



Happy Holidays to All!



The 2023 Bill Records Roadrunner Fleet Trophy was awarded to Opti 3 sailor and PB&J Junior coach Margaret Faust, much to the delight of the Annual Banquet attendees. Margaret is shown above with Bill Records, left, and 2023 Commodore Russ Shermer, right. *Photo by Cheryl Pervier*

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2023 Perpetual Awards



Ryan Sederholm

Jimmy B. Card Memorial Trophy

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

Ryan began racing in 2022 and became so proficient that he started teaching sailing. This year, he helped lead Adult clinics, giving the chalk talks and organizing the volunteer instructors. Ryan spends many hours volunteering for various Adult Sail Training clinics. Congratulations, Ryan Sederholm!



Janis Livingston

Max White Memorial Trophy

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

This past year, Janis took on the huge task of planning and executing all of the End of Series meals, as well as helping out with many of the regattas. She kept a low profile but is hugely deserving of this award. Congratulations to Janis Livingston!



Annie Lancaster and James Brock

Jesse McIlroy Smith Bowl

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

We had a tie this year with two very deserving winners!

Annie Lancaster took first place in the Southwest Sunfish Circuit and also represented AYC at the North American Women's Sunfish Championships. Her tireless encouragement and "go-for-it" attitude was deeply admired by new racers in her fleet. She was always the first one to cheer as a racer crossed the finish line and happy to offer advice on rigging, technique and general reassurance.



James Brock led the AYC team to victory at the 2022 Texas Challenge Cup last December. Since then, he finished in third place in a hard fought battle at the 2023 Sears Cup this summer, won the 2023 RS21 North American Championships, and qualified the Lake Travis HS team for the High School Keelboat Invitational Regatta this month. As one of the founding members of AYC's High School Sailing Program, he is well deserving of this award before heading off to college next year.

Congratulations to Annie Lancaster and James Brock!



Carolynne Griffin

Corinthian Woman Sailor Trophy

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

Carolynne joined AYC a few years ago and regularly races in the J/80 and Ensign fleets as crew. She also owns a Sunfish and is often seen racing on it with a smile on her face, even when she is upside down or at the back of the fleet. She has been found at the top of the mast on the J/80, also with a smile. Carolynne exemplifies what this award is all about. Congratulations, Carolynne Griffin!

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Hannelore Sederholm

Liz Bauman Memorial Trophy

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

Hannelore earned this award for all the help she has given to the Adult Sailing Program, including taking people out with a calm manner even when the wind and waves were not. She also worked at the Special Sailing Camp as a CIT (Coach in Training). Congratulations to Hannelore Sederholm!



Luka Vukmirica

Ron W. Harden Memorial Trophy

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

Luka has assisted Junior Coach Zach Steuer with the Opti sailors and other key aspects of the Youth Sailing Program. He is currently learning how to maintain boats. Congratulations, Luka Vukmirica!



Ray Shull

OI' Salt of the Austin Yacht Club

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

This OI' Salt doesn't need an introduction. If Ray isn't on the race course and racing somewhere near the front, then he's probably running the race or otherwise helping out. Congratulations, Ray Shull!



Margaret Faust

Bill Records Roadrunner Fleet Trophy

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

Margaret started sailing PB&J in 2018. She was the youngest to single hand in the history of the program. She now sails in the Opti 3 fleet. In 2022, she began racing in TSA junior regattas and was awarded the "Action Jackson" sportsmanship award at Texas Youth Week. In 2023, she competed in AYC's Roadrunner Regatta and traveled to seven more regattas – in Corpus Christi, Galveston, Dallas, and Ft. Worth, where she had several top finishes. She enjoys serving as a PB&J Junior Coach where her nurturing and gregarious demeanor has impressed everyone. She excels at helping younger sailors get comfortable with heeling and gybing. Her creative skills have contributed significantly. She produced the Power Point presentation for this year's Fleet Challenge benefitting the AYC Fund. She also redesigned the PB&J certificates that are presented to each young skipper.

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Bob Leonard

Vic Manning Memorial Trophy

This award honors the Club member who has made a deep and lasting impact on the sport of sailboat racing at AYC through excellence in race management. It goes to someone who has consistently given their time and expertise in support of race management at AYC.

Bob moves mountains at AYC and has done so for years. He has accomplished amazing things on multiple committees. However, it has been on PRC where he has done so much of the heavy lifting. I'm sure you have noticed him hauling those 40-pound Mark Set Bot batteries to and from the RC room to be stored and charged. Congratulations to Bob Leonard!



