

AUSTIN YACHT CLUB

TELLTALE

JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2024



Red Eye & Frostbite Kick Off 2024

Wind & Weather Play Havoc with Racers



Bonfire (J22) and Project Mayhem (J22) battle it out, Red Eye Regatta Photo by Marilyn Jackson

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***Austin Yacht Club
2024 Opening Day Ceremony and Regatta
March 3, 2024***

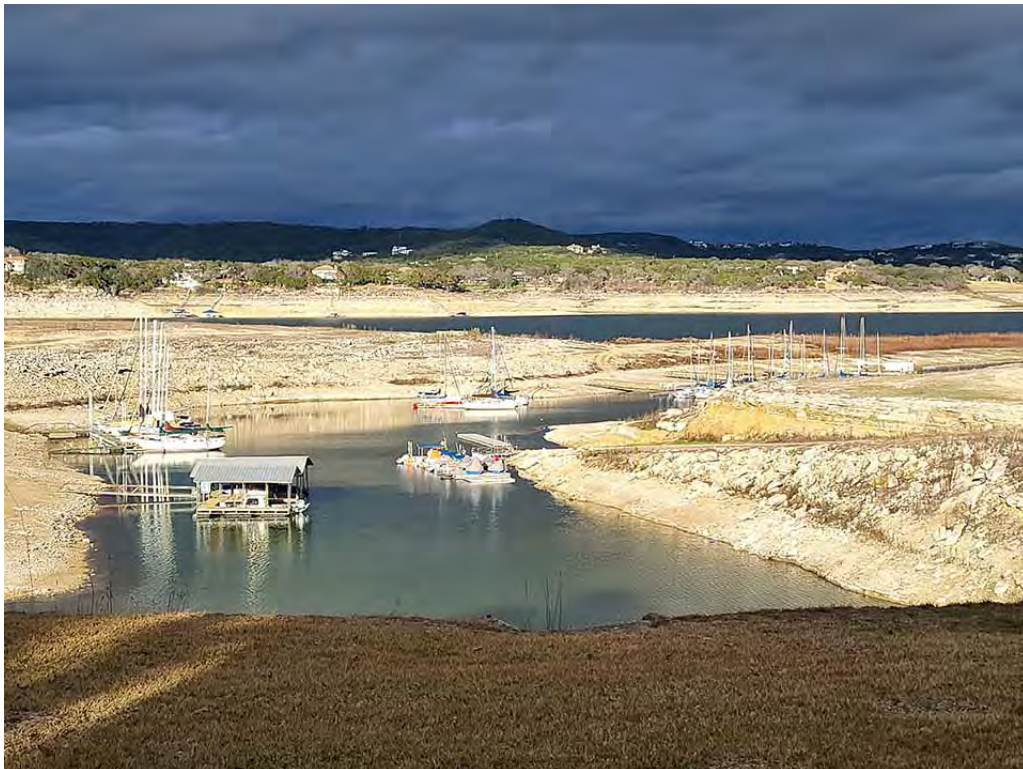
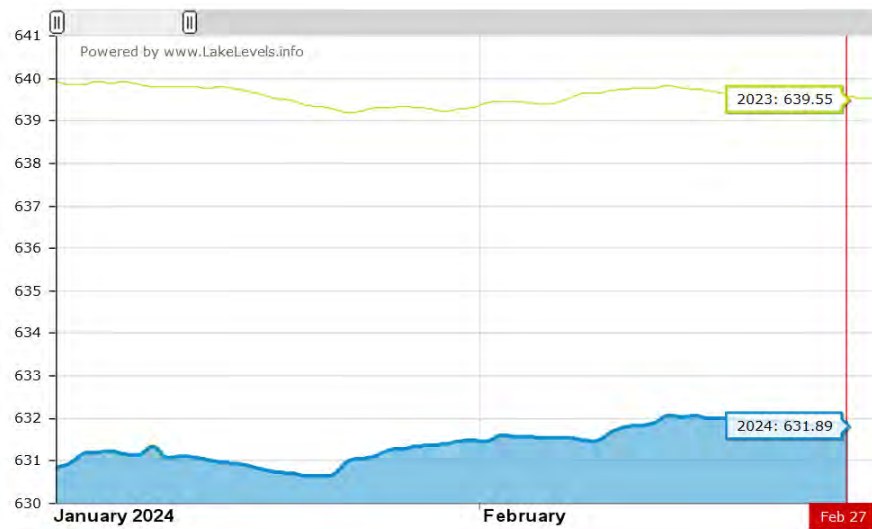


**9:30am Brunch and Mimosas/
 Bloody Marys
10:50am Ceremony Begins
12:15pm Skippers' Meeting
1:30pm Regatta First Gun
 Awards After the Races**



**Register for the regatta and the ceremony by
using this QR Code or register online**

Travis Lake Levels 02/27/24



View of the AYC Marina, Superbowl Sunday 2024 Photo by Marilyn Jackson

Message from the Commodore by Bill Hawk



After the Red Eye Regatta, the weather went back to Lake Travis Normal for the rest of the Frostbite Series – cold, windy, calm, and hot. Hopefully the rest of the year will be 80 degrees with a 10-12 knot breeze from the south and no power boats!

The Board has pulled together the budget for 2024 and approved it at the February Board Meeting. It has a couple of tough assumptions, but does not require much of an increase in dues or docks beyond keeping up with inflation. Please attend the LRPC Town Hall presentation on the budget in the coming month, we have some major issues that need to be presented to the membership and discussed!

The calendar has opened up a bit with the decision to hold one-day racing this year – hopefully we will get a bit more water in the lake that will better allow us to avoid hitting other boats before the summer is here! And the calendar is filling up nicely with lots of additional racing events, fleet parties, and general excitement.

By the time you read this, we will have gotten through a couple of pretty exciting weeks – the Ensign Fleet ran RC for the last Frostbite Series race, followed by the End of Series dinner and trophies. Coming up is Opening Day, also supported by the Ensign Fleet and this Board. The brunch and ceremony will be followed by a one-day regatta. We are asking for a small entry fee this year to cover the costs of food and trophies for the event, but the racing and party should be well worth the cost.

I hope everyone is having a good start to their year, and that you can come out and race with us soon if you haven't yet!



Sunset over the AYC marina Photo by Cheryl Pervier

SAVE THE DATE

03/03	Opening Day Ceremony, Brunch & Regatta
03/04	AYC Bearings Meeting
03/10	Spring Series #1*
03/16	Inaugural Lucky Charm Regatta
03/22-24	US Sailing Level 1 Certification
03/23-24	Roadrunner Regatta
03/28	Board of Directors Meeting
03/30-31	McCarthy Cup
03/30-31	Easter Laser Regatta

* All fleets race together on Sundays

Harbor Commander Report by Mike Beuerlein



In the past, month there has been some progress made toward the Harbor Committee's goals for the year.

Identification and Confirmation of Harbor Committee and Dock Captains

2024 Harbor Committee Members:

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| • Joel Rosinbum | • Bob Leonard |
| • Mark Kamen | • Bruce McDonald |
| • Tom Groll | • Doug Powell |
| • Harry Polly | • Jeff Avant |
| • Elizabeth Quintanilla | |

2024 Dock Captain Members

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| • Dock 1 - Daniel Garces | • Dock 6 - Kurt Zinsmeyer |
| • Dock 2 - Steve Shepardson | • Board Boat Dock - TBD |
| • Dock 3 - Bill Records | • Junior Sailing Dock - Zach Steuer |
| • Dock 4 - Richard Ryon | • Dry Sail Area - Harry Polly |
| • Dock 5 - Steve Whitley | |

February Work Party/Planning Session

The Harbor Committee met in mid-February to:

- Document the numerous locations on each of the docks where perimeter boards and rub rails have degraded with time, come loose and/or dislodged to assist in getting the proper materials for repair. The work party was encouraged to make such repairs if they had the proper tools and materials in coordination with those with prior experience in these kinds of repairs on the Harbor Committee.
- Investigate the current bridge situation to the Junior dock where incompatible design has led to some amount of dock and/or bridge damage to assist in getting the proper replacement bridge.
- Determine current completion status of junior dock and pavilion capital expenditure projects.

