



2023 Sailing Season Comes to a Close Fall Colors on the Water



F28-R Rush Hour, Skipper Mike Rohr – Wild Turkey Regatta *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*

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Message from the Commodore by Russ Shermer



Greetings AYC Board and Membership,

Here is a summary of this year's events that were more or less under my purview:

In January we officially launched Clubspot to make many aspects of the Club easier for our members. Though most aspects of Club management are in Clubspot, the WordPress website still holds most of our website

content and some minor things like cabin reservations. Most members won't see a lot of the machinery that Clubspot provides, but should at least appreciate having full access to their payments, billing and user profile. It took a few months later to work through the scoring process so that all races ran smoothly. Later in the year, two hand-helds were added to accept credit card purchases by non-members at regattas, or to take credit card payments in the office. They were used to sell 18 books at the Will Sofrin presentation in September.

On March 5, the weather for the annual Opening Day Ceremony & Regatta was absolutely perfect. We kicked off the event with brunch and a Mimosas bar in the clubhouse. The **Westlake Wine Bar** donated all of the champagne for the event. The **Sea Scouts** kicked off the ceremony with the raising of the flag. **Julian Rabago** led us in the National Anthem. **Hylton Cruikshank** played the bagpipes for the ceremony. After welcoming everyone to the Club, I invited **Steve Digby** to give the invocation. After commemorating our lost members this year, **Bill Records** provided a very humorous history of the Club. We recognized the past commodores who were able to attend, the current Board of Directors and our staff members. After the ceremony closed, we had the skippers meeting for the regatta; the current Board of Directors served as the race committee. Weather was ideal for fun racing. Our social chair, **Janis Livingston**, prepared and served fajitas for the awards ceremony. I owe the event's success to the many volunteers and all of the staff for making the event a raging success.

On April 15 and 16, we had our Spring End of Series awards and dinner. **Janis Livingston** had both events very well organized and even had some of the food pre-made. PRC did a great job managing the race committees and handling all of the scoring in Clubspot.

In May we started setting up food trucks. We kept them on Saturdays so that all the fleets had an opportunity to enjoy the experience and also so that PB&J and the pool users would benefit.

Jill and I visited the Rush Creek Yacht Club in Rockwall, Texas in order to appreciate what they are doing as a Club. About this time we started the weekly commodore newsletter. Even now, I still cannot predict exactly which day you will receive it.

In July, the last Long Range Planning Committee town hall was held and the work to figure out how to take that knowledge forward began. I'd like to thank next year's commodore for working directly with LRPC and helping make that effort a great success.

By August, the Melges 15 fleet had around a dozen boats or boat purchase commitments. It was exciting to see such explosive growth of a fleet at the Club! This fleet appears to be filling a much-needed niche and will potentially attract a lot of new and younger members to the Club. Huge kudos to **Kirk** and **Janis Livingston** for driving that effort and building a new fleet.

We hired our new head coach, **Zach**, and our second groundskeeper, **Kyle**, in August. These guys have been awesome to work with!

On September 13, **Will Sofrin** retold the story of delivering a replica 18th century tall ship from Rhode Island to San Diego that was used as a prop for the movie "Master & Commander: The Far Side of the World." In the retelling, he shared photos and video of the journey through storms, a partial de-masting, and delivery of a ship that required months of repairs to become seaworthy again. It was both a humorous and a deeply heartfelt story that made for an absolutely wonderful evening. I would like to thank **Janis Livingston** for preparing the delicious hors d'oeuvres and supplying the beverages, and also **Ed & Colleen Taylor** for helping clean up.

On September 16, US Sailing in conjunction with the Storm Trysail Club, put on a Safety at Sea seminar that was absolutely brilliant. Participants could just show up and take the training for the day, or take the 15-hour online course ahead of time. The advantage of the pre-study was that you had the opportunity to deep-dive into all of the aspects of survival at sea with the online course, then get a refresher at the one-day seminar. The course also provided a great deal of hands-on training. This included getting to practice the proper use of a fire extinguisher to put out an actual fire, the use of flares, crew overboard exercises and experiencing an auto-inflate PFD. This is the first time the course has been offered in central Texas, but given how well it was received, I suspect we will be offering it again. Participants and instructors flew in from Florida, Rhode Island and Chicago. **Michael Moran** was the chair of this event and ran an absolutely flawless seminar. This one-day event also generated over \$6,000 of income after expenses.

In October, we made the executive decision to discontinue food trucks for the Fall Series. We were losing too much money subsidizing a service that the membership was not utilizing.

In the Annual Membership Meeting held on November 16, we approved the 2024 Board. I thoroughly enjoyed working with the outgoing 2023 Board members: **Anne Morley, David Jamail, Jeff Sabuda, Kurt Carson, Linda McDavitt** and **Tom Groll**. Thank you for your service!

THE AYC 2024 BOARD MEMBERS ARE:

Commodore – **Bill Hawk**
Vice Commodore – **Renee Ruais**
Harbor Commander – **Mike Beuerlein**
B&G Commander – **Lewis Price**
Race Commander – **Terry Schertz**
Sail Training Commander – **Robert Bennett**
Secretary – **Lynn Jaeger**
Treasurer – **Christine Covington**
Past Commodore – **Russ Shermer**

It will be a pleasure to work with the new board.

I would like to thank the membership for giving me the opportunity to serve as the 2023 Austin Yacht Club Commodore. Thank you **Bill, Anne** and **Jackie** for your patience, guidance and hard work in helping me lead the Club this year. I am delighted that **Bill Hawk** will be at the helm for 2024!

Sincerely,
Russ Shermer
2023 Commodore

Immediate Past Commodore Report by Anne Morley



Membership Committee End of Year Report

The totals below reflect the change in participants from January 1, 2023 to November 1, 2023.

Member Type	Jan 1, 2023	Nov 1, 2023	Change
10 year Ol' Salt	1	1	
30 year Ol' Salt	20	20	
Associate	18	21	+3
Associate Probationary	17	19	+2
Senior	301	292	-9
Senior Retired	11	13	+2
Senior Probationary	16	12	-4
Young Adult	6	7	+1
Young Adult Probationary	6	9	+3
Student	15	14	-1
Life Member	20	20	
Non-Resident	5	8	+3
Leave of Absence	2	4	+2
Sea Scout	1	1	
UT Sailing Team	1	1	
Total	440	442	+2

Members resignation reason trends:

1. Members moving away from Austin (especially members in their 30s).
2. Jobs are demanding and no time to sail.

Members joining trends:

1. Many have joined after taking Adult Sail Training, High School classes and Youth classes.

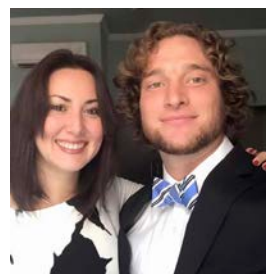
This year I sent new member names to Fleet Captains for crew positions and Commanders for volunteer opportunities. We were able to start the Ice Cream Social again with the Fleet Challenge.

Thank you to my amazing Membership Committee: **Carolynne Griffith, Karen Bogisch, Danny Lien and Chris Thompson**. What great teamwork. We did the committee work and mentor work. Great year ... great team! And Jackie Wheelless, thank you for everything you do for everyone!

Welcome New Members!