Sophia Herrada

Scott Young UT Sailing Award

This award is given annually to the University of Texas Sailing Team member voted by the team for outstanding service.

Sophia has adopted a leadership role and has worked to better collegiate sailing as a whole. The UT Sailing Team voted on this award and selected Sophia. Congratulations to Sophia Herrada!



John Bartlett

Blue Duck Award

The Blue Duck is awarded to the sailor who commits the worst blooper of the year and lives to tell about it.

There were three very worthy Blue Duck nominations at the Annual Banquet.

Third place: Abigail Ryan nominated her husband, Chris, for sailing a race in their Pearson 26 in which he almost crossed the finish line in no less than three futile attempts. After finally crossing successfully, he proceeded to sail back across the finish line and fouled another boat in the process. Abigail had to witness the painful event from the nearby signal boat.

Second place: Mike Beuerlein nominated Bo Kersey for showing up 55 minutes late to the starting line at Harvest Moon. We are not sure exactly why he was late, but there was mention of an unusual port of entry and the need for a leisurely breakfast. Bo's boat was barely visible on the horizon when the race started. Bo eventually caught Mike on the 150-mile course, but scoring-wise lost after the PHRF corrections were applied.

First place: Brad Davis nominated John Bartlett for running aground no less than four times this year with at least two of those while sailing on his Beneteau. In one instance, John jumped off his boat, swam down and pushed the boat off the rocks. John complained that the seven-foot keel was the real issue. Claudia and the rest of the audience showed no sympathy.



Brad Davis nominated winner John Bartlett Photos by Cheryl Pervier



Mike Beuerlein nominated 2nd place Bo Kersey



2nd place Blue Duck nominee Bo Kersey



Abigail Ryan nominated 3rd place husband Chris Ryan



3rd place nominee Chris Ryan

2023 Annual Banquet

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Peggy Brewer, Carl Kolb



Mary & Paul Carew



Gina & Alan Stanard



L-R Jim Bridgwater, Cristina Peck, Emy Bridgwater, Chase Short



Brigitte Benquet & Mike Beuerlein



L-R John Foster, Madeline Crouch, Claudia & John Bartlett



Steve & Carol Schultis



Kurt Carson & Audrey Ravelo



Ed & Colleen Taylor



Steve & Katie Whitley



Karen Bogisch and Jeane Goldsmith



Brad & Susan Davis



L-R Frank & Yara Rowden, Raquel Rodriguez



Marilyn & Jeff Jackson *Photo by Cheryl Pervier*



L-R Chris Thompson, Stefan & Stephanie Froelich, Cass Meyer, Thomas Young *Photo by Cheryl Pervier*

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2023 Annual Banquet

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L-R Walter & Meghan Eckhardt, Todd & Ruth Benning, Robert Bennett, Margaret & Eric & Sarah Faust, Camilla Bennett



L-R Katie & Steve Whitley, Dan & Christy McFerren, Marilyn & Jeff Jackson, Steve & Cheryl Pervier, Janet Hendricks



L-R Renee Ruais, Brigitte Benquet & Mike Beuerlein, Carl Kolb, Peggy Brewer, Bill Hawk, Jill & Russ Shermer



L-R Delilah D'Souza, Reema Nannapaneni, Nicholas Mitra, Ria Chhabra, Sophia Herrada, Sean Padilla, Dennis Kostjuhin



L-R Terry Schertz, Nan Taylor, Steve Spearing, Stephanie & Stefan Froelich, Mary & Paul Carew, Chris Thompson



L-R Aliva Duran, Ben Miller, Christy Vickrey, Jill & Kurt Zinsmeyer, Lynn Jaeger, Cass Meyer



L-R Chris & Abby Ryan, Chris & Abby's neighbor Mary, Mike Mashl & Jennifer Loehlin, Dave Weeks, Rich Ryon, Patti Bridges, Bill Records



L-R Pat Manning, Vicki Stones, Sarah & Annie & Charlie Lancaster, Lewis Price, Louise Miller



L-R Alan & Gina Stanard, Colleen & Ed Taylor, Audrey Ravelo & Kurt Carson, Molly Isbell & Tom Groll



L-R Karen Bogisch, Jeane Goldsmith, Jo Roland, Chris Walker, Kristin Sprindler, Anne & Kristin & David Morley



