



# Spring Sailing

## Something for Everyone!



Spring Series Race #3, Calling for room at B Mark, L-R: Nacra Old Skull, Southcoast 21 WT, Capri 25 Ornerly, Catalina 22 Moonlight Sonata, Capri 22 Gunes, Pearson 31 Aphaia, Catalina 22 Chile Verde, Catalina 25 Winging It, Capri 25 Kami *Photo by Cheryl Pervier*

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## **AYC Governor's Cup 2024**

May 18-19. 2024

### **A Little History**

The AYC Governor's Cup Trophy was originally commissioned and awarded in 1962 to the traveling club that fielded the largest number of boats in the AYC Governor's Cup Regatta. Since its inception, it attracted members from other clubs around the state and helped build AYC's reputation as a great sailing venue.

The Governor's Cup for many years was the first event in the very popular City of Austin sponsored Aqua Festival which attracted many future sailors to the Club. Although the Governor's Cup Regatta was initially so named to simply provide panache to the event at our fledgling Club, it became a major central Texas event.

In 1983 AYC was able to attract the presiding Texas State Governor (Mark White) to present the trophy to the winner. This tradition was discontinued in the late 80s after Governor White was tossed into the AYC swimming pool (as was Miss Texas a year later).

**Registration is Open!**  
**REGISTER**

# **SINGLE HANDED REGATTA**

**COMING SOON - MARK YOUR CALENDAR - MAY 25th, 2024**



**OPEN TO ALL  
BALLASTED KEEL BOATS.  
FUN RACING FOLLOWED BY  
A MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC.**



**NOR and SI are posted. Registration is open!**



## Message from the Commodore by Bill Hawk



April turned out to be even busier than I had suspected.

Besides the eclipse and our new Treasurer, **Becky Heston**, we had a very successful start to Beer Can racing, a good Bearings Meeting,

the scheduled SEISA events, and a very good North U training seminar. Not to mention all the regattas and the Spring Series!



AYC Treasurer  
Becky Heston

Lots of good progress was made on getting several projects off the ground, especially for Building & Grounds, and preparations are moving along nicely for the start of Summer Camp and continuation of the serious Sail Training sessions that are underway.

May will be upon us soon, with the start of Wednesday Night Racing, the Spring Series EOS dinner on the 5th, the Governor's Cup Regatta on the 18th and 19th, and the Single-Handed Regatta on the 25th.

The weather has been beautiful, and it would be great to see everyone come out for the first big regatta of the year.

I would also like to encourage everyone to complete the LRPC/Commodore questionnaire about volunteering, but also to put in some hours helping out with work parties and with Beer Can cooking. Both of these are very rewarding opportunities to help make the Club the beautiful, fun, and relaxing area that we all enjoy – and your help is needed!

April showers are supposed to bring May flowers – but a May deluge could bring a full lake – keep on rain dancing!

## SAVE THE DATE

DATE	EVENT
Every Wed in May	Wednesday Night Sunfish & ILCA Racing
Every Fri in May	Beer Can Races
05/04-05	Beginning Sailing Session 1
05/06, 13, 20, 28	Beginning Sailing Session 2
05/05	Spring Series EOS
05/11	Sail 4 Kids
05/13	AYC Bearings Meeting
05/18-19	Governors Cup Regatta
05/23	AYC Board of Directors Meeting
05/25	Single-Handed Regatta
06/01, 08, 15, 22, 29; 07/13, 20	Summer Series Races
Saturdays	
09/15, 22, 29; 10/13, 20; 11/03, 10	Fall Series Races
Sundays	
10/05-06	Centerboard Regatta
10/26-27	Round the Bend/MultiFest Regatta
11/23	Wild Turkey Regatta

## Race Commander Report by Terry Schertz



The end of March and most of April have gone by in an absolute blur for me and many on the PRC. In addition to the normal tasks that come with supporting the series races, there was a fun lineup of regattas that we were heavily involved in. The Roadrunner Junior Regatta, the Easter Laser Regatta, and the new Lucky Charm Regatta for Lasers and Sunfish were on

consecutive weekends and despite some tricky weather and juggling lake space and equipment with two overlapping college regattas, every one of them was a success. It took way more than just us to run the races for these events and I can't thank all the RC volunteers enough (although I have tried).

The day after the last of these regattas was the prep day for the J80 hosted week-long North U Performance Race Week. Although the numbers were smaller than the previous two years (6 boats vs 14 boats), it was no less impressive in the talent of the coaches and the approach to training. If you have never seen drone footage of

your racing moves, you don't really know what your moves are like! Enlightening to say the least. The week included time out for a total eclipse (truly amazing to witness) and a day on shore for winds gusting well into the 30s, but the North U team adjusted schedules and teaching sessions without missing a beat.

