

AUSTIN YACHT CLUB

TELLTALE

OCTOBER 2023



"FEISTY AND CHALLENGING!" ...Annie Lancaster

Centerboard Regatta



Melges 15s battle it out at the mark, Centerboard Regatta Photo by Bruce McDonald

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Annual Meeting Voting Proxy

On Tuesday, October 17th, proxies for the upcoming election of 2024 officers of the Club were mailed to the eligible voting members of the AYC. The eligible voters are members with non-probationary membership status of Life, Senior, or Young Adult. The proxies were mailed via USPS to the member's address of record in their Clubspot account.

Have you received your proxy??

The Annual Meeting of the Membership will be held on Thursday, November 16th, at 7:00 pm in the AYC Clubhouse. To conduct business and to formally vote on the 2024 slate of Board Officers, a quorum of voting members needs to be present in person or by proxy.

Please fill out, sign, and return your PROXY form no later than November 11, 2023 in one of these ways:

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

If you have not received the proxy, you may need to update your mailing address in Clubspot. If you haven't received your proxy and need one emailed to you, please contact gm@austinyachtclub.net immediately.

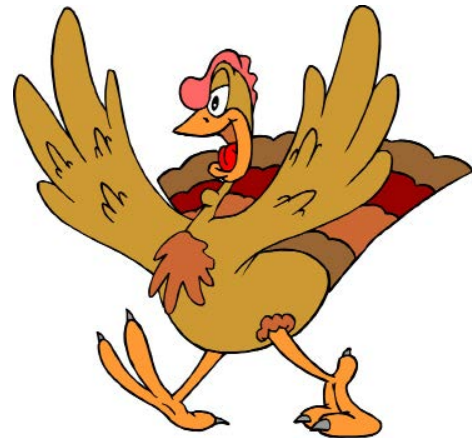
Thank you! We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Member Meeting.

Regards,
Lynn Jaeger
2023 AYC Secretary

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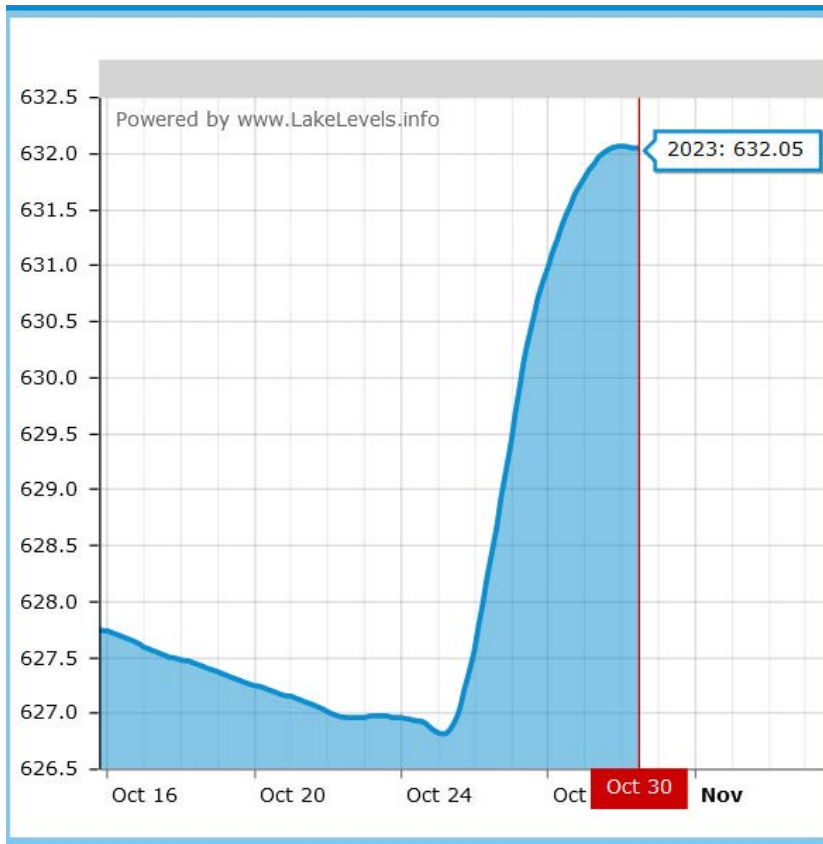
11/4	Adult Beginning Sailing in FJs
11/4-5, 11-12, 18-19	Fall Series* (EOS awards 11/19)
11/5	Discover Sailing
11/11-12	HS Fall TX State Championships
11/11-12	ASA 101 Public Classes
11/16	AYC Board & Members Meeting
11/25	Wild Turkey Regatta
12/8	Annual Banquet
12/9	Children's Holiday Party

* Saturdays: Ensign, J/22, J24, Pearson 26, PRF-A, PRF-B, Centerboard
Sundays: J/80, Multihull



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TRAVIS RISING 10/30/23



Tom Cunningham moving docks after two-foot rise
Photo by Anne Morley



New walkway to docks with 40' bridge is really nice
Photo by Bob Leonard



Morning reflections at Austin Yacht Club as the water rises!

Photos by Anne Morley

Vice Commodore Report by Bill Hawk



October was a slow month for major events around the Club. There were no regattas and no other activity that needed any great degree of support at the Board level – the MultiFest was successfully run by the Multihull Fleet, and the final series of the year was started but will not finish until mid-November. We are getting ready for the end-of-series dinner and trophy presentation, the annual Membership Meeting, and the Annual Banquet.

