

AUSTIN YACHT CLUB

TELLTALE

JULY-AUGUST 2023



Welcome Melges 15 Fleet!



Thursday Night Racing: Melges 15 Fleet is a commanding presence on the Lake. *Photo by James Brock*

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Greetings AYC Board and Membership,

For the Dog Days Series, we have had Food Trucks coming out from Noon to 4PM before the Saturday races. Members sailing in the morning along with those using the pool have taken advantage of this time change. We also had good participation from those attending the fourth LRPC Town Hall

meeting. The last few races have been cancelled due to the extreme heat and low winds, so we did not have as large of an afternoon crowd as anticipated.

We continue to get very positive feedback about the weekly newsletter. The biggest complaint we have heard is from people not getting it! So, if you are not getting the AYC email blasts and you want to, please contact **Jackie** so she can re-subscribe you in Mail Chimp.

It is exciting to see the Melges 15 explosion at the Club! This fleet appears to be filling a needed niche and will potentially attract a lot of new and younger members to the Club. Thank you **Kirk & Janis Livingston** for driving that effort and creating the excitement!

August has been a quiet month with few activities at AYC. However, we are excited to report that we have two new staff, **Kyle and Zach**. Welcome!



I am very happy to see the strong participation in the four LRPC Town Halls. The committee did a great job organizing the meetings and structuring the input into concise ideas. I look forward to the ad-hoc committees that should be forming to take those ideas to the next steps. *Photo by Cheryl Pervier*

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesdays in Sep

9/2, 9, 10, 17

9/3

9/8

9/6

9/9-10

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9/10

9/10, 17

9/13

9/15-17

9/16

9/23-24

9/30-10/1

Sunfish & Laser Races

Adult Beginning Sailing in FJs

AYC Fund Fleet Challenge

Final Beer Can Race

Opti Endless Summer EOS

ASA 101 Public Classes

Sail 4 Kids

Discover Sailing

Free Sail for AYC Members

Will Sofrin "All Hands on Deck"

SEISA College Single-Handed & Match Racing Championships

Safety at Sea Seminar

Centerboard Regatta

Fall Regatta



US Sailing Hands-On Safety at Sea Training Seminar

AYC is partnering with Storm Trysail Club (STC) to offer US Sailing Sanctioned Hands-On Safety at Sea Training Seminar. This is a first-of-its-kind event to be offered in the Central Texas area. The seminar will be a one full-day event from 7:45am - 6:30pm, Saturday, 9/16/23 at AYC.

Seminar information available @ <https://theclubspot.com/event/yHziKf9Cly>

Seminar registration @ <https://theclubspot.com/register/event/yHziKf9Cly>

Capacity for the event is 65 and assessed demand is high. Should you be interested in pursuing any of the three certifications I encourage you to register in a timely manner.

Please share this information within your boating/sailing networks.

Michael Moran, 'EKOLU Cosair 880 Sport USA 19
Chair - SAS @ AYC Hands-on Training Seminar
moranmp42@gmail.com

SAFETY AT SEA SEMINAR UPDATE

We are seeking AYC members who are willing to loan material and tools in support of a static display for damage control aboard vessels. This request is in direct support of a Damage Control presentation during the Safety at Sea Training Seminar.

No items will be consumed or otherwise used. All items will be tagged to identify ownership for accurate and timely return following completion of the seminar.

If you are interested, please contact Michael Moran at moranmp42@gmail.com or 512-201-5933.



2023 AYC Fund Fleet Challenge



Competitions for ALL Ages!



Supporting Austin's Competitive Sailors!

The AYC Fund supports competitive sailing in the Austin area. Our grants enhance sailing education, training and race management programs, assist junior and adult athletes in national and international competitions, and support an environment for hosting regional and national level events here at AYC.

Participate in the cause! The annual Fleet Challenge is the AYC Fund's primary fundraiser. AYC fleets compete to win the Bernstein-Brinkmann Fleet Challenge Trophy by raising the most funds, having the most donors, sailing the fastest in races, and winning in family games.

August 16 to September 3

Donation Drive Fleets compete in the categories of dollars donated and number of donors

Friday, September 1

NEW for 2023 Beer Can has been added to the Challenge as one more way to compete! Check with your fleet captain for ways to improve your odds of winning.

Sunday, September 3

11:00 to 12:30	Opening Remarks, Light Brunch, Calcutta Auction, Bloody Mary & Mimosa bar
12:30	Competitive Briefing
1:30 to 3:30	Fleet Racing in 420s, Spectator Areas (under Pop-Ups) at AYC Point & T-Heads
4:00 to 5:30	Family Games
5:30 to 9:00	Benker's BBQ Dinner, Bartletts' Dark' N Stormy Bar, Meet AYC's new coach Zach Steuer, Award Ceremony, New Member Ice Cream Social, Music and Dancing!

For more information and to donate: www.austinyachtclub.net/ayc-fund

Sail Training Commander Report by Linda McDavitt



July has been crazy. PB&J finished their sessions thanks to **Sarah Faust, Robert Bennett and Lauren Crouch**. Junior camp has finished and we have been very fortunate with wind so that the kids could get out on the water. Thanks to **Max and his staff**. Adult classes for the July Beginning, Next Step and Basic Racing are over. We have

a non-member who has moved here from Boston and works in the sailing industry, **Benjamin Geffken**, and he taught the Basic Racing class. Great to have volunteers like him. It seems that we have been fortunate to have several young members join and share their teaching talents with the classes. July volunteer instructors have been **Ryan Sederholm, Hannelore Sederholm, Jim Rehage, James Bland, Johannes Brinkmann, Susan Cushman, Annie Lancaster, Luis Maximo, Anne & David Morley, and Lisa Rogers**. There have been requests for Team Racing with some of the new people, but I haven't figured out where we could put it. The July Adult Beginner class had 18 on the waiting list and September now has 14 on the waiting list. Once upon a time **Doug Kern** called AYC the "undiscovered gem of Austin." I do believe that the young people moving here have discovered it and are going at it full speed. Any suggestions are welcome on how to address this "want to learn to sail" issue. October may see a change in what classes are going to happen.

Some excitement during Adult Sail Training classes:

Follow the Leader drill with **James Bland** thinking he was back in the Navy ordering his Ensigns to do a Follow the Leader drill.



I do believe they did it!
Go James!

*Photos by Linda McDavitt
and Anne Morley*



Seriously is this for real or for fun?



Our motley crew for Basic racing: top row, L-R **Ryan, Richard, Yolanda, Slava, Linda, Benjamin** (Super thank you! Awesome teacher) and bottom row, L-R **Adam, Spencer, Luis and Sarah**. Missing were **Sarah Hunter, Ben and Andrez**. Great job!



Close racing!

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Still need to work on those starts!

The J24 and J22s did a great job with the Discover Sailing class. Lots of fun people to work with and interested students. Anyone looking for crew, my list of those who want to come out and play is getting long. I plan to send the list to the fleet captains. The next Discover Sailing class will be on the J80s with **Ray Shull** in charge.

Free Sail happened in July and each week we had four to eight people out. **Paul Carew** was gracious and helped cover the monitor job. We are not scheduling any Free Sail days in August due to heat and usually no wind. **Please REMEMBER that the AYC club boats are not there to just take out.** We have a liability slip to be signed to cover any problems that might arise when a Club member uses them. This is an insurance issue!

Our new coach, **Zach Steuer**, is now here. He and **Jamie Brock** are working hard on the HS tryouts for the A Team. His enthusiasm is contagious so watch out when you meet him. **Robert Bennett** ran into him on the Junior Pavilion and immediately Zach was helping him with boat repairs to the Optis and Picos. A bravo to Robert for his help and work getting a good inventory for the Optis and Picos!! Another bravo to **Ryan Sederholm, Jeff and Jamie Brock** for helping clear out the UTST/AYC shed of all the sails that were needed to go to Bartlett for shipment overseas to be used. (More about Zach, and high school photos, following this article)

Speaking of the Fall, both the Adult Sail Training and the Junior Sail Training program registrations are now up. **Cheryl Pervier** has been an amazing help and I would still be struggling if it had not been for her. Also, a big thank you to **Lynn Jaeger** for getting all the dates on the calendar.

I have been working diligently in cleaning/clearing out shelter 2, 3 and the UTST/AYC shed to be presentable for **Zach's** arrival and to help Zach get settled and get a good inventory of the Club boats done. I will be looking for a part-time coach to take some of the classes. If you have thoughts or suggestions, please let me know. **Jamie Brock** is one of our current assistants for the Fall.