The Friday after the North U wrapped up was the first Friday Night Beer Can Race. I felt a bit like I had pulled a rabbit out of the hat for this one! Not because it was difficult, but because of the way the month had stacked up, it pretty much had to be last minute. Thanks to the **PRF fleet** members for the good guidance documents they had already developed, to **Ray Shull** for drafting the SIs and start times, to **Michael Moran** for updating the Beer Can web page and to **Jackie** for dropping everything to get the HEB food order system set up. The first evening was lightly attended (maybe 10 or so boats), but was actually a lovely evening sail. And your commodore managed the grill like a pro.

And just like that, the start of Beer Can Races ushers in the traditional AYC summer for 2024. All I can say is, THAT was fast!

## Building & Grounds Commander Report by Lewis Price



AYC Members,

Building & Grounds projects really took off with a flurry in late March and into April with the approval of several B & G initiatives at the March Board meeting. The following is a brief summary of all these projects:

- » A new operating system was chosen and installed on the front security gate and seems to be working well.
- » Electrical work was completed in three vital areas. LED flood lights were installed on the electrical power pole overlooking the upper parking lot. A 20 amp/120-volt outlet was installed in the rigging shed to power a portable heater, fan or AC system. Finally, four GFCI outlets were installed on the power pole by the open patio, primarily for the bands to use at our events.
- » A new phone system was installed in the main office.
- » A plumbing contractor was chosen, and work has begun on the water line system improvement and expansion. This work includes replacing 1" PVC with 2", adding shut off valves for each cabin connected to the system, as well as relocation and/or adding new faucets that are more boat maintenance and tree watering friendly.
- » New blackout shades were designed for and fitted to the windows in the clubhouse in time for the North U Sailing Seminar. Thanks should go out to Race Commander **Terry Shertz** and member **John Bartlett** for their help in the completion of this project.
- » The B & G commander met for the first time with several members of his newly organized Tree Committee. We were all educated on AYC's current efforts to help prevent the spread of oak wilt, as well as suggestions for the type and location of new trees by member **Danny Lien**. We still could use more members for our Tree Committee, so please reach out to me if you are interested.
- » I met with Member Engagement Committee member **Ed Pierce**. He shared the goals of that committee as well as the results of the member engagement survey in regard to B & G. I will be reaching out to those who expressed interest in this area to help get you involved.

Several new B and G proposals are currently going before the Board for their approval.

- » The first is to create and install blinds for the windows in the sail training cabin.
- » The second is for the purchase of 40 tons of rock and a Bobcat front loader to repair the washed-out areas of the dirt road leading down to the current location of the docks. This project will be organized and completed by member **Tom Groll** and will take place on the first weekend in May.
- » The third is to have our oak wilt spread prevention contractor come out and begin treatment on the identified trees as well as our tree cutting contractor to come out and remove the dead trees.

Thanks to all who participated in the B & G workday on April 27th. The general goal was to clean out some of the dead foliage around the property. A pizza lunch was provided for the volunteers.

See you around the Club!

## Harbor Commander Report by Mike Beuerlein



In the past month, there has been minimal lake level variation (fluctuating between 630.5 and 631.5), so there have been no dock movements made or needed. While the lake is much lower than the previous five years, the amount of fluctuation is also unusually low.

### Wet Slip Assignment & Reassignment Waiting List

**Tom Groll**, with some assistance from **Bill Records** and the rest of the Harbour Committee, was recently able to completely clear the wet slip Assignment & Reassignment Waiting List to the apparent satisfaction of everyone waiting on the list, which is a remarkable achievement. The Harbor Committee is using the interlude to attempt a rewording of the terms in the AYC Handbook which define how slips may be passed between members and/or the prioritization of requests for assignment or re-assignment of wet slips. We expect that we will have our suggested verbiage ready for review by the entire Board prior to our next meeting.

### Junior Sailing Dock Bridge Repairs/Replacement

Our General Manager, **Jackie Wheelless**, is handling the State Farm insurance claim for the member whose vehicle caused the March damage to the Junior sailing pavilion bridge.

### Dock Work and Improvements

The Lakeside Marine Services invoice for dock movement in the first quarter of 2024 and repairs totaling \$5,055.75 was approved on 4/4/2024 by the Harbor Commander.

The work party scheduled for April 27th was headed up by **Harry Polly**. The goal for the work party was to repair/replace broken perimeter boards and rubber bumpers as needed.

