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AYC 2011 RACE CALENDAR

May 7, 8	Mallory Trophy Championship
May 14	Summer Series Race Day #1 (FWS 4:00P, RC J/22)
May 21	Summer Series Race Day #2 (RC J/24)
May 28-29	Turnback Canyon Regatta
June 4	Summer Series Race Day #3 (RC SC21)
June 11	Summer Series Race Day #4 (RC Ensign)
June 18	Summer Series Race Day #4 (RC Catalina 22)
July 2	Independence Cup Regatta
September 10	Late Summer Series Race Day #1 (FWS 4:00P, RC Multi-Hull)
September 17	Late Summer Series Race Day #2 (RC PHRF A)
September 24	Late Summer Series Race Day #3 (PHRF B)

AYC NON-RACING EVENTS

May 14	Learn to Sail - Introduction to Keelboats I
May 22	AYC Open House (1:00P - 5:00P)
May 26	AYC Board Meeting (7:30P AYC Clubhouse)
June 4	PB&J Junior Sailing Camp
June 4	Learn to Sail - Centerboard Sailboats Clinic
June 6 - 10	Week #1 - Junior Sailing Camp
June 11	PB&J Junior Sailing Camp
June 13 - 17	Week #2 - Junior Sailing Camp
June 18	PB&J Junior Sailing Camp
June 18	End-of-Series Pot Luck Dinner and Ice Cream Social
June 20 - 24	Week #3 - Junior Sailing Camp
June 23	AYC Board Meeting (7:30P AYC Clubhouse)
June 25	PB&J Junior Sailing Camp
June 27 - July 1	Week #4 - Junior Sailing Camp
July 9	PB&J Junior Sailing Camp
July 16	PB&J Junior Sailing Camp
July 16	Catamaran Clinic
July 23	PB&J Junior Sailing Camp
July 30	PB&J Junior Sailing Camp
August 6	PB&J Junior Sailing Camp
August 6	Centerboard Sail Training Clinic II
August 20	PB&J Junior Sailing Camp
August 27	PB&J Junior Sailing Camp
August 27	Luau

You may now sign up online for series races through "Regatta Network."

PBJ Sailing Starts in June

by Doug Kern



Photo by Bill Records

It was one of those “scratch your head” moments. I was at Whole Foods’ smoothie counter recently, wearing one of my dozen PBJ t-shirts. The smoothie guy behind the counter, the one with the obligatory beard and tattoos, asked “Hey, isn’t PBJ that kids’ sailing program on Lake Travis? I did that when I was a kid!” Doing the math, we figured he was a 1995 PBJ alumni. Time flies!

Beginning June 4, more than 100 kids (4-10 year olds) will be descending onto the Rylander Pavilion this summer for another round of learn-to-sail classes. Each 90-minute class includes 20 kids and two coaches and uses the club’s fleet of Optis and Picos. Half of these sailors are non-members, so please welcome them with open arms if you’re around the club on Saturday mornings. Many thanks to **John Morran, Kate Noble, Bill Records, Pam Radebaugh, Steve Hawks and Cathy Ellenbrook** for their help this year. Photos and more info can be found at <http://aycroadrunners.org/>

PB&J SUMMER SAILING CAMP SCHEDULE SIGN UP TODAY!

JUNE
Saturdays
June 4, 11, 18, 25
9:30A - 11:00A
and
11:00A - 12:30P

JULY
Saturdays
July 9, 16, 23, 30
9:30A - 11:00A
and
11:00A - 12:30P

AUGUST
Saturdays
Aug 6, 13, 20, 27
9:30A - 11:00A
and
11:00A - 12:30P

From The Commodore by Jim Tillinghast



Reaching Out to Our Youth Community

Over the past couple of weeks, two events occurred that amplify what a great impact AYC is having in our community and especially with our youth programs. One event was very public – the Mallory Trophy event sailed at AYC on May 6th - 8th.