Chris Walker
Associate Probationary



Mystic Rosa
Associate Probationary
(with husband, Alexander Charlton-Rosa)



Tyler Carstensen
Associate Probationary



Emery Sularz
Student



Patrick Dolan
Associate Probationary
(with daughter, Fiona)

Not Pictured: Chris Martinson, Associate Probationary

Fun Fridays Are Back! by Marilyn Jackson



I hope everyone is enjoying the holiday season. **Jeff and I** are starting up family-friendly Fun Friday Events for the new year.

Fun Fridays are scheduled for Jan 5, Jan 19, Feb 2, Feb 16, Mar 1 and Mar 15, 2024 from 7pm to 10 pm. Events for those evenings will be determined soon. Bring a snack to share, drinks

for yourself and let's have a fun time.

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

Do you want to host a Fun Friday night and provide fun for yourself and others? If so, reach out to Marilyn Jackson.

jacksonmi2000@hotmail.com.

Some ideas for Fun Fridays could be games, movies, music jams, dance lessons, cooking lessons, crafts or whatever you think is fun.

Sail Training Commander Report by Linda McDavitt



2023 was quite a year in Sail Training. Lots of great clinics and all well attended. Great fun for me to learn alongside many of the participants.

A recap of 2023 Sail Training:

- January kicked off the year with a *Boat Maintenance Clinic* with **Ed Pierce**, a six-week *Series Rules Clinic* masterminded by **Michael Moran** with instructors **Ray Shull**, **Brad Davis**, **Terry Schertz** and **Ravi Subramanian**, *Start Clinic* with **Doug Kern** and assisted by **Thomas Young**, *Fundamentals of Racing* with **Bill Records**, *Tactics Clinic* with **Matt Romberg**, and a *Spinnaker Clinic* with **Gretchen Douglass**, **Anne Kitzmiller** and **Michael Moran**. This was the month to get everyone prepped for the 2023 sailing season.
- February included a *How to Run and Manage a Protest Hearing* with International Judge **Mark Foster**.
- March began our *Discover Sailing* sessions with the Trimaran Fleet (**Russ Shermer and team**) and the *US Level 1 Certification Course*.
- April was quite busy with Club activities, so *Discover Sailing* with the PHRF Fleet (**Dane Ohe and team**) was the only offering.
- May started the *Adult Beginning Sailing in FJs 1* and *Discover Sailing* with the Pearson 26 Fleet (**Bill Records and team**).
- June brought *Adult Beginning Sailing in FJs 2 & 3*, *The Next Step Adult Dinghy Sailing 1*, and *Discover Sailing* with the Ensign Fleet (**Lewis Price and team**).
- July was hot but we still had wind, and had some great fun with *Adult Beginning Sailing in FJs 4*, *Next Step 2*, and *Basic Racing in Dinghies 1*. We were very fortunate to have **Benjamin Geffken** as our instructor for the Racing Class. *Discover Sailing* happened with the J24 Fleet (**Brian Metz and team**) and help from several other fleets. Love those volunteers!
- August was TIME OUT.
- September came with *Adult Beginning Sailing in FJs 5*, and an amazing *Safety at Sea* course that was put together by **Michael Moran**, **Storm Trysail** and **US Sailing** for certification in Coastal and Offshore sailing. There is a great report in the November Board meeting. *Discover Sailing* was led by the J80s (**Ray Shull and team**).
- October had a full calendar of regattas and UTST regattas, which left us with *Adult Beginning Sailing in FJs 6* (specially added class), *Adult Next Step 3*, and *Basic Racing in FJs 2*. *Discover Sailing* was hosted by Pearson 26s (**Bill Records and team**).
- November included *Discover Sailing* with the PHRF Fleet (**Dane Ohe and team**).

One interesting note about the adult classes – waiting lists began in June and continued in July, September and October! There were anywhere from five to 20 on the waitlists which prompted an extra Beginning Class in October.

A special shoutout to:

Our Dinghy Class volunteers throughout the year: **Jim Rehage**, **James Bland**, **Johannes Brinkmann**, **Michael Moran**, **Georgia Gallavin**, **Gretchen Douglas**, **David & Anne Morley**, **Ryan & Hannelore Sederholm**, **Susan Cushman**, **Annie Lancaster**, **Richard House**, **Maddie Phillips**, **Luis Maximo**, **Will Cray**, **Lisa Rogers**, **Chris Henkle**, **Kristen Van Veen**, **Ben Bachmeier**, **Benjamin Geffken**, **Sarah Lareau Olson**, **Sarah Humphrey**, and **Daniel Hochman**.

97 adults participated in the *Discover Sailing* Program. The *Adult Beginning Classes* had 106 adults attend the first class, with 56 adults participating in the other FJ classes and 102 adults attending different clinics throughout the year. I did not add the numbers from *Safety at Sea* as that was a special class, and wow – what an addition!

A few more shout outs to:

1. **Sarah Faust**, **Robert Bennett**, and **Lauren Crouch** for their work with the PB&J Program.
2. **Ed Pierce** and his **ASA Instructors**.
3. *Discover* lead instructors: **Dane Ohe**, **Bill Records**, **Russ Shermer**, **Tom Groll**, **Lewis Price**, **Brian Metz**, and **Ray Shull**. Many thanks to all their assistants, but sadly I do not know all the names.
4. Special thanks to my Sail Training Committee: **Gretchen Douglas**, **Michael Moran**, **Bill Records**, **John (Can) Kalyoncuoglu**, **Annie Lancaster**, **Paul Carew**, **David Michael**, **Sarah Faust**, **Pierre Bossart**, **Jeff Brock**, **Ed Pierce**, **Bay Peterson**, **Jim Rehage**, **Ryan Sederholm**, and **Robert Bennett**.
5. A special thank you to **Bay Peterson** for making a trip to Triad in Kemah to resolve the deflation issue on new tubes on one of the ribs.
6. Special thank you to **Pat Feagin** for finding and fixing the issues with one of our rib motors.
7. Special thank you to **Tom Cunningham** for helping get ribs in and out, and back in and out, of the water for repair – and for an amazing job driving the big gray rib up on the trailer for the trip to Miami to get the new Hypalon tubes put on. Talk about having to be right on in moving the trailer up the ramp. Unbelievable.



Thanks, Tom!! Photo submitted by Linda McDavitt

8. Special thank you to a student in one of our Adult classes, **Oliver Hanisch!** He sustained a shoulder injury but continued coming to class, riding in the rib with instructors, taking numerous pictures and posting them for class to see and understand their issues that needed to be worked on, being the medical help when one student didn't remember to duck and then helping with first aid on way to dock, and then taking her to ER for some stitches and a CT Scan while we finished up class. WOW!
9. **Ryan Sederholm** for always being at the ready, and helping all the Adult Beginning Sailing classes and running two of them. Also, to his daughter, **Hannelore**, for her help from May through most of July when summer band stole her from us.
10. **Cheryl Pervier** for continually getting me straightened out with the calendar and other registration issues.
11. **Emily Verdoia** for being patient and helpful as I have had to text her frequently to get questions answered about a multitude of issues.
12. For anyone that I did not remember to say thank you, my apologies and thank you!!!

My takeaway from Sail Training is that there are a lot of great sailors in our Club and many who want to share their knowledge and time to bring new sailors to AYC. We are extremely fortunate for those people.

My words of sharing:

Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery. That's why today is called the present, a gift to you. Make the most of it in all you do.