### Dry Sail Area

We continue to analyze the dry slip area to determine if restriping 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 reassign 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 the dry sail storage area 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 an agreement on a policy to this end, a motion will be presented for consideration.



## Sail Training Commander Report

by Robert Bennett



AYC Sail Training registration for Adult Sailing, Summer Camp, and PB&J is live and continuing to fill up. Let your friends and family know of these fun opportunities.

We are midway into Spring sailing sessions and starting to look towards Summer Camp and encouraging our youth sailors to participate in regattas on the TSA circuit.

Adult Sail Training kicks off this weekend. We've had plenty of interest in folks wanting to enroll since January. This year, the 4-course sessions will be a progression from Adult Beginner Dinghy Sailing, Adult Next Step Sailing, and Adult Basic Racing.

During the May 13 Bearings Meeting, Sail Training will be highlighted. We will discuss youth, adult, and ASA course options.

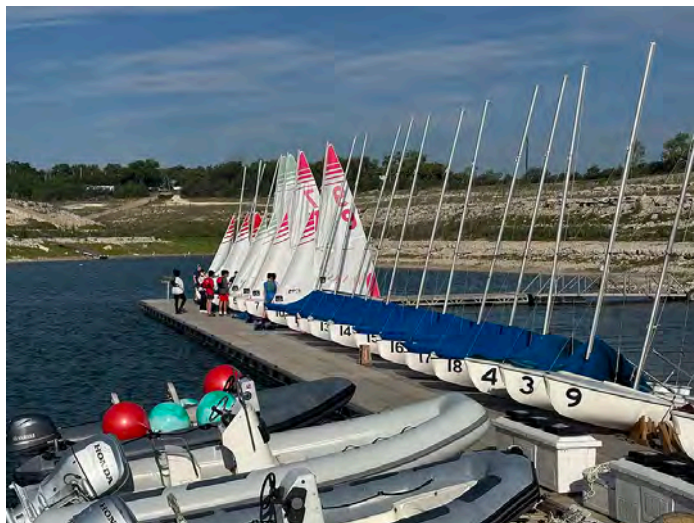
We are still working to supplement our on-the-water training opportunities with virtual/online programs and will be adding Discover Sailing opportunities soon.



Marshall Bennett sailing with Coach Zach in tow



Middle School Class coming to dock after practice



Middle School Class taught by Mark Carella Photos submitted by Robert Bennett



Marshall Bennett sailing



Optis being towed to practice by Zach



# April 8, 2024 Total Solar Eclipse by Cheryl Pervier



The AYC Point was the site of an informal and impromptu viewing of the Total Solar Eclipse on April 8, 2024. While clouds teased us in the first phase, we were awed by an unclouded view of Totality. Now we wait until 2044 to see it again in the USA.

Here are some photos for posterity...



Solar Eclipse Totality on the AYC Point Photos by Cheryl Pervier except where noted



North U participants took time to watch the eclipse



L-R: Nicholas, Mary & Paul Carew and Grace



Steve Pervier provided a projection of the eclipse for all who came by



The Total Eclipse, part one



Totality Photo by Meri Shepardson



Steve & Meri Shepardson



L-R: Pat Manning (center) with daughter Nicole and brother Frank Pietras



Wow. L-R: Craig Bach, Cheryl Pervier, Diane Covert, Lauren Bach Photo by Marie Snidow



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# Roadrunner Regatta

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Photos by Marilyn Jackson





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# Roadrunner Regatta

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Photos by Tyler Carstensen



Regatta Chair Jeff Brock with PROs Terry Schertz, Jim Casto, Michael Moran



Green Fleet



Staging area for Lasers waiting for wind



Staging area for Lasers



Green Fleet



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# Roadrunner Regatta

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Photos by Robert Bennett



Roadrunner participants launching



Optis



Optis



Coach Zach and sailors having lunch on the water



Madeline Crouch sailing her Opti



Awards table, Green Fleet



Camille Bennett sailing Love Story



# Easter Laser Regatta

Photos by Cheryl Pervier except where noted



Everyone's a Winner! Photo by Fred Schroth



Fred Schroth



Steve Pervier



Bill Mitchell



L-R: Marcelo Pando, Lisa Rogers, John Bartlett



L-R: Ravi Subramanian, Abe Gamble, Gray Rackley, Emery Sularz, Lisa Rogers, Marcelo Pando, John Bartlett, William Michael

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# Easter Laser Regatta

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Photos by Daniel Garces



Fred Schroth



Linda McDavitt and Renee Ruais on Race Committee



L-R: Lisa Rogers, Chris Henkel, Eric Reittinger



Chris and Dave Gamble



L-R: Pierre Bossart, David Morgan (from Seabrook Sailing Club), Thomas Young, Dave Grogono, Gray Rackley, Dale Scoggin