Twenty high schools from Florida to California, Maine to the Antilles and Washington to North Carolina competed in spectacular weather! AYC’s

entire RC, staff and membership received accolades for our hospitality and superb race management!

It is national and regional events like this and the Roadrunner Regatta that trumpet the heights we can reach with our youth programs – instill the sport and spirit of racing in our membership at an early age and grow that through our youth and adult programs! Thank you to all involved in the Mallory Trophy event and in our youth and adult sailing programs! You are each making a huge contribution to our future!

The second event was not so public, but represented another level of outreach that can be an equally inspiring component of our youth programs. In April, I received a call from the Austin Optimist Club, the organization that sponsors the annual Optimist Club Christmas Tree Lot, whose proceeds go back to Austin’s youth community. Kyle Cowand, President of the Chapter, wanted to know how the Optimists and AYC could get more engaged. He had visited AYC before, loved the overall enthusiasm and asked to get together with me to talk about AYC and our overall goals.

On Wednesday, May 5, I attended the Optimists’ monthly lunch meeting as Kyle’s guest and spoke to them about AYC, our history, and, most importantly, our youth programs. We talked about our PBJ and Summer Camps, the high school program, our sponsorship of the UT Sailing Team and our wide range of clinics and programs for adults as well. Discussions ranged from “How do I join AYC?” to programs to sponsor local community youth in one of the AYC junior programs.

I invited the Chapter to visit us on the following Friday night and enjoy the chance to race and to join us in our traditional Friday Beer Can Race burgers and brats. Over 20 members and friends took us up on our offer and got a great perspective of AYC! I invite all members to let groups you know – your church or synagogue, community service organizations and other groups – about AYC and our youth and adult programs! Flyers are available in the AYC office to distribute to such groups.

And the Lake Level Continues to Drop ...

With the lake level heading for 653 msl on May 15, Dock 3 and the Junior Pavilion were repositioned, leaving only Docks 1 and 2 in the main harbor. LCRA forecasts call for continuing drought at level D04 (Exceptional), the worst category of drought. Look for drought conditions similar to those of 2009 by this fall.

The good news is that Dock 3 is on schedule for completion the first week of June, and Dock 6 will be in place about 4 weeks later!

Turnback Canyon is Upon Us!

Just two more weeks before Turnback Canyon. We’ll race using the same format we did last year – start on time, wind or no wind. If wind conditions are light, we’ll motor up the Lake until we can find sufficient wind to start!

We’ll have more food and more bands at Bar K Park this year, so register now and join in the fun!

In Memoriam



Mark Rylander

Phillip "Mark" Rylander Phillip "Mark" Rylander, 52, devoted husband, father, son, and friend died May 12 after a hard-fought battle with ALS. An avid skier, cyclist, sailor, and kayaker, Mark seized life with passion, courage, and character. A native Austinite, he graduated from UT with a business degree in 1981, and married fellow UT student, Carol Ford on June 12, 1982. An expert sailor, he won national competitions throughout the 1980s. Professionally, he was a high tech marketer and designer for Motion Computing. The son of Norman B. Rylander (deceased) and Jo Lou Chambers Jones, he is survived by his wife, Carol, son and UT Junior, Ford, 19, daughter Paige, 17, sister Leslie Hamilton, brother-in-law Adam Hamilton, nephews Zach and Ben Hamilton and niece, Olivia Hamilton. He is beloved and will be missed by many cousins and friends.

To sign the guestbook for Mark Rylander, go to:

<http://www.legacy.com/guestbook/statesman/guestbook.aspx?n=phillip-rylander&pid=150994482&cid=gbsrchres>



Photo by Bill Records

AYC's Rylander Pavilion, "Home of the AYC Roadrunners," was designed and built under the guidance of long time member Mark Rylander. The funding came from the estate of Mark's father, Norman Rylander.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Independence Cup Regatta JULY 2, 2011



Photos by Bruce McDonald



Building & Grounds Report

by Fred Ford



I need your help in our on-going efforts to keep the Austin Yacht Club shipshape and in Bristol condition. Here are some simple ways you can help:

- As you walk about the campus, should you spy a stray bottle, can, plate or some other FOD pick it up and deposit it in the nearest trash can.
- When working on your boat, be sure to sweep up at the end of the day, deposit your trash in the containers and coil up extension cables and hoses.
- After finishing a snack or grog be sure to buss your table and deposit trash in the proper containers. If you have spilled something on the floor or table, take the time to clean it up.
- If you break or damage something or if you discover something broken or damaged take a moment to report the problem to the staff.