The final regatta of the year was held right after last month's Board Meeting – the Fall Round-Up Regatta. This event, hosted by **Gina and Alan Stanard**, was a huge success, with great racing in the afternoon and wonderful food and music into the evening. The one-day format seemed to work well for everyone involved, and was the perfect way to wrap up the year of racing at the Austin Yacht Club.

On a personal note, I want to thank the entire membership for their support and patience as I have worked through a very difficult summer. The kindness that everyone has shown me and my family, and the great turnout for **Kelly's Celebration**, has been deeply appreciated by all of us and will never be forgotten. Thank you.

Welcome New Members!



Sarah Olson
Young Adult Probationary



Todd Benning
Senior Probationary



Walter Eckhardt
Senior Probationary

THANK YOU, KYLE!



Many thanks to Kyle for his hot, hard work at the front gate!
Photo by Annie Lancaster

NauticEd Presentation October 4, 2023



Grant Headifen of NauticEd introduced the session on chartering in the Seychelles and exotic locations *Photo by Cheryl Pervier*

Sail Training Commander Report

by Linda McDavitt



October has been full of Adult Training in the FJs. We have had Adult Beginning Sailing, The Next Step and Basic Racing in FJs. Our Adult Beginning once again had a long waiting list (19) and nowhere else in our 2023 schedule to help these interested people learn to sail, unless we find open crew positions.

Once again, I have had great help and thanks to the following for their time and passion for sailing: **James Bland, Luis Maximo, Ryan Sederholm, Sarah Lareau, Susan Cushman, Sarah Humphrey, Kristen Van Veen, Ben Bachmeier, and Benjamin Geffken.** Highlights have been that the classes have managed to have all sorts of weather, from 0-4 knots and 10-15 knots. The exciting thing



Adult Training in FJs Photo by Anne Morley

is that the classes grin and bear it, and go with learning in whatever Mother Nature hands out.

We did have one casualty with a unexpected gybe in the 10-15 knot winds in the Next Step class. Luckily, I had one of the students with a shoulder injury with me on the chase boat so we got the young lady quickly to shore and then to the emergency room where they provided her with 3 staples and a CT Scan. A real trooper as she came back out the next week but opted to ride in the rib and watch, and then comment on what she saw the others doing during the debrief. Good thoughts shared and things she is now well aware of. The other good thing about this happening is that the chase boats will be getting updated first aid kits for the future. I went through Sail Training's last month and we are also restocking with up-to-date and good supplies.

It has been hard to get out on the lake due to low spots. Thanks to whoever got Dock 4 moved a bit north, and also put in some more buoys marking problems. Sad to watch all the Centerboards that hit ground the past few weeks.



Discover Sailing class members, hosted by Pearson 26 Fleet
Photo submitted by Bill Records

Discover Sailing was once again held by the Pearson 26 Fleet under the direction of **Bill Records** and with the help of **Abby & Chris Ryan, Rich Ryon, Andy Linseisen, Daniel Garcés, Mike Bayer, and Chris Renner.** I think the Pearsons are working overtime! One participant already put in for membership and asked about buying a Pearson 26.

November 4th and 5th will finish our year with last class of Adult Beginners and Discover Sailing with the PRF Fleet. Many thanks to a lot of wonderful sailors that I have had the chance to work with these past 2 years! Thanks!!!



Mack Warner ... "me, myself and I"
Photo by Millie Yap (embellished by Mack)

Youth Coach Update

by Zach Steuer



Dear Club Members,

We're delighted to bring you the latest updates from our sailing programs and activities in this month's newsletter. Our Head Coach, **Zachary Steuer**, shares the exciting progress and notable achievements from the month of October.

SAILING PROGRAM PROGRESS

Opti 1 Classes

Our Opti 1 classes have been making remarkable progress. All of our Opti 1 students can now confidently sail independently, execute tack and jibe maneuvers, and skillfully launch and return to the docks.

Opti 2 Classes

Our Opti 2 classes have embraced the spirit of competition. They recently participated in the Centerboard Regatta in the Green Fleet, and we're thrilled to report that all of our Opti 2 sailors successfully completed the course and finished every race.



Opti 3 Classes

In the Opti 3 classes, we've seen notable achievements. **Margaret Faust** secured an impressive 2nd place in the Dallas TSA regatta in the Green Fleet, showcasing her talent and dedication. Moreover, **Elsa Brock's** progress has been outstanding as she moved up from the Green Fleet to the White Fleet. Our Opti 3 team is gearing up for the upcoming November 4-5 regatta at Rush Creek.

Training Focus

Our practices have been focused on boat speed, tactics, and maneuvering skills. We've shifted our emphasis from tactics to refining starts, accelerations, boat handling, and sailing maneuvers like roll gybes and roll tacks.



Single and Double-Handed Classes

In our single and double-handed classes, we're diligently developing our skippers. Our B team has made significant progress in sailing upwind and downwind, tacking, jibing, and enhancing their starting techniques.

High School A Team

The High School A team has evolved its training program. We've transitioned from boat speed drills to focus on tactics. In the coming month, we will be concentrating on perfecting starts, accelerations, and mark roundings. Starting in December, our team will commence team racing practices to further elevate their skills.