Our AYC Sears Cup team skippered by **Jamie Brock** and crew, **Zachary Romberg, Ryder Getson, and Lily Wind** placed 3rd overall out of 19 teams from across the US. I was fortunate to see two very impressive wins Saturday afternoon and knew AYC was going to be in great hands during this competition. I wish I could have stayed and seen more of the action.

Matt Romberg sent me

a great video that you all might enjoy seeing the team at work. Please take a minute and check this out. <https://youtu.be/HyzuKTVbhTo> You will be very proud of these young sailors.

Enjoy each day!

HELLO MEMBERS OF THE AUSTIN YACHT CLUB!

by Zach Steuer



Allow me to introduce myself – I am a passionate sailor with a deep-rooted love for the sport that began at a young age. I took it upon myself to learn how to sail a Sunfish on a small lake in Upstate New York. This initial experience ignited a lifelong dedication to sailing and set the stage for an impressive journey in the sailing world.

Upon moving to Connecticut, I eagerly enrolled in junior sailing programs and quickly progressed to sailing in Pixels, 420s, and Lasers. Since high school, I have had the incredible opportunity to race Lightnings and V15s alongside **Ched Proctor**, a World Champion Sailmaker. During my time sailing with him I absorbed invaluable lessons and developed a set of core values that continue to shape my approach to sailing.

At Salve Regina University, I competed as one of their top crews while studying global business and economics. During my summers, I instructed at Milford Yacht Club where I was able to lead the laser team to multiple podium finishes.

Seeking to expand my horizons, I embarked on a new path after college and delved into the world of Software Engineering at the University of Connecticut. Simultaneously, I remained deeply connected to the sailing community by serving as the Assistant Coach for my former high school sailing team.

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Over time, I earned the esteemed position of Head Coach, where I had the privilege of imparting my knowledge and passion to a new generation of sailors.

For the past year, I have had the privilege of coaching at the St. Croix Yacht Club. In this role, I have been instrumental in rebuilding their junior program and expanding the racing programs. Additionally, I have had the opportunity to teach advanced racing to HS sailors on the Good Hope Country Day sailing team.

Looking towards the future, I am filled with determination to make a profound and enduring impact within our cherished sailing community here at the Austin Yacht Club. Rooted in my core values, I firmly believe that the true essence of sailing lies in the joy and camaraderie we experience while navigating the waters. My ultimate goal is to instill a lifelong love for sailing for all the athletes I work with.

I am truly excited to be a part of this vibrant yacht club, and I cannot wait for this new journey.

Sail Fast,
Zach Steuer

High School Tryouts with Coach Zach and Jamie

Photos by Anne Morley



PB&J 2023 by Sarah Faust



We had a blast at PB&J this summer. About 50 kids came through the program. We taught steering, capsizing, pulling the main sheet in and out, how to "see" the wind, how to check the wind direction, TILLER TOWARDS TROUBLE, and overall had tons of fun. I was struck this year by the high quality of the sailing lessons that we were able to provide. The biggest

challenge we faced was really the lake conditions. We had perfect wind all eight Saturdays, it was just a matter of dealing with the hydrilla and finding a place to swim and keeping the rudders clear. There was one spot of hydrilla that would bring every boat to a dead stop it was so thick.

My THANK YOU list is long because we have so many wonderful volunteers that make this program excel:

- **Linda McDavitt** – Linda helped with administrative tasks after Emily left, helped prep the dock every Saturday at 7am, and recruiting volunteers. **Anne Morley** also jumped in with no notice to help email parents with critical information and respond to requests from parents.
- **Tom Groll** – Tom led an amazing remodel of the junior dock, made early morning repairs from a wind storm that let us hold class without interruption, and did his best to keep the dock in a position that allowed it to be safe and practical for teaching novice sailing.
- **Robert Bennett and Lauren Crouch** are my co-leads and did an amazing job leading lessons, helping with boats and rigging, bringing water, duct tape, boat plugs, popsicles and everything it takes to keep the whole thing running.
- **Teddy Rave, Eric Faust, Jonathan Baker, Ravi Subramanian, and Tiffany Bennett** all pitched in as coaches this summer to teach and keep the kids safe. Because we had so many adult coaches the kids got LOTS of sailing time and learned a LOT of skills.
- **Calvin Brock, Jackson Brock, Elsa Brock, Harry Rave, Camille Bennett, Margaret Faust, Madeline Crouch.** These are the ROCK STAR junior coaches. These kids make up our current Opti racing team and they got up at 7am on Saturdays to volunteer and teach younger sailors. They gave individual lessons, took groups on Picos, played games, taught lingo, and generally made the whole program cool.

We had several families interested in membership and in particular keeping their kids involved in junior sailing. I am proud that once again we achieved our goal: the kids want to come back and do it again!



Junior coach Harry Rave Pico sailing *Photo by Teddy Rave*



PB&J coach team: Madeline Crouch, Lauren Crouch, Eric Faust, Jackson Brock, Calvin Brock, Elsa Brock, Margaret Faust, Sarah Faust, Robert Bennett, Camille Bennett. Not pictured: Harry Rave, Teddy Rave, Jonathan Baker *Photo by Tiffany Bennett*



Lauren Crouch leading steering drill with Aria Segundo, Robert Bennett in kayak *Photo by Brandon Jakobeit*



Sarah Faust coaching Photo by Brandon Jakobeit



PB&J junior coaches: Madeline Crouch, Jackson Brock, Elsa Brock, Calvin Brock, Margaret Faust, Camille Bennett Photo by Tiffany Bennett



Marshall Bennett playing the boat "rigged wrong" game Photo by Brandon Jakobeit



Group photo of one of the three classes Photo by Brandon Jakobeit



Tabitha and Jack Monroe, Primrose Barrett practicing Pico Photo by Sarah Faust



James Everett Faust with PB&J certificate Photo by Sarah Faust

2024 AYC Officer Positions



AYC Members,

As we look forward to next year, the Nominating Committee are asking for members to volunteer to be considered to serve on the 2024 AYC Board of Directors.

According to the AYC Bylaws:

"The Nominating Committee shall consist of the three most immediate Past Commodores able to serve thereon. Such committee shall solicit the recommendations of the voting members and after having considered such recommendations, shall select and present to the voting members at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting the persons nominated by such committee to serve **as Officers of the Club for the succeeding year.**"

The Nominating Committee is charged with identifying qualified candidates for the following Board Positions that will become vacant in 2024:

- **Vice Commodore - to be filled by a past board member.**
- **Race Commander**
- **Harbor Commander**
- **Sail Training Commander**
- **Building and Grounds Commander**
- **Treasurer**

To serve on the AYC Board of Directors, the AYC Bylaws require that you:

- Be an AYC Senior member, and
- Be a member in good standing.

The Nominating Committee seeks qualified nominees for the Officer Positions that:

- Have served on an AYC Committee for at least 1 year.
- Have full understanding of and acknowledge and uphold the AYC Bylaws and the AYC Handbook.
- Understand and know how to implement the Board Budgeting process and accept the Austin Yacht Club Accounting Policies and Procedures Manual. It is the responsibility of the individual Board member to understand and manage their portion of the budget.
- Have a full understanding of and accept the Board Position Job Description

If you are interested, please submit an email to the Nominating Committee at nominatingcommittee@austinyachtclub.net by midnight August 31, 2023, stating your qualifications and interest in serving on the 2024 Board of Directors. We will set up an interview after all emails are received.

Thank you.

Anne Morley

AYC Nominating Committee Chair

Welcome Kyle McGhee to AYC



Kyle McGhee, hailing from Plano, Texas, now serves as the Assistant Caretaker at the Austin Yacht Club.

Kyle has established a solid foundation in plumbing, complementing his extensive background in the customer service industry. With a strong focus on hands-on experience and specialized training from Skillpoint Alliance, Kyle possesses a fundamental understanding of plumbing techniques and principles. This unique blend of technical expertise and customer service skills equips him to effectively address complex issues, offer tailored solutions, and provide exceptional support to the club. Kyle now brings his expertise to ensure the smooth operation and maintenance of the Club's facilities.

Outside of work, Kyle treasures quality time with his family. He also enjoys staying active by participating in various sports during his free time. Kyle's love for his pets shines through, as his parents care for three dogs—Bella, Cookie, and Lacy—while his sister is the proud owner of a cat named Shadow. This bond with animals showcases his nurturing spirit and adds a heartwarming touch to his life.

Please be sure to give Kyle a warm AYC WELCOME when you run into him on or off the grounds. Kyle's schedule is currently Wednesday-Friday, 7am - 4pm, and Saturday and Sunday, 8am - 5pm. This schedule will change needed. If you see maintenance issues that need to be addressed, please email or text to **Jackie** at: 512-791-1168 or gm@austinyachtclub.net so that she can coordinate with Kyle and his schedule.

Welcome New Members!