If we work together and make our club our responsibility, we can all enjoy a cleaner, safer AYC while greatly reducing maintenance costs.

Things have been pretty busy lately. Our septic system is now at maximum efficiency and fully code compliant with newly installed level alarms, a new drain cap, an additional clean-out and an extended vent.

The mystery bubbles are still appearing on the clubhouse rail. Sherwin Williams is sending another representative out to re-examine the rails for a solution. Please, and I know it is tempting, don't burst the blisters on the cap rails.... let Sherwin Williams do what they have to do to reach a solution.

We have installed new glides on the clubhouse balcony chairs. You should have a smoother and quieter scoot to the table.

Someone sat on the vanity in the clubhouse men's room and broke it loose from the wall. The damage was not reported to the office, but was discovered quickly and the water shut off in time to minimize the damage. Repairs have been made and **John Bartlett** of Bartlett Sails and Awning fabricated a brace to strengthen the vanity support.

The beer cooler on the veranda was broken into. The thieves used a hammer to break off the hasps. The estimated loss to us was two cases of beer. Heavy duty galvanized hasps have been installed using stainless steel bolts.

One of the mast hoists has been re-rigged with fresh line, shackles and blocks. The remaining hoist will be re-rigged in June. The work on the hoists is courtesy of **Fred Schroth** of Schroth Fiberglass.

New commercial grade pool furniture has been ordered and is scheduled for delivery the last week of May and the first week of June. The delivery date is a little vague due to the flooding in the Midwest. We have ordered 6 chaise lounges, 8 chairs, and 2 tables with umbrellas. The furniture is heavy-duty resort/hotel grade and complies with safety codes for commercial use. The umbrellas have a wind vent and are designed to withstand 20 mph steady winds. Should you be near the pool and winds fill to a velocity greater than a constant 20 mph, please take a moment to lower the umbrellas.

Future maintenance projects include replacing the torn screens in the shelters, adding a flood light near the BBQ grill, a minor shuffling of equipment in the clubhouse galley to enhance efficiency and building access stairs to the Rylander pavilion.

Buildings and Grounds is working with **Tom Groll**, Harbor CDR., to build convenient and safer access to our harbor. This is a priority project requiring considerable effort and depends on your support.

We made some money by being "green". Our caretaker **Tom Cunningham** mentioned that we had several hundred feet of scrap copper wire that used to supply power to the docks. Tom wondered if it might be worth some money. I loaded the wire into my truck and took it to a scrap metal buyer. We sold the wire for \$527.00 dollars. The money is going into our maintenance budget. Thank you Tom.

We have added a new member to our B & G committee. We welcome **Bill Boas** into our ranks. Bill is a new club member and brings added skills to our efforts to improve AYC.

Thank you for your efforts and continued support.



NATIONAL SAILING HALL OF FAME INDUCTION NOMINATIONS DUE JUNE 1

The sport of sailing is a step closer to having its own "Hall of Famers" with the National Sailing Center & Hall of Fame going live with an online form the general public is invited to use to make nominations. Future Hall of Famers will be American, age 45 and older who have made significant impact on the growth and development of the sport in the U.S. in categories such as design, racing, cruising, coaching and administration, among others. Non-citizens may be included if they have had an impact on the sport in the U.S., and posthumous nominations will also be accepted. The nomination period will run from April 1 through June 1, with the inductees for 2011 determined by late August.