Emery Sularz, Abe Gamble, William Michael, visiting racers Mathieu and Zachary Brown

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# Lucky Charm Regatta

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Photos by Daniel Garces



L-R: Co-Chair Chris Henkel, Samantha Sanchez, Co-Chair Lisa Rogers, Tyler Carstensen



L-R: Robert Bennett, Terry Schertz, Annabel Jamail



L-R: Annie Lancaster, GM Jackie Wheelless, Charlie Lancaster



L-R: Sofia Pando, Dale Scoggin, Edwin Marty, Pierre Bossart, Marcelo Pando



Fred Schroth and Daniel Garces



Thank you, Race Committee!

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# Lucky Charm Regatta

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Photos by Daniel Garces



View from a Sunfish



Hazel Sanchez



Sofia Pando



ILCA-6 (Radial), L-R: 3rd place Sofia Pando, 1st place Marcelo Pando, 2nd place Lisa Rogers



ILCA-7 (Full), L-R: 3rd place Pierre Bossart, 1st place Chris Henkel, 2nd place Thomas Young



Sunfish, L-R: 1st place Annie Lancaster, 2nd place Johannes Brinkmann, 3rd place Hazel Sanchez

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## 2024 Easter Laser Regatta Results

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### ILCA-6 (Radial)

POS	SAIL	SKIPPER	CLUB
1	200159	Gray Rackley	AYC
2	208110	William Michael	AYC
3	218140	Marcelo Pando	AYC

### ILCA-7 (Full)

POS	SAIL	SKIPPER	CLUB
1	194505	Eric Reitlinger	Brant Beach YC
2	218118	Chris Henkel	AYC Brant Beach YC
3	217510	Zachary Brown	Lakewood YC Barclay Sailing

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## 2024 Lucky Charm Regatta Results

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### ILCA-6 (Radial)

POS	SAIL	SKIPPER
1	2162	Marcelo Pando
2	166971	Lisa Rogers
3	218140	Sofia Pando

### ILCA-7 (Full)

POS	SAIL	SKIPPER
1	218118	Chris Henkel
2	205400	Thomas Young
3	218132	Pierre Bossart

### SUNFISH

POS	SAIL	SKIPPER
1	640	Annie Lancaster
2	67	Johannes Brinkmann
3	3059	Hazel Sanchez

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# Spring Series Race 04/07

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Photos by Cheryl Pervier



Paraglider watching Catalina 22 Rajin Cajin and Pearson 31 Aphaia



South Coast 21 WT and Capri 25 Ornery



J22 Silicon Ship



Corsair F27 Trinity and Corsair Sprint 750R Lucy Gene



J80 start, Pearson 26 was Race Committee



J80 Warp Speed

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# Spring Series Race 04/07

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Photos by Marilyn Jackson



L-R J80 Speed Racer, Catalina 22s Elysium and Chili Verde, Catalina 30 Rendezvous, J80 Warp Speed



L-R J80s JazzTacks, Air Supply, Warp Speed, Rajin Cajin



L-R Corsair Spring 750R Lucy Gene, J80 JazzTacks, Nacra 5.7 Old Skull



Corsair F27 Trinity, L-R: Joel Rosinbum, Will Thomas, Chris Cherry



L-R Catalina 27 Nancy 'O, J80s Restless and JazzTacks, Pearson 26 Stealthy Cat



Capri 22 Gunes

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# Spring Series Race 04/14

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Photos by Cheryl Pervier



Multihull Fleet ran Race Committee



J80 Jackrabbit vs Ensign Stijf Kop



Catalina 25 Waturi



J22 Crash Course



11 Meter Once



J22 Project Mayhem

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# Spring Series Race 04/14

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Photos by Marilyn Jackson



Eric Faust and Joel Rosinbum on chast boat



J80s and Ensigns going upwind



Pearson 26 Stealthy Cat



J80 Theseus and J22 Bonfire



Capri 25 Ornerly



Pearson 26 Rusalka and Catalina 27 Nancy 'O'

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# Spring Series Race 04/21

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Photos by Cheryl Pervier



Fleets A & B ran Race Committee, L-R: John Maddalozzo, Jeff & Marilyn Jackson, Steve Whitley, Eric Van Hensbergen, Cheryl & Steve Pervier, Steve Shepardson, Brian Grothues & Margarito Morales, William DeBoer & Liz Stansfeld (Missing: Carl Kolb, Peggy Brewer, Matt Brown, Megan Roberts)