Since there is currently a waiting list for wet slips and yet several dry storage slots available at AYC:

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- Conduct a thorough inventory of both the wet & dry storage areas to identify:
 - » Appropriate wet slips currently assignable to those on waiting list.
 - » Unused wet slip boats which may be candidates for dry sail area storage.

April Work Party/Planning Session

The Harbor Committee was unable to complete all of our desired activities in mid-February, specifically:

- Non-member boats stored in member slots or common areas.
- Vacant or under-utilized DSA slots in highly desirable locations.
- DSA owners whose boats are impinging on their neighbors' space.
- Irreparable boats which may be candidates for removal or, at least, relocation to the boneyard so as to maximize access for actively raced sailboats and minimize unmonetized storage capacity.

All of this is with the goal of more efficient allocation of oversized/under-sized storage slots with possible fee adjustment to reflect more equitable cost per square footage, possible fee adjustment for non-sailboats, possible monetization of unpaved, unused trailer storage space (the "Boneyard").

Dock Improvements

A second work party is scheduled for April 27th to be headed up by **Bob Leonard and Harry Polly**. The party will start at 9:00am and will go on until 1:00pm. The goal for the work party is to repair/replace broken perimeter boards and rubber bumpers as needed. Please let the Harbor Committee know if you are available to assist with this task.

Dry Sail Area

We continue to analyze the dry slip area to determine if re-striping to reflect the various boat/trailer widths more closely would improve dry slip management. The idea is to create narrower slips for board boats and wider slips for the larger boats, such as catamarans and trimarans. We would also propose to re-assign slips based on boat usage so that those boats that are being frequently moved in and out of dry sail can do so more easily. Those boats that are being stored and unused will be moved to the back of dry sail and out of the more easily accessible slips.

Dry Out & Workspace Area Usage

We are considering imposing a fee for the dry out and workspace area, which is currently free. Use of the dry out and workspace areas will remain free for the currently allotted time frames for each (30 days for dry out, 3 weeks for workspace, and 3 days for the hoist). The fees would be imposed on those who abuse our system by remaining in the dry out area for prolonged periods of time, storing non-member boats in the dry out area, and continually requesting workspace storage for prolonged periods of time. Once we reach agreement on a policy to this end, a motion will be presented for consideration.

Race Commander Report by Terry Schertz



PRC

The Permanent Race Committee for 2024 has 10 members, half are returning and half are new this year. The team is **Kurt Carson, Bob Leonard, Hazel Sanchez, Jim Rehage, Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás, Rick Smith, Michael Moran, Alan Stanard, Jessie Yost, and John Rains**.

RC Training

The team has focused a lot of energy early this year on developing training modules to help members build their skills in race management. 19 individuals have taken one or more of the five training modules the PRC has offered on Saturdays during the Frostbite Series. The PRC intends to offer Race Management training throughout the year, but will take some time to evaluate how well this initial push worked before crafting a new plan.

Fleets

To help with both better competition and more people to draw from for race committee duty, we worked with a few of the fleets that had very light participation in recent years to combine them. PHRF A and PHRF B have combined into one start. They will do RC together, but continue to be scored separately. Three fleets, the J22, J70, and J24, were combined into one start and will compete as one fleet (PHRF). These fleets had always raced round the buoys instead of long distance, so we made this PHRF fleet RTB. We now have six starts with seven fleets (Multihulls, PRF-A and PRF-B, Pearson 26, J80, J-PRF, and Ensign) and are hoping they are set up to have some good racing!

Series

We are set to have four series in 2024, each with seven race weekends. A bit longer series gives us a better chance at getting enough races in to make the competition interesting! Given the number of weekends that have been cancelled in the Frostbite Series so far, it's been a good choice. We chose not to have a Dog Days Series and leave that late summer time open for whatever sounds fun – fleet driven activities, on the water training, raft ups, etc.

Single Day Series Racing

After consulting with the fleets and evaluating the pros and cons of split race days vs all fleets racing on one day, the decision has been made to return to a single day. Given the lake level, the variety of fleets and race course needs, and the smaller number of classes (starts) to field race management, there was no perfect solution. But five out of six fleets voted for sailing together. The calendar has been corrected to show only one day for Series races (Sunday for the Spring and Fall series, Saturday for the Summer series).

It's been a busy start to the 2024 season for the PRC and me. We're doing everything we can to set AYC for a good racing season. Now, if we could just get some water....!

Building & Grounds Commander Report

by Lewis Price



Hello fellow AYC members, I'd like to introduce myself. I'm **Lewis Price**, long time AYC member, and the new Building & Grounds Commander. I basically grew up at AYC and have been racing my family's Ensign, Dos Locos, for a long time. I'm excited to serve in this role and help my longtime friend, **Bill Hawk**, as he takes over as Commodore.

Some of the major initiatives I would like to see accomplished in 2024 include an upgrade to the antiquated waterline system by replacing the old lines with new 2" PVC and adding additional control valves for a more efficiently operating system.

The children's playscape is in dire need of safety improvements, including a new plastic liner to replace the old railroad ties. Bids to do so have already been received and upon Board approval, work will hopefully be getting underway shortly.

The control system for the front gate is in need of replacement and we are working with the manufacturer to install a new one that meets our needs as a Club.

Like previous B&G commanders, I will be organizing a few workdays to help our Club continue to look nice throughout the year. Remember, one of this Club's founding principles is volunteerism, and these workdays are a great way for probationary members to get in their required hours. I plan on having the first one sometime in April after the initial spring growth and the oak trees have gone through their new leaf cycle.

I also plan on making an effort to replace some of the trees we either lost to oak wilt or the major ice storm we had last winter.

I'm looking for volunteers to serve on my B&G standing committee, so let me know if you are interested in helping me. One member who has already done so is **Owen Crouse**. In fact, he is currently organizing a work party to clean up some of the shrubs and overgrowth along Beacon Drive approaching the Club entrance. Please contact either myself or Owen directly if you are interested in helping.

See you at Opening Day. Stop by my Bloody Mary Bar.

Planning is well underway for AYC summer camp, PBJ/Optimist junior training, high-school and college 420s, FJ, ILCAs, Picos, and more!

February News

The warmer weather and recent rain are cause for some excitement, but so is the AYC Sail Training registration for spring youth programs, adult sailing, summer camp, and PBJ. Registration is now LIVE. Some of our programs are almost already full. Visit page 8 for more info.

Since the last report, we sold six of our Flying Juniors to Houston Yacht Club, since we have the newer 420 fleet. Those FJs will be used for high school team racing.

One of the AYC Sail Training RIBs that was refurbished last year was just delivered. It'll be launched and back on the junior dock by the time this is read.

With strong interest in the youth sail training programs, I'm looking at unused boats and trailers in the junior dry dock area so that new boats/sailors can use that space. If you have unused equipment in that area (top of the ramp), please let me know. If you want to keep items there, please let me know as well, and maybe I can help find new homes for unused hulls. Let me know!

Along with **Coach Zach**, we look forward to a great year of junior and adult sail training activities.



Bill Records leading Fundamentals of Sailing Clinic on January 13.
Photo submitted by Robert Bennett

Sail Training Commander Report

by Robert Bennett



January News

Ahoy, and I'm happy to serve as the new Sail Training Commander, and welcome feedback and suggestions.

With winter weather and to start the year, we hosted a class titled "Fundamentals of Racing" on January 13. With over 20 participants, this class was for beginning as well as intermediate racers and was taught by **Bill Records**.

The 2024 Sail Training Committee continues to form, with **Jeff Brock**, **Sarah Faust**, **Sarah Lareau**, **Linda McDavitt**, **Michael Moran**, **Bill Records**, and **Ryan Sederholm** involved so far.