To nominate your candidate online, visit: http://www.nshof.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=310&Itemid=124

Race Commander Report by Bruce McDonald



April saw the return of the one-designs and the strong winds usually associated with spring sailing. This series had especially high wind conditions often bordering on too much wind to race, but we somehow managed to pull off all four race days with no serious injuries and a minimum of break downs. From my vantage point on the water both as a competitor and a race committee, I saw good

boat handling and good judgment, which makes for better competition and more fun for everyone.

The Easter Laser Regatta was held for two days in what could only be called survival conditions, followed the next weekend with the South Coast 21 National Championship in everything from high wind conditions to no wind. By the first weekend in May, we had perfect wind and water conditions for the



Easter Laser Regatta

Mallory Trophy Championship which hosted 20 high school teams from around the US. The ever popular Friday evening beer can series is in full swing through the spring, summer and fall months.

We are now into the summer series – a five race day evening series starting on May 14th. The traditional Turnback Canyon overnight distance race will be held as per tradition on Memorial Day.



Spring Series

We have been continuing to use the Regatta Network as our race management solution for both registration and scoring. We are slowly recruiting scorers and training them on the use of the scoring software. Some of you who raced in the first

race of the Summer Series may have noticed that the scores for the race were up on the club web site before most of the racers reached shore. Many thanks to **Renee Ruais** and her J/22 fleet for raising the standard for scoring at AYC. We are getting up to speed with the scoring, getting the race results out expeditiously and accurately. We are still looking for additional volunteers to be trained on the program, with the eventual goal of having trained individuals in each fleet capable of scoring the races on the water using a smart phone or tablet.

The Permanent Race Committee is working with the Membership Committee to recognize those individuals who have had additional training either at the club level or nationally. We anticipate some pretty good perks for those members who go through the effort to become more proficient in areas such as race management, boat handling, etc., so stay tuned.

So, while we still have water in the lake, let's make the most of racing at AYC this month. Remember, fast plus safe equals fun.



Photo by Ira Rush

South Coast 21 Nationals

Socially Speaking by Susie McDonald

Menu for Summer Series Post-Race Meals

Race #2	Chips, dips and veggies
5/21	Grilled brats with sauerkraut, mustard, relish, onions
\$5	Hot German potato salad
	Homemade applesauce
	Fruit crisps
Race #3	Tortilla chips and queso
6/4	Chicken enchiladas with all the trimmings
\$5	Green salad
	Black beans
	Homemade Brownies
Race #4	Chips and dips
6/11	Loaded salad/fruit bar
\$5	Deviled eggs
	Texas toast
	Homemade cookies
EOS	Pot Luck/Ice Cream Social
N/C	Watch for an invite!

Remember ... The first race of every series is a fleet do-it-yourself, no social committee meal.

Sail Training Report by Bill Records



In April, Steve Gay conducted U.S. Sailing's Level One Instructor course at AYC. Nine people took and completed the course, including four from AYC (**Kate Noble, Jennifer Loehlin, Jorge Martin-de-Nicolas, and yours truly**). The course consisted of four days of

intensive training, on the water and in the classroom. The conditions for the on-the-water training were extreme, with winds in the 25-29 knot range. Steve led us through the rough weather with patience and constant encouragement and we all survived with a few bruises and scrapes. One of the most important



Photo by Bill Records
Steve Gay and Coleman Terrell

parts of the training was the power boat handling and safety section. All of us felt the importance of this part and strongly urge everyone who serves on race committee to get some form of power boat training. All in all the course was extraordinarily informative and very worthwhile. I think it will help us improve the sail training at AYC significantly.

In the fall, we are planning to offer a U.S. Sailing Counselor Course, designed for junior sailors who want to teach sailing. Anyone interested should contact me.



Photo by Bill Records
Kate Noble

In March and April, we had two advanced clinics – **John Bartlett's** Spinnaker Clinic and **Scott Young's** Start/Tactics Clinic. Thanks to John and Scott for sharing their amazing knowledge. We encouraged some of the more advanced juniors to attend and they learned quite a bit.