Laser Repair and Workshops

On Tuesdays, we've been actively working on fixing our 3rd laser.

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Workshops have been conducted to educate our students on splicing lines and Laser rigging. We've also dedicated time to periodically test our rigging on the Laser and provide practical sailing experience to our students.

High School Team Regatta Results

Our High School team has achieved remarkable results in recent regattas. Here are some highlights:

- **Emery** placed first in the Cressy qualifier and will be competing next weekend in the Cressy Singlehanded regatta, showcasing exceptional skills and dedication.
- **Wyatt** placed third in the Cressy qualifier in the Mens Radial Division.
- **James Brock** placed first at RS21 North Americans, and his team placed first in the High School Keelboat Qualifier, highlighting their prowess in keelboat racing.
- **Gabe, Alfred, Sasha, and Quinn** excelled by securing first place in the Open division for the Great Oaks Qualifier in the Open fleet.
- **Vincent and Natalie** displayed their competitive spirit, achieving a commendable 3rd place in the Open Division.
- **Emery and Garret** secured a 2nd place in the Qualifying fleet, representing WestLake High School with dedication and competitiveness.

Additionally, we are currently awaiting confirmation for a berth in the Great Oaks Regatta scheduled for November in New Orleans, which promises to provide another exciting opportunity for our sailors to shine on a larger stage.

These outstanding achievements and results demonstrate the dedication, skill, and sportsmanship of our sailors and coaching team. We are immensely proud of their accomplishments and eagerly anticipate their future success in upcoming competitions.

Thank you for your continued support, and if you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.



Lake Travis HS – SEISA keelboat champs! L-R: Ryder Getson, Jamie Brock (skipper), Lily Wind, Laura Covington

Next stop Nationals in December. Congrats to the team! As always, thank you to the family at AYC for all their support and especially to **coach Jeff Brock**, and to **Gayle & Bob Leonard** for lending the team their boat for practice.

Chaparral de Mar Regatta November 18, 2023

Hosted by the Ensign Fleet to Honor our Senior Racing Skippers

- **Embedded in the Fall Series**
- **Competitors must be 75+ years old**
- **A crewed Ensign provided to competitors**
- **No charge**



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Centerboard Regatta Recap by Annie Lancaster



The 2023 Centerboard Regatta took place on September 23-24 run by co-chairs **Annie Lancaster and James Bland** with **PRO Terry Schertz**. As always there were many volunteers helping in many ways; trophies, registration, breakfast, dinner, race committee, race committee lunches, pictures, clean-up, flea market.

There were over 50 boats with six fleets represented: Catamarans, Melges 15, Laser, E420, Sunfish, Centerboard Handicap and Optis.

The winds were feisty and challenging. On Saturday, we sailed two races in the morning and then had a short break. In the afternoon, some fleets had two races and others had three races. On shore there were refreshments, a flea market of some on AYC's previous regatta memorabilia and a delicious taco salad buffet. On Sunday all fleets sailed three races with the wind again being a little feisty.

Congratulations to all the winners and participants!



Registration volunteers L-R: New member Jessie Yost, Terry Schertz, Michael Moran, Kurt Carson, Audrey Ravelo, Karen Bogisch



L-R: Claudia Bartlett, Annie Lancaster, Hazel Sanchez, Louise Miller

Centerboard Regatta

Photos this page by Marilyn Jackson



Regatta chairs, left & right: James Bland and Annie Lancaster, with Janusz Franczek, center



Merchandise salespeople L-R: Jeff & Marilyn Jackson, John Rains, Cheryl Pervier



L-R: Bruce McDonald, Bob Leonard, Keith & Bonnie Lackey

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Centerboard Regatta

Photos this page by Daniel Garces and Cheryl Pervier



L-R: Rick Nelson, Jim Rehage, Levi & Gennifer Marconette, Phillippe Bettler, Aaron McCulley



L-R: Benjamin Geffkin, Sarah Humphrey, Luis Maximo, Ben Bachmeier, David & Samantha Grogono



L-R: Karen Bogisch, Alan Stanard, Vicki Stones, Jaki Cain, Annie Lancaster, Carolynne Griffin, Louise Miller, Amy Brock



L-R: Carolynne Griffin, Daniel Garces, Lisa Rogers



Kitchen volunteer Charlie Lancaster



L-R: Tom Presswood, Jaki Cain, Karen Presswood, Pat Manning, Peter Doncaster, Scott Shirley, Louise Miller

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Centerboard Regatta

Photos this page by Marilyn Jackson



Kitchen volunteers L-R: Charlie Lancaster, John Rains, Molly Isbell, Tom Groll



Kitchen volunteers L-R: Janet Hendricks, Bill Hawk, Molly Isbell, Charlie Lancaster



L-R: Carrie Jones, Bay Peterson, Anne Riggs, Karen Lewis, Claudia & John Bartlett, Jeff Jones, Thomas Young



Chowline L-R: Tom Groll, Joe Horn, Pat Manning



L-R: Renee Ruais, Vicki Stones, Louise Miller, Carolynne Griffin



L-R: Ann Kitzmiller, John Rains, Chef Bill Hawk, George Dahmen

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Centerboard Regatta

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L-R: Annie Lancaster, Teddy & Lisa Rave, Charlie Lancaster