Rebecca Kainer

Associate Probationary

Sponsoring AYC member is Daniel Garces. Rebecca has crewed for 30+ years, she wants to return to sailing after knee replacements. She's interested in Social Committee and Events, Social Media and Technology assistance.



Leandro Rey Moral

Senior Probationary

Sponsoring AYC member is Ray Shull. Leandro has basic sailing experience, no racing experience. He hopes to learn so that he can buy his own boat. He has experience in construction and finance, and is interested in Buildings & Grounds, regatta assistance and photography,



In Memory of Kelly Hawk



Kelly Hawk, long-time AYC member and Ensign Fleet sailor, passed away on Friday, August 11 surrounded by loved ones. Kelly was an active racer, three-time Board member, and ran the AYC Sailing Camp and PB&J Training Programs for several years. She had many, many good friends at the Club and around the Lake Travis Community who will miss her dearly.

Kelly's love for sailing began as a child in Sarasota, FL. She moved to Austin for graduate school in 1985, where she met Bill, an active racer and her future husband. Together, they sailed at the Club for the next 35+ years. Kelly was one of the best spinnaker and jib trimmers in the Ensign Fleet and the best light air crew. One of her family's favorite activities and most beloved memories was sailing the Prickly Pair with Bill and her children Will, Tracy and Erin.

In lieu of a funeral, there will be a Celebration of Kelly's Life on October 21 in Austin, TX where we will gather to share memories and say goodbye to a wonderful person. More information will follow when details are finalized.

Independence Day Party by Claudia Bartlett



The Austin Yacht Club's annual Independence Day Party went off without a hitch this year, thanks to the dedication and hard work of many involved.

Jeff & Marilyn Jackson, Steve Whitley, and Paul Hintikka took charge of the food preparations, serving burgers and hotdogs to the attendees. **Anthony Yen** was so helpful with clean

up duty. When an unforeseen issue with the DJ arose, **Lauren Crouch** promptly found a replacement, ensuring continuous music for the event.

A highlight of the day was the "Driving Range" game, where members tried to score points by throwing eggs at numbered poles down a hill, eliciting good-natured competition and laughter.

Gina & Alan Stanard managed the Ice Cream Sundae bar, and they, along with **Amy Brock, Karen Lewis, Anne Riggs, Nan Taylor, Terry Schertz, Dee Chow, Hazel Sanchez, Lauren Crouch, Madeline Crouch, and John Bartlett**, were the core group of volunteers responsible for the games and activities.

The event culminated in an evening of relaxed music and dancing. All in all, it was another successful Independence Day Party at AYC, marking a day of community and celebration!



L-R: Dee Chow, Lauren Bach, Carolynne Griffin, Martine Lacombe, Jeane Goldsmith, Karen Bogisch, Alan & Gina Stanard, Jeff and Matt Sabuda



L-R: Brad & Susan Davis, Dee Chow & Jeff Sabuda



L-R: Marilyn & Jeff Jackson, Steve Whitley, Paul Hintikka
Photo by Cheryl Pervier



L-R: Daniel Garces, Christine Lee, Ian (Christine's dad), Nate Lee, Jeff Brock



L-R: Claudia Bartlett, Audrey Ravelo, Kurt Carson, Terry Schertz
Photos by Marilyn Jackson except where noted

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L-R: Taylor Snyder, Terry Schertz, Bay Peterson, Claudia Bartlett



Kids' Sack Races



Pinata full of candy doesn't stand a chance



Driving Range Game



Diving for Dollars game lineup



Tug of War

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★ The Winners!



L-R: Steve & Cheryl Pervier, Johanna & Matt Brown



Chow line, L-R: Matt and Jeff Sabuda, Becky & Fel Heston



Ice Cream Sundae Bar servers, L-R: Alan Stanard, Nan Taylor, Anne Riggs, Thomas Young, Taylor Snyder, Gina Stanard



Steve Whitley and his granddaughter on the dance floor



Dancers, L-R: Martine Lacombe, Karen Bogisch, Lauren Bach, Annie Lancaster, Carolynne Griffin, Anthony & Summer Yen

Dog Days Series

Photos this page by Anne Morley



Pearson 26 Rusalka



J22 CRASHCOURSE



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J70 Rogue Warrior



Beneteau First 30E Nemesis

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Dog Days Series

Photos this page by Cheryl Pervier except where noted



Dog Days 1 Saturday RC, L-R: Chris Hargett, Ryan Sederholm, Jim Rehage, Juke Ball, Carolynne Griffin, Peter Marsh



Dog Days 1 Sunday RC, front: Ty Brockhoeft, Anthony Yen, Catherine, back: Daniel Garces, Bill Records, Rich Ryon, Brandon Jakobeit, Andy Linseisen, David Weeks, Mike Mashl



Dog Days 2: J22s Silicon Ship and Project Mayhem



Dog Days 3 RC L-R: Robert Bennett, Steve & Cheryl Pervier, Dan McFerren, Can Kalyoncuoglu, Mike Nelson, Steve Shepardson



Dog Days 5 RC L-R: Graham Gilmour, Molly Isbell, Tom Groll, Ann Kitzmiller, Lynn Jaeger, Anne Morley, George Dahmen, David Morley, Carl Wiseman, Missing Frans Dahmen



Dog Days 5 J80s Too Much J, Air Supply, Speed Racer, Jazz Tacks *Photo by Amanda Worlow*

Dog Days Series

Photos this page by Marilyn Jackson



Dog Days 3: Cheryl Pervier and Dan McFerren on signal boat



Dog Days 3: Pearson 26s Incognito and Rusalka



Dog Days 3: J70 Nittany



Dog Days 4 Pearson 26 Incognito



Dog Days 4: Catalina 22 Chili Verde, Ensign Stijf Kop, Pearson 26 Rusalka



Dog Days 4: Ensigns Dos Locos and Stijf Kop with RC boats

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Dog Days Series

Trophy Presentation Photos by Cheryl Pervier



Centerboard 1st, Boston Whaler 5.2 L-R: Will Douglas, Dante Alibrio, Elizabeth Quintanilla



J22 1st, L-R: Luis Maximo, Ken Berringer, Skipper Renee Ruais



Ensign 1st, George Dahmen and Ann Kitzmiller



J70 1st, L-R: Wade Kokernut, Skipper Jim Rehage, Loren Graham



Pearson 26 1st: Mike Mashl accepting for Skipper David Weeks



B Fleet 1st, Catalina 22: Steve & Cheryl Pervier



B Fleet 2nd, Catalina 22: Steve & Meri Shepardson



A Fleet 1st, Capri 22: Skipper John Maddalozzo and Jeff Jackson, Missing Marilyn Jackson and David Mok



J80 3rd: Gina & Alan Stanard accepting for Skipper Ed Taylor

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Dog Days Series Results

PRF A

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	TYPE	PRF RATING
1	1927	Ornery	John Maddalozzo	Capri 25	171

PRF B

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	TYPE	PRF RATING
1	7619	Affinity	Steve Pervier	Catalina 22	270
2	9802	Chili Verde	Steve Shepardson	Catalina 22	279
3	163	WT	Bob Musselman	SC 21	246
4	6569	Melody	Ed Pierce	Hunter 25.5	219

CENTERBOARD

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	TYPE	PRF RATING
1	394	Mi\$\$ Marie	Elizabeth Quintanilla	Harpoon 5.2	96.1
2	8	Secretariat	James Bland	OK Dinghy	96.5
3	777	Fearless	Jennifer Loehlin	Harpoon 5.2	246

J22

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER
1	984	Bubbles	Renee Ruais
2	1235	Project Mayhem	John Halter
3	621	CRASHCOURSE	Rosanne Butera
4	672	Silicon Ship	Jim Bridgwater

J24

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER
1	2160	Stray Dog	Ryan Pressley
2	2731	Out of Control	Stephen Burke
3	285	Honky Tonk	Rhonda Moore

J70

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER
1	50	Rogue Warrior	Jim Rehage
2	181	GB	Chris Lewis
3	86	Nittany	Duke Snyder
4	182	Chariot	James Brock

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Dog Days Series Results

J80

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER
1	221	Too Much J	Matt Romberg
2	1320	Claudia Bartlett	Speed Racer
3	720	Air Supply	Ed Taylor
4	122	JazzTacks	Karen Bogisch

PEARSON 26

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER
1	1393	Incognito	David Weeks
2	2	Rusalka	Daniel Garces
3	179	Hyperbole	Andy Linseisen
4	1660	Justus	Chris Ryan

TRIMARAN

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	TYPE	PRF RATING
1	140	Far Reach	Mike Beuerlein	Corsair F-28R	24
2	27130	Trinity	Joel Rosinbum	Corsair F-27	57
3	130	Humility	Bill Coon	Corsair Sprint 750 Mk2	33
4	276	Abandoned Assets	Bo Kersey	Corsair F31	21



REGISTRATION IS OPEN!!