We've conducted more semi-private classes for adults and offered a Keel Boat class on May 14th. A Centerboard Clinic is scheduled for June 4th. Also, **Kate Noble**, our junior coach, will be offering private lessons for interested juniors.



Photos by Bill Records



John Bartlett

The regular Roadrunner practices on Thursdays and Saturdays have been well attended and for the May 7th practice we had a special treat. **Alexandra Mares** assisted Kate with the class. Alexandra grew up in our program and has been successfully campaigning her Opti in regattas all over the U.S. It was great to have her back.

The AYC Summer Camps are just around the corner, so have your Roadrunner sign up soon. There will be no Roadrunner practices during the month of June, due to the camps; however they will resume in July. This year's camp staff may be the best ever, so don't miss this great opportunity.

On May 22nd, from 10AM- 12:30PM, we will have a Roadrunner work party at the Rylander Pavilion Dock. We need to clean up the facilities and parking area before camps begin. For the non-members who come to the camps, this is their first impression of AYC, so let's make it a good one!



Left to right –
Charlie Daniels and Coleman Terrell

Photo by Bill Records

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: AYC Luau, August 27, 2011



Photo by Bruce McDonald



Photo by Bruce McDonald



Open House !

and

Test Drive Day



Sunday May 22nd, 2011 1:00 - 5:00pm

AYC is welcoming visitors to learn about our club.

Take a “*test sail*” on a wide variety of boats.

Check out our facilities, clubhouse, docks, boat storage, cabins, etc.

Learn about our sail training programs for both adults and juniors.

Enjoy a reception with refreshments. Meet club members. Discuss our racing events.

Members are welcome (bring friends), this is your chance to go for a sail on that boat you have been dreaming about.



All fleets are bringing a boat and skipper to take folks sailing. Participating fleets: Catalina 22, Centerboard, Ensign, J22, J24, J80, South Coast 21, Keel handicap, Multi-hull (catamarans, trimarans).



“JBoats Southwest” and the “Austin Sailboat Shop” will be bringing boats.

TELL YOUR FRIENDS!

For more information and directions to the club, visit the Austin Yacht Club's website at <http://austinyachtclub.net/> or call our office 512-266-1336.

Roadrunner Report

by Kate Noble



It's beginning to feel like summer and we've been having a lot of fun down on the Rylander Pavilion! We've had some very windy conditions over the past month and I am so proud of all our Roadrunners for their hard work and perseverance!

Our weekly practices have been going extremely well and I'm pleased by the progress made by all our Roadrunners. Our sessions have become a little more structured and I want to remind everyone of the differences between Thursday and Saturday practices. At Thursdays "Learn to Sail" sessions, we have been working on starting and stopping, tacking, jibing, and all the fundamentals. A reminder that these sessions are open to any and all Roadrunners. For more advanced sailors, these practices can be a great refresher on the basics as well as a great opportunity to help out beginners and just get out on the water and have some fun. Looking forward to seeing you all out on the lake Thursdays from 4:30-7:00.

Saturday Opti sessions from 1:30-4:00 are meant for racers, or those

who are ready to begin racing. In the weeks to come, we are going to begin focusing on starts, sailing upwind, and getting some practice races in! Laser sailors practice right after from 4:00-6:30. Participation has really picked up for this session as the season progresses and I encourage all junior Laser sessions to join us! As always, please remember to RSVP to jrccoach@austinyachtclub.net for all practices.

I'd like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding, as we had to cancel two weeks in a row so that I could participate in the US Sailing Level One Instructor course. It was extremely informative and I know that it will benefit our Roadrunner program immensely. Also, a big thank you to all of the parents who have volunteered their time and energy to help us



Photo by Bill Records



Photo submitted by Doug Kern

out either as a dock parent or an assistant in the powerboat. We couldn't hold practices without you!