L-R: Gina & Alan Stanard, James & Amy Brock



L-R: Keith & Bonnie Lackey, Margarito Morales & Brian Grothues



Centerboard Regatta dinner attendees



L-R: Tom & Karen Presswood, Jaki, Marshall & Sean Cain

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Centerboard Regatta

Racing photos by Bruce McDonald



Thank you RC! L-R: John Moran, Terry Schertz, Karen Bogisch



Melges 15s, James & Elsa Brock in front followed by John & Claudia Bartlett, Carrie & Jeff Jones



Melges 15s, John & Claudia Bartlett in front followed by Carrie & Jeff Jones, Kirk Livingston and Lisa Rogers



Quentin Baker on RS Aero followed by John Mount on Laser

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Centerboard Regatta

Racing photos by Bruce McDonald



Multihull with Aaron McCulley and Phillippe Bettler on board



Sunfish had close competition



Gayle Leonard on Sunfish



Jaki Cain #44 gaining on her father, Tom Presswood #4



Contender gets harpooned! As Jennifer Loehlin and David Weeks rounded the weather mark and hoisted the spinnaker in their Harpoon 5.2, they had a surprise encounter with Mike Mashl (red Contender boat) who had just capsized. Mike was trying to keep the boats apart.

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Centerboard Regatta

Racing photos by Bruce McDonald



Melges 15 down! Bay Peterson and Anne Riggs



Sunfish start



James & Elsa Brock on Melges 15



John & Claudia Bartlett on Melges 15



Sasha Scoggin and Quinn Ross on E420



Sunfish after a mark rounding

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Centerboard Regatta

Awards Photos by Cheryl Pervier and Daniel Garces



1st Place E420 Benjamin Geffken and Sarah Humphrey



2nd Place E420 David & Samantha Grogono



3rd Place E420 Quinn Ross and Sasha Scoggin



1st Place Centerboard Handicap Janusz Franczek, OK Dinghy



2nd Place Centerboard Handicap James Bland, OK Dinghy



3rd Place Centerboard Handicap David Weeks and Jennifer Loehlin, Harpoon 5.2



1st Place Laser Chris Henkel



2nd Place Laser Thomas Young



3rd Place Laser Dale Scoggin



1st Place Opti Green Lucas Schwartz



3rd Place Opti Green Alexander Scoggin

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Centerboard Regatta

Awards Photos by Cheryl Pervier and Daniel Garces



1st Place Melges 15 James & Elsa Brock



2nd Place Melges 15 Claudia & John Bartlett



3rd Place Melges 15 Rohit Rajan accepting for Matthew Romberg



1st Place Sunfish Tom Presswood



2nd Place Sunfish Scott Shirley
(Lake Worth YC)



3rd Place Sunfish Jim Rehage



1st Place Catamaran Phillippe Bettler and Aaron McCulley



3rd Place Catamaran Levi & Jennifer Marconette

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Centerboard Regatta Results

SUNFISH

POS	SAIL	SKIPPER
1	4	Tom Presswood
2	49229	Scott Shirley Lake Worth YC
3	82	Jim Rehage
4	37340	Alan Stanard

OPTI GREEN

POS	SAIL	SKIPPER
1	36	Lucas Schwartz
2	49	Gerrit Llamas
3	85	Alexander Scoggin
4	10	Sawyer Romberg

MELGES 15

POS	SAIL	SKIPPER
1	648	James Brock Elsa Brock
2	647	Claudia Bartlett John Bartlett
3	633	Matthew Romberg
4	634	Teddy Rave

LASER

POS	SAIL	SKIPPER
1	218118	Chris Henkel
2	205400	Thomas Young
3	171058	Dale Scoggin
4	218140	Marcelo Pando

E420

POS	SAIL	SKIPPER
1	11	Sarah Humphrey Benjamin Geffken
2	17	David Grogono Samantha Grogono
3	14	Sasha Scoggin Quinn Ross
4	16	Luka Vukmirica Katelyn Presley

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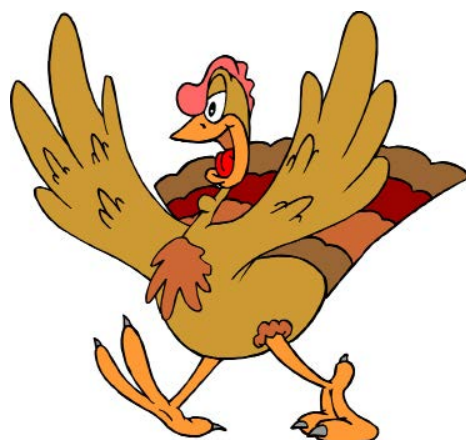
Centerboard Regatta Results

CENTERBOARD HANDICAP

POS	SAIL	BOAT TYPE	SKIPPER
1	747	OK Dinghy	Janusz Franczek
2	8	OK Dinghy	James Bland
3	777	Harpoon 5.2	Jennifer Loehlin
4	HI	Inland 20	Alex Monroe

CATAMARAN

POS	SAIL	BOAT TYPE	SKIPPER
1	232	F18	Phillippe Bettler Aaron McCulley
2	6216	Hobie 17 Sport	Rick Nelson
3	514	Nacra 5.5	Levi Marconette Gennifer Marconette
4	427	Nacra 5.5	Jim Casto



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Fall Round-Up Regatta Recap

by Alan & Gina Stanard

Fall Round-Up Regatta



AYC's Fall "Round-Up" Regatta took place on Saturday, September 30. 29 boats participated across five classes in round-the-buoys racing. Despite being the Fall Regatta, summer conditions lingered with warm still air, and the races needed to be delayed by 15 minutes before the wind gradually filled in throughout the rest

of the event. Thanks to **PRO Ray Shull** and his R/C team for getting the Mark Bots adjusted for the slowly freshening breeze and being able to start multiple races for each fleet.