Youth Coach Update by Zach Steuer



Dear Club Members,

Season's Greetings to all our esteemed members! As we delve into the winter months, we're excited to share the latest achievements and upcoming events at AYC. Let's dive right into the highlights:

High School Texas Fall State Championship

Our Club hosted the High School Texas Fall State Championship, a thrilling event where our sailors showcased their skills on the water. We are thrilled to announce a triumphant performance, securing the top positions in the overall results. AYC proudly took 1st (**James Brock/Lily Wind**), 2nd (**Roni Sela/Sofia Pando**), 4th (**Wyatt Tauber/Laura Covington**), and 5th (**Emery Sularz/Garrett Eadie**), demonstrating not only individual excellence but also the collective strength of our team. It was a fantastic day filled with friendly competition and amazing sailing conditions. Thank you to **Jeff Brock, James Bland**, and our parent volunteers for helping organize and run the regatta!

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11/5/23 DISCOVER SAILING PHOTOS



Students with Dane Ohe, right (skipper of Aphaia, a Pearson 31)
Photo by Marilyn Jackson



Students with Steve & Cheryl Pervier, right (skippers of Rendezvous, a Catalina 30)
Photo by Marilyn Jackson



Students with Wade Bingaman, right (skipper of Risin Moon, a Catalina 30)
Photo by Marilyn Jackson



Dane Ohe leading Discover Sailing chalk talk
Photo by Cheryl Pervier



Students Caylin and Megan (left & center) learn basics of sailing from Steve & Cheryl Pervier
Photo by Cheryl Pervier



Pearson 31 Aphaia with Sipper Dane Ohe leading the group
Photo by Cheryl Pervier

Emery Sularz Excels at Cressy ILCA6 Invitational Regatta

On October 28, **Emery Sularz** represented AYC with distinction, securing a commendable 10th place at the Cressy ILCA6 Invitational Regatta. Emery's achievement reflects the high level of skill and dedication that defines our sailing community. Congratulations, Emery, on a fantastic performance!

Westlake Sails to Success in New Orleans

Another highlight comes from the Great Oaks Invitational Regatta in New Orleans, where the Westlake team, comprised of **Emery Sularz**, **Garrett Eadie** and **Alfred Aimard**, sailed with determination and skill. The team secured an impressive 7th place out of 14 in a competitive field, showcasing the talent and teamwork that defines AYC's presence in the sailing community.

Opti Team Shines at Chocopalooza Regatta

The AYC Opti Team recently embarked on a journey to Rush Creek for the Chocopalooza Regatta, facing challenging conditions and fierce competitors. Despite the hurdles, our young sailors excelled. **Sawyer Romberg** secured an impressive 4th place and **Margaret Faust** displayed remarkable determination, claiming 6th place in the Green Fleet. In the Championship Fleet, **Harry Raves** and **Elsa Brock** held their own against 53 Optis, securing 35th and 48th positions, respectively. AYC is immensely proud of our Opti Team for their resilience, sportsmanship and outstanding performance.

Winter Sessions in Full Swing

The winter season kicked off on November 18, with Opti 2s, Opti 3s, our High School Team, and our Laser team hitting the water. It's heartening to witness our sailors diligently working on and off the water, committed to refining their skills and embracing the spirit of camaraderie.

Upcoming Winter Session #2

Looking ahead to December, we're delighted to announce the upcoming Winter Session #2. Detailed information will be available on the AYC website by mid-December. Get ready for another round of exciting sessions, filled with learning, growth, and the sheer joy of sailing. Save the date and stay tuned for updates! As we approach the close of the year, we extend our sincere thanks to each member of the AYC community for your unwavering support and enthusiasm. Let's continue to sail into success and create cherished memories together.

Wishing you fair winds and smooth seas!



In Memory of Michael A. Bartlett



Michael A. Bartlett passed away November 9, 2023, on his 89th birthday after a short battle with cancer.

Mike and Melba (deceased 2019) joined Austin Yacht Club and were active in the 70s and 80s. They were instrumental in creating the passion for sailing for their three sons, John Bartlett (Claudia), Matt Bartlett (Dianne), and Pat Bartlett (Lisa).

Mike was a graduate of the University of Texas and played in the Longhorn Band. He loved his "Horns" and most days he could be seen in Longhorn apparel.

He is survived by his sons and their wives, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Mike often commented how lucky and blessed he was having had so many wonderful friends.

A funeral mass was held at Emmaus Catholic Church and a reception followed at the home of John and Claudia Bartlett.

Thank you for volunteering your services on behalf of AYC!

2023 Austin Yacht Club Committees

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Jeff Sabuda

Members:

Jeff & Marilyn Jackson
John & Claudia Bartlett
Cass Meyer
Jorge Martín de Nicolás
John Maddalozzo
Owen Crouse
Bill Coon
Dave Morley
Eric Faust
Richard Ryon
John Powell
Brett Wilson
Doug Herling
Canton O'Donnell
Jonathan Joy
Jay Pochop
Patrick Flynn
Cody Hix
Trevor Miller
Nan Taylor
Abby Ryan
Ty Brockhoeft
Bryce Bezant
Joseph Runyon

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Members:

Dane Ohe
Diane Covert
Anne Morley

PERMANENT RACE COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Kurt Carson

Members

Quartermaster Bob Leonard
Hazel Sanchez
Bruce McDonald
Jorge Martín de Nicolás
David Weeks
Jim Rehage
Renee Ruais
Bob Gross
Terry Schertz
Molly Isbell

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Members:

Tom Groll
Jeff Sabuda

HARBOR COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Tom Groll

Members:

Jeff Avant
Mike Beuerlein
Mark Kamen
Bob Leonard
Harry Polly
Elizabeth Quintanilla
Joel Rosinbum

SAIL TRAINING COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Linda McDavitt

Members:

Michael Moran – Multihull
Annie Lancaster – Sunfish, Ensign
Jeff Brock – UTST
Pierre Bossart – J70, Laser
David Michael – Junior Sailors
Paul Carew – RoadRunners
Sarah Faust – PBJ
Robert Bennett – PBJ
Zach Steuer – Youth Training
Bill Records – Past STC
Can Kalyoncuoglu – PHRF B
Ed Pierce – ASA
Bay Peterson – Centerboard, Keel Fleet, J80
Jim Rehage – Trimaran
Gretchen Douglas – J80
Ann Kitzmiller – Ensign
Ryan Sederholm – Adult Training

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Chairperson: John Howard

Members:

Jan Thompson
James Wilsford

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Members & year of term expiration:

Jim Casto – end of 2023 (2023 Chair)
Molly Isbell – end of 2024 (2024 Chair)
Bob Gross – end of 2025 (2025 Chair)

PERMANENT FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chairperson: David Jamail

Members:

John Howard
Keith Lackey
David Morley
Felipe Payet
Chris Covington

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Anne Morley

Members:

Karen Bogisch
Chris Thompson
Carolynne Griffin
Danny Lien

WEBSITE COMMITTEE

Chairperson: John Grzinich

Members:

Ed Pierce
Cheryl Pervier
Michael Moran

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Members:

Marilyn Jackson
Bruce McDonald
Anne Morley
Cheryl Pervier
Bill Records

SECRETARY COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Lynn Jaeger

Members:

Louise Miller
Karen Bogisch

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Janis Livingston

Annual Board & Membership Meeting

Photos by Marilyn Jackson



2023 AYC Board of Directors, L-R: Tom Groll, Linda McDavitt, Bill Hawk, Lynn Jaeger, Russ Shermer, Anne Morley, Jeff Sabuda, David Jamail, Kurt Carson



L-R: Brett Wilson, Ray Shull, David Weeks



L-R: Linda Donovan, Renee Ruais, Norma & Danny Lien



L-R: Zach Steuer, Pat Manning, Vicki Stones, Jackie Wheelless, Kyle McGhee



L-R: Steve & Cheryl Pervier, James Bland

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Annual Board & Membership Meeting

Photos by Marilyn Jackson



L-R: Laura Covington, Chris & Chris Covington, Bonnie Gurney



Mary & Paul Carew



L-R: Alan Stanard, Terry Schertz, Bill Coon, Molly Isbell



L-R: Jeff Jackson, Bill Records



Chris & Karen Lewis



L-R: Charlie & Annie Lancaster, Fred Ford

How the Highland Lakes Got Its Name

by John Howard



Article by John Williams, senior communications specialist, LCRA (from June 2011 impactnews)

Recreation was not on the Lower Colorado River Authority's list of priorities in the 1930s when it was building the first of the dams that created a chain of lakes in the Central Texas Hill Country.