Area at top of ramp marked for new youth program boats and trailers.
Photo submitted by Robert Bennett

Youth Coach Update

by Zach Steuer



Happy Almost Spring, AYC Members!

During the months of January and February, our Junior Sail Training Programs have been actively engaging our Opti 2, Opti 3, ILCA Racing Team, and High School sailors in on-water activities.

Opti 2, Opti 3, and ILCA sailors have been hard at work honing their skills in preparation for TSA competition and our upcoming Roadrunner Regatta. The Roadrunner is the inaugural event on the TSA calendar and will be hosted right here at the Austin Yacht Club on March 23-24.

Our High School Sailing Team has dedicated the winter months to mastering Team Racing, alternating between team racing and fleet racing practice. As we move into the Spring Season, we will actively push to team race more and prepare for High School ISSA events.



Spring and Summer Registrations are Open

Given the large size of our incoming Opti 2 class, all Club-owned boats will be in use this spring season. We are encouraging families to consider purchasing their own boats to avoid waitlists. Some members have Optis for sale that their children have outgrown. If you are interested, please reach out to me, and we will help you find a boat.

Changes to our Spring Program

We have restructured the High School Team into three classes (A team, B team, Middle/High School: Introduction to Sailing) versus the usual two. This will allow for a more competitive B team and encourage new sailors to join us at AYC in Middle/High School without needing prior sailing experience. As a result, the Single/Double Handed class has been retired to accommodate these changes. HS/Middle School Intro to Sailing will combine with B team sailors on Saturday mornings, offering plenty of opportunities to pair up and enjoy time on the water.

Learn to Sail Programs

If your son or daughter would like to start sailing in our Junior Program, register them in one of our Learn to Sail Programs. These classes are taught in either Optis 8-12 years old or E420s 12-18 years old. Registration can be found on the AYC website under Youth Sailing.

Spring Regatta Schedule

For Opti, ILCA, and High School Sailors the spring regatta schedule has been finalized and posted on the AYC calendar. We have a ton of fun regattas planned, so please review the Junior Calendar carefully. We encourage AYC Junior sailors to participate in all scheduled events. Coaches will be present at each event to provide support and guidance during ISSA/TSA competitions. An option for regatta coaching has been included in Spring registration (Traveling to regattas is optional). This is a new program, so if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out, and I'd be happy to provide more information.





Spring and Summer Junior Sailing Registration is Now Open!



Registration for the Junior Sailing Spring Season and Summer Camps is officially open! We promise exciting opportunities for our youth sailors to learn, grow, and excel on the water.

To register, please visit [clubspot](#) to secure your spot. Additionally, you can find all registration links, schedule details, and further information on the AYC website (under the Youth Sailing tab).

If you have any questions regarding the registration process, the season schedule, or anything else related to Junior Sailing, please don't hesitate to reach out. You can contact our Head Coach via email at zach@austinyachtclub.net.

We look forward to welcoming your young sailors to another fantastic season of fun racing, learning, and warm weather on the waters of Lake Travis.

Best regards,

Coach Steuer
Austin Yacht Club

Congratulations, Fred!



Austin Yacht Club

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BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

Date: January 25, 2024

MOTION

NAME OF BOARD MEMBER: Russ Shermer

BOARD POSITION: Past Commodore

I MOVE TO: Grant Fred Schroth an AYC lifetime membership.

BACKGROUND/PURPOSE OF MOTION:

Per the handbook section III.3:

The Life Member designation shall be used to recognize a Senior Member who has been of exceptional value and/or provided outstanding service to the Club. Life Members shall be entitled to all the privileges of AYC, including the right to vote and hold office. Their membership shall continue for the life of the member unless removed by action of the Board of Directors. Life Members shall be exempt from monthly dues, unless otherwise directed by the Board of Directors.

I believe that Fred Schroth deserves this recognition and clearly qualifies for this membership designation. The membership committee discussed this matter last week and unanimously agreed.





Emily Verdoia: Inspiring Girls Through Coaching

When Emily Verdoia joined the University of Texas at Austin's sailing team, she didn't expect to end up as the Youth Sailing Lead Instructor and Office Manager at the St. Thomas Sailing Center in the Virgin Islands. Her love for sailing was reignited after a childhood as a competitive snowboarder when she joined the UT team, later becoming a US Sailing Certified Instructor at the Austin Yacht Club before moving to the Virgin Islands and the St. Thomas Sailing Center. Emily never had a female coach as a young sailor, so she became one, working to help young women and girls take up all the space they need to excel.

US Sailing chatted with Emily in honor of National Day of Girls and Women in Sports about her college sailing experience, a day in the life at St. Thomas, and why it's never too late to become a sailor.

Emily rediscovered her love for sailing later in life, starting as a child but taking a hiatus that lasted until she went to college and joined the University of Texas at Austin Sailing Team. Her father was a sailor, but childhood camps didn't stick, because sailing Optis in the San Francisco Bay was, in Emily's words, "terrifying and miserable."

Emily enjoyed sailing with her father on his keelboat, though, and took those good memories with her when she joined the UT team. It was important to her that she chose sailing herself, without any outside influence or encouragement. "We weren't the best in the country, by any means," she said of her team, "but it was great competition within our conference and a lot of fun. And I met some friends that I'm going to have for the rest of my life."

While in college, Emily began working at the Austin Yacht Club. She already had her Level 1 US Sailing Certification, so she started by covering their beginner Opti programs on the weekends. When Emily graduated in 2020, the club let her know that they needed a more full-time coach, and eventually, she worked her way up to become Director of the youth program. The unique circumstances of the year set her on a path she didn't expect.

"I don't want to say it fell into my lap," she said, "but it wasn't something that I necessarily thought out." She remembers being a young sailor and never having a female coach, so while she worked with a high school team in Austin, she encouraged all the girls to get their Level 1 Certifications and become camp counselors. "When you see more women coaching and you see that it can be done really well by a woman, I think that helps inspire young girls." Emily's not just a role

model; she's using her firsthand experience to personally help other young women follow her path.

Less than a year ago, Emily moved from Austin to the Virgin Islands, and now works at the St. Thomas Sailing Center coaching Opti Green Fleet. She wants her students not only to know how to sail, but to know how to advocate for themselves, and she's become the female role model she never had. She's found that many women are pigeonholed into working the bow due to their smaller stature, so she makes sure all her kids know they belong wherever they want to be.

Emily's experience as an underrepresented sailor means she can truly relate to and bond with the kids she coaches. "Trust me," she tells them, "and trust that you're better than you think you are."

Emily's message to other women and girls who want to get involved with sailing or coaching is to find and connect with a supportive community. "Push through any discomfort," she said, "and find people who uplift you. Whether that's other women, a mentor, a peer; maybe it's a youth sailor you coach who just thinks that you're the bee's knees – find those people. Hold on to those people, and work together to uplift each other."

Story Credit: USSailing.org

Posted on February 7, 2024 at 11:01 AM by Lexi Pline

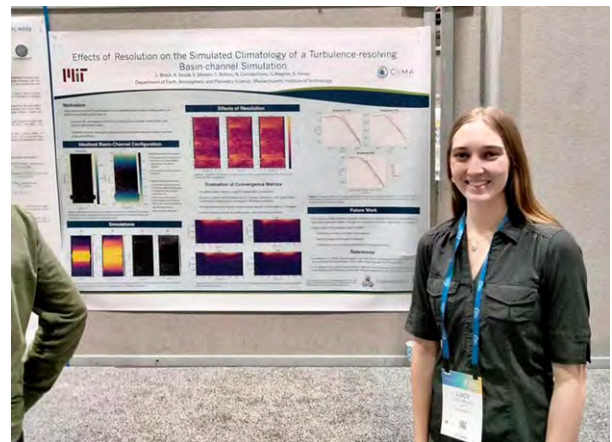


Photo by Amy Brock

Congratulations Lucy Brock!