J24 Out of Control



Jim Casto on Nacra 5.5 Uni solo Two Hot



Ensigns L-R: Dos Locos, Dancing Bear, Stijf Kop



J80 Sweet T



J88 Shaken



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# Spring Series Race 04/21

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Photos by Marilyn Jackson



L-R: Trimaran, Ensign, J22, Pearson 26, Pearson 26, J80



Pearson 26 Rusalka



L-R: Pearson 26 Jack of Hearts, Ensign Stijf Kop, Pearson 26 Rusalka, Ensign Dos Locos



J70-J24-J22 start, L-R: J70 GB, J24 Out of Control, J22 Bonfire, J22 Silicon Ship



Catamaran Hobie 18 and Trimaran Trinity



L-R: Pearson 26 Incognito, J80 Flyer, 11 Meter Once

## Blast from the Past

by John Howard



### AYC SPORTS CAR OWNER ASSOCIATION – SPECIAL REPORT –

*From AYC Telltale February 1985, article by Terry Nelms*

#### WELL EXCU-U-U-USE THE HELL OUTTA ME!!!

Never, and I mean NEVER in lo these many years of writing garbage for this publication have I EVER, EVER had such a violent response to an article as the last one I wrote. And was it a

bad reporting of a tacking duel on the finish line? Was it a misprint of a finishing order? Was it complimenting the finer qualities of a South Coast 21 over a Catalina 22? ABSOLUTELY NOT! It was a single sentence of complaint from at least six people to me directly and from numerous others I have heard second-hand: "Uh-h-h-h, Nelms, why didn't you mention MY sports car?" Finally, we have found the center of the AYC racers' ego, and it has nothing whatsoever to do with the type of boat or who finished first or last, it's a matter of WHAT YOU DROVE TO GET TO THE RACES!!!

I have now been informed by **Russell Painton** that insulting his J-Farty is of no consequence to him, but to MISQUOTE THE TYPE-IDENTIFYING NUMBERS OF HIS Z-CAR IS GROUNDS FOR A LAW SUIT!!! Hey, **Mary Lynn** was the one who told me what the number was and I KNEW that one was wrong, So, I picked the next logical number which I thought could possibly be correct. I certainly won't waste my time thinking again. I have just confirmed the number of **Russell's** new car to be a 300 ZX. My most sincere apology, Mr. Painton, I hope this correction will be sufficient to smooth your ruffled fenders.

In an effort to clear this all up, it's obviously necessary for me to solicit assistance from all the members so I can accurately report the owners of sports cars in forthcoming issues of the Telltale. Please forward this information directly to me or to the AYC office, and feel free to snitch on the handful of members who are "shy" or "conservative" or don't want IRS to know about their cars.

At this point it is necessary to define very clearly what constitutes a sports car. Members can review the following list while looking over their car prior to submitting their name and car type to me for inclusion on the AYCSOCA list.

#### AYCSOCA (Austin Yacht Club Sports Car Owners Association) Qualifying List

1. Sports cars do not have names like "Bronco", "Ranger" or "Mustang". They are ALL identified by a combination of numbers and letters that are unpronounceable, such as 300ZX, TR6, 450SL.
2. Weighs less than 6,000 lbs.
3. Has 2 doors or less.
4. Overpriced by any standard.
5. Undersized, by comparison with any mode of transportation other than a motorcycle.
6. Maintenance bill exceeds monthly AYC bill.
7. Insurance exceeds \$1,000 per year.
8. No trailer hitches.
9. No 4-wheel drive.

10. Made by Foreigners. (Corvette is only acceptable American-made sports car.)
11. Always clean
12. No more than 1 6-pack can be carried at one time.
13. British cars have medallions on grill-work for bug-catchers.
14. Newer models of sports cars are always seen with driving lights on in daylight.
15. Will not clear a beer can on its side on a flat surface unless can has previously been driven over by Hap.
16. Even if car has all the above, if it has an automatic transmission, you're out.
17. A "real" sports car owner should be able to unflinchingly admit that the only practical justification for owning such a car is "Pride of Ownership".

Examples worth mentioning for clarification: "Little: does not mean "sport", see **Fred Schroth's** "car". **Hap McCollum** owns the antithesis of a sports car – big, ugly, slow, fulla beer, etc.

Regarding "Bras" worn by sports cars. These attachments are worn over the front of the car to protect the paint from road grime and rocks. They are black, have the car name written on them and have little roll-up flaps for the headlights. I don't know who in the hell invented these, but they're certainly uglier than any dent or paint scratch. I have at least 6 bras of my own (not black) and I never wear them and you certainly don't notice any dents or paint damage on me ... (I am intending to fit the Fireball with a custom-made bra this season to protect it from water damage on the bow due to speed and from flying nails often found in the rigging dock area.)