LCRA's focus was on building dams that would generate electricity, provide a reliable water supply for the river basin and protect Austin and other downstream communities from the worst effects of Hill Country floods.

But as the lakes began to grow behind the dams, so did public interest in the lakes' recreational opportunities.

By 1940, cities, counties and the state parks board were acquiring land near the lakes to build parks and the roads that would lead to them. Boat docks were being built on the lakes. And LCRA's new general manager, Max Starcke, was receiving inquiries as to when the lakes would be open for boating, fishing and picnics.

The former mayor of Seguin, Starcke had come to LCRA in 1938 to organize its electric power program. As mayor of Seguin, he had transformed the town into a municipal showplace, with model electric and water utilities as well as parks and playgrounds.

Sensing a similar opportunity for LCRA, Starcke arranged to co-sponsor a study by the state parks board and the National Park Service of the recreational potential of the lakes and surrounding region.

The report, issued in 1941, described what it considered a third major region in Texas ripe for recreational development. It would join the Big Bend region and the Gulf Coast as recreation magnets for a state with a population of 6 million that, as the report estimated, would grow to more than 8 million people by 1960.

The National Park Service considered the region to be "outstanding in its park and recreational possibilities," the report said.

The region offered "a vast potential recreational domain," given its central location in Texas, its unique geological features and vegetation and the four lakes created to date—Lake Buchanan, Inks Lake, the Marshall Ford Reservoir, later named Lake Travis, and Lake Austin. That created some 60,000 acres of water surface and more than 670 miles of shoreline.

The report envisioned a network of state and local parks along the lakes, supplemented by riding and hiking trails converted from old county and ranch roads that the lakes had rendered unusable for automobile.

The parks and other recreational sites would play host to a wide variety of activities. In addition to boating, sailing, fishing, camping and picnicking, the report envisioned such activities as "campfire lectures" — popular park features at the time— "lawn bowling," which had developed "widespread appeal among young and old alike"; outdoor concerts at amphitheatres, which the report predicted would be ideal for the region's climate; and polo fields and horse racing tracks, if the state legalized betting.

The sites would be connected by a 200-mile highway loop that would include a stretch of road to run atop the still-to-be-completed Marshall Ford Dam, late renamed Mansfield Dam.

For all its enthusiasm about the region, the report noted it had "some objectionable features." A federal program of cedar eradication had created "great scars of barrenness on the mountain" and "would soon nullify much of the region's desirability as a recreational area" unless stopped.

And the report cautioned that Lake Buchanan and Marshall Ford Reservoir, "designed as water-storage and flood control levels," would result in fluctuating lake elevations that would expose "great stretches of their respective lake beds."

"This fluctuation of water level precludes the possibility of and major recreational development on either lake shore that would function properly or with much success," the report warned, recommending Inks Lake and Lake Austin as the "most desirable for intensive recreational use," given their relatively "constant level."

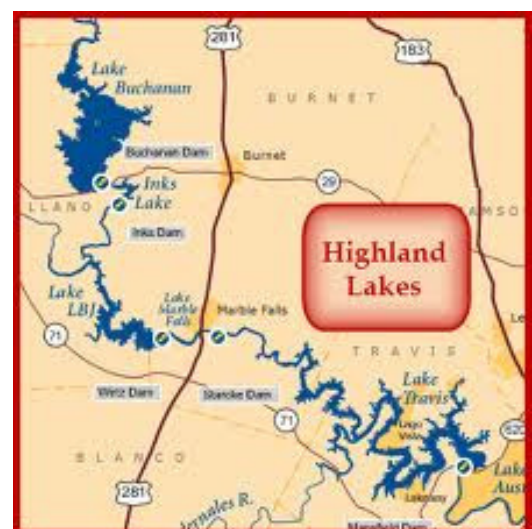
To promote the recreational opportunities, the report suggested calling the region the "Highland Lakes," given its Hill Country locale and the 700-foot drop in elevation between lakes Buchanan and Austin, which the report noted was greater than the drop in altitude of the entire Mississippi River.

The report concluded: "That seemed the sufficient excuse to refer to them as the 'Highland Lakes.'"

The region thus was given a marketable name. But soon, the United States would enter World War II, putting Central Texas and the rest of the nation on a war footing and precluding for several years any promotion of the region as the state's new "recreational domain."

Even so, the first steps had been taken to promote what would become known as the Highland Lakes region.

"LCRA is proud of the many benefits its dams and lakes have provided through the decades," Current LCRA General Manager Tom Mason said. "In addition to the main benefits of electricity, a reliable water supply and the protection from floods, the Highland Lakes and dams have added immeasurably to the beauty and quality of life of Central Texas."



Chaparral de Mar Regatta

The Chaparral de Mar Regatta honors AYC's racing skippers age 75 and older. The Regatta is hosted by the Ensign Fleet and uses Ensign Fleet boats. Competing skippers are provided with a fully crewed Ensign, rigged and ready to sail. They just step aboard and go race. This year's Chaparral de Mar Regatta was embedded into the Fall Series EOS. *Photos by Bob Leonard*

For more photos and Regatta info, see Fred Ford's Ensign report on page 30.



Skipper Deke Dekeyser and crew Fred Schroth, Ravi Subramanian on Jolie



Skipper Tom Romberg and crew Jonathan Baker, Matt Romberg on Eagle



Right: Skipper Brad Davis and crew Tom Groll, Molly Isbell on Dancing Bear, Left: Skipper Bill Records with crew George Dahmen, Lynn Jaeger, Ann Kitzmiller



Skipper Fred Ford and crew Chris Covington, Carolynne Griffin on September



Right: Skipper Barry Thornton and crew Lewis Price, Susy Ortega, Graham Gilmour on Dos Locos, Left: Skipper Dave Gamble and crew Danny Lien, Thomas Young on One with the Wind



Skipper Brad Davis with crew Tom Groll and Molly Isbell on Dancing Bear



Skipper Barry Thornton and crew Lewis Price, Susy Ortega, Graham Gilmour on Dos Locos



Left: Skipper Linda McDavitt and crew Bill Hawk, Rens Ross on Prickly Pair, Right: Skipper Brad Davis and crew Tom Groll, Molly Isbell on Dancing Bear

Fall Series Races Recap

Race 1 Sunday Photos by Marilyn Jackson



J80s rounding the mark



Nacra 5.7 Old Skull



RC: Brigitte Benquet, Kurt Carson, Mike Beuerlein



J80s L-R: Sweet T and Warp Speed



J80s L-R: JazzTacks, Air Supply, Kicks



J80s downwind

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Fall Series Recap

Race 2 Saturday photos by Cheryl Pervier



Capri 25 Kami



J22 Bubbles



Pearson 26s Rusalka and Justus



Ensign Dos Locos



J88 Shaken



Pearson 26 RC, L-R: Mike Mashl, Jenn Loehlin, Mark Kamen, David Weeks, Bill Records, Rich Ryon, Abby Ryan, Brett Wilson