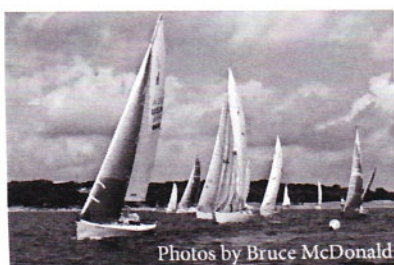
A reminder that we will NOT be holding Thursday and Saturday Roadrunner practices during the month of June. I encourage all Roadrunners to sign up and participate in our summer camp programs to get the most out of the AYC this summer. Space is still available but filling up fast! I will also be available for private lessons. Feel free to contact me to schedule a time for your Roadrunner!

Hope to see you all out on the 22nd for our Roadrunner Work Party from 10:00-12:30 pm, followed by a pizza party at the clubhouse. That afternoon, we will also be participating in the club's demo day— keep an eye out for our display! Looking forward to the rest of the summer!



Photo by Bill Records

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Turnback Canyon Regatta MAY 28-29, 2011



Photos by Bruce McDonald



Keel Fleet News

by Joann Welles

Turnout for Spring Series was light, to say the least, and April Beer Cans were more lightly attended than usual. Evidently the wild spring winds have been holding everyone back. Only 16 boats participated in Spring Series across all keel handicap fleets, and several of them didn't finish a race. May Beer Can races started out with a little less wind, and a lot better participation. Let's all get out there while we have a lake to sail on!

A Fleet News

Jammin, **Doug Casey's** J 29 came in 1st in Spring Series. To celebrate, Doug purchased a F-31 trimaran. Congratulations, Doug! Your racing 'crowd' should fit on it nicely.



Photo by Bill Records

Doug Casey and crew

Barry Bowden, and **Claude and JoAnn Welles** are cooking burgers and brats in May for Beer Cans. Thanks go to **Jim Tillinghast** for hosting the Austin Optimist Club at the first May Beer Can. It was fun to see these mostly non-sailors get into the spirit of Beer Cans and burgers. **Pam Douglas** was one of the Optimists who came; she grew up in AYC, but it's been a long time since we've seen her.



Photo by Bruce McDonald

Molly Lewis

Late in March, the Fort Worth Boat Club hosted 13 boats for the 2nd 2011 J 80 circuit regatta. AYC members **Greg Buck**, **Rick Smith** and **Claude Welles** trailered their boats up to Fort Worth. The wind was

plentiful, allowing seven races to be completed. Claude got a 5th place trophy, the only trophy not awarded to an FWBC sailor. **Brent Schwan**, **Bob Leonard**, and **John Horn** crewed for Greg. AYC members **Jennifer Schwan** and **Steve Vaughan** crewed for Rick. **Barry Bowden**, **Bill Coletti**, and **Gray Rackley** crewed for Claude. The next J80 circuit is in Houston in September.

B Fleet News

B fleet had eight boats participating in the Spring Series. **Chris Hargett** took a 1st in his Wavelength 24 Shocker. **David and Molly Lewis** came in 2nd in their San Juan 7.7, Vitamin Sea, and **John Maddalozzo** 3rd in his Capri 25, Ornery.



Photo by Bill Records

Chris Hargett and crew

David and Molly Lewis cooked burgers and brats in April for beer cans – thanks, David and Molly!

Non-Spinnaker Fleet News

Seven boats participated in the non-spinnaker fleet for Spring Series. The Two Speed Wenches (formerly Blue Duck) San Juan 28 team of **Dana Broussard** and **Jenny Loehlin** took 1st. **Bob Goldsmith** in his Hunter 28.5 took 2nd, and **Bruce McFarland** in his J80 took 3rd. 'A' fleet wants you back, Bruce!

Bob Gallant sends his thanks those in the non-spin fleet for the good showing for race committee. Non-spinnaker is due up again for race committee in the fall, so be ready when the call comes!!!

