructed with Meranti marine plywood, Mahogany, Douglas fir, and farmed Cyprus wood. The boat weighs in at approximately 350 - 390#. Standing lug rig uses 4oz Dacron sails from the Philippines Really Simple Sails.



## Ensign Fleet Update by Susy Ortega



Spring has erupted at the Club and I can't help but notice all the wonderful details. The bluebonnets popping up, the clear lake waters and the extra pep in our step that only pleasant 70 degree Texas weather brings out of us. This year breathes new air in our sails after a few scattered ones. We've laid the cold and strange years behind us to welcome warmer suns.

It feels like we can finally feel the warmth and take a deep breath. This emerging warmth brings with it a sense of renewal and introspection.

As a fleet made up of 99% engineers, details are no stranger to us. What I am mostly struck by this spring is the detailed attention to the camaraderie. These details are in the circles we make. They show up in the huddles of a chilly day or in the strategic teasing before the race. It's the coming together to honor those who have come before us in the same shared love. It's in celebration of Opening Day. It's in the middle of stories. It's the hug after you've lost someone irreplaceable. It's the willingness to be sharp competitors and best friends in the same hand. It's the hand that reaches out offering help. Details like these are hard to ignore and crucial to maintain.

A magical thing happens when you train your eyes on details. You begin to see the poet in the man, the gentle smile in the calm demeanor, the shared experiences of loss and joy. You begin to truly see that details are what binds us, that details are what make us better.



The Ensign Fleet Photo by Graham Gilmour



## Fun Friday 2023 by Marilyn Jackson



Jeff and Marilyn Jackson hosted AYC-SXSW jam on February 24th. Wade Bingaman, Dane Ohe and Cass Meyer provided most of the instrumentals and vocals. Kurt Carson played the tambourine and Jeff Jackson played a cajon box drum for a while. Janet Hendricks, Audrey Ravelo and Marilyn Jackson enjoyed listening to the great music.



Music Jam Night Photos by Marilyn Jackson

There was lots of laughter at our Fun Friday on March 10th. Martine Lacombe hosted the fast paced "Left Center Right" dice game in the AYC clubhouse. Karen Bogisch, Jeane Goldsmith, Annie & Charlie Lancaster, Jeff & Marilyn Jackson, Carolynne Griffin, Martine Lacombe and Will Crary were in attendance. Will joined AYC a month ago. Karen won 2 games, Annie won once and Marilyn won once. Martine brought tasty and cute prizes.



Left Center Right Game Night

There was lots of laughter during our sailing comedy movie for our last Fun Friday event of 2023. Karen Bogisch, Jeane Goldsmith, Steve & Katie Whitley, Jeff & Marilyn Jackson and Bob Gross were in attendance. We enjoyed Taco chili with lots of snacks, then popcorn with the movie.

A special thank you to Martine Lacombe, Rona Thornton, Wade Bingaman, Dane Ohe and Cass Meyer for helping host our 2023 events.



Movie Night



Opening Day 2023 Photo by Marilyn Jackson



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Clubhouse Hours 9:00A - 10:00P

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New Year's Day	January 1
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Thanksgiving Day	November 23
Shopping Day	November 24
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## AYC Apr 2023 Race Calendar

Spring Series Races	4/1-2, 4/15-16*
*Saturdays: Multihulls and J80s. Sundays: Ensigns, J22, J24, Pearson 26, PRF-A, PRF-B	
Easter Laser Regatta	4/8-9
Turnback Canyon Regatta	4/22-23
Beer Can Races	4/28
College Regional Team Natls	4/29-30

## AYC Apr 2023 Non-Racing Events

Discover Sailing	4/1	1:00-5:00pm
US Sailing Level 1 Instructor Certification	4/14-16	8:00am-6:00pm
ASA 101 Public Classes	4/15-16	9:00am-5:30pm
End of Series Trophies and Social	4/15-16	Post race
North U Performance Racing Clinic	4/17-21	8:00am-8:00pm
AYC Board Meeting	4/27	7:30-9:30pm

### Youth Sailing Practice

Spring High School Sailing Practice	Through April
A Team:	Thursdays and Fridays 5:00-7:30pm
B Team:	Mondays and Tuesdays 5:00-7:30pm

Spring Opti III Practice, 9:00am start	4/1, 8, 15, 22	9:00am-2:00pm
Spring Opti III Practice, 5:00pm start	4/5, 12, 19, 26	5:00-7:30pm

Spring Opti II Practice	4/1, 8, 15, 22	11:00am-2:00pm
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Spring Opti I Practice, 3:00pm start	4/1, 8, 15, 22	3:00-5:30pm
Spring Opti I Practice, 1:00pm start	4/2, 9, 16, 23	1:00-3:30pm

Single-handed & Double-handed Practice	4/2, 9, 16, 23	9:00am-12:00pm
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## Congratulations to William Michael!



Junior Sailor **William Michael** placed 4th in Blue Fleet, and 15th overall out of 240 competitors racing Optimist Dinghies in the 2023 St. Petersburg Yacht Club Valentine Day USODA Regatta. He's been working hard on improving his starts and it's paying off!