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Fall Series Recap

Race 3 Saturday photos by Marilyn Jackson and Chery Pervier



Catalina 27 Nancy O Photo by Marilyn



Pearson 26 Enthéos Photo by Marilyn



Catalina 25 Winging It Photo by Cheryl



Inland 20 Scow Tippecanoe Photo by Cheryl



Hunter 28.5 Far Away Photo by Cheryl



J22 Bonfire Photo by Cheryl

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Fall Series Races Recap

Race 3 Sunday photos by Cheryl Pervier



J80s L-R: Sweet T and JazzTacks



J80 RC, L-R: Kristen Van Veen, Hazel Sanchez, Ray Shull, Cece McCann, Patrick Flynn



Corsair Sprint 750Mk2 Humility



J80s, L-R: Jackrabbit and Kicks



Corsair F31 Abandoned Assets

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Fall Series Races Recap

Race 4 Saturday photos by Cheryl Pervier



B-Fleet RC, L-R: Peggy Brewer, Carl Kolb, Steve & Cheryl Pervier, Katie & Steve Whitley, John Kalyoncuoglu, Doug Powell, Christy McFerren, Elizabeth Quintanilla, Front: Owen Crouse



Ensign One with the Wind



J22 Bonfire



Pearson 26 Rusalka



J24 Out of Control



J29 Jus Knot Rite

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Fall Series EOS Dinner

Photos by Marilyn Jackson



Dinner cooks, L-R: Peggy Brewer, Gina Stanard, Ketti Boller, Jo Roland



L-R: Ken Berringer, Ken Tothoro, Renee Ruais, Luis Maximo



L-R: Stephanie Froelich, Nan Taylor



Dinner buffet line



L-R: John Maddalozzo, Jeff Jackson, Meri & Steve Shepardson, Marilyn Jackson

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Fall Series EOS Dinner

Photos by Marilyn Jackson



L-R: Chris Thompson, Annabel Jamail, Jonathan Baker, Claudia & John Bartlett, Gray Rackley, John Foster



L-R: John Rains, Terry Schertz, Ray Shull, Shelby Carter, Peg Henderson, Rebecca Fugate, Bob Leonard



L-R: Stefan Froelich, Alan Stanard, Jim Rehage, Shelby Carter



L-R: Carolynne Griffin, Martine LaCombe



L-R: Kirk Livingston, Chris Thompson, Rich Ryon at the buffet line

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Fall Series Trophies

Photo by Marilyn Jackson



1st Place J22 Renee Ruais, Skipper on Bubbles



1st Place Cataman, L-R: Dominic Jr Ioime, Skipper Owen Crouse, Howie Richey on Old Skull



1st Place Pearson, L-R: James Parsons, Skipper Chris Ryan on Justus



1st Place PHRF B, L-R: Janet Hendricks, Skipper Linda Donovan on Far Away



1st, 2nd, 3rd Place trophies



1st Place Trimaran, Skipper Mike Rohrer



1st Place J80, L-R: Tom Presswood, Janis & Skipper Kirk Livingston, Wade Kokernot on Warp Speed



2nd Place J80, L-R: James Brock, Skipper Karen Bogisch, Martine LaCombe



3rd Place J80, Ed Taylor (skipper)

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Fall Series Results

PRF A

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	TYPE	PRF RATING
1	007	Shaken	Kurt Zinsmeyer	J88	87
2	1927	Ornery	John Maddalozzo	Capri 25	171
3	397	Kami	Matthew Brown	Capri 25	171
4	191	Jus Knot Rite	Bruce McFarland	J29	111

PRF B

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	TYPE	PRF RATING
1	54	Far Away	Linda Donovan	Hunter 28.5	204
2	163	WT	Bob Musselman	Southcoast 21	246
3	9802	Chili Verde	Steve Shepardson	Catalina 22	279
4	1850	Nancy O	Steve Whitley	Catalina 27	213

J80

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER
1	77	Warp Speed	Kirk Livingston
2	122	JazzTacks	Karen Bogisch
3	720	Air Supply	Ed Taylor
4	1320	Speed Racer	Claudia Bartlett

PEARSON 26

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER
1	1660	Justus	Chris Ryan
2	TBD	Stealthy Cat	Emily Jakobeit
3	258	Entheos	Michael Bayer
4	230	Jack of Hearts	Richard Ryon

TRIMARAN

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	TYPE	PRF RATING
1	34	Rush Hour	Michael Rohrer	F28R	27
2	130	Humility	Bill Coon	Corsair Sprint 750 MK2	33
3	276	Abandoned Assets	Bo Kersey	Corsair F31	-42
4	46	Lucy Gene	Jim Rehage	Corsair Sprint 750R	-

CATAMARAN

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	TYPE	PRF RATING
1	461	Old Skull	Owen Crouse	Nacra 5.7	-

Wild Turkey Regatta

Photos by Marilyn Jackson except where noted



Bob Gross directing skippers meeting



Skippers meeting attendees



L-R: Frans Dahmen, George Dahmen, Ann Kitzmiller, Lynn Jaeger on Ensign Stijf Kop



L-R: Marilyn Jackson, Katie Whitley, Jeff Jackson, Steve Whitley on Catalina 25 Winging IT



L-R: Bengt Nygren, Bill Records, Leandro Rey Moral, Daniel Garces on Pearson 26 Cafe au Lait



L-R: Ken Tothero, Luis Maximo, Ken Berringer, Renee Ruais on J22 Bubbles

Wild Turkey Regatta

Photos by Marilyn Jackson



J80 Warp Speed



Corsair F27 Trinity



Left: Catalina 22 Sea Snail, Right: Catalina 27 Better Than Chocolate



Left: F28-R Far Reach, Right: Corsair F27 Trinity



Preparing for starts

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Wild Turkey Regatta

Photos by Marilyn Jackson



Left: Catalina 27 Better Than Chocolate, Right: Catalina 22 Sea Snail



Hunter 25.5



Spinnakers



L-R: J80 Flyer, Pearson 26 Jack of Hearts, Catalina 27 Better Than Chocolate

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Wild Turkey Regatta

Dinner photos by Marilyn Jackson



Cooks, L-R: Nan Taylor, Ketti Boller



Bill Records at the buffet line



L-R: Jeff & Marilyn Jackson, Steve Whitley, Jeisa Acosta, John Maddalozzo, Katie Whitley, David Mok



L-R: Oren Connell, Claude Welles, David Broadlick



L-R: Robert Myers, William Deboer, William Kozminski & Millie Yap



L-R: Mike Rohrer, Russ Shermer, Jim Rehage



L-R: Alan & Gina Stanard, Ed Taylor



L-R: Bill Records, Bill Hawk, Mark Hulings

Wild Turkey Regatta Trophies

Photos by Marilyn Jackson



Wild Turkey Regatta Chair Cass Meyer announcing winners



Monohulls: 1st Place J70 GB and 2nd Place J80 JazzTacks
L-R: Lisa Rogers (J70), Karen Lewis (J70), Skipper Chris Lewis (J70), Skipper Karen Bogisch (J80)



Multihulls: 1st Place Corsair F-27 Trinity and 2nd Place F28-R Rush Hour
L-R: Jim Rehage (F28-R), Russ Shermer (F28-R), Benjamin Geffken (Corsair), Chris Cherry (Corsair), Skipper Joel Rosinbum (Corsair), Skipper Mike Rohrer (F28-R)

Monohulls

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	TYPE	PRF RATING
1	181	GW	Chris Lewis	J70	120
2	122	JazzTacks	Karen Bogisch	J80	117
3	77	Warp Speed	Kirk Livingston	J80	117

Multihulls

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	TYPE	PRF RATING
1	27130	Trinity	Joel Rosinbum	Corsair F-27	0.965
2	34	Rush Hour	Mike Rohrer	F28R	1.028
3	427	Two Hot	Jim Casto	Nacra 5.5uni+jib	1.035

Living the Dream by Nelson Reynolds



Part 6

Let me start out by saying that happiness is a fresh, clean bottom. 😊 At least one key to happiness....