Prior to racing, check-in was managed by **Karen Bogisch, Martine Lacombe, Jeane Goldsmith, Gina Stanard, Bob Gross, and John Foster** crafted and served a great snack lunch for the competitors.

After the races, sailors enjoyed a happy hour with **Dante Alibrio** tending to the libations. The **Anna Larson Band** entertained the sailors with their signature Americana musical style. The Round-Up theme continued with the barbeque dinner provided by **Kyle Stallings of East Austin's Rollin' Smoke BBQ** – with **Audrey Ravelo, Dee Chow, Anne Riggs, Carolynne Griffin, and John Foster** serving.

The event trophies were framed pictures of each recipient's boat on the racecourse. **Brandon Jackobeit** snapped on-the-water photos of each competitor racing, and with the help of **Lauren, Brendan, Madeline, & Henry Crouch**, the photos were printed and, just after **Renee Ruais** completed the scoring, placed in their respective trophy frames for presentation.

The band played into the evening and the sailors with energy remaining cut a rug on the dance floor. **Vicki Stones, Daniel Garcés, Hazel Sanchez, and Rick Allen** helped with the event teardown. Thanks to all who volunteered!



PRO Ray Shull (left) with RC Steve Shepardson and Renee Ruais
Photo by Cheryl Pervier



Dinner servers L-R: Anne Riggs, Audrey Ravelo, Dee Chow, Carolynne Griffin
Photo by Marilyn Jackson



L-R: Fall Round-Up Regatta Chairs Gina & Alan Stanard with volunteers Lauren Crouch and John Foster
Photo by Cheryl Pervier



At the bar L-R: Jeff Jackson, Mark Hulings, Patrick Hitchins, Tom Romberg, Dante Alibrio
Photo by Marilyn Jackson

Fall Round-Up Regatta



L-R: Dane Ohe, Wade Bingaman, Wallace Harwood Photo by Marilyn Jackson



J80 Restless Crew L-R: Kenny Gall, Cecily Davis, Casey Weems, David Wahlberg (skipper) Photo by Marilyn Jackson



L-R: Payam Sarabi, Wade Kokernut, Anne Riggs, Bay Peterson, Terri Schertz, Dee Chow Photo by Cheryl Pervier



L-R: Dan Ruble, Roseanne Butera, Anne Brun, Chuck Waldron Photo by Cheryl Pervier



Catalina Sailors L-R: John Grzinich, Nathan Leake, Wade Bingaman, Dane Ohe, John Howard, Paul Hintikka Photo by Cheryl Pervier



L-R: Jeff Jackson, William Deboer, Liz Stansfeld, Steve Pervier, Janet Hendricks, Marilyn Jackson, Alan Stanard Photo by Cheryl Pervier

Fall Round-Up Regatta

Photos this page by Marilyn Jackson



L-R: Max Ross, Ryan Levihn-Coon, Paula Levihn-Coon, Lena Giron, Bill Coon, Martin Hunt



L-R: Mike Mashl, Jennifer Loehlin, David Weeks



L-R: Jim Bridgwater, Michelle (Linda's guest), Linda McDavitt



L-R: Bo & Robbin Kersey, Hazel Sanchez, Rick Allen



The Anna Larson Band



Fall Round-Up dancers

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Fall Round-Up Regatta

On-the-Water photos this page by Cheryl Pervier except where noted



L-R: Matt Brown, Jeisa Acosta, David Broadlick, Sara Mangondaya on Capri 25 Kami Photo by Marilyn Jackson



Trimaran Corsair Sprint 750Mk2 Humility



Trimarans Abandoned Assets Corsair F31 and Humility Corsair Sprint 750Mk2



Capri 25 Kami



Spinnakers Photo by Marilyn Jackson

Fall Round-Up Regatta

On-the-Water Photos this page by Cheryl Pervier



Kicks J80 Crew L-R: Peter Marsh, Chris Hargett, Andy Okun, Carolynne Griffin, Ryan Sederholm



Pearson 26 Incognito



Catalina 22 Ruby



J80 Too Much J



Pearson 26 Jack of Hearts



J80 Speed Racer

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Fall Round-Up Regatta

Racing Photos this page by Cheryl Pervier



Ensign Dos Locos



Capri 25 Ornerly in foreground followed by Catalina 30 Risin Moon, Beneteau 38 Moana



J80 Start



Hunter 28.5 Far Away



Pearson 26 Entheos

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Fall Round-Up Regatta

Awards Photos by Marilyn Jackson



1st Place A Fleet Skipper Linda McDavitt on J22 Bonfire with Presenter Alan Stanard



2nd Place A Fleet Skipper Jim Bridgwater on J22 Silicon Ship



3rd Place A Fleet L-R: Marilyn Jackson, John Maddalozzo (skipper), Jeff Jackson on Capri 25 Ornerly



1st Place B Fleet L-R: John Howard, John Grzinich (skipper), Nathan Leake on Catalina 22 Ruby