The following people, or their "friends", have made it known to me that they wish their names and cars mentioned and added to AYCSOCA: **Carol McCollum** has a Datsun 3002X that **Hap** is not allowed to drive. **Ron Harden** and **Karen Knapp** both have Mazda RX7's. **John Barnett** has a Porsche. **Trenton Wann** has a Classic model of Triumph whose numbers I have never heard. **Painton-the-younger, Todd**, used to have a TR6 until he tried to run it up the back of a school bus. He is now daily living in fear that the old man will sell the Corvette out from under him before he gets to claim it as a Graduation Gift. Fat chance, Todd. **Bill Records** has a 280Z. **The Bernsteins** have a Triumph TR6 and a 280Z. **Alston Boyd**, whose Ferrari was recently seen OUT of the garage, has a BMW 635CSI on its way from Germany. In an effort to "keep up" with this trend, I have a Mercedes 280SL on the same boat with Alston's BMW. I'm sure I'll have to sell it as soon as it gets here because **Carl** hasn't finished my house yet and I WON'T BE ABLE TO AFFORD TO KEEP IT, but at least I can get my name on the AYCSOCA list.

At the next board meeting, I will request that we make an addition to the social calendar for 1985. We will have the first AYC Autocross for members of AYCSOCA and other interested parties. For those of you who are not familiar with this kind of event, you take your car and run it around a bunch of pylons in a parking lot and tear it up. We will request permission to use AYC orange marks on the driveway down to the point. This promises to be the highlight of the social season and we'll probably have a lot of beer and a band for dancing for all the survivors. Hope to see you out there! Keep sending those names in, folks, the list is getting longer!



## Sailstrong Sailing Camp by Jim Casto



### 2024 "Sailstrong" Sailing Camp June 24-28

Last year, through the generosity of sailors at AYC, the Austin catamaran Fleet64 and the AYC multihull fleet, we supported 25 underserved kids with a free week of Sailing Camp at AYC.

This year the **Steve Piche Memorial Youth Sailing Fund** (a 501c3 to be found at [www.sailstrong.org](http://www.sailstrong.org))

has the same goal – to send 25 kids to sailing camp with free round trip transportation and lunches provided, as well as the popular camp "swag" – t-shirt, new watershoes, backpacks, and water bottles.

We partner with Big Brothers/Big Sisters and also Black Women Who Kayak, to identify 25 deserving kids, based on standard government and school district metrics. Last year we had kids (and their family members) who had never even seen Lake Travis! One of the kids from last year has sailed with the high school teams out here, and is applying to be Counselor-in-Training for this year. This year we are planning for 25 new kids to experience learning how to sail.

Last year we also received donations from Thundercloud, HEB, and the AYC Fund. This year we hope you will join us as we are in our fundraising

mode for this worthy cause. If you have any questions, please reach out. You can scan the QR code for more info or visit [www.betterunite.com/sailstrong](http://www.betterunite.com/sailstrong).

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



### AYC 2024 Printed Directory Now Available

The printed version of the AYC Member Directory is available in the office. Each member is entitled to one copy. If you would like a copy, please stop by the office during normal business hours (Wed-Sun, 9-5), or you can send an email to Jackie ([gm@austin-yachtclub.net](mailto:gm@austin-yachtclub.net)) and she will put the directory in a bag labeled with your name, and hang it on a hook outside the clubhouse.

If you would like a directory mailed to you, please email your mailing address to Jackie. There is an additional \$5 charge for mailing.

First come, first served!

### The New Weather Station is Up and Running!

To access, follow the link on the AYC website home page near the wind meme. Then scroll down and select the option. There is also a QR code link on the right side of the bulletin board next to the drinking fountain in the clubhouse. The current weather station in the display case will be going away soon.

Please contact **John Grzinich** at [captgrz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:captgrz@sbcglobal.net) with questions.

## North U Performance Race Week by Ray Shull



The AYC J 80 Fleet was pleased to host the third annual North U Performance Race Week at AYC on April 8-12. Over 30 sailors and instructors from across the US and Canada participated in what is widely considered to be the most comprehensive and advanced sailboat racing instructional program in North America. AYC is currently one of the three locations in the US

where this event is held.