So, after getting the boat back to the marina, it was time to head back to Austin to plan my return to Seattle on the motorcycle. One thing I discovered in flying back and forth is that Alaska Airlines has multiple direct flights between Austin and Seattle daily. And I can use my American Airlines miles to fly with them!! Heck, I even got upgraded a couple times.

After getting the 40,000-mile service done on my Harley and arranging to have my pups taken care of, I headed off. I made it to Tucson, Arizona the first day, then headed up to Lake Havasu City to visit my cousin. Had a nice visit and got to meet her son and two grandkids. They even took me out on Lake Havasu on their boat and cruised under the London Bridge. It sure was nice seeing a full lake!!

After leaving there, I headed up past Las Vegas to Twin Falls, Idaho, the place where Evel Knievel failed to jump the canyon in his rocket bike (due to a malfunction). Eddie Braun later made the jump with a rocket bike built from the plans used to build Evel's bike. One of these days I will make it over to see the Falls, but it is pretty cool watching people base jump off the bridge.

From there, it's a pretty easy ride to the Bremerton Marina. I even made it in before full dark. Man, it was nice to be back on the boat. Time now to plan to go hang out at one of the parks. Part of the planning is figuring out how much and what kind of food to bring on board. That's not too difficult when you are only going to be on the hook for three days at a time. Three days because that is the number of consecutive days you are limited to at the state parks, and my goal was to see how the solar panels and wind generator would keep the house batteries up.

As I was on the motorcycle, I was a bit limited in how much I could pick up in the way of groceries. I was able to pack enough in to last me a while. Keep in mind that when I'm in the marina, I can use the microwave and electric coffee maker with no problem. On the hook, that involves running the 12-volt house bank through the inverter. Since I was trying to see how the house batteries would hold up, I wanted to minimize the electric usage. So, gas stove/oven or gas grill for most meals.

Overall, the results were decent. I expect that without the wind and solar I would have had to run the engine every day. As it was, I could go a little over two days now. Good deal!! And this is in autumn, when the sun is rather low and the solar isn't the most efficient. Heck, I'm at like 48 degrees north, more than half the way to the North Pole.

I did make two trips over to the Blake Island State Park on this trip. I even ended up grabbing the same mooring ball both times. Wow, there are some really cool hiking trails on the island! Toward the end of my second stay, I realized that I had an app that I could use to track my hikes. I have one hike saved from my last visit, so I guess I need to make more trips over. There is a marina on the island with a pump out station, but it is a bit tight for a long keel boat.

In the process of grabbing the mooring both times it struck me that I may need to expand my tutoring. I work with people on the things

to think about when approaching a mooring, or anchorage. Such as, which side do you want to approach? Where do you go if you miss and have to go around? Should you pick up the mooring from the bow or the stern? But now I have a center cockpit boat with a rather high freeboard. Trust me, that changes the dynamics.

On the first trip over to the island, there wasn't much wind but about a two-knot current. I nosed up to the mooring ball, put the engine in neutral, and went forward to grab the mooring. That is when I found out how heavy the mooring chain is and how heavy a 30,000-pound boat is in a two-knot current. Since I was picking up the mooring on the bow and I have about a five-foot freeboard on the bow, I failed at the first attempt.

The second time around I gave the boat a bit more momentum into the current before I put the boat into neutral and headed forward. This time I was able to manhandle the mooring and get a line through the eye. Dang, but that chain is heavy. I rested for a bit then rigged a second line. Since it was raining at the time, I decided to call in to register rather than take the dinghy ashore. Now I do have an annual state park moorage permit, but there is a convenience fee for checking in by phone ...

One of the things I did discover on this trip was that the outboard motor on my dinghy wouldn't idle, again. Use your imagination to think of the bad words I used. Shall we say that this trip alerted me to the fact that the outboard didn't idle well, and the linkage to tilt it up was broken (that means you can't really beach the dinghy with the outboard on). Oh, well.

So, the second trip over to Blake Island had a bit more wind, at least at the end. I cruised over, and once I got through the Rich Passage, the wind picked up. I sailed around a while, then headed in to pick up a mooring. This time, with wind and current, it was a bit more challenging. And I had an audience!! There were several other boats on moorings this time around. It seemed like whenever I got close, something was against me. Either the wind or the current would drive me off. Finally, I was able to grab the mooring, about amidst this time. And like I said, I had witnesses.



The scenery is always interesting! Photo by Nelson Reynolds

When I caught up with them on shore, I expressed that I hoped I had provided enough entertainment. Once they realized I was single-handed, it was more 'holy crap, you did that alone?'

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After that I was entertained by other yachts coming in to grab a mooring. Downwind, crosswind, whatever. It didn't seem like they were paying attention to their surroundings. I guess those folks should have come to some of my tutoring sessions!! Though I do think I'll need to expand on some topics due to the lessons I'm learning around Seattle.

As some of you are aware, one of the topics I cover heavily is slow speed maneuvering using prop walk and prop wash. This is extremely useful, and actually impressive. One day I had taken the boat out and as there was a light breeze, I thought it was a good time to practice prop walk to see how the wind would affect it. I played around with it for a while, getting the feel. I found it didn't take much breeze against the bow to cancel the force of the prop walk, but if I got some momentum turning with prop wash the prop walk could readily help the pivot continue. Good to know.

Once I got back to the dock, I found out one of my dock neighbors was watching me and remarked that he saw me out there 'casting about'. Hmmm, that was a term I had never heard, but he assured me that maneuvering like that with prop walk and wash was called 'casting about'. I will say it is a useful tool in general, but absolutely essential for a long keel boat. But the next time I was coming back into the dock from a sail, I had two of my dock neighbors waiting to help me dock. I came around the end of the dock and came up to my slip. I stopped the boat and proceeded to 'cast about' to line the boat up with the slip and then proceed in. Once tied up, one of the guys asked me if I had a bow thruster on my boat. When I said no, he replied that I was 'damn impressive'. Nice complement from a retired Navy captain!!

The ride back to Texas was nice in that I didn't have any snow. I did get to see the start of the fall colors in the mountains with red, yellow, and orange in patches. I did have to ride through rain from when I filled up in Twin Falls until I had to fill up again, like 250 miles. It then started raining again south of Price, Utah on the way to Moab, and it had the audacity to actually hail on me. Pea to marble size!! Good thing I was well covered. The weird thing was the temperature never topped 70 until I crossed into Texas. It went up six degrees in the first 10 miles and was well over 80 by the time I got to Lubbock. I guess there still was a heat dome over Texas. At least it wasn't the 105 degrees I had on the ride up.