2nd Place B Fleet L-R: Graham Gilmour (skipper) and Brent Horsely on Ensign Dos Locos



3rd Place B Fleet L-R: Linda Donovan (skipper), Tom Meyer, Janet Hendricks on Hunter 28.5 Far Away



2nd Place J80 L-R: Anne Riggs, John Foster, Claudia (skipper) & John Bartlett, Jeff Sabuda on Speed Racer



3rd Place J80 L-R: Elizabeth Quintanilla, John Burke (skipper), Tom Holdridge on Amazing Grace



1st Place Pearson 26 L-R: David Weeks (skipper), Jennifer Loehlin, Mike Mashl on Incognito



2nd Place Pearson 26 Michael Bayer (skipper) & Gina Grande on Entheos



3rd Place Pearson 26 L-R: Daniel Hochman and Richard Ryon on Cloud 9



1st Place Trimaran L-R: Bill Coon (skipper) and Martin Hunt on Humility



2nd Place Trimaran L-R: Bo Kersey (skipper), Robbin Kersey, Rick Allen on Abandoned Assets

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Fall Round-Up Regatta Results

PRF A

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	TYPE	PRF RATING
1	629	Bonfire	Linda McDavitt	J22	174
2	672	Silicon Ship	Jim Bridgwater	J22	174
3	1927	Ornery	John Maddalozzo	Capri 25	171
4	5031	Risin' Moon	Wade Bingaman	Catalina 30	189

PRF B

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	TYPE	PRF RATING
1	752	Ruby	John Grzinich	Catalina 22	279
2	929	Dos Locos	Graham Gilmour	Ensign	252
3	54	Far Away	Linda Donovan	Hunter 28.5	196
4	132	Nina	Charles Waldron	Beneteau 30.1	178

J80

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER
1	119	Pancho & Lefty	Patrick Hitchins
2	1320	Speed Racer	Claudia Bartlett
3	814	Amazing Grace	John Burke
4	221	Too Much J	Matthew Romberg

PEARSON 26

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER
1	1393	Incognito	David Weeks
2	258	Entheos	Michael Bayer
3	199	Pura Vida	Ty Brockhoeft
4	230	Jack of Hearts	Richard Ryon

TRIMARAN

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	TYPE	PRF RATING
1	130	Humility	Bill Coon	Corsair Sprint 750 MK2	33
2	276	Abandoned Assets	Bo Kersey	Corsair F31	-42

MultiFest Regatta Recap

by Bill Coon



3rd Annual AYC MultiFest Regatta

Thanks to a dedicated race committee – **Terry Schertz (PRO), Bob Gross, Bay Petersen, and Bob Leonard** – the Multihull Fleet successfully raced four long distance races over two days on October 14th and 15th. Bob Gross provided his RIB as the Signal boat, and a chase boat was manned by volunteers, **Rich Ryon, JP Rains,**

Jose Maria Moniz – with race photos by **Deb Mathison**!



Thank you RC! Terry Schertz (PRO), Bob Gross, Bay Peterson. Upriver Catamaran start near mile marker 18, Too Hot (Jim & Lance Casto)

Saturday's races – held in moderate wind, included a 12-mile race up to mile marker 18, followed by a 18 mile race heading up to mile marker 21 and then returning to a finish near AYC.

Sunday's races – were raced in sportier conditions allowing the competitors to race the same 30 miles in two races in much faster times than on Saturday.



Robbin Kersey, Abandoned Assets

Thanks to **Robbin Kersey** and her volunteer crew (**Jo Roland, Rebecca Kaniner, Leandro Rey Moral, Kaye Jaynes**) for providing two hot breakfasts and the Saturday dinner!

With lake levels nearing 10-year lows, competitor attendance was low this year, but the enthusiasm on the race courses was as strong as ever.

MultiFest Regatta

Photos by Deborah Mathison



Trimaran start L-R: Trinity, Nelda Ray, Abandoned Assets



Abandoned Assets gybing spin



Trinity rounding mark

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MultiFest Regatta

Photos by Deborah Mathison



Two Hot – Jim Casto skipper, Lance Casto crew



Abandoned Assets on light wind reach



Humility (spinnaker) – Bill Coon skipper, Juke Ball and Jay Pochop crew



Trinity spin gybe



Nelda Ray on a hot reach

MultiFest Regatta

Photos by Deborah Mathison



Abandoned Assets (foreground), Humility (leeward)



Nelda Ray spinnaker run



Mean Eyed Cat – Will Thomas skipper, Mike Thomas crew



Nelda Ray – Pete Pattulo, skipper/helm



Abandoned Assets – Bo Kersey skipper, Robbin Kersey and Rick Allen crew



Trinity – Joel Rosinbum skipper/helm, Chris Cherry crew

MultiFest Regatta Race Results

CATAMARAN

POS	SAIL	BOAT NAME	BOAT TYPE	SKIPPER
1	427	Two Hot	Nacra 5.5	Jim Casto
2	TBD	Mean Eyed Cat	Prindle 19	Will Thomas

TRIMARAN

POS	SAIL	BOAT NAME	BOAT TYPE	SKIPPER
1	130	Humility	Corsair Sprint 750Mk2	Bill Coon
2	276	Abandoned Assets	Corsair F31	Bo Kersey
3	27130	Trinity	Corsair F27	Joel Rosinbum
4	009	Nelda Ray	Farrier F33RX	Peter Pattullo Longview YC



Sunfish Fleet Report

by Daniel Garces



Photos by Daniel Garces

As the sun sets on another incredible Sunfish sailing season, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who made it an unforgettable experience. With 88 unique Sunfish participants and 44 thrilling Wednesday Night races, it's safe to say that this season was a resounding success.