L-R Camille Bennett, Margaret Faust, Madeline Foster *Photo by Sarah Faust*

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2023 Annual Banquet

Photos by Cheryl Pervier

Thank You! 2023 Board of Directors



L-R: Tom Groll (Harbor Commander), Kurt Carson (Race Commander), Bill Hawk (Vice Commodore), Anne Morley (Immediate Past Commodore), Lynn Jaeger (Secretary), Russ Shermer (Commodore). Not pictured: Jeff Sabuda (B&G Commander), David Jamail (Treasurer), Linda McDavitt (Sail Training Commander)

Congratulations! 2024 Board of Directors



L-R: Lewis Price (B&G Commander), Terry Schertz (Race Commander), Robert Bennett (Sail Training Commander), Mike Beuerlein (Harbor Commander), Renee Ruais (Vice Commodore), Lynn Jaeger (Secretary), Bill Hawk (Commodore), Russ Shermer (Immediate Past Commodore). Not pictured: Chris Covington (Treasurer)

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2023 Annual Banquet

Photos by Marilyn Jackson



Dinner buffet



Bill Hawk and Claude Welles lead the dessert line



Enjoying drinks, dinner and camaraderie



Carol & Steve Schultis



L-R Rich Ryon, Russ Shermer, Chris Thompson, Owen Crouse



L-R Russ & Jill Shermer, Zach Steuer

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2023 Annual Banquet

Photos by Marilyn Jackson



Dan & Chrisy McFerren with son Leo



L-R Anne & Kristin & David Morley, Annie & Charlie Lancaster



L-R Jill & Kurt Zinsmeyer, Russ & Jill Shermer



L-R Hazel Sanchez, Rick Allen, Ed & Colleen Taylor



L-R John Bartlett, Brad & Susan Davis, Anne Riggs, Bay Peterson



L-R Paul & Mary Carew, Louise Miller

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L-R Todd & Ruth Bening, Walter & Meghan Eckhardt *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



L-R Terry Schertz, Kurt Carson, Sarah & Eric Faust *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



L-R Chris & Abby Ryan with their neighbor, Mary *Photo by Cheryl Pervier*



L-R Tyler Carstensen, Chris Walker, Bill Hawk, Steve Unruh *Photo by Cheryl Pervier*



L-R Bill Records and Patti Bridges *Photo by Cheryl Pervier*



Jill & Russ Shermer *Photo by Cheryl Pervier*

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High Fidelity band provides great entertainment and high energy on the dance floor



Children's Holiday Party

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Looking Forward to 2024

by Bill Hawk



As we get close to 2024, I wanted to share a few thoughts and make a request for volunteer support for the coming year, specifically for help with meals for our major social events.

The AYC has a long tradition of finding and then completely burning out its volunteer Social Chairs and Social Committees. This situation has been addressed in various ways

over the past years with little success – we keep running into the fact that organizing, shopping, preparing, serving, and cleaning up the clubhouse is a lot of work and if only a few people are doing it week after week, the effort is overwhelming.

Each year we have a few major social events: End of Series dinners, Opening Day, Fleet Challenge Fundraiser, Independence Day party (to help Claudia Bartlett if she is running it again this year, thank you Claudia!), and such.

In an attempt to work around the issue of volunteer burn-out, I am going to ask each of our AYC fleets to sign up for one of these social events: Frostbite Series EOS, Opening Day, Spring Series EOS, Summer Series EOS, and Fall Series EOS. I know some of our fleets are smaller than others, so will ask you to work together to form appropriate sized teams and let me know which event you and your fleet can cover.

I will be reaching out to the Fleet Captains to finish coordinating this effort in January, and will expect each fleet to step up and help carry some of the workload. The Ensign Fleet, for instance (my fleet), has already volunteered to help run Opening Day.

If your fleet does not volunteer, we will talk about which of these events, or one of the other events, you can be assigned to support, alone or with other fleets – sitting on the docks watching is not really going to be an option.

I know that this is a departure from how we have done things in the past. I hope that our membership can rally around this concept through effective communication and fleet captains' coordination. We want to have a successful and enjoyable social year for everyone – volunteers included. Thank you!

Youth Coach Wrap-Up

by Zach Steuer



In this month's edition, we take great pride in showcasing the remarkable achievements and progress within our Junior Sailing Program. Lake Travis HS sailed to success at the ISSA 2023 Keelboat Invitational. After two difficult days of racing, they were able to secure a commendable third-place finish. Special commendations go out to **James Brock, '24**, **Lilly Wind, '25**, **Laura Covington, '24**, and **Ryder Getson, '25** for their stellar contributions to this accomplishment.