So, I'm back in Texas taking care of things for a bit. Sometime in December or January I'll be heading back up to Bremerton and the Twisted Journey. The next trip up will be to sail up to the San Juan Islands for 2 – 3 weeks. If you would like to come out and play, either on my Hunter on what's left of Lake Travis, or on the Twisted Journey, let me know.



October 14 Eclipse of the Sun during stop in Medina, WA
Photo by Nelson Reynolds

SORC St. Pete to Lauderdale by Chris & Karen Lewis



AYC Members Take 1st Overall in the 1st Running of SORC's St. Petersburg to Fort Lauderdale Race in 33 Years!

The dream of running this race again, and Storm Trysail Club building offshore events in the Gulf of Mexico, was finally realized on November 8 when 20 yachts took off from Tampa Bay and out through the Skyway Bridge to test their speed and tactical skills over the storied St. Petersburg to Lauderdale race course.



Conditions were benign with a forecast of building breeze to 12-18 knots that would veer from NW to SE throughout the race. Initially a light VMG run and narrow wind bands led to a restart at the

Skyway Bridge as the fleet raced to the SW entrance buoy, switching to code sails and then jibs. Back to VMG running for 100 miles before the final 70-mile stretch to Rebecca Shoal that became a power reach as the forecasted wind build and rotation played out.

The lighter displacement boats with their large A-kites initially lead their ORC classes at the turning mark as the final and most tactical section of the race began. Some yachts tacked inshore avoiding the Gulf Stream's counter current. Others extended on port for 15 to 20 miles in order to pick up the edge of the stream. However, the wind oscillated and created tricky calls for navigators. Do you go for current or work the shifts? Ultimately a balance between the two options worked best for the Class Winners.

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As the course turned northwards along the keys; faster offshore positions in the stream were rotated back as compared with the inshore competitors sailing less distance. Sail options also played a role as the earlier one could get to a code sail and then an A3 the quicker you became.

After turning at the Port Everglades, RW buoy finishers reported their times at G3 marker and the wait began to see who was going to win the LL "Lew" McMasters Memorial Trophy and have their name and boat engraved alongside the sailing greats of the 60s, 70s and 80s.

First to finish and winner of the Commodore Robert B. Lassing Memorial Trophy was Privateer the Cookson 50 sailed by **Ron O'Hanley**. ORC1 Class winner and 7th in the ORC fleet was **Chris Saxton** sailing Vortices, a J125. The ORC1 class, first around Rebecca Shoal faced left breeze and a pure upwind to the Key West RW buoy, where as the slower boats were able to sail less distance.



Chris & Karen Lewis sailing J44 Kenai will be the first engraving on the LL "Lew" McMasters Memorial Trophy since 1990

Texas based boats Kenai sailed by Chris and Karen Lewis with Taylor Snyder on board and Bear sailed by Forbes Durdin with Lakewood member Even Smith on board after a long duel finished 1st and 2nd in ORC2 and in the ORC Fleet. ORC3 winner Zig Zag and current holder of the SORC Islands in the Stream Series took 3rd in fleet.

The PHRF fleet enjoyed a third night offshore and brought in the final finisher Freedom of Hamble with a 3 day 18 min elapsed time. The fleet winner in PHRF was Petisa a Salona 44 sailed by **Harold Brandon**.

With the results in: The full results are available here https://yachtscoring.com/event_results_detail.cfm?RaceNumber=1&elD=16013 and social media here <https://www.facebook.com/sorcsailing>. Past winners are listed here: <https://www.sorcsailing.org/st-pete-lauderdale-archives>

Storm Trysail Club introduced a two boat team award and this was won by Team ZKZ - Kenai and Zig Zag. These two boats will battle it out in the Islands in the Stream Series having won the series for the last three years between them. However, many others could win overall as the ORC fleet is highly competitive and the racing quite tactical.

The event was a success. It's here to stay and will run again in 2024. So start planning now to come down (or over) to the warm blue waters and enjoy amazing hospitality at SPYC and LYC for a challenging fun event.

A big thanks has to go to supporters of this race and the SORC series: North Sails, Goslings, 81Bay Breweries, Parkway Chevrolet/ Team Bear and Team Hooligan.



J44 Kenai places 1st in SORC St. Petersburg to Fort Lauderdale Race 2023



After 30 years, it's back! Highlights from the 2023 St. Petersburg to Fort Lauderdale Race. Click the link below.

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Catalina 22 Fleet Report

by Steve Pervier



What's up with Catalina 22s? The low water hasn't helped, but our lake is finally up a few feet. It's still close to the bottom of the main ramp, so let's pray and hope for beneficial rain.

We had few participants for Fall Series, while some of us were crew on other boats. Is that a cool season pattern, or the result of racing within

PRF-B? We have been a strong component of B-Fleet, but we've also had limited competition among just C22s. If we want that kind of competition again with our own design we have to turn out!

With about 20 boats in the Club, we are still the AYC C22 fleet, even though we don't choose series courses or do RC duty. We could do those again if we showed consistent good series race participation, or if enough signed up for a regatta. There are still many original C22s plus new Sport model C22s (over 17,000 counting both, so far) so there could be an ongoing influx into AYC. See the May 2020 Telltale for more about C22 history and varieties.

Beyond AYC, we are Catalina 22 Fleet 69, the 69th sequentially chartered fleet in the Catalina 22 National Association, following Texas Fleets 30 and 47 and preceding others in the region. Higher level competition is available regionally and nationally, as well as a cruising group in the C22 NA. See articles on racing, cruising, and boat tips in the latest MainBrace (Fall 2023, now 51 years of publication) at Catalina22.org – you can download it for free from the home page or go to the MainBrace page. And consider joining the Catalina 22 National Association.

Locally we are, and other AYC Catalinas are, a strong contingent within local All-Catalina Fleet 69, outside of AYC but with a big overlap of members. AYC members with Catalina, Capri, and other boats from Catalina Yachts are invited to our Holiday Party on Sunday, December 10 in the AYC Clubhouse. Let me know if you missed the email invitation.



L-R: Catalina 22 Chili Verde, Catalina 27 Nancy O, South Coast 21 WT, Fall Series Photo by Marilyn Jackson

In recent AYC racing... Congratulations to **Steve and Meri Shepardson** for finishing 3rd (middle of a three way points tie for 2nd) in Fall Series, PRF-B. And a big congratulations to our visiting boat from Croatia! That is, our Fall Regatta winner in PRF-B was a Catalina 22 sailed by **John Grzinich, with Nathan Leake and John Howard** as his crew. **Cheryl and I** sailed on the fourth place boat (also tied for 2nd on points) in Fall Series. You might also see your fleet captain's name in those same results, for entering a Catalina 30 and not racing... and somehow winning a six-way tiebreaker for highest points!