[Click here to register](#)

Laser, Sunfish, Sunfish Green, C420, FJ, Melges 15, Opti, Opti Green, Weta, Catamaran, Centerboard Handicap (Portsmouth)

Early registration can be completed prior to Friday, September 15, at 7:59pm.

Online late registration can be completed from Friday 09/15/2023, 8:00 PM until Friday 09/22/2023 5:00pm.

On-site late registration available at the registration table at the AYC Clubhouse Saturday 09/23/2023 8:00am - 8:45am.

Fees:

Singlehanded One Design: \$50 (\$70 late registration) (Laser, Sunfish, Sunfish Green, Weta)

Doublehanded One Design: \$60 (\$80 late registration) (Melges 15, C420, FJ, Catamaran)

Handicap fleets: \$60 (\$80 late registration) (Centerboard Handicap, Catamaran)

Opti: \$40 (\$50 late registration)

Extra Meal Wristband: \$20

The race entry fee includes:

- Participation in the regatta
- One meal wristband or two for double-handed (Saturday breakfast, Saturday Dinner, Sunday Breakfast)
- Trailer storage/boat dockage
- Limited use of launch ramps in the vicinity of AYC

Additional meal wristbands may be purchased during registration for crew, support team, etc. and may be purchased independent of a race entry. Please note there are limited quantities of these items and they will be available on a first-come first-serve basis until they are gone.

To sign up to Volunteer – contact : Annie Lancaster, annielanc@gmail.com, James Bland jfbland@me.com

*****Probationary Members..... This is your opportunity to get service AND racing points! Maybe even a Race Committee point for your Probation qualifications.**

Sunday FunDay Regatta by Claudia Bartlett

Sunday FunDay Regatta



When the Sunday FunDay Regatta made its debut last year, we knew we were onto something special. Just like any seasoned sailor knows, you don't change the course when the winds are favorable. So, we hoisted our sails again this year, hoping to catch a breeze despite the sizzling 100-degree temperatures. As luck (and perhaps some skilled wind-dancing) would have it, the day graced us with winds ranging

from 6-12 knots.

Charting the course for the event, our registration trio – **Karen Bogisch, Jeane Goldsmith, and Pat Manning** – ensured smooth sailing from the get-go. With 49 boats in the fray, water guns at the ready made for some splashy fun!

Terry Schertz, with her crew **Karen Bogisch, Chris Thompson, and Bob Leonard**, anchored the main Race Committee boat, ensuring everything stayed on an even keel. Our finish boat was manned by **Chris Lewis, Nan Taylor, and Anne Riggs**, while **Ray Shull and Dante Alibrio** kept an eye out, cruising the course and extending a helping hand. **Michael Moran and Leandro Rey Moral** expertly handled the Opti course.

The regatta saw a lively competition between our diverse fleets: the newly-introduced Melges 15, the ILCA, Sunfish and Opti. With 4-5 races, it was the perfect dose of competitive sailing for a sun-soaked August afternoon.

Once the day's excitement ebbed, everyone docked ashore, making a beeline for the AC upstairs. A hearty Pot Luck dinner was the order of the evening, with our culinary crew, led by **Pat Manning, Gina Stanard, Karen Presswood, and Lauren Crouch**, ensuring nobody left on an empty stomach.

As trophies found their proud owners, tales of the day's adventures filled the air. Chairing such an event was a rewarding voyage in itself, and judging by the sea of smiling faces, it's safe to say we navigated this regatta to perfection!



Chris Lewis gave pre-race pointers



Kitchen volunteers, L-R: Lauren Crouch, Gina Stanard, Karen Presswood, Pat Manning



Registration table, L-R: Renee Ruais, Karen Bogisch, Jeane Goldsmith, Pat Manning Photos this page by Cheryl Pervier



Zachary Aronson and Nicolas Carew

Sunday FunDay Regatta



L-R: Amy, Calvin, Jackson, Jeff, Elsa, and James Brock *Photo by Cheryl Pervier*



L-R: NanTaylor, Karen & Chris Lewis, Terry Schertz, James Brock, Michael Moran, Karen Bogisch, Jeff Brock, Anne Riggs, Bay Peterson *Photo by Cheryl Pervier*



Melges 15 sailors, L-R: Brian Grothues, Margarito Morales, Jeff Sabuda, Dee Chow *Photo by Cheryl Pervier*



Bob & Gayle Leonard *Photo by Daniel Garces*



L-R: Gina Stanard, Annie Lancaster, Alan Stanard *Photo by Daniel Garces*



L-R: Lauren Crouch, Claudia & John Bartlett, Matt Romberg *Photo by Daniel Garces*

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Sunday Funday Regatta



Kitchen volunteers Gina Stanard and Karen Presswood *Photos this page by Daniel Garces*



Daniel Garces, Hazel Sanchez and Rick Allen



Madeline Crouch



L-R Wyatt, Matt, Sawyer and Zachary Romberg



L-R: Karen & Chris Lewis, Claudia Bartlett, Jeff Brock, Anne Riggs



RC, L-R: Matthew Schnulr and son, Karen Bogisch, Claudia Bartlett, Terry Schertz, Chris Thompson

Sunday FunDay Regatta



Sunfish racers Photo by Chris Thompson



Opti racers Photo by Michael Moran



Lasers Photo by Chris Thompson



Melges 15s Photo by Nan Taylor

Trophy Winners



Opti 1st Jackson Brock Trophy photos by Cheryl Pervier



Opti 2nd Calvin Brock



Opti Green 1st Lucas Schwartz

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Sunday FunDay Regatta

Trophy photos by Cheryl Pervier



Opti Green 2nd Sawyer Romberg



Melges 15 1st John & Claudia Bartlett



Melges 15 2nd Matt and Wyatt Romberg



Laser 1st Amy Brock accepting for James Brock



Laser 2nd Gray Rackley



Sunfish 1st Ravi Subramanian



Sunfish 2nd Bay Peterson

Sunday Funday Regatta Race Results

ILCA

POS	SAIL	SKIPPER
1	144312	James Brock
2	200159	Gray Rackley
3	359	David Grogono
4	218132	Pierre Bossart
5	206096	Zachary Aronson

MELGES 15

POS	SAIL	SKIPPER
1	647	Claudia Bartlett, John Bartlett
2	633	Wyatt Romberg, Matt Rombert
3	290	Brian Grothues, Margarito Morales
4	523	Kirk Livingston, Janis Livingston
5	648	Amy Brock, Jeff Brock

OPTI

POS	SAIL	SKIPPER
1	1992	Jackson Brock
2	19924	Calvin Brock
3	20139	Elsa Brock

OPTI GREEN

POS	SAIL	SKIPPER
1	36	Lucas Schwartz
2	5	Sawyer Romberg
3	65	Madeline Crouch

SUNFISH

POS	SAIL	SKIPPER
1	93282	Ravi Subramanian
2	97	Bay Peterson
3	4	Tom Presswood
4	82	Jim Rehage
5	89981	Lauren Crouch
6	45	Alan Stanard
7	4288	Annie Lancaster

Catalina 22 Fleet Report

by Steve Pervier



We've just completed the hottest racing in memory – by temperature, that is. Every Sunday in Dog Days Series topped 100F in Austin, though thanks to PRF-B race time being in late morning we only had to deal with air temp rising through the 90s. Water temp didn't help much, with Lake Travis 88-89F at race time while the level fell from 638 to 635.5 ft MSL. These conditions didn't encourage a

lot of turnout across most fleets, though Catalina 22, South Coast 21, and larger Catalinas were relatively well represented.

Dog Days Series saw two C22s take the trophies in PRF-B, making 60% of the boat appearances in B-fleet, though six unique boats sailed. Maybe the others were just smarter about keeping out of the heat? **Steve & Meri** were the only B-fleet boat out to sail on four race days, though that last day saw no racing. Thanks to **Bob Musselman** and **Steve Shepardson** for serving on PRF-B Race Committee with **Cheryl**



Dog Days 1 South Coast 21 WT and Steve & Meri Shepardson's Catalina 22 Chile Verde *Photo by Cheryl Pervier*

and me. We won the series with line honors in each race, but maybe we were just more anxious to get off the water and out of the heat!