AYC proudly acknowledges Lucy Brock for presenting a first authorized poster at the Ocean Sciences meeting February 18-23 in New Orleans. Great work, Lucy!

In Memory



Frans Dahmen

April 14, 1953 - December 28, 2023

It is with heavy hearts that we inform you that Frans Dahmen, husband, father, brother, uncle, and friend, passed away on Thursday December 28.

It is difficult to sum up, in a few sentences, a life that was so full. For now, we will say that those who knew Frans knew him as hard working, kind, affable, and always willing to help a friend. He left his mark on Austin through the innumerable houses and businesses that he built and remodeled. A dedicated craftsman, the homes that he built bear his signature. He loved his family and enjoyed spending time with them. He was also an avid sailor, and spent many days sailing and racing on Lake Travis as part of the Austin Yacht Club, and participated in numerous Ensign regionals and nationals.

Plans for the Memorial:

We have plans to host a memorial on Saturday, April 20th of this year, and we hope that you will join us then to celebrate Frans' life. We will be in touch closer to that date with more details about time and location as well as to request RSVPs.

In the meantime, if you have any interest in speaking at the memorial please get in touch with Zoe Dahmen, at this email address: zoedahmen2024@gmail.com so she can make a note of who would like to share.

Where to Send Photos:

We are also in the process of collecting photos for a memorial slideshow. If you have any photos of Frans from throughout the years, or photos of houses or buildings that he worked on please share them with Zoe at the above email.

Thank you for your support during this difficult time, and for holding Frans in your hearts and in your memories.

From Frans' family,
Deborah, Andre, and Zoe

Red Eye Regatta

Breakfast photos by Marilyn Jackson



Skippers' meeting



Commodore Bill Hawk holding court at the Bloody Mary Bar



L-R: Hazel Sanchez, Tom Groll, Karen Bogisch, Russ Shermer



L-R: Charlie Lancaster, Johanna Brown, Jeff Jackson, Steve & Katie Whitley, Annie Lancaster



L-R: Caston & Cass Meyer, Jeff Jackson



L-R: Bay Peterson and Bob Gross

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Red Eye Regatta

Breakfast photos by Marilyn Jackson



L-R: Barry Bowden and John Mandell



L-R: Matt, Sawyer, Wyatt & Zachary Romberg



L-R: Mack Warner, Jeff & Marilyn Jackson



L-R: Claude Welles, Rick Smith, Barry Bowden, Steve Vaughan, Alan Stanard



Jim Casto, Regatta Chair



L-R: James Bland, Robbin Kersey, William Kozminski

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Red Eye Regatta

Racing photos by Marilyn Jackson, except where noted



A Fleet preparing for start Photo by Elizabeth Quintanilla



L-R: Pearson 26 Rusalka, Ensign Gravy Boat, J22 Bubbles



J80 start Photo by Elizabeth Quintanilla



Capri 25 Ornery



L-R: F28-R Far Reach, Corsair Sprint 750 Lucy Gene



Spinnakers running with the wind

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Red Eye Regatta

Dinner photos by Marilyn Jackson



Racers at the buffet line



L-R: Brett Lovgren, Daniel Garces, Ray Shull



Enjoying a hearty meal



Waiting for the trophy presentation

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Red Eye Regatta

Awards Photos by Marilyn Jackson



1st Place Pearson 26 Bill Records, (skipper) Cafe au lait, with Regatta Chair Jim Casto



2nd Place Pearson 26 L-R: Tyler Carstensen and Rich Ryon (skipper)



1st Place Multihull Aaron McCulley (skipper), F28-R Rumline



Multihull trophy winners L-R: 2nd Place Bill Coon (skipper) 750 Mk2 Humility, 1st Place Aaron McCulley (skipper), Rick Allen, F28-R Rumline



1st Place J80 L-R: Martine LaCombe, Karen Bogisch (skipper), Dale Scoggin, JazzTacks



2nd Place J80 Tom Romberg (skipper), Too Much J



1st Place Monohull 1 L-R: Molly Lewis, Tom Groll (skipper), Yolanda Diaz, Ensign Dancing Bear



2nd Place Monohull 1 David Gamble (skipper), Ensign Gravy



1st Place Monohull 2 and 1st Place Overall Hap McCollum Trophy L-R: Karen Lewis, Chris Lewis (skipper), Taylor Snyder, J70 GB



2nd Place Monohull 2 John Halter (skipper), J22 Project Mayhem



3rd Place Monohull 2 Linda McDavitt (skipper), J22 Bonfire

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Red Eye Regatta Race Results

MONOHULL 1

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	TYPE	PHRF RATING
1	578	Dancing Bear	Tom Groll	Ensign	252
2	1358	Gravy Boat	David Gamble	Ensign	252
3	324		Graham Gilmour	Ensign	252

MONOHULL 2

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	TYPE	PHRF RATING
1	181	GB	Chris Lewis Hap McCollum Trophy 1st Place Keel Boat Overall	J70	120
2	1235	Project Mayhem	John Halter	J22	174
3	629	Bonfire	Linda McDavitt	J22	174

J80

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	PHRF RATING
1	122	JazzTacks	Karen Bogisch	117
2	221	Too Much J	Matt Romberg	117
3	119	Pancho & Lefty	Patrick Hitchins	117

PEARSON 26

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	PHRF RATING
1	198	Cafe au Lait	Bill Records	219
2	230	Cloud 9	Richard Ryon	219
3	258	Entheos	Michael Bayer	210

MULTIHULL

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	TYPE	PHRF RATING
1	232	Rumline	Aaron McCulley	F28-R	24
2	130	Humility	Bill Coon	Corsair Sprint 750Mk2	33
3	140	Far Reach	Mike Beuerlein	F28-R	24

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- One-Design fleet of J80s
- Expert Coach on each boat
- Seminars & Video Review with North U Director Bill Gladstone
- Space is limited
- Sign up solo or as a crew of 4



Comments from Past Participants

I was impressed with the depth of knowledge and patience and encouragement of the coaches!

This was exactly the tune up our team needed to get to a competitive level.

My coach was amazing. A font of knowledgeable and willing to share, always calm, and able to explain things in an understandable manner. Finally, overall, a super good guy. Thank you.

I thought I knew how to sail PHRF boats. I was wrong. I learned more in one week than I have in the last 40 years.

The coach on the boat allows for the experience to be tailored and advanced.

You don't have to be an advanced racer to take this course.

Absolutely sign up. It will up your game.

Takes your sailing to another level, great experience learning how people make their boats go fast.

If you want to improve your sail racing game - Do it! You won't regret it!

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Anne Morley

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Frostbite Series Recap

by Cheryl Pervier



Several Frostbite Series races were cancelled due to wind chill, wind velocity, and not enough wind, resulting in only three days of racing out of seven.

Here's the story:

Frostbite #1, 01/14

Cancelled. The combination of air temperature, wind and water temperature forecast fell into a combined range that resulted in a NO GO for racing at AYC.

Frostbite #2, 01/21

Cancelled due to wind chill forecast of mid- to low-30s.

Frostbite #3, 01/28

On schedule! Winds shifty 5-10 from NW to SW, start was in the mouth of Cypress Creek.

Frostbite #4, 02/04

Cancelled on shore. Winds in the 20s and 30s with gusts to 54, NW to N.

Frostbite #5, 02/11

On schedule! Winds 10-15, gusts to 23 from the NW. Temp 56 degrees.

Frostbite #6, 02/18

Cancelled on the water due to shifty and light winds from N to SE.

Frostbite #7, 02/25

On schedule! Winds 15-20 from the SW with gusts to 23. Air temp a balmy 86 degrees.

Photos from Frostbite Series races 3, 5, and 7 follow.