Catalina 22s, friends in South Coast 21s, other Catalinas, and PRF-B: Let's think about getting together socially during this year-end and start of a new year. We need to encourage 2024 race participation, matching up new skippers and new crew, and just having a good time with each other. You've seen this work well in other AYC fleets, especially J/80s, Pearson 26s, and Ensigns among AYC's active one-designs. The new Melges fleet and the big Trimaran group both look good, as does our great Laser fleet, the fantastic Sunfish fleet, and our amazing RoadRunners. Let's emulate this kind of success in the year to come. And on good weather days, as they happen even in winter here, **Let's Go Sailing!**



First race on Pearson 26 Stealthy Cat proved a winner! It was a great team effort and a wonderful way to confirm all of Brandon's tireless work. L-R: Chris Ryan, Bill Records, Emily & Brandon Jakobeit Photo by Bill Records

Ensign Fleet Report

by Fred Ford



Fall Series

Fall sailing at AYC came with a bit of confusion for the Ensign Fleet. It's fall and we had to cancel Sail 4 Kids due to excessive *heat* warnings. Several of our boats were out of the water for maintenance, but cobbled things together and raced. The final standings were

George Dahmen 1st, Dave Gamble/Danny Lien 2nd, Tom Groll 3rd, Christopher Covington 4th, Lewis Price 5th and Bill Hawk 6th. There is something special about the 4th place crew sailing September. **Chris Covington** is co-skippering September (Ensign 972), and the Fall series was his first complete series as a skipper. Congratulations Chris!

Chaparral de Mar Regatta

Chaparral de Mar is a decade old AYC and Ensign tradition. It is a regatta specifically designed to honor our senior sailors at AYC. Ensign skippers make their boats and crews available on a first come first served basis to racing skippers ages 75 or older. Skippers compete for bragging rights, a bottle of wine, and their name on the perpetual trophy in the AYC trophy case. The regatta is folded into the Fall Series EOS.

This year we had eight Ol' Salts competing. In keeping with the history of weather obstacles ... on regatta day, we had no wind. The weather people strongly indicated wind for Sunday and **PRO Chris Lewis** and his team saved the day. The RC would give the Chaparral Regatta a 10:00am start on Sunday morning. Thank you, PRO Chris Lewis and RC members **Karen Lewis, Terry Schertz, Bob & Gail Leonard, Jim Rehage and John Rains** for working those extra hours to give us a regatta.

We slipped out of the harbor into a heavy morning mist. The wind was light, building slowly. We had Lake Travis all to ourselves ... it was awesome. Despite being over early, **Tom Romberg** managed to catch the fleet, took the lead, and never looked back. Tom Romberg is the winner of the 2023 Chaparral de Mar.

We retired to the clubhouse for chili, chips, and desert. **Molly Isbell** made the chili and **Norma Lien** set up the buffet and served.

Tom Groll MC'ed the awards. We had a great time. The room echoed with stories and a lot of laughter. **Molly Isbell** was this year's Chaparral de Mar chair. Thank you, Molly, for an excellent regatta, and keeping the Chaparral tradition alive.



Chaparral Skippers, L-R: Dave Gamble, Tom Romberg, Barry Thornton, Bill Records, Deke Dekeyser, Linda McDavitt, Brad Davis, Fred Ford



L-R: Chris Covington, Skipper Fred Ford, Carolynne Griffin



L-R: Skipper Brad Davis, Molly Isbell, Tom Groll



Barry Thornton's crew, L-R: Susy Ortega, Graham Gilmour, Lewis Price

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L-R: Lynn Jaeger, Skipper Bill Records, Ann Kitzmiller, George Dahmen



L-R: Rens Ross, Skipper Linda McDavitt, Bill Hawk



L-R: John Foster, Danny Lien, Thomas Young, Skipper Dave Gamble



L-R: Jonathan Baker, Matt Romberg, Skipper Tom Romberg



L-R: Skipper Deke Dekeyser, Ravi Subramanian, Fred Schroth



L-R Regatta Chair Molly Isbell, 2023 Chaparral de Mar winner Skipper Tom Romberg, MC Tom Groll

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Ensign Sailors in the News

Ensign skipper **Tom Groll** ends a year of hard work as the 2023 Harbor Commander. **Bill Hawk** moves from Vice Commodore to Commodore for 2024. **Lynn Jaeger** completes a year as Board Secretary and continues as the 2024 Board Secretary. **Christina Covington** will serve as the AYC treasurer for 2024. **Molly Isbell** is on the Long Range Planning Committee ... you may have attended some of the information gathering sessions. **Fred Ford** is on the AYC Fund Board. **Anne Morley**, Immediate Past Commodore, ends her final year as Membership Chair. **Carolynne Griffin** ends her last year on the Membership Committee.



Tom Groll



Bill Hawk



Lynn Jaeger



Christina Covington



Molly Isbell



Fred Ford



Anne Morley



Carolynne Griffin

Ensign Family News

Laura Covington, daughter of **Chris & Chris Covington**, sails with the Lake Travis High School sailing team. She sails with team members **James Brock**, **Ryder Getson**, and **Lily Wind**. They have been invited to sail the ISSA Keelboat Invitational (national championship) in St Petersburg, Fla. We cheer them on. **Abe Gamble** is an active high school sailor and when HS sailing does not conflict, he crews for his grandfather, **Dave Gamble**. Sailing is a family thing for all ages.



Lake Travis HS James Brock, Ryder Getson, Laura Covington, Lily Wind



Dave and Abe Gamble, Danny Lien



Adam Biggs & Kim Nguyen and daughter

New Ensign Sailors

Kim Nguyen and **Adam Biggs** have joined the Ensign Fleet. Kim bought "One with the Wind" from Dave Gamble and will be racing with the Ensigns next season. Welcome aboard Kim and Adam!

"Believe me, my young friend, there is nothing – absolutely nothing – half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats."

Wind in the Willows

Kenneth Grahame

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AYC Dec 2023 Race Calendar

No races scheduled

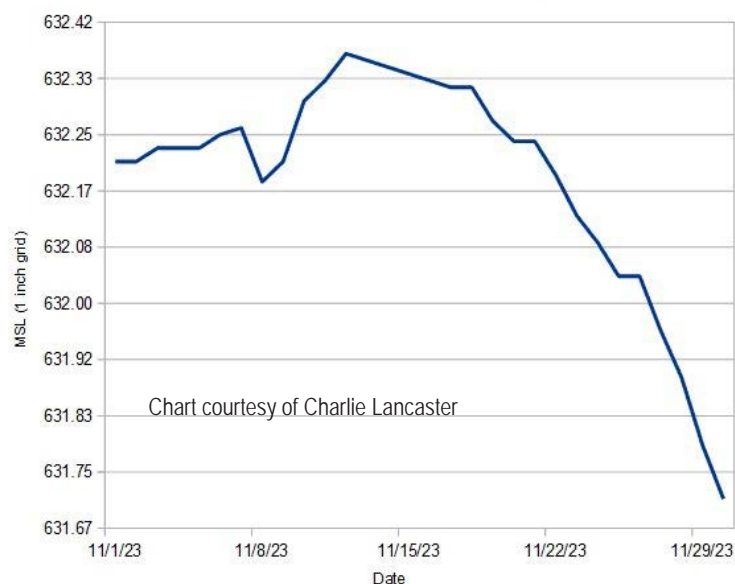
AYC Dec 2023 Non-Racing Events

Catamaran Fleet Holiday Event	12/5	5:00-11:00pm
Annual Banquet	12/8	6:00-10:00pm
Children's Holiday Party	12/9	10:30am-12:30pm
All Catalina Holiday Party	12/10	6:00-11:00pm
J80/Melges 15 Holiday Party	12/16	5:00-11:30pm

Youth Sailing

Laser Practice	12/3, 10, 17	9:00am-1:00pm
Opti 2 Practice	12/3, 10, 17	2:00-5:00pm
Opti 3 Practice	12/2, 16	2:00-5:00pm
High School A-Team Practice	12/2, 9, 16	9:00am-1:00pm
High School B-Team Practice	12/3, 10, 17	9:00am-1:00pm

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J80s and Multihulls, Fall Series Race 5 Photo by Marilyn Jackson