It's better sailing a Laser, Sunfish, Melges, Opti, or other dinghy in this weather, as the water is a lot more accessible! From our C22 membership, several raced **Claudia's** neat Sunday FunDay event, thanks to her leadership and to our great PRO Terry and a number of other helpers! Brian & Margarito got 3rd of 8 in Melges 15, Louise and Cheryl each sailed Sunfish, while I sailed or swam next to my Laser. Other members departing or joining the C22 fleet also raced: **Dallas Dillard** (now C25) sailed his first AYC Sunfish regatta, while new C22 partners **Mary & Paul Carew** have to be proud of son **Nicholas** for a decent mid-fleet finish in a strong Laser fleet.

There's a short break in series racing now, except ongoing Wednesday Sunfish and Laser evenings through 9/27, and Friday Beer Can evenings through 9/9. We often see **Liz with William** if we are there. As for AYC's next weekend series racing, we can be confident in having cooler air and water by then! Let's look forward to: Centerboard Regatta 9/23-24, Fall Regatta 9/30-10/1, and Fall Series 10/21, 28, 11/4, 11, 18. Until then, enjoy the relative cool of early morning, possibly evenings too as the heat declines, and any time you can keep hydrated and wet. Ask me about trying a dinghy.

And, if you have any kind of Catalina, or merely "an interest", check out our local cruising fleet at CatFleet69.org. About half of the members also belong to AYC. This group has a monthly dinner meeting and program, and monthly cruises will return to the water once it cools a bit. Even when it's hot, think of how cool it is to sail!

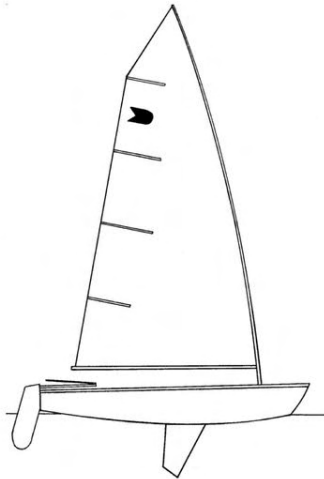


Dinghy Fleet Report

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CENTERBOARD REGATTA NEEDS YOU!



Happy Birthday Pearson 26 sailor Emily Jakobeit (with husband Brandon)
Photo by Daniel Garces

Ensign Fleet Report

by David & Anne Morley, George Dahmen & Ann Kitzmiller

In Memory of Kelly Hawk

Ensign Fleet 30 experienced a deep loss when our beloved **Kelly Hawk** passed away on Friday, August 11, surrounded by loved ones. She had many, many good friends at the AYC and around the Lake Travis community who will miss her dearly.

Kelly was a long-time AYC member and Ensign sailor, an active racer for many years, a three-time AYC Board member, and worked closely with the Sail Training program for several years. Kelly moved to Austin in 1985, met Bill, and they sailed together at the AYC for the next 35+ years.

2023 Ensign National Championship Regatta (Aug 13 - 17)

Congratulations to **Tom Groll, Molly Isbell, George Dahmen, and Ann Kitzmiller** on 578 (aka Dancing Bear) for superbly representing AYC and Ensign Fleet 30 in the 2023 Ensign National Championship Regatta.



Molly, Tom, Ann and George selfie at the dock after first day of racing and winning the first race ("first-first") Photo by Molly Isbell



Tom receiving "first-first" trophy
Photos from Ensign Class Association



George, Ann, Tom & Molly receiving 5th place trophy trophy

The races were held in Pentwater, MI on August 13 through 17. The team had an outstanding performance placing 5th against 34 competitors and being only 20 points outside of first place, with eight races completed and one drop.

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The weather conditions were challenging on the last day of racing, as a serious storm brought thunder and lightning as well as huge waves and



Ensign #4 aftermath of lightning strike
Photo from Ensign Class Association

heavy winds. As a result, the racing was cancelled for the day – there was a sense of relief for the most part. But that was tinged by the shock of a lightning strike to the mast of Ensign 4 (aka Eyjafjallajökull) at a mooring – the boat aft of the cabin burned down to the waterline. Thankfully, it was early morning and no one was aboard. Wow!

Ensign 578 won the first race of the regatta and

earned the Ray & Ann Torpey trophy, followed by the following finishes: 3rd, 7th, 4th, 3rd, 5th, and 11th.

The Pentwater Yacht Club put on a fantastic event. The club, situated on Pentwater Lake, was rebuilt last year and is gorgeous. The regatta kicked off with a boat procession through the Pentwater Channel to Lake Michigan with an emcee introducing each boat to the crowd that gathered to wave, cheer, and wish the sailors good luck.

Every race day ended with drinks and snacks and camaraderie on the club grounds. The club hosted two dinners and the banquet, serving baked brie, butternut squash lasagna, filet mignon, and gorgeous cupcakes. The racing was challenging and was orchestrated perfectly by PRO Matt Bounds. Every Ensign Nationals is a wonderful experience—a family reunion of sorts—and this one was no exception.

Upcoming Ensign Region IV Championship Regatta (Sep 15 - 17)

Houston Yacht Club on Sep 15-17. **Tom Groll (578), George Dahmen (588), Bill Hawk (1414), and Lewis Price (929)** and their respective crews are planning to participate. It is not too late to register if you want to join in the fun, either by competing or cheering on the AYC Fleet 30 teams and enjoy the party.

Dog Days Series Results (Jun 24 - Jul 30)

Congratulations to **George Dahmen (588)** for winning the closely contested Dog Days Series. The remaining competitors placed as follows: **2nd Bill Hawk, 3rd Lewis Price, 4th Tom Groll, 5th Annie Lancaster, and 6th Danny Lien.** The scoring was wide spread, as every racer had at least two DNC/RET races and several close finishes.



Ensigns provided RC for Dog Days #5 on 7-30-23. (L-R) Graham Gilmour, Molly Isbell, Tom Groll, Ann Kitzmiller, Lynn Jaeger, Anne Morley, George Dahmen, David Morley and Carl Wiseman. Photo by Cheryl Pervier

Ensigns provided race committee for Dog Days Series #5 on 7-30-23. Thank you to **Molly Isbell, Ann Kitzmiller, Lynn Jaeger, Anne Morley, Graham Gilmour, Tom Groll, George Dahmen, Carl Wiseman, and David Morley** for attempting to run races despite the absence of sufficient breeze. All enjoyed the time on the water together and practicing race committee skills!

Beer Can Cooking (7-7 and 7-14)

Thanks to **Tom Groll & Molly Isbell** for cooking burgers for Beer Can on 7-7-23, and thanks for **Fred Ford, Bill Hawk, Annie & Charlie Lancaster** for cooking burgers on 7-14-23.

Annie Places 12th at 2023 Women's Sunfish North American Championship

Congratulations to **Annie Lancaster** for proudly representing AYC (and Ensign Fleet 30) in the 2023 Sunfish Women's North American Championship Regatta. The races were held in Lewes, Delaware on August 19 and 20. Annie had an outstanding performance placing 12th against 46 competitors, with two 3rd place finishes out of six races completed and one drop.



Lewis with his two granddaughters at his 65th birthday celebration Photo by Meredith Massey Kloetzer

Happy July Birthdays to **Fred Ford and Lewis Price!** Lewis enjoyed celebrating with his two granddaughters, who were thrilled to be hanging out with their young, cool grandpa!

Coming up this Fall, we will be hosting two of our perennial favorite events: Sail for Kids on Sep 9, and Chapparral de Mar Regatta, which will be embedded in one day of racing a Fall Series.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters Take a Kid Sailing

by Mike Beuerlein



Every year since God was in a diaper, Central Texas catamaran sailors have known that the first Saturday of August means withering heat, light wind building to a nice afternoon breeze, warm fresh water in Lake Travis and hundreds of kids clamoring for sailboat rides at Windy Point. When I was at UT in the mid 80's, the local Hobie Fleet 64 had been holding Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Central Texas Take a Kid Sailing day for longer

than anyone could remember. When I returned to Austin in 1996, after being a Big Brother myself in Atlanta, I took over "organizing" the event and have been running it ever since. It's always easy to get those who've done this in the past to return because the smiles on the faces of all the kids are so genuine and infectious.

The multihull fleets, both the local catamaran fleet (now AustinCats <http://www.austincats.net/>) and the Austin Yacht Club (<https://www.austinyachtclub.net/>) enthusiastically supported the cause with 12 catamarans this year and, now that H.E.B. grocery has signed on as a participating sponsor, kids are getting all the sailing and refreshments they want. I took several riders this year who've returned each year for their favorite boats and several who had never been to the lake before, much less on a high-performance racing catamaran! I've even spoken to littles who later became bigs and have now brought their own littles out to share in the creation of memories they'll cherish their whole lives. There is something about seeing the lake covered with sailboats and volunteers crowding the shallows supporting what they are trying to do with their kids to really get across the support the community feels for what the bigs are willing to step up and commit to.