J80 Amazing Grace L-R: Dante Alibrio, Tom Holdridge, John Burke (skipper), Liberty Mitchell, Elizabeth Quintanilla



J80 Warp Speed L-R: Kirk Livingston (skipper), Janis Livingston, Tom Presswood, Rolland Wooten, Dan Ruble

Frostbite Series Race #3



J Fleet RC L-R: Gabriella Banka, Shelby Carter, Karen & Chris Lewis, Bob Leonard, Rhonda AmRhein-Moore, Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás, Renee Ruais, Will Thomas Photos this page by Cheryl Pervier



A&B Fleet racers L-R: Can Kalyoncuoglu, John Maddalozzo, Jeisa Acosta, Matt Brown, David Broadlick, Marilyn Jackson, Steve Shepardson, Caroline (non member), Liz Stansfeld, William Deboer

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Frostbite Series Race #3



Karen Bogisch and Martine LaCombe are ready to race J80 JazzTacks
Photos this page by Cheryl Pervier



Frostbite #3 skippers' meeting



J80 start



J80 Air Supply L-R: Ed Taylor, Cullin Wible, Alan Stanard, Caitlynn Taylor



L-R: Abandoned Assets, Trinity and Rumline at the Multihull start



Ensign Gravy Boat

Frostbite Series Race #3



Catalina 25 Winging It Photo by Cheryl Pervier



Pearson 26s L-R: Cafe au lait and Rusalka Photo by Cheryl Pervier



Sunny boats Photo by Cheryl Pervier



L-R: Nacra 5.5 Uni solo Two Hot and Catalina 25 Waturi Photo by Marilyn Jackson



L-R: Pearson 26 Rusalka, Catalina 25 Chili Verde, Catalina 30 Rendezvous, Pearson 26 Cafe au lait, Capri 25 Ornerly Photo by Marilyn Jackson



J80 spinnakers Photo by Marilyn Jackson

Frostbite Series Race #3



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L-R: Catalina 22 Sea Snail, Pearson 26 Cafe au lait, J22 Crash Course, Catalina 25 Watari



Catalina 22 Elysium



Annie & Charlie Lancaster on Ensign Eagle



L-R: J80 Air Supply, Ensign Prickly Pair, Catalina 25 Watari, Pearson 26 Rusalka



Trimaran Corsair 880 Sport 'ekolu

Frostbite Series Race #3



L-R Karen Lewis, Anne Riggs, Bay Peterson *Post-race photos this page by Marilyn Jackson*



L-R: Jeff & Marilyn Jackson, Eric Van Hensbergen



L-R Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás, Ken Berringer, Renee Ruais



L-R: William Deboer & Liz Stansfeld, Meri & Steve Shepardson



L-R: David Broadlick and John Rains



L-R: Dale Scoggin, Shelby Carter, John Bartlett

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Frostbite Series Race #5



Catalina 25 Waturi Photos this page by Marilyn Jackson



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



Catalina 22 Sea Snail



Russ Shermer on the signal boat



Catalina 30 Rendezvous



Pearson 26 Tacking Tiger Jibing Dragon

Frostbite Series Race #5



Capri 25 Kami Photos this page by Cheryl Pervier



Ensign Prickly Pair



J80 Restless



J80 Speed Racer



L-R: Catalina 25s Waturi and Wingin It



B-Fleet start

Frostbite Series Race #5



J80 Too Much J *Photos this page by Cheryl Pervier*



J24 Honky Tonk



Catalina 22 Sea Snail



Capri 25 Ornery



Multihull Fleet RC duty



Catalina 25 Waturi

Frostbite Series Race #7



Close racing for J80s, L-R: Too Much J, JazzTracks, Jackrabbit *Photos this page by Cheryl Pervier*



Close racing for Pearson 26s, L-R: Cafe au lait, Jack of Hearts, Justus



Capri 22 Gunes



Multihull Corsair F27 Trinity



L-R: J70 Wabi Sabi pursuing J22 Silicon Ship



Hunter 28.5 Far Away

Frostbite Series Race #7



A and B Fleet start *Photos this page by Cheryl Pervier*



Capri 25 Kami



Multihull F28-R Rumline



Pearson 26 Justus



J80 Sweet T



Ensign RC, L-R: Estaban Rodriguez, Kaylen Belt, Kaye Jayes, Graham Gilmour, Ann Kitzmiller, Danny Lien, Tom Groll, Molly Isbell, George Dahmen, Bill Hawk

Frostbite Series Race #7



L-R: Payam Sarabi, Anne Riggs, Karen Lewis, Ray Shull, Rick Allen, Hazel Sanchez Dinner photos this page by Marilyn Jackson



L-R: Norma & Danny Lien, Ann Kitzmiller, George Dahmen, Graham Gilmour



Kitchen volunteers, L-R: Meri & Steve Shepardson, Mark Zion & Diane Covert, Stephen Unruh, Marilyn Jackson



L-R: Linda Donovan, Janet Hendricks, Tom Meyer



L-R: Jo Roland, Karen Bogisch, Martine LaCombe, Marc Michels



L-R: Jim Bridgwater, Gerry & Alison Kwiecinski, Renee Ruais

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Frostbite Series Race #7



L-R: Jeff Jackson, Katie & Steve Whitley, David Broadlick, Colleen & David Zientek, Johanna & Matt Brown *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



Charge sheet signup volunteers Cheryl & Steve Pervier *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



Lasagna chefs, L-R: Janet Hendricks, Marilyn & Jeff Jackson
Photo by Marilyn Jackson



Buffet line *Photo by Marilyn Jackson*



Meal helpers, L-R: John Maddalozzo, Peggy Brewer, Meri Shepardson, Diane Covert *Photo by Cheryl Pervier*



Marilyn and her team made and served the lasagna *Photo by Cheryl Pervier*

Frostbite Series Trophies

Photos by Cheryl Pervier



1st Place B Fleet L-R: Janet Hendricks, Tom Meyer, Linda Donovan (skipper) on Hunter 28.5 Far Away, with presenter Commodore Bill Hawk



2nd Place B Fleet Can Kalyoncuoglu (skipper) on Capri 22 Gunes



3rd Place B Fleet L-R: Cheryl & Steve Pervier on Catalina 30 Rendezvous



1st Place PHRF J Fleet L-R: Alison & Gerry Kwiecinski, Jim Bridgwater (skipper) on J22 Silicon Ship



2nd Place PHRF J Fleet, Linda McDavitt (skipper) on J22 Bonfire



3rd Place PHRF J Fleet, Karen Lewis accepting for Chris Lewis (skipper) on J70 GB



1st Place Multihull Aaron McCulley on F28-R Rumline



1st Place J80 L-R: Martine LaCombe, Karen Bogisch (skipper) on JazzTacks



2nd Place J80 L-R: Cullin Wible, Alan Stanard, Jon Wiemer, Ed (skipper) & Colleen Taylor on Air Supply



1st Place Pearson 26 Bill Records (skipper) on Cafe au lait



1st Place Ensign L-R: Molly Isbell & Tom Groll (skipper) on Dancing Bear



2nd Place Ensign Danny Lien (skipper) on Gravy Boat

Frostbite Series Results

PHRF A

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	TYPE	PHRF RATING
1	264	Once	Cass Meyer	11 Meter	69
2	007	Shaken	Kurt Zinsmeyer	J88	87
3	116	Kami	Matthew Brown	Capri 25	171

PHRF B

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	TYPE	PHRF RATING
1	54	Far Away	Linda Donovan	Hunter 28.5	204
2	827	Gunes	Can Kalyoncuoglu	Capri 22	210
3	4933	Rendezvous	Steve Pervier	Catalina 30	198

J80

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER
1	122	JazzTacks	Karen Bogisch
2	720	Air Supply	Ed Taylor
3	221	Too Much J	Tom Romberg

PEARSON 26

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER
1	198	Cafe au lait	Bill Records
2	1393	Incognito	David Weeks
3	060	Stealthy Cat	Emily Jakobeit

MULTIHULL

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	TYPE	PHRF RATING
1	232	Rumline	Aaron McCulley	F28-R	24
2	27130	Trinity	Joel Rosinbum	Corsair F27	51
3	276	Abandoned Assets	Bo Kersey	Corsair F31	-42

Frostbite Series Results

J PHRF (J22, J24, J70)

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER	TYPE	PHRF RATING
1	672	Silicon Ship	Jim Bridgwater	J22	174
2	629	Bonfire	Linda McDavitt	J22	174
3	181	GB	Chris Lewis	J70	120

ENSIGN

POS	SAIL	BOAT	SKIPPER
1	578	Dancing Bear	Tom Groll
2	1358	Gravy Boat	Danny Lien
3	1414	Prickly Pair	Bill Hawk



Mark Set Bot Training Photo by Cheryl Pervier

Catalina 22 Fleet Report

by William Kozminski



The sailing adventure begins with us, and our boats. We have been given the opportunity to be counted, or should I say lucky enough to be part of the adventure?