The excitement continues as our newest group of Opti 2 sailors have embarked on a new journey into the realm of Green Fleet competition. Geared up with enthusiasm, Sunday afternoon practices focus on introducing them to starts, Racing Rules of Sailing, triangle courses, improved upwind sailing, and gybe marks. There is great anticipation for the upcoming 2024 Spring Roadrunner Regatta, with many of them already aiming to be part of our Opti 3 Racing Team. Thinking about Opti 3s, they have been hard at work developing good boat handling, improved upwind performance, balance and accelerations.

Our AYC High School sailing team is undergoing an exhilarating transformation, shifting from fleet racing to the dynamic 2 v 2 team racing format. Practices now include comprehensive rules discussions followed by three hours of on-the-water training on Saturday mornings. Their hard work is setting the stage for a successful spring season.

Additionally, our Laser sailors are benefiting from the generosity of the Austin Yacht Club which has provided them with their own Laser boats. The team's dedication is evident as they diligently patch holes, fair the hull, and install hull fittings. With boats beginning to hit the water during Sunday practices, we are on track for readiness by the beginning of January. Our laser team's focus throughout 2024 will be on TSA regattas, the Roadrunner TSA event at AYC, and High School competition.

As we approach the close of the year, our Junior Sailing program is not just a story of accomplishments but also one of growth and anticipation for the challenges that lie ahead. We extend our heartfelt wishes to all our young sailors for continued success, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year with family and loved ones.



A winter sunset visit to the Rockport Yacht Club Photo by Jeff Jackson

Catalina 22 Fleet Report

by Steve Pervier



I have very much enjoyed being Catalina 22 Fleet Captain these nine years! It has been an honor to serve fleet members both highly-practiced and brand new, and of every experience in-between. It has also been great to represent one of the one-design fleets at AYC, and to help our fleet of 22 boats (at AYC on 12/18/2023) to form a strong contingent in the Performance Racing Fleet.

Like other AYC fleets, we have an ongoing challenge to bring out more members to participate, but we can succeed if we work together. Over the years, as some C22 sailors move on while new ones arrive, this gradual change is balanced by some who have stayed with C22 for decades. Each of us can enjoy racing, daysailing, cruising, teaching, and traveling to other waters with our versatile boats. Let's share this variety with each other and with AYC.

Competition in one-designs is more fun when more of us are closer in performance (the ideal of one-design) and the lead can change among boats as various crews excel at taking advantage of tactics in mostly shared conditions. We'll also enjoy the different style of PRF racing, more strategic than tactical, as we minimize duration on the course in conditions varying over time and location. Let's have some of our better racers sail on other boats as coach or guest skipper, and take some newer crew along on top boats so they can gain experience and learn.

We may get the chance for some different activities, as one of our experienced cruisers could soon put a cruising event together. The C22 National Association has a considerable cruising interest in addition to the racing calendar. Such events may involve trailering, or they could happen on Lake Travis even in low water, especially as our swing keel

boats draw only 20 inches. Unlike most keelboats we can venture into waters of wading depth. Many teaching opportunities are well suited to C22, and it's gratifying when new sailors enjoy learning about the sport we love. So volunteer sometime and give this a try!

I plan to help our new C22 Fleet Captain by continuing many of the same tasks I have been doing to support our fleet. I also want to encourage more of us to do the same. My fleet role now should be as a fleet advisor, fleet captain backup, a project leader in PRF-B, and continuing leader of the South Coast 21 / Catalina 22 Fleet Alliance. (See the May 2020 Telltale!)

Now, let us welcome our new Catalina 22 Fleet Captain, **William Kozminski**! If you're all active in or around our C22 fleet, you'll know **William and Millie** as dedicated sailors and ever-improving competitors, as well as being most friendly and enjoyable in conversation. We congratulate William and look ahead to some great sailing together in 2024.

In the recent Wild Turkey Regatta, among C22s, **Liz Stansfeld and young William** led off the starting line and all around the course, but on the last leg **William and Millie** broke from cover by tacking smartly around the last leeward mark (Buoy 7). With their boat speed and maybe a leveraged left shift they took the lead and finished first. Now William, should your boat really still be called "Sea Snail"?

Our latest social activities were the AYC Banquet, with a good group of Catalina boat owners and crews attending, and the Holiday Party of "Fleet 69", our local All-Catalina cruising fleet, with over 50 attending. We enjoyed having many guests and new members among us that evening, and we're looking forward to enjoying 2024 with them – and with you!