Congratulations to our top three finishers: 1st – Tom Presswood, 2nd – Alan Stanard, and 3rd – Annie Lancaster!



Tom Presswood



Alan Stanard



Annie Lancaster



This year, the Ann Gairloff Memorial Award, which is presented to a female sailor who has demonstrated the most zest and enjoyment of sailing, went to **Gayle Leonard**. Gayle's active participation, passion and continued dedication to Sunfish sailing is exemplary and to be applauded.



Gayle Leonard



We also recognized **Jaki Cain** for earning the Most Improved Award. It has been remarkable to watch as Jaki has taken her sailing skills to new levels.



Jaki Cain



A heartfelt thank you to Claudia & John Bartlett, Terry Schertz, Ray Shull, Bob Gross and Bob Leonard for their continued support in helping us new and not-so-new Sunfish sailors on our journey. Whether it was with Tuesday and Saturday sailing sessions, after-sail video reviews, or helping with Race Committee, they had a hand in helping make all participants better sailors and racers.



Claudia & John Bartlett



Terry Schertz and Ray Shull

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Bob Gross



Bob Leonard

To help stay connected in the off-season, we've started a WhatsApp group that will allow Sunfish sailors to coordinate impromptu sailing meet-ups. If you'd like to be included, email your cell phone number to degarcas@gmail.com, and we'll be happy to add you to the group.

As I reflect on the past season, I can't help but feel a sense of pride and camaraderie that defines our sailing community.



L-R: Daniel Garces, Chris Ford, Joe Horn, Louise Miller, Carolynne Griffin, Annie Lancaster, Hazel Sanchez, Amy Brock



L-R: Pat Manning, Scott Shirley, Karen & Tom Presswood, Jaki Cain, Vickie Stones



L-R: Jim Rehage, Vickie Stones, Karen Lewis, Tom Presswood



L-R: Charlie Lancaster, Andy Hempel, Pat Manning, Annie Lancaster, Joe Horn, Louise Miller



L-R: Karen & Tom Presswood, Jaki Cain, Vickie Stones, Alan Stanard, Cheryl & Steve Pervier

A reminder that the Wurstfest Regatta at Canyon Lake will be the weekend of November 4-5.



Pat Manning and Daniel Garces

Looking ahead to 2024, I look forward to once again partnering with **Pat Manning** and serving as your Sunfish Fleet Treasurer and Captain, respectively.

Happy Sailing!

Catalina 22 Fleet Report

by John Grzinich



As guest writer for this month's Catalina 22 Fleet Report, I'll share some tidbits of information regarding the Catalina 22's history, culture and activities. I've personally sailed and raced four Catalina 22s since the mid 1980s, so I have experience and knowledge I can share with you. This may be helpful if you are considering a Catalina 22, or you already own one.

A little bit of history. The Catalina 22 was designed in 1969, and production started in 1970 as the first sailboat built by the new company Catalina Yachts. In today's limited sailboat production, it is amazing to see how successful a sailboat the Catalina 22 was. 322 boats were built in 1970. Production volume increased every year. By the late 1970s they were building 1000 Catalina 22s yearly. This went on until the mid 1980s when demand softened. Production was cut back to 500 sailboats per year. By 1991 almost 15,000 Catalina 22 had been built. Since then, only 10-40 Catalina 22s are built yearly. This history makes the Catalina 22 unique in that there are a huge number of used boats to pick from.

Of course, most of these Catalina 22s are 35-50 years old. I characterize used Catalina 22s based on condition. Top of line are the boats that have undergone a complete retrofit with new paint and upgraded hardware. These come in both "cruising" refurbished, and "racing" refurbished.

Next, are Catalina 22s that I call "Well Cared for", with original gelcoat, a few upgrades, older Dacron sails, but no major defects and ready to sail. In many parts of the country, the Catalina 22s are stored half the year, and may be dry sailed (launched) during the summer, so it's possible find "Well Cared For" boats.

Next would be Catalina 22s that need a lot of work, with worn out gelcoat, old hardware, leaks, and a rusty keel (cast iron). This is a project boat. It is possible to restore a Catalina 22 in this condition since a company called "[Catalina Direct](#)" sells replacement parts, plus used parts are available.

Finally, there is what I call the "Junk" category of Catalina 22s that should be scrapped and maybe some hardware salvaged. These junk boats have rotted decks due to water leaking into the plywood core. You can walk through the AYC drysail storage or docks and see examples of all the various states of Catalina 22s I've described.

A cultural phenomenon that has come about with Catalina 22s is the fixation of owning one of the first 1000 boats built. Racers seek them, and then spend significant money on restoration, paint, and racing gear set up. Paint colors used vary significantly. In 2016 at the Wurstfest Regatta, the C22 fleet was given the nickname "Skittles Fleet" because every boat was a different color like the candy.