Most sailing stories begin with one man or one woman who is staring into the future, seeing greatness, with iron will, drive and totally fearless. This is our story, every member at AYC has sought victory by pushing themselves to that moment, and crushing it. Victory!

Hollywood tells a fiction, average people dream. They make movies about our lives. How awesome is that...

After writing this literary masterpiece, I will be surprised if my skipper's hat still fits. We all know this to be true.



William Kozminski & Millie Yap on their Catalina 22 Sea Snail
Photo by Cheryl Pervier

SC 21/C22 Fleet Alliance

by Steve Pervier



Hello, members and friends of our South Coast 21 and Catalina 22 Fleet Alliance!

Our fleet alliance supports sailors in two one-design fleets, which race in PRF-B and provide much needed skills for PHRF A&B Race Committee. Our AYC C22 fleet is Fleet 69 of the Catalina 22 National Association, and is also in C22 Region 8 (Texas, the four adjacent states, and Colorado). And I hope someday we will see another South Coast Intergalactics!

With the existing SC21/C22 alliance and the new J-PHRF Class (J/70

plus the long partnership of J/22 and J/24) ... could there be a new one-design fleet alliance? Enter "Catalina" in the Active Racing Boats search to find nearly 40 AYC boats, and to those we add several Capri boats by Catalina, plus new Catalina members and at least one newly purchased boat. That's a lot of boats and sailors, and we hope to see many of you racing with us soon.

Spring Series 2024 starts on Sunday March 10, a week after Opening Day. Let's enjoy these fine sailing days on the water. Later you can find our fleet members around the clubhouse after racing, sharing snacks and telling racing stories!

Pearson 26 Fleet Report

by Bill Records



The Pearson 26 Fleet started 2024 with a good turnout for the Red Eye Regatta.

Dave Weeks could not make it because he and **Liz** were in the UK to welcome their first grandson, Sam, into the world. However, he was here by proxy, since his great crew (**Jen Loehlin & Mike Mashi**) sailed with **Mike & Gina Bayer** on Entheos. We had five boats racing: **Rich Ryon,**

Mike Bayer, Daniel Garces, Tony Yen, and yours truly. The wind was moderate and the fleet stayed together at first. A real match race ensued between Mike and Rich with Mike getting the lead late. However, on the last leg he chose not to cover Rich. And you know what happened, Rich ended up ahead.



1st place Red Eye Regatta Photo submitted by Bill Records

I think that we all have been there, including myself. My rule now is if I'm ahead on the last leg, I cover all of the way to the docks!

The Frostbite Series has been a disappointment with three races cancelled for lack of wind or too high chill factor. PRO **Chris Lewis** did a remarkable job getting races off in very difficult conditions. Shifty and light wind from the west! For various reasons, all but one of the P26s were DSQ'd. **Dave Weeks** managed to finish and should get a medal! On February 4 we had RC duty and lots of you showed up. We had to cancel for lack of wind.

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1st place Frostbite Series race 3 Photo submitted by Bill Records



RC Frostbite race 4 (thank you for showing up!) L-R: John Rains, David Weeks, Leandro Rey Moral, David Suarez, Tyler Carstensen, Carl Meyer, Bret Wilson, Chris Ryan, Daniel Garcés, Mark Kamen, Mike Mashl & Jenni Loehlin, Bill Records Photo by Cheryl Pervier

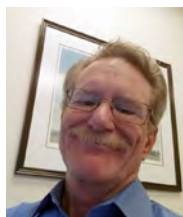
On February 11 we had fabulous conditions although the actual wind was lower than predicted. My crew and I left the dock with the 130 hanked on, but when we got out in the lake we saw no whitecaps. A quick change to the 155 was a key to our winning. The Pearson 26 is a heavy boat and to be successful, you need as much sail as you can carry.

Next up is the Spring Series and Opening Day Regatta. I hope we can have a good turnout, especially on Opening Day.

Since our boats are characterized as Racer/Cruisers, we have been talking about doing some cruising. There are some good restaurants on the lake with courtesy docks that we could cruise to. And we could also do an overnight cruise to one of the many coves with good anchorages.

Living the Dream

by Nelson Reynolds



Part 7

Well, even when your dream seems straightforward, sometimes a bit of a detour is in order. My original plan was to head back up to Washington and my boat in mid-December and spend the holidays up there. I was expecting to be able to spend time exploring more of the state parks and such and have wonderful stories to tell. But such was not to be this year. Instead, I received an offer from a friend that I just couldn't pass up.

Toward the end of November, a friend of mine, Cathy, told me she was trying to get a gig house and pet sitting, and would I be interested in joining her? The pet in question was a parrot, and she had seen me with another person's parrot while listening to some music over in Luckenbach and probably thought I would be a good person to have along. She did end up getting the gig, and after some negotiations with my kids about watching my dogs, I agreed to join her on this adventure. I forgot to mention the house sitting gig was in the Bahamas.

I mean, 2+ weeks in the Bahamas in December? Yes, please!! So, we booked the air travel to fly together to Marsh Harbor in the Abacos. The gig was on Green Turtle Cay, but that island is only accessible by boat. In this case I ended up flying out of San Antonio because, while the fare to Marsh Harbor was the same departing from Austin or San Antonio, the return fare was almost twice as much to fly back to Austin. So, take note: Austin and San Antonio aren't that far apart, but the air fares can be drastically different.

Both Cathy and I had enough American miles to cover the trip, so we booked to travel together. I spent the night in San Antonio to be able to catch the 6 AM flight the next day. We had planned on sitting together to discuss the trip, but I ended up getting upgraded for the second leg. Darn. 😊 The flights were uneventful, and it was a breeze getting through customs. Our driver was waiting and proceeded to show us how fast he could drive to the ferry terminal. 70+ mph driving on the 'wrong' side of the 2-lane road was 'interesting'. We did manage to catch the ferry, so we didn't have to wait an hour for the next one. On the drive we got to see some of the remnants of hurricane Dorian, 5 years prior. Dead tree trunks and damaged buildings. That shows you how strong a Category 5 hurricane can be.

We had pleasant weather and a nice ferry ride over to Green Turtle Cay. The owners of the house we would be staying at were there to meet us at the dock and give us a golf cart ride to the house to get oriented. After getting the tour of the home and getting introduced to the parrot we would be taking care of, the owners took us out for a tour of the island. It's not a very big place with only 450 residents, but it can get confusing. Looking at Google Maps, I could see that all the roads had names, but there weren't any street signs. And the houses don't have addresses, just names.

The homeowners showed us where we could shop for groceries and such, where to get gas for the golf cart and treated us to lunch at the Wrecking Tree. Neat place, and Cathy got introduced to the local drink, the Goombay Smash. She tells me that they are great, but I stuck to beer for the most part. Sands and Kalik Bahamian beers. Back to the house then for more details on how to prepare food for the parrot and

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a bit more details on the home systems. After another tour of different areas of the island we went to dinner at the Mackintosh Restaurant and Bakery. My treat this time. Then back to the house and chat until bedtime.