More Fleet 69 holiday party photos next page...



Fleet 69, our local All-Catalina Cruising Fleet, well represented at the fleet holiday party. Photo by Cheryl Pervier

Catalina Fleet 69 Holiday Party



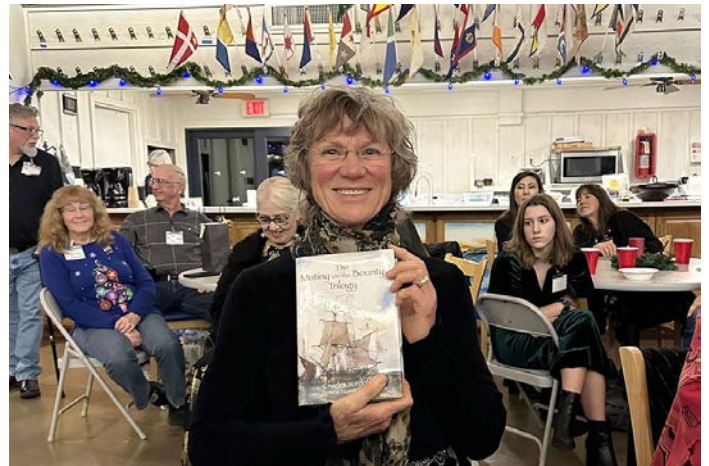
L-R: Matt Brown, Carl Kolb, Salvador Aguirre Photos by Cheryl Pervier



L-R: Diane Covert & Mark Zion, Louise Miller



Catalina Fleet 69 Commodores: Harry Polly, 2024 and Marie Snidow, 2023



Janet Hendricks was pleased with The Mutiny on the Bounty Trilogy



Sarah & James Denny



L-R: Jeff & Marilyn Jackson, Katie & Steve Whitley

Pearson 26 Fleet Report

by Bill Records



It has been a busy year for the Pearson 26 Fleet. This was our first year as a recognized fleet at AYC and our race participation was second only to the J80 fleet! Our race committee duty was carried out smoothly, thanks to **PRO Dave Weeks** and plenty of knowledgeable volunteers. We had four fleet gatherings to socialize and make future plans. We had the first one at my house and elected officers:

Bill Records – Fleet Captain, Dave Weeks – PRO, Abby Ryan – Social & Cruise Director. The second gathering was at the Home of **Henry & Kelly Hebel**. The third gathering was at the home of **Chris & Abby Ryan**, and the fourth was at **Mike & Gina Bayer's** home. Thanks to all of you for hosting.

Sail Training Commander Linda McDavitt enlisted our fleet to teach two Discover Sailing classes. These classes are for non-sailors who are curious about our sport. We gave the students short chalk talks and took them sailing. The post class survey showed very positive responses and one person expressed interest in purchasing a Pearson.

The Pearson 26 Fleet hosted the Single Handed Regatta on July 1st. Due to the extreme afternoon heat, we moved it to the morning, assuming the wind would be light. As it turned out, we had 12-18 knts, more than enough. **Chris Ryan's** cajun gumbo was a huge hit. **Brandon Jackobeit** took photos of each boat and had them printed for trophies. We matted the rest of the photos and gave one to everyone who competed. Believe me, they deserved something for surviving! I believe 33 boats registered and I think this showed a desire for a single handed keel boat race.

You might have noticed the latest two additions to the fleet. **Daniel Garces** and **Leandro Moral** sailing *Rusalka*, and **Emily & Brandon Jakobeit** sailing *Stealthy Cat*. Welcome them to the fleet and we hope to see a lot of them in 2024.

We had enough fleet members at the Annual Banquet to take up two tables, and one of us was nominated for the Blue Duck award. This infamous trophy is awarded to the member who committed the biggest blooper of the year. **Abby Ryan** nominated her husband **Chris** for doing a 720 penalty turn right on the finish line while she was on the RC boat 30 feet away! Embarrassment aside, Chris was edged out for the Blue Duck by **John Bartlett**.



New fleet members Leandro Moral and Daniel Garces, on the left Photos by Bill Records



New fleet members Brandon, Emily & Lillian Jakobeit

Good news – **Dave and Liz Weeks** have a new grandson, **Samuel**. I guess that they won't be sailing short-handed anymore!

Next up will be the Red Eye Regatta on Jan.1st. I hope that we have a good turnout. We should have TV service in the clubhouse, so we can watch the bowl games after the race.