AustinCats' new commodore, **Alan Bruns**, produced several catamarans this year that have not previously participated. **Carl Lieberwirth** came all the way down from Lake Buchanan with his Nacra 6.0 "Tequila Express", **Levi & Gen Marconette** not only shot this video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0UgYKJ4NQhc> but also sailed their Nacra 5.5, **Alan Bruns** has a Tornado, **Brigitte Benquet** splashed our Corsair F-28R trimaran, **Jim Casto**, **Mike Rohrer**, **Rick Allen**, **Owen Crouse** are always dependable sailors on whatever boats are available. Of course, on my boat, everyone gets a chance to get out on the wire, helm the boat and trim the sails. Their favorite role is usually shooting the water guns at the other boats, however, there are a few littles that are reluctant to give up the tiller or the trapeze when it is time to come in.

This year, for a change, we had unusually strong and steady breezes early in the day such that the earlier arrivals got exciting rides. A sudden gust while we were doing a fly-by of the trimaran caught me napping and we very nearly capsized. The tiny little sister who was out on the wire hiked hard to keep us from going over and afterwards could be heard onshore proudly repeating what I told her at the time that "she saved our bacon!" Once again this year, **Phil Bautista** brought two large inflatable floating platforms that were anchored in waist deep water so that the kids could more easily climb aboard the catamarans. **Terri Kizser**, our beach captain emeritus, and Austin Yacht Club volunteers, **Michael Moran**, **Rick Nelson**, **Aaron McCulley**, **Alfred Aimard**, **Michael Colby**, plus many others helped catch the boats with assistance from scores of volunteers from Big Brothers/Big Sisters, all of whom were able to play in the water with the kids as they waited for

rides. Travis County Parks has also provided free admission to Windy Point park (normally \$12/car) for all the participants through the years, despite the growing crowd size and the understandable envy from the paying guests.

Many of the little brothers/sisters who've participated have developed, from this brief encounter, a love of sailing that was difficult to encourage beyond our single day event. **Terri Kizser**, **Jim Casto** & **Jim Rehage** have long sought and heroically delivered a solution. I'll leave it to Jim Casto to describe in an accompanying article but it is incredible to see one of the BB/BS sailors chosen to be a AYC camp counselor-in-training and invited to try out for the HS sailing team, after participation in the fully funded sailing camp week for at-risk youth.

After a full day of sailing with 150 people & 100 rides, AYC then hosted an after-party for all the sailors and volunteers with ice-cold watermelon, chicken and seafood gumbo, slow-roasted Jamaican jerk chicken, **Brigitte's** fresh garden salad, rice and black beans plus plenty of frozen Bushwhackers, Cuba Libres, and cold beer! None of this would have been possible without the generous & unflagging support of kitchen volunteers **Terri Nelson**, **Constance Rehage**, **Cynthia Casto** & others too numerous to mention who worked tirelessly to prepare it all for the hungry sailors & volunteers before 5:30 PM! Sadly, due to an accident on the bridge at the dam, most of the volunteers from the east side of the lake were unable to make it to AYC on the west side of the lake for the party. The leftovers did not go to waste, they helped feed the Sunday Funday regatta after-party the next day. This year was Brigitte & my ninth anniversary of our wedding ceremony on Tribology out on Rylander pavilion, thanks to **Doug & Sunhi Casey** and **Bo & Robbin Kersey**. So, the party becomes even more meaningful each year as the event grows and more and more multihulls take part.

What more could you want? Bring your multihull out next year to join in the fun!

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Jim Casto



Tequila Express – Carl Lieberwirth



Liberty – Rick Allen



Mike Rohrer



Mike Beuerlein



Levi Marconette



Mike Beuerlein Photo by Levi Marconette



Owen Crouse

Sail Strong Sailing Camp by Jim Casto



The generosity of sailors at AYC, the Austin catamaran fleet and the AYC multihull fleet is amazing. This year the **Steve Piche Memorial Youth Sailing Fund** (501c3 www.sailstrong.org) set a goal to send 25 at-risk youth to sailing camp, with transportation & lunches provided. We partnered with Big Brothers/Big Sisters and also Black Women Who Kayak, to identify 25 deserving kids. We reached our fundraising goal, and all the kids had a blast!

Transportation logistics turned out to be the biggest challenge, and the van rentals were quite expensive, but these families really cannot afford to take off the time to drive across town & back twice each day. So, every day the last week of June, our van drivers (**Jim Rehage, Chris Ford, Chris Holt & Jim Casto**) brought the kids from 2 different pickup points to AYC, and then drove them back each evening. Through generous donations from sailors, Thundercloud, HEB, the AYC Fund, and others, the kids also got new watershoes, backpacks, and waterbottles. Besides the usual sailing camp activities, the kids also received CPR training! We'd like to thank **Emily Verdoia & Linda McDavitt**, as well as AYC Board, for making this possible, but the most thanks is due to those who donated. We had kids (and their family member) who had never seen Lake Travis! Although none of the kids had ever sailed, after camp at least one kid was invited to the high school program, and several got involved in CIT activities. All of them want to come back again next year, but we will try to prioritize newbies if we are able to do this again in 2024 at AYC. We are already planning for next year, so let us know if you'd like to help in some way.

Jim Casto, Director
Sail Strong / Steve Piche Memorial Youth Sailing Fund
Terri Kiszner (Exec Director) & Chris Holt (Director)



This camper had never sailed before attending Sail Strong Camp. She was asked to be on the high school team!
Photos by Terri Kiszner



All of the campers want to come back next year!



Capsize drill



Future champions



CPR training

Windfoiling Summer of '23 by Ethan Froelich



Hey y'all! This was a very busy summer for me. I had an internship in Michigan where I was able to learn so much about the petroleum industry.

The first time I went windsurfing on Lake Michigan, I had to come in after 30 minutes! I couldn't feel my feet and fingers. This made it extremely difficult to do maneuvers when you need to control the board with your feet 😊. I am spoiled getting to windsurf in Texas and never need to have boots or gloves.

It was a beautiful place and I got to go see the explore the Upper Peninsula and Mackinac Island. It is the only place in the US where cars are not allowed. Everyone uses horses and bikes to get around. They even have horse taxis!

I competed at the Long Beach Olympic Class Regatta in July and ended up 1st there. It was a great training block and event. I learned a couple of very valuable cues for doing foiling tacks. It was also a great time to get together, and practice light air starts. The weather was gorgeous, and I can't wait until the next time I am in Long Beach.

I am starting my senior year at the University of Texas, and I am very much looking forward to it (and being done with school, lol)! Thank you to the AYC fund and all my AYC family who supports me in the adventures and campaign.



Living the Dream by Nelson Reynolds



Part 4

Getting the permanent moorage at the Bremerton Marina really took a weight off my shoulders. I had no idea that finding a slip would be so difficult. Is Bremerton what I would consider my ideal marina? No. But it is a very nice marina with great facilities and lots of shopping and restaurants

conveniently close. However, it is a bit far from some of the areas I want to cruise. That's not to say there is nothing nearby. Heck, being close to Poulsbo alone is worth being in this area.

But from a practicality standpoint, what are your alternatives if you can't find permanent moorage? First would be to find a slip you can sublet. If the current occupant is on an extended cruise, or if they are having work done, they may want to sublet their slip. Some marinas do maintain lists of slips available to sublet. Similarly, there are condo marinas where the owners are willing to sublet their slip. Keep in mind that this does take quite a bit of legwork to locate something like this. Next, you can use guest moorage at different marinas. Marinas typically have a limit on how long you can stay in guest moorage, usually less than 7 days at a time. A negative about this is guest moorage is usually much more expensive than permanent moorage, but on the plus side you get access to the restrooms, showers, laundry facilities at the marina.

Finally, you have the option of anchoring out. It doesn't cost anything to anchor out in most areas, but I think that only works if you are living aboard. The idea of leaving Twisted Journey on the hook while traveling back and forth to Austin didn't seem viable to me. But I didn't have to go that far. Phew!! Though, if anyone is interested, I have a spreadsheet with the area marinas, their phone numbers, and websites.

I will say the people I've met here at the marina are very nice. A lot of times when you are departing or arriving, you will find volunteers on the dock ready to assist without being asked. Well, with the tidal currents around the docks, maneuvering can get rather interesting. I had one case recently where I was leaving the dock with wind off the port bow at 10 - 15. That time it seemed the gods were against me. When I started backing out, the stern initially started swinging to starboard. I thought, great, I'll be able to head straight out. But about halfway across the fairway, a puff caught the bow and stopped the turn. OK, shift to forward and see if I can get the bow to swing with prop wash. Nope. The bow was swinging to starboard in the puff. OK, so I reversed and switched the helm to back out. That started to work, then a rogue puff hit and stopped that turn as well. OK, back to plan A which I was able to complete this time, though one of my dock neighbors was a bit concerned. 😊 This just shows that you need to be aware of how your boat performs in different conditions and work with that. My boat likes to go straight, so just adding more throttle doesn't really help most of the time.