The next day was another beautiful day. I gave the homeowners a ride to the ferry terminal in the morning, then Cathy and I set out to explore the island and try to make sense of what we had seen on the whirlwind tour the previous day. Unfortunately, that was the best weather we would see for about the next week. If we had known, maybe we would have done things a bit differently. We did go shopping for some groceries and preferred alcohol. While exploring, we found a number of beaches we wanted to come back to and located the various restaurants.

Starting the next day, the weather turned. A cold front moved through and brought cooler temperatures, clouds, and a lot of wind. For about the next week the wind was blowing a steady 25 gusting to 35+ and occasionally over 50. This made the beaches a bit rough, though I couldn't help thinking that my Cal would have loved that breeze with 2 reefs in the main and about half the jib out. She would have also loved the waves. From what I could see they were running about 10 to 12 feet breaking on the barrier reefs offshore. There was a bit of a break in the weather one day which allowed me to go swimming in the Atlantic. The temperature was a bit cool initially, but not too bad overall. The waves were still pretty large offshore, and they were even 3-5 foot breaking on the shore, which ended up knocking me down both at the start of the swim and when I came back in. At least it wasn't rocky where I did the face plants.

We kept hoping for good weather, but in general it was cloudy, misty, and sometimes rainy. That didn't stop us from exploring the different beaches and such, though our water activities were pretty much limited to wading. We did find that the island did have a bit of cultural separation from the north and south, with the north being mostly the wealthy and the south more locals. We did find that there was a substantial population of boaters that lived on their boats in the various anchorages on the island. One of the local bars, the Sundowner, hosted a Christmas day potluck. BYOB until the bar opened at 5PM. It was amazing the variety of dishes everyone brought, considering that a lot of them were living on their boats. And Jeff was playing his guitar.



Jeff

Jeff lives on his sailboat and plays at the Sundowner on Thursdays for drinks and tips. 😊 I need to work on my guitar skills, I guess.

All too soon, it was time to head back to reality, and Texas. One regret I have is since we didn't stay through the New Year, we missed the Junkanoo parade on the 1st. From what I've seen from pictures and the practices, it is something else. But we had to get home to the puppies. I guess I'll have to make it back, probably on the boat, to catch a future

New Years Day parade!! To get there, my choice will be to head south, then turn left for the Panama Canal, or turn right for the long way around... Unfortunately(?), I keep finding places in the Pacific Ocean I would like to visit like, Juan Fernandez, Kiribati...



Christmas in the Bahamas ...

32 Seconds from Glory by Chris & Karen Lewis



AYC Members **Chris Lewis, Taylor Snyder and Thomas Young** have been competing in the SORC Islands in the Stream Series. The final race of four events was from Fort Lauderdale to Key West, formerly referred to as the 'Feeder' to Key West Race Week.

The Lewis' J/44 Kenai had had an erratic series with 1st & 10th and a 10th as a throw out and was lying 5th overall. Our goal was re-focused to a race win which is always tough to do in a large ORC rated fleet with boats ranging from a Hobie 31 to an RP68.

The race started downwind with VMG running using the 0.5oz kite to Miami Sea Buoy. Picking the shifts and staying in pressure, Kenai managed to hang with the most competitive lighter boats in our class, including J/122 Zig Zag and Farr 39 Senara. After Miami the stretch to Fowey Rock turned into a light upwind against the edge of the Gulf Stream. With the wind rotating forwards and building a little, Kenai took a hitch offshore and picked up better new breeze and took the lead in her Class.

The course then takes the fleet around the Keys offshore between the reef and the Gulf Stream that builds offshore to 3 knots against you. 50 miles later the wind shut off in the night and our navigator, who was checking onshore observations, realized that a NW land breeze off the Everglades was going to fill in. We readied the Code Zero and unfurled

it as the new breeze filled in our starboard side. The faster Class 2 boats around us were not as well prepared and we over took four faster boats in the next 30 minutes!

However, as we peeled to the 0.5oz kite the faster boats ran over us as the wind shut-off again and left us drifting. Gybing offshore to anticipate the gradient breeze filling in again we lost 100 yards and so decided to follow the pack. However, our main rival, Zig Zag, managed to soak below us and picked up a 10 knot fill of the SW prevailing breeze before us. Our advantage on them that had been as much as 6 miles evaporated, and they jumped us as we struggled to douse the wind seeker in 10 knots (and doing 7 knots!) and get onto the 145% genoa.

Then came the drag race with Code Zeros or a heavy #1 on the rail, and our speed in breeze took us back into a leading position on the water. Turning around the Key West Sea buoy we hoisted the A2 and Spinnaker Staysail and charged for 6 miles up the channel to finish off the Naval Basin. The sun was out and the water crystal clear. But we knew that Zig Zag may correct ahead of us. After a long wait as the SORC RC consulted Dobbs Davis, head of the US ORC ratings organization, the results were published. Dobbs had created a custom rating for the crazy wind conditions by reviewing Expedition data files from several competitors and Zig Zag corrected to 1st overall by 31 seconds from Kenai in a 26 hr 10 min race!

We had pulled ourselves up to 2nd in the series and were awarded first yacht over 25 yrs. old and first Storm Trysail Member.

Ed. After 10 years of East Coast sailing Chris & Karen are bringing Kenai home to Lakewood YC in May and will sail locally. They plan to compete in the Harvest Moon Race again and return to Tampa Bay for the 2024-25 SORC series.



Kenai 2024 SORC KW Race



Dear Cousin Lucy

by John Howard



Blast from the past – Telltale October 1977

Dear Cousin Lucy,

Heavens knows I hate to be a tale bearer, but since you're planning to visit our mutual cousin in Austin soon, I thought it was my duty to warn you. What ever you do, don't let Cousin Jane get you out on that boat of theirs. And another thing, it might be smart not to sleep at her house either.

I was tickled pink when Jane wrote and asked Horace and me to meet her and her husband at their Yacht Club to go sailing with them, while we were in Austin for Horace's convention. I always said if Horace would dress up nice he'd look just like Mr. Howell on that T.V. show, Gilligan's Island. So, we skipped some meetings and went and bought him one of those yachting caps, and a double breasted blazer. We had a heck of a time finding the right ascot, though.

Well, we found the Austin Yacht Club without any trouble. The grounds and club house looked right nice. I wore my white polyester, and Horace looked real distinguished. But Lordy, I wanted to crawl into a hole when I saw Jane and her hubby. Sad to say, they've fallen on hard times. Jane had on a pair of old shrunk up jeans, must have been one of her boys', and a shirt with some kind of advertising on it. Poor Bill, he had on a pair of chopped off pants with strings hanging down, and Saints preserve us, a woman's beat up sun hat. Oh, he tried to say it was the latest thing imported from Australia, but it looked to me like what Cousin Bessie used to chop cotton in.

Well, we told them we were really anxious to get out on that boat of theirs, because we knew it would embarrass them if any club members saw them with us, and had a chance to compare the way we looked. I don't know where the members were. All we saw were some folks who looked almost as bad as our kin. Bill tried to tell me that the fellow

carrying the laundry bag up the hill, with no shirt on and a big hole in his britches, was a heart specialist. Shoot, I wasn't born yesterday! And there was another fellow, wearing a shirt with something so bad on it I can't repeat it. Jane tried to pass him off as some kind of professor at the University. Well, I guess they've got their pride. Anybody could see he was a hired hand, worked on the docks or something.

Let me tell you, there's something wrong with that lake. I've never seen anything like it! It's a funny blue color, and thin looking, not like our lakes out here in West Texas. Why, ours are a nice natural brown color, and they're good and thick, got body enough to hold a boat up. Their boat looked like it could use some help staying up, too.