Each day began with an overview of what was to be accomplished that day. Typically, the instruction began with a chalk talk and video presentation by one of the North U professional instructors. The classroom then adjourned to the on-the-water program where the teams were coached on the aspects of sailboat racing that were to be highlighted that day. After a short lunch break, this schedule was repeated in the afternoon. Each team always had a coach on board during the sailing, providing instant feedback and suggestions to improve their techniques. Following each day's instructional program, a review of that day's performance was conducted. Videos taken from support boats and drones were utilized in these reviews.

The week's program first focused on boat handling. The next phase worked on sail trim and adjustments. Following that was starting strategies and mark rounding techniques. The final component of the instruction dealt with sailboat racing tactics and strategies. Each day built upon the previous day's instruction and incorporated those lessons learned into that day's program.

On the first day of the program, the morning involved drills related to getting to know the boat, the other team members, and their coach. The afternoon session included boat-on-boat tuning, boat handling drills, and optimum techniques for mark roundings. The remaining days on the water included intense sessions of starting practices and short course races. Each of those days incorporated 16 full speed race starts together with eight complete races around a typical one-design race course. A total of 46 racing starts, and 23 races were completed by the teams during the week. After each race, each coach conducted a quick debrief of what was done well and what needed improvement.

The teams became noticeably better, and the racing was much closer as the week progressed. On the first day of starting and racing, a team from Vancouver, British Columbia was the most consistent at achieving good starts and consistent finishes. This team indicated that they had all raced together on a boat in their home waters for several years and were sailing in the same crew positions on the boat here that they normally sailed. This obvious advantage was clearly apparent on the first day of racing. This team improved during the week and sailed well together. However, by the end of the week, the remaining teams were equal in performance with this team and many of them were consistently beating this team. In fact, this team (that won a majority of the races on the first day) finished as the fourth-place team on the final day of the racing program. The significant improvement of the other teams was clearly an indication that the instruction and coaching each team received during the week clearly resulted in a large gain in performance.



An additional benefit of the Performance Race Week here at AYC for the participants was the occurrence of the total solar eclipse on the first day of the program. An extended lunch break was planned to allow the sailors the opportunity to view the event. To the surprise of most of us, the clouds that were present all morning vanished just before the eclipse started. This allowed for an awesome viewing of this amazing spectacle. Everyone involved with the program was awed by the viewing of the completely shadowed sun and the effects on the lighting around us that resulted. It was a great bonus provided to all of those who attended the event.

Once again, the comments from the participants included great praise for everyone who helped create this program at AYC. Everyone commented on how great the sailing conditions were, how much fun it was to sail on the J 80s, how friendly everyone was to them here, and what a great facility AYC has to host the Clinic. One of the participants had attended all three Clinics at AYC and stated that he was already planning to attend next year because it was such a fun event.



J 80s on a close downwind leg Photos by Anne Morley



Close crossings were common.



Approaching the leeward mark



## Beer Can is Back!

by Terry Schertz



The 2024 Beer Can Races began on April 19. The Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions (including the start times), and other information can be found by [clicking here](#). You can also select the Race tab on the AYC web page and click on the 2024 Beer Can Races selection.

If you are new to this and aren't sure how it works, read the posted documents and look in Appendix C to find the start time for your type of boat. If your boat is not specifically listed, look for boats with the same (or very close) PHRF number and use that start time. Just start your tour of marks E, 5 and B (rounded in any order you like) by sailing between the two no-wake buoys located off the T-heads at your appointed time. That is also the finish line when you come back in.

No registration, no race committee, no formal scores. VHF radios are recommended and Channel 78 will be monitored or used for an critical information.

Come out for a nice sail and a little racing to wrap up the week, and stay to enjoy grilled burgers. Here are some photos from April 19.



Linda Donovan, Tom Meyer, Janet Hendricks on Hunter 28.5 Far Away



Steve Whitley, Scott & Nancy Register, Katie Whitley on Catalina 27 Nancy 'O'  
Photos by Marilyn Jackson



L-R: Jeff Jackson, Nancy Register, Cesar Jimenez-Lithgow, Steve & Katie Whitley, John Maddalozzo



Christine & Christopher Covington with Fred Ford on Ensign September



Commodore Bill Hawk at the grill



## 2024 Austin Yacht Club Fleet Captains

Performance Racing Fleet (PRF) .....	James Parsons
A Fleet .....	Can Kalyoncuoglu
B Fleet .....	Can Kalyoncuoglu
Pearson 26 .....	Bill Records
Catalina 22 .....	William Kozminski
Ensign.....	David Morley
J22.....	Jim Bridgewater
J24.....	Rhonda Moore
J70.....	Shelby Carter
J80.....	Ray Shull
Laser.....	Gray Rackley
Melges 15.....	Kirk Livingston
Multihull .....	Bo Kersey
Southcoast 21 – Sailing in PRF B Fleet (no captain)	
Sunfish.....	Daniel Garces
Dinghy .....	James Bland
Roadrunner.....	Jeff Brock
DF95.....	Joe Roddy

Murphy extended her lead, Weeks held on for second, Parsons took third, followed by **Chris Ryan** and **Brett Wilson** (Picante). **Richard Ryan** sailed through the starting line and Daniel followed him. Both were DSO'd. On Murphy, we sailed with a 110 (David does not have a 130)

As far as I could tell, everyone else sailed with 130s. Surprisingly, we were as fast as those boats with 130s, and were able to tack much faster. Interesting – if I were sailing my boat, I would have opted for a 130.