A couple of yacht club members, Carolyn & James Wilsford, let me know they were taking an Alaska cruise departing from Seattle. I figured I would sail over and see them off.

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My crew to Seattle – both women and two of the kids sailed.

Coincidentally, I had a couple of women who own a boat on my dock and their 3 kids that wanted to go for a sail. I didn't actually tell them how far we were sailing.... But the wind was nice, and we sailed over to Seattle and got to the cruise terminal in time to watch the cruise ship depart. I wanted to get close enough to get the ship to blow her horn at me, but I couldn't quite get there. However, a J/130 passed me and was able to get the horn to blow. Evidently, they had friends on that ship as well, as we both sailed along side of the cruise ship for a while waving and such.



This is what the cruise ship looked like from my boat.



This is how my boat looked from the cruise ship.

It was nice on the sail that I was able to let both women and 2 of the kids drive and learn something about sailing. We made it back to the marina just past slack current so it wasn't too bad getting to the dock. I will say that if you need practice maneuvering a boat in current,

Bremerton Marina is a good place to come practice. I have a number of dock neighbors that will only depart or arrive around slack.

Then, a week later the friends, **Carolyn & James** who were on the Alaska cruise, got back to Seattle. They called from the ship to see if it was possible to come see my boat. I readily agreed. So, I drove around and picked them up at the cruise terminal just north of Seattle. We then drove to downtown Seattle and got on the car ferry to Bremerton. Because they had to catch a flight home that evening, we didn't really have time for a sail, but I did give them a full tour of the boat, then we headed up to a little bistro on the boardwalk of the marina.

All too soon it was time to take them to the airport. On the way I got to show them the ships being built at the naval shipyard next door and drove across the Tacoma Narrows Bridge on the way to the airport. Search for Tacoma Narrows Bridge on YouTube to see a video of what you don't want a bridge to do. The new bridge is much more stable, and for a fun fact, the second span was built on the original footings as they weren't damaged when the original bridge collapsed.

Then it was back to boat projects. I got the wind generator installed and wired into the batteries. I also got 2 of my 4 solar panels installed and wired. I know where I will be installing the last 2 panels but ran out of time to do it properly. That turned out to be a good thing because on the drive back to Austin I came up with a way to install those panels that would greatly simplify the wiring. Once I get those panels installed it will free up the space in the forward cabin for any visitors that want to come play. It was really cool to see the battery management system automatically balance the solar panels with the shore power.

Until next time, regards and happy sailing!!

2023 Bolivar Rig/Wreck Run by Mike Beuerlein



Even though this was the ninth running of this event which is quickly becoming the largest catamaran race on the Texas coast, I've never participated in the Bolivar Rig Run regatta before nor had any desire to. This is primarily due to the fact that it is a five hour drive from Austin to Crystal Beach, a two hour set-up, a one hour sail to the abandoned rig and back, and then, a two-hour break-down and five hour return drive to

Austin. If you're sailing a Hobie 16 out of Crystal Beach or Texas City, this sounds like a fun run but, absent any other enticements, not so much for racing catamarans from Central Texas or beyond.

That's before **Jim Denys**, the organizer of the 2023 Bolivar Rig Run, got involved and started putting his imprint on the event. **Big Jim**, a master of promotion and civic involvement, has made this event a major attraction for this small community. He's marshaled an army of volunteers to provide party venues, raffle items, breakfast tacos, hot coffee, cold water, frozen margaritas, hot dogs, swag bags, impressive trophies, credible ground support & a flotilla of personal watercraft to accompany us to the rig, the wreck, and back home again. He's shown me that this is an adorable, undiscovered (which is to say inexpensive) community with fantastic restaurants and amenities, just miles away from Galveston.

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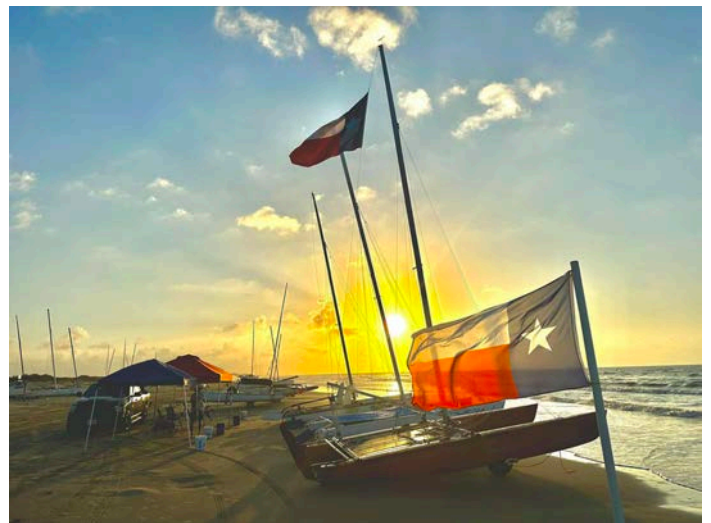
I've been to hundreds of regattas all over the coast of Texas, the rest of the United States and Europe and I've rarely seen support from an entire community to rival what Jim's put together for this event. When Big Jim blasted all over social media that not only was this going to be the biggest turn-out for the Bolivar Peninsula Rig/Wreck Run in history, but that catamaran racing nobility such as **Tuma & Tomko** were registered, it was like emptying a bucket of chum in the water. I was hooked.

It's certainly an organic event. The rig is an abandoned drilling platform 2.5 miles off-shore. Racing there and back wouldn't be worth it to anyone but the locals so Jim added the "wreck", a sunken vessel five miles to windward of the rig and close enough to the shore to provide a nice vantage for shore watchers as to who's ahead or behind. The wreck is low enough in the water that you'd like to have GPS coordinates if there are any sort of breaking waves but close enough to the northern Galveston pass jetties that that probably won't be necessary. We managed to locate it by employing a tried and true tactic, paying careful attention to where **John Tomko** sailed. The official finish line is pretty much the same as the official starting line which is pretty much as long as there are boats on the line. This year there were 52 boats on the line, so the finish line was about a quarter mile long. About a quarter of sailors chose to do the "Rig" route, which is just out to the abandoned drilling platform and back, and three-quarters chose to do the "Wreck" route, which is out to the abandoned drilling platform, then the wreck, then the rig and back. What wasn't fully appreciated was that there were numerous duplicated or missing sail numbers and that the faster Wreck sailors would be finishing in the midst of the Rig sailors. It was absolute chaos for the poor volunteers on shore. The wind and surf was relatively light at the start, which led to some interesting tactical machinations, gradually building to more challenging sailing; much of which occurred as or after the leaders finished. At the awards ceremony, we were initially awarded 3rd (which we were grateful to get) then, after an outcry from the crowd, were awarded 2nd. After careful and considered review, we dropped to 4th, at which point we decided to drink our trophy bottle of rum before we dropped any further and might be forced to surrender it. Finally, after an audit by **Billy Richnow**, we arrived at 3rd again which would've afforded us a slightly smaller bottle of rum than the one we hurriedly (and admittedly inadvisably) consumed.

The main thing to remember, particularly by those who didn't get the trophy bottle of rum to which they were entitled, is that this is a "fun" regatta. It's mostly about the camaraderie on shore, experiencing new locales, reconnecting with old friends, sailing and exploring parts of the Texas coast you've never experienced before and making new friends to replace those you've cheated out of a bottle of rum they were entitled to. Next time, we plan to arrive earlier, stay later and enjoy this beautiful laid back community, our sailing friends, and the local people even more than we did. Which was already a lot!



The Bolivar Big Run lineup Drone photos by Greg Condon



It's all about fun ... and the rum Photo by Brigitte Benquet

Fuzzy Math at the IC37 2023 Nationals

by Chris & Karen Lewis



AYC members **Chris and Karen Lewis** with **James Brock** competed with several East Coast sailors in the IC37 one design class (that is used in the Invitational Cup to be held by New York YC in September). Regrettably **Thomas Young** was replaced by a 215lb local sailor after a family obligation took him to Mexico City. **Nan and Bruce** were

also up in Newport helping and supporting the nine person team.

This was the second event for our Qubit race team in 2023 after the New York YC Invitational Cup Trials back in April led to disappointment from a no-fault collision with damage in the last race.

The Annual Regatta in June had several ups and downs including an OCS as we learnt to sail together with a new crew mix. In this class results come from precise team work; which does make the racing rewarding when you do well.