Do you remember when Grandma was cooking all that spaghetti for the church supper, and her stove blew up? Well, that's what that boat looked like, ropes strewn all over the place. Anyway, everything went along pretty good for a while. Cousin Bill was standing up holding the tiller, looking about as good as any man can with "I don't want to talk about it" written across his chest, when something made him madder than a hornet. Maybe it was something Jane said to him, heaven knows it might have been. We couldn't understand half the things they said. We knew he was mad, because out of the blue he turned one of those big ropes loose, so the sail started flapping. Then he looked right at his wife and called her a bad name: "Wench", he hollered at her, not once, but several times. That got her dander up, and she picked up a big, heavy handle. I thought she was going to hit him in the head, but she got ahold of herself, and stuck it in a hole and jerked on it a few times to work off steam. It's sad to see their marriage in such sorry shape.

We'd been seeing all those big colored sails, spinnakers they call them, and I asked if they had one. They said they did, and after running around the boat, and fiddling with a bunch more ropes, they pulled one up out of a laundry bag hung on the front. But eh Lucy, it was now white! That poor woman must have sewed together every sheet in the house to make that thing. That's why I say, go to a motel, their beds must be mighty bare.

With best regards,
Your Cousin Pearl

New Year's Eve Party Pics



L-R: Anthony & Summer Yen, Merry & Charles Wise Photos by Marilyn Jackson



Vicki Stones and Chuck Waldron



L-R: Vicki Stones, Pat Manning, Renee Ruais, Anthony Yen



Marilyn Jackson



Charles, Summer & Orion Yen



L-R: Savannah (Charlie's fiancée), Charlie Arnold, Annie & Charlie Lancaster

Super Bowl Party Pics



Organizer Ray Shull with Super Bowl Squares Game *Photos by Marilyn Jackson*



Enjoying the big screen



L-R: Bay Peterson, Thomas Young, Chris Lewis, James Brock, Anne Riggs



Owen Crouse and Renee Ruais



L-R: Mary & Paul Carew, Janet Hendricks, Tom Meyer



L-R: John Burke, Bruce McFarland, Kunal Sahasrabudde, Renee Ruais, Elizabeth Quintanilla



Jeff Jackson and Tom Presswood



Big crowd of Super Bowl partiers



Frank & Jane Lynn



Dale Scoggin and Jeane Goldsmith



Carl Colb & Peggy Brewer



L-R: Steve & Cheryl Pervier, Janet Hendricks, Diane Covert

Fun Fridays 2024

by Marilyn Jackson



January 5th

Marilyn & Jeff Jackson hosted the first Fun Friday event of the year on January 5th with a bingo night. **Charlie & Annie Lancaster, Steve & Katie Whitley, Jeff & Marilyn Jackson, James Parsons, Vicki Stones, Pat Manning, Renee Ruais, Linda McDavitt and Michelle (Linda's friend)** were in attendance.

We dined on Marilyn's homemade lasagna, garlic bread and brownies. Annie brought a Caesar Salad. After the meal, we played bingo. There was lots of laughter during our bingo time. We played one regular bingo, three games making an A, Y, C and black out. We used 2 cards each and had small prizes. Linda, Michelle and Renee won 1 game each. Vicki won 2 games. Jeff was the caller. Fun times.

January 19th

On January 19th, we enjoyed a swing dance class hosted by **Mylie Alrich**. Mylie was is an awesome instructor. Students included **Steve & Katie Whitley, Richard House, Yoland Diaz, Jeff & Marilyn Jackson, Charlie & Annie Lancaster, James Parsons, Dale & Tatiana Scoggin, Linda McDavitt, Tom Groll & Molly Isbell, Pat Manning, Vicki Stones and Janet Hendricks**. We had some pretty good swing

dancers after about an hour. Before the lesson started, we feasted on pizza, fruit, popcorn, cookies, candy and cup cakes.

February 2nd

Marilyn & Jeff Jackson hosted a Music Jam on February 2nd. Musicians included **Wade Bingaman, Dane Ohe, Cass Meyer, Bob Gross, Russ Shermer and Annie Lancaster**. **Jeane Goldsmith** sang three beautiful songs for us. **Pat Manning, Vicki Stones, Renee Ruais, Jeff & Marilyn Jackson, Peter Young, Charlie Lancaster and Jill Shermer** enjoyed listening to the music or sang along. AYC has some talented musicians.

Coming Up

We will have three more Fun Friday events (all to be covered in the March Telltale) before the Friday Beer Can races start. Our future Fun Friday events are:

- February 16 - Trivia night (**Renee Ruais**)
- March 1 - Movie night (**Jeff & Marilyn Jackson**)
- March 15 - Two step dance lessons (**Mylie Alrich**)

Fun Friday events are free and family friendly. 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.

If you have questions, please contact: Marilyn Jackson
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Bingo Night



Swing Dancing Lesson



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Music Jam



Music Jam

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Clubhouse Hours 9:00A - 10:00P

Closed Club Holidays:

New Year's Day	January 1
Easter Sunday	March 31
Independence Day	July 4
Thanksgiving Day	November 28
Shopping Day	November 29
Christmas Day	December 25

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AYC March 2024 Race Calendar

Spring Series	03/10 & 17, 04/07, 14, 21, 28, 05/5*
Inaugural Lucky Charm Regatta	03/16
Roadrunner Regatta	03/23-24
McCarthy Cup	03/30-31
Easter Laser Regatta	03/30-31

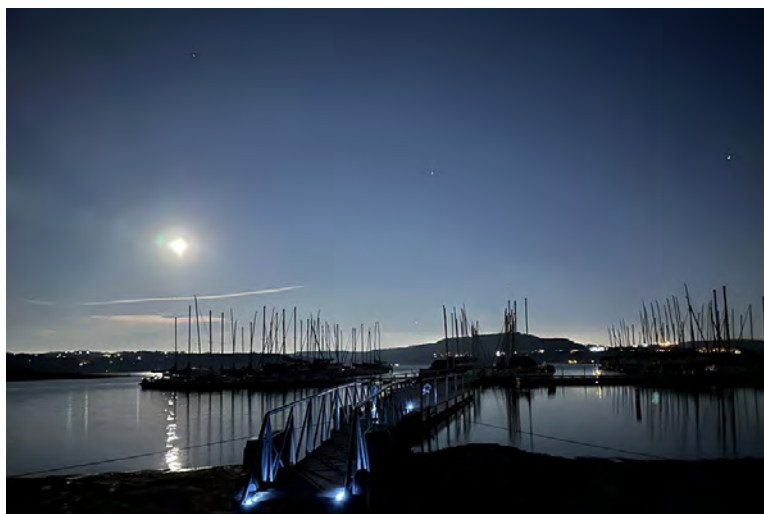
* All fleets race together on Sundays

AYC March 2024 Non-Racing Events

Fun Fridays	03/01, 15	7:00-10:00pm
AYC Bearings Meeting	03/04	6:30-8:30pm
US Sailing Level 1 Certification	03/22-24	8:00am-5:00pm
AYC Board of Directors Meeting	03/28	7:30-9:30pm

Youth Sailing

Opti 1 Saturday Group Practice	03/16, 30	8:00am-Noon
Opti 1 Sunday Group Practice	03/17, 31	8:00am-Noon
Opti 2 Intro to Green Fleet	03/03, 10, 16*, 30*	1:00-4:00pm *1:00-5:00pm
Opti 3 Practice	03/02, 09	1:00-4:00pm
Opti 3 Advanced Green Fleet/RBW	03/13, 17*, 20, 27, 31*	5:00-8:00pm *1:00-5:00pm
ILCA Team Practice	03/03, 10, 17*, 30*	9:00am-Noon *8:00am-Noon
High School Full Team Practice	03/02, 09	9:00am-Noon
High School A-Team Practice	03/13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29	5:00-8:00pm
High School B-Team Practice	03/14, 16*, 21, 28, 30*	5:00-8:00pm *8:00am-Noon
Middle/HS Intro to Sailing	03/16, 30	8:00am-Noon



Moonlight over the AYC marina Photo by Cheryl Pervier