Pearson 26 Fleet

Ensign Fleet Report by Molly Isbell



The Ensign Fleet held our annual Holiday Party on December 10th. **David & Barbara Gamble** once again graciously hosted this event in their lovely home. It was, as always, an enjoyable evening of eating and drinking and socializing. **Lewis Price** (our 2023 Fleet Captain and the Ensign Class Association Region IV Commander) started the “business meeting” part of the evening by having us talk about all the good things that happened in

2023. Well, actually, that’s not true. He really started it off by making us all say “Hey Coach” loudly enough that he knew we were paying attention. THEN we talked about the fleet highlights of the year. There have been a lot. Although most of this has been covered in previous Telltales, the good stuff bears repeating.

We had another solid year of racing in 2023. From AYC series races and Club-wide regattas to regional and national regattas, the Ensigns consistently turned out to compete (and also hang out and enjoy each other’s company). **Tom Groll** and crew **George Dahmen**, **Ann Kitzmiller**, and **Molly Isbell** travelled to Pentwater, MI to compete in the Ensign Nationals. They came in 5th and had an amazing time! Three AYC teams travelled to Houston Yacht Club to compete in the Region IV Championship – 578 (**Tom Groll**, **Bill Hawk**, **Molly Isbell**), 588 (**George Dahmen**, **Ann Kitzmiller**, **Franz Dahmen**, and **Lynn Jaeger**), and 929 (**Lewis Price**, **Graham Gilmour**, **Susy Ortega**, **Brent Horsely**, and **Mike Murphy**). Congrats to **George**, **Franz**, **Ann**, and **Lynn** for a first-place finish!

Outside the racing front, Ensigneers were active in volunteer and leadership roles within AYC. Special thanks to **Anne Morley**, **Tom Groll**, **Lynn Jaeger**, and **Bill Hawk** for serving on the Board in 2023, and thank you in advance to **Bill Hawk**, **Lynn Jaeger**, **Chris Covington**, and **Lewis Price** who will be serving on the Board in 2024. Our fleet also had a great time participating in the AYC Fleet Challenge this year. Thanks to all the fleet member donations (including taking

advantage of available matching funds), a first place finish in the Beer Can race component, a well-placed bet in the Calcutta Auction, and the most games tokens won (courtesy of the **Faust kids**), the Ensigns came in first! And we had fun and raised funds to support sailboat racing. A win win win!

This year, we also got to enjoy another perennial favorite – the Chaparral De Mar regatta. We had eight boats, all skippered by AYC Ol’ Salts (75+ years old). Congratulations to **Tom Romberg** for the first place finish and thanks to everyone who played a part in making this a fun day!

Another big highlight this year includes the growth of the fleet. **Kaye Janes** has joined AYC as a new member; **Graham Gilmour**, long-time crew for **Lewis Price** and newish AYC Club member, just bought 324; **Adam Biggs** and **Kim Nguyen** bought 1167; and we’re finishing up the restoration of 732. We’re excited about the new faces and the new-to-someone boats that will be on the line.

There’s a lot to look forward to in 2024! Giant thanks go to **Lewis Price** for serving as our Fleet’s fearless leader in 2023 and to **David Morley** for agreeing to take on the role in 2024.



2023/2024 Fleet “Officers” L-R: **David Morley** (2024 Fleet Captain), **Molly Isbell** (2023/2024 Secretary-Treasurer), **Lewis Price** (2023 Fleet Captain) Photos by **Anne Morley**



Ensign Fleet Holiday Party

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AYC's Anchor by John Howard



Is anyone among the newer members curious about the origin of AYC's clubhouse anchor? It's large enough to hold the clubhouse in place in flooding conditions with a length of strong cable connecting the two.

Referring to the January 1970 issue of Teltale, we find that the ship's anchor was donated by

William P. Holloway of Holloway Engineering and Cable Supply Company of Austin, who had the anchor delivered to the Club – despite its weight which is 6,000 lbs. Mr. Jack Mathis of Holloway Company stated the anchor originally belonged to a United States Navy cruiser which served on active duty in World Wars I and II. The ship was eventually dismantled and scrapped at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, and the anchor was acquired by Mr. Holloway at that time. We understand that past **Commodore McBee** was instrumental in getting the donation and mounting the anchor on the lawn so that it adds immensely to the attractiveness of the clubhouse.



Next time you walk past the bell... (from the 1991 flood) Photo submitted by John Howard



El Commodore explores Blue Water sailing to the Bahamas in November Photo submitted by Ed Pierce