The 16 boat fleet raced on Day 1 just north of Jamestown in Narragansett Bay and we started out how we left off the first regatta, a little late for the line, consequently not holding your lane and having to take some sterns of a group of starboard boats. We led the (lonesome) right but the left paid and we wound up mid-fleet at the top mark. We gained to 4th with a strong second beat but slid down to 7th after being fouled by a port boat and ended with a in a close finish on the final run.

Next race we set up far better, recognizing the fleet was early onto starboard in the pre-start line up so we turned bow down, took three sterns and set up underneath boats that had become "sitting ducks" in a well-executed hook. Having built space to leeward we accelerated well, won the start slightly bow out and over-speed doing 8.1 knots. We led at the top mark by 20 yards. This should have sealed the deal, but boats that gybe-set took off in a line of pressure course right and

we rounded the leeward gate in 4th. After a good beat we were looking to gybe set with Southern YC just ahead of us. We both executed the difficult gybe-set with a 157 m2 kite together, a maneuver we call a "Sambooka". Ours was better! Southern YC shrimped their kite and stopped so quickly that our spinnaker's foot brushed their stern quarter when as our trimmer's feet slipped with the sheet as it loaded up with a pop. Blowing the 3rd place standing we dropped the kite and did our One Turn penalty finishing 7th.

So 7,7 for 6th overall; we felt down as a 1,4 and a close 2nd standing should have been the outcome of Day 1. After reviewing the day with some video footage we realized that winning the day tomorrow was the only way to get onto the podium.

Well it didn't start out that way with one too many luffs to kill 5 seconds off the clock in the pre-start line up and by starting slightly back at the gun we were 14th at the top mark. But our tactician **Chris Larson** and the team sailed flawlessly for the rest of the race and we got up to, guess where? 7th again. So 7,7,7 was our score.

Going into Race 4 **Chris Larson** said to me; can you win the pin (he obviously liked the left). I said that's a 70% chance (I was pretty much making that up!) and so we went for it. As the pre-start played out, nobody fought for the pin due to a committee boat bias and so we took it at speed and after a mile or so upwind our tack to port crossed the fleet. Winning that race with a big lead we began to feel that our speed and boat handling was finally rewarded.

Going into what was to be the final race (Day 3 was cancelled by 30knt. winds) we liked the pin again. **Chris** said "Can you do it again?" I gave him an 80% chance this time after the previous start; but as the pre-start played out it was contested. Working above the pin starter we squashed down, accelerated and hit the line with better speed than the leeward boat who had to shoot the mark. As we rolled them they hailed protest. More on that later....

We were not over despite our Velocitec showing -1 meter on the gun (it assumes the bow is 90 degrees to the start line) and with a 2nd at the top mark we held on for a 3rd place finish after a tricky first run.

Bow	Sail Number	Yacht Name	Yacht Design	Owner/Skipper	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Total	
National Championship Racing											
One Design Division											
IC37											
1.	23	USA 023	New Wave	IC37	Steve Liebel	1	2	1	4	1	9.0
2.	15	GBR 015	Qubit	IC37	Chris Lewis	7	7	7	1	3	25.0
3.		USA 003	Southern	IC37	John Lovell	9	3	5	2	7	26.0
4.	13	USA 031	Gamecock	IC37	Peter McClennen	2	4	4	11	8	29.0
5.	33	USA 033	Yonder	IC37	Douglas Newhouse	4	9	3	9	4	29.0
6.	14	USA 014	Pegasus	IC37	Wade Waddell	5	1	12	8	9	35.0
7.	22	USA 022	Skeleton Key	IC37	Peter Wagner	6	5	11	7	10	39.0
8.	35	CAN 035	Defiant	IC37	Terry McLaughlin	8	10	10	6	6	40.0
9.	17	USA 017	Vigilant	IC37	John Hele	12	11	8	12	2	45.0
10.	07	USA 007	Ursa Minor	IC37	Peter Cummiskey	11	13	2	10	12	48.0
11.		USA 019	Kashmir	IC37	Michael Mayer Steve Henderson	17/BSQ	8	6	3	14	48.0
12.	29	USA 029	Arethusa	IC37	Philip Lotz	3	6	15	13	15	52.0
13.	27	USA 027	Kuai	IC37	Daniel Thielman / Ron Epstein	15	12	9	5	11	52.0
14.		USA 018	Paragon	IC37	Gregory Hodkinson	13	14	16	15	5	63.0
15.	09	USA 009	MQ	IC37	Hannah/Benjamin Swett/Kinney	10	16	13	14	13	66.0
16.	20	USA 020	Res Potentia	IC37	Thomas Newman	14	15	14	16	16	75.0

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So that was a wrap, finishes of 7,7,7,1,3 didn't look great. But as the results rolled in we jumped to 2nd overall and this held to the end of scoring. Wow! How could this be?

Well the fleet is so competitive that everyone other than the winner, for whom everything went the right way in that regatta and also showing great speed, was up and down the score board. We sneaked in ahead of the Invitational Cup holders **Johnny Lovell** at Southern YC, the 2022 Resolute Cup winners Corinthian YC, who were training for September, and the fortunate NYCC Trials winner Gamecock for this year's Invitational Cup.

It turns out that our main sheet trimmer from the Trials, **Steve Liebel** won the Championship sailing his own boat New Wave and with the 1,2 we both felt vindicated after falling short on the last race of those trials back in April.

So what about this protest? Well, it was dropped but we were for sure at risk as the windward boat when the leeward boat is allowed to luff to head to wind. Subsequent review of our on-board Go Pro style video with a Judge or two suggested that Rule 16 applied; a right of way boat cannot alter course so as to prevent a boat from keeping clear. We were inches apart and any rotation of my boat would have made contact with his. Provided I had promptly responded to their luff, which we did do; the leeward boat risks being disqualified if contact had been made after luffing so sharply. Interesting but difficult to win had we gone to the room.

So for us it's now on to the North Americans in October knowing that we need to keep clean starts and rely on the speed we have developed through trimming, crew weight movements and low risk tactics. Consistency wins these events.

(Chris and Karen with **Thomas Young** were subsequently selected along with their regular crew of Kenai to represent US Sailing Area F on the National Offshore Championships to be held at the Annapolis Naval Academy in Navy 44's. in mid-September -Ed)



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Sail 648 Melges 15 photos by Cheryl Pervier



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Pearson 26 Chips Ahoy, J80s Blood Sweat and Tears and JazzTacks, Pearson 26 Jack of Hearts Photos this page by Marilyn Jackson



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J22 Silicon Ship



J80 Air Supply



J80 JazzTacks

Beer Can Races



L-R John Bartlett, Alan Stanard, Colleen Taylor, Claudia Bartlett Photos this page by Marilyn Jackson



L-R: Cheryl Pervier, Steve Shepardson, Brian Grothues, Margarito Morales, Bret, Daniel Garces, Jeff Jackson, John Maddalozzo, Steve Pervier, Meri Shepardson



Annie Lancaster and Daniel Garces



L-R Jeff Brock, Martine Lacombe, Paul Hintikka



Danny & Norma Lien



L-R: Claudia Bartlett, Anne Riggs, Terry Schertz, Thomas Young, Cass Meyer, Max Ross, Jeff Jackson,, John Bartlett

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AYC September 2023 Race Calendar

AYC Fund Fleet Challenge	9/3
Wednesday Sunfish & Laser Races	Every Wednesday in September
Opti Endless Summer Series	End of Series 9/6
Beer Can Races	Last Beer Can 9/8
SEISA College Championships	9/15-17
Centerboard Regatta	9/23-24
Fall Regatta	9/30-10/1

AYC September 2023 Non-Racing Events

Adult Beginning Sailing on FJs	9/2, 9, 10, 17	9:00am-12:00pm
ASA 101 Public Classes	9/9-10	9:00am-5:30pm
Sail 4 Kids	9/9	11:30am-4:30pm
Discover Sailing	9/10	1:00-5:00pm
Free Sail for AYC Members	9/10, 17	1:00-5:00pm
Will Sofrin "All Hands on Deck"	9/13	7:00pm
AYC Board Meeting	9/28	7:30-9:30pm
Safety at Sea Seminar	9/16	7:30am-6:30pm

Youth Sailing

Opti 1 Practice	Sundays 10:00am-12:30pm, Saturdays 3:00-5:00pm
Opti 2 Practice	Saturdays 11:00am-2:00pm
Opti 3 Practice	Wednesdays 5:00-7:30pm, Saturdays 9:00-11:00am
Junior Sgl/Dbl-Handed Practice	Sundays 2:00-5:00pm
High School A-Team Practice	Thursdays & Fridays 5:00-7:00pm
High School B-Team Practice	Mondays & Tuesdays 5:00-7:00pm



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