After our race #3, We had a party for the Tauruses in the fleet. That would include **Abby Ryan, David Suarez, Yours Truly, and James Parsons** (Pearson skipper in absentia).

As of this writing, there are two more races in the series. Then we have Governor's Cup on May 18-19. Don't forget, the Pearson 26 Fleet will be hosting the Single-Handed Regatta on May 25th. Let's be the largest one-design fleet again!



Spring Race 4/14, Dave Weeks and crew on Incognito Photos by Marilyn Jackson



Spring Race 4/21 David Suarez and crew on Murphy

### Pearson 26 Fleet Report by Bill Records



#### Spring Series continued

Pearson 26's race #2 (4/14) saw **Dave Weeks** (Incognito) getting an early lead again and **David Suarez** (Murphy) sailing well to second, minus the water sloshing around in the cabin. The source of the water in race one was a disconnected drain for the galley sink, which was joined to the port side scupper.

The sink had been removed and the drain hose left in the bilge. On port tack, water would gush in! I think that the previous owner deserved the "Blue Duck". **Daniel Garces** (Rusalka) took third, **Chris Ryan** (JustUs) fourth, and **Tony Yen** (Tacking Tiger Jibing Dragon) fifth.

Before our race #3 (4/21), **David Suarez's** boat was officially named "Murphy" and crew member, **Matt Gibbons**, was nicknamed "MacGyver" for his extraordinary skill in keeping the boat afloat.

Murphy nailed the start of our race #3 and caught an early shift to round E (1st mark) well ahead. Stealthy Cat, helmed by **James Parsons**, rounded second, just ahead of **Dave Weeks**. However, James sailed too high on the way to B mark and Weeks passed him. That is a classic error on Lake Travis – sailing too high beneath hills. I have done it before and I hope I learned my lesson.



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## AYC 2024 Race Calendar

Wednesday Sunfish & ILCA Racing	Every Wednesday in May
Beer Can Races	Every Friday in May
Spring Series EOS	05/05
Governor's Cup	05/18-19
Single-Handed Regatta	05/25
Summer Series starts	06/01 – All fleets race together on Saturdays

### Upcoming Regattas

Centerboard Regatta	10/05-06
Round the Bend/MultiFest Regatta	10/26-27
Wild Turkey Regatta	11/23

### Upcoming Series Races

Summer Series (Saturdays)	06/01, 08, 15, 22, 29; 07/13, 20
Fall Series (Sundays)	09/15, 22, 29; 10/13, 20; 11/03, 10

## AYC May 2024 Non-Racing Events

Beginning Sailing – Session 1	05/04-05	9:00am-Noon
Beginning Sailing – Session 2	05/06, 13, 20, 28	6:00-8:30pm
ASA 101 Public Classes	05/11-12	8:30am-5:30pm
Sail 4 Kids	05/11	11:30am-4:00pm
AYC Bearings Meeting	05/13	6:30-8:30pm
AYC Board of Directors Meeting	05/23	7:30-9:30pm
<b>Youth Sailing</b>		
Opti 1 Saturday Group Practice	05/04, 11, 18	8:00am-Noon
Opti 2 Intro to Green Fleet	05/04, 11, 18	1:00-5:00pm
Opti 3 Advanced Green Fleet/RBW	05/01, 05*, 08, 12*, 15, 19*, 22	5:00-8:00pm *1:00-5:00pm
Advanced Opti Racing Clinic	05/28-30	9:00am-6:00pm
High School A-Team Practice	05/01, 03, 08, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24	5:00-8:00pm
High School B-Team Practice	05/02, 03, 09, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24	5:00-8:00pm
Middle/HS Intro to Sailing	05/04, 11, 18	8:00am-Noon
ILCA Team Practice	05/05, 12, 19	8:00am-Noon

## Welcome New Members!

Ramzi Matous	Junior Probationary
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John Zolper (JJ)	Associate Probationary
Adam Powers	Senior Probationary
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