One of the advantages of owning a Catalina 22 is you can join the [Catalina 22 National Sailing Association](#) for only \$25 per year. You get a quarterly newsletter (Mainbrace) with information on Catalina 22 activities around the US, both racing and cruising, plus lots of technical information. The C22 NSA publishes a technical manual, handy for those doing repairs. The C22 NSA also hosts national and regional regattas, and cruises.

AYC is home to Fleet 69, within Region 8 of the C22 NSA. Region 8 covers Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana. Region 8 runs a series of Catalina 22 races as a circuit throughout those states. The C22 NSA also runs a National C22 Championship regatta in late spring each year, rotating locations between east coast, west coast, and mid-America. Participating in a Regional or National Regatta is a great way to advance your racing skills and see how competitive Catalina 22s are rigged.

The Catalina 22 does have Class Rules for one design racing, including Sail Measurements, but it is considered a loose one design class as some modifications are allowed. Over the past decade the class rules dropped some of the old requirements. You still need to have a running outboard motor, but the 4HP requirement has been dropped, however it must weigh at least 40 lbs. You used to have to carry the cushions and table, but that requirement was dropped as many skippers complained the old cushions really smelled bad. The class rules are published on the C22 NSA Website. Also, on the C22 NSA Website is a Catalina 22 Buyers Guide offering tips and advice if you are shopping for a Catalina 22. There is also a very active Catalina 22 Facebook Group where you can find boats for sale and lots of technical information.

Local AYC Catalina 22 activity recently included two boats racing in B-fleet in the Fall Regatta. Liz Stansfeld sailed her Catalina 22 MkII, and myself sailing one of the colorful "under hull number 1000 boats", C22 752, painted purple. Old 752 finished in a three-way tie for 1st, and thanks to the tie breaking rules was awarded 1st in B-Fleet.



Catalina 752 Ruby, Skipper John Grzinich

Ensign Fleet Report

by Lynn Jaeger



October brought a noticeable change in temperature and daylight, marking the end of one of the hottest summers many can remember. A hiatus of racing brought opportunity for several Ensign skippers to tackle much needed boat mending and other projects.

George Dahmen's boat, *Stijf Kop*, is getting a new deck. **Tom Groll** bought a hydro-hoist and installed it recently with the help of **Harold**

Neel. The complete overhaul of **Molly Isbell's** boat, 732, is coming along nicely. **Fred Schroth** is doing fiberglass work and painting the boat now. **Tom Groll** is custom milling new wood for the cockpit, and a lot of new hardware is waiting eagerly to be installed someday soon. Look for this spiffy, new addition to the Ensign fleet in late 2023 or early 2024. The Ensign fleet will hold a cookout on Oct 28th after the Fall Series race, which hopefully will be cooler than the cookout we held earlier in the year.

October was also a time for mending hearts. A beautiful celebration of life was held on October 21st to honor **Kelly Hawk**, Bill's beloved wife. Friends and family gathered to tell stories, support **Bill, Will, Erin, and Tracy**, and to prayerfully say farewell to Kelly, until you meet again. Many of you knew Kelly and will miss her loving spirit.

In closing, a poem ...

Dinghy Fleet Report

by James Bland



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To Sail

By Lynn Jaeger

Who am I to aim to sail?
Nary a nautical skill to avail.
I joined a club called AYC.
Who knew all I'd learn and see?

Who am I to venture in?
Time and again I tie bowline.
So many teachers on land and deck
Who guide, encourage, and correct.

Who am I to take the main?
Upwind, downwind, again and again.
"Look up. Keep us flat." my skipper guides.
When starting and rounding, I abide.

Who am I to be a Chick?
The Sunfish crew, our blood is thick.
The lessons taught from shore and rib.
To think, persevere, and look for wind.

Who am I to be your friend?
To join this tribe full of legends.
To work, debate, and always try.
To laugh and listen and sometimes cry.

We have a very special place
For old and young to learn and race.
I'm so grateful for all of ye,
The heart and soul of AYC.

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AYC Nov 2023 Race Calendar

Fall Series	11/4-5, 11-12, 18-19*
HS Fall TX State Championships	11/11-12
Wild Turkey Regatta	11/25

* Saturdays: Ensign, J/22, J24, Pearson 26, PRF-A, PRF-B, Centerboard
Sundays: J/80, Multihull

AYC Nov/Dec 2023 Non-Racing Events

Adult Beginning Sailing on FJs	11/4	9:00am-12:00pm
Discover Sailing	11/5	1:00-5:00pm
ASA 101 Public Classes	11/11-12	9:00am-5:30pm
AYC Board & Members Meeting	11/16	7:00-10:00pm
Fall End of Series Awards	11/19	12:00-5:00pm
Annual Banquet	12/8	6:00-10:00pm

Holiday Events

Catamaran Fleet Holiday Event	12/5	5:00-11:00pm
Children's Holiday Party	12/9	TBA
All Catalina Holiday Party	12/10	6:00-11:00pm
J80/Melges 15 Holiday Party	12/16	5:00-11:30pm

Youth Sailing

Opti 1 Practice	11/4	3:00-5:00pm
	11/5	10:00am-12:30pm
Opti 3 Practice	11/1	5:00-7:30pm
High School A-Team Practice	11/2, 3, 9, 10	5:00-8:00pm
High School B-Team Practice	11/6, 7	5:00-7:00pm



Pearson 26 Fleet meeting/party attendees Photo by Bill Records