Charleston Race Week

by Joann Welles

Rick Smith and Claude Welles took their J80s to Charleston, SC for Charleston Race Week. There were 22 J80s, and 250 boats total on six circles, three in the harbor, and three for large boats offshore. Rick and Claude thought the long drive would be the lowlight of the trip, but it turned out that tide and logistics were much worse. The marina from which the races were held had a tremendous current going through it. Getting in and out of the marina successfully was even an issue. When the tide was coming in, the boats had bow waves at the dock!

The Charleston Yacht Club, from which boats were to be launched and retrieved, had only enough water to launch the J80s for approximately eight hours a day, four of which were in the middle of the night. Otherwise keels would be stuck in the mud. Makes the ramp launching at AYC look like a piece of cake!

The first day had strong winds, a short course forced by the number of circles held in the harbor, and 63 sportboats on the circle. A dangerous situation, to say the least. Claude started the regatta by fouling another 80 before the first start – doing circles at the beginning of a regatta takes the pressure off somewhat! **John Bowden**, Barry's son, is the local sailmaker in Charleston; he had plenty of business repairing sails that evening.

The second day's races were called due to impending storms and heavy wind. The last day had light winds, making the current a serious issue. Only five J80s finished, but Claude got a first, proving that lake sailors can take good local advice on currents (Thank you, John).

AYC members who crewed were **John Bartlett, David Bernstein, Barry Bowden, Gray Rackley, and Bay Peterson**. **Gail Bernstein** was on race committee, doing timing for the circle where the J80s were racing, along with Ultimate 20s and Viper 640s. She swears that she wouldn't have been the one to call Rick or Claude over early!

Charleston Race Week is known as a party with a regatta attached. It lived up to its billing! And of course Charleston's a great tourist venue, with beaches, great food and many historical sites. The day Rick and Claude went out and practiced was the 150th anniversary of the start of the Civil War, so cannons went off as they sailed. Both Rick and Claude have agreed that they'll mark Charleston Race Week off their bucket list and stay home next year. They won't be complaining about the logistics of racing at AYC.



Photo by Gail Bernstein



Photo by Gail Bernstein

Ensign Fleet News

by Danny Lien

After the combined starts (Ensigns, C-22 and SC21s) during Frostbite, and the gentle threat of continuing the same start procedure throughout the year, Spring Series opener found large numbers of boats pre-registered from each fleet. All in good fun!

Ensigns registered 9, SouthCoasts 14, and Catalinas 14. I am proud to state that the Ensigns that showed up on the actual race line yielded the highest fraction of boats registered to boats raced. That is worth something!

It was a very windy series and Ensigns and Catalinas did come out to race each day, but for a few of the days the SC21 crews were mostly on J29s. Can't really blame them; on Gravy Boat we also 'wussed' out a couple race days ourselves. But much of our fleet showed up and some crews really shined in the heavy air.

Lewis Price was dialed in for most of the series and kept his boat fast, though he did find out that it is good to start with your fleet and not have to work your way back up through the fleet after a mad rush to the line after sunbathing in a cove.

Tom Groll had one good day when he had four on the rail and another day he might have done better if he had cleaned and greased his winches prior to racing and not during the races. Locked winches are SLOW!

Hap Arnold, with **Tom Romberg** on the helm, proved that good experience, a fast bottom and great mainsail, and four on the rail was fast. Their choice of sails was a puzzle to the rest of the fleet, and they may be



Photo by Bruce McDonald

on to something. The whole series was 'number 2 genoa' weather but not on Eagle! It seemed to me that Hap was flying a 'working jib', sometimes called 'storm sail', but sheeting to tracks set up on his boat for a 'blade'. The jib they use is little bitty but somehow they got good flow over the main and they pointed higher and sailed faster with that configuration, even when the winds lulled a little and the whitecaps abated. I don't think it's an actual blade because it is not as high on the hoist, nor is it a deck sweeper. **Jonathan Baker** came out with a blade the third race day and all other boats sailed past him. (Jonathan did have two light-weight Dahmens as crew, and they were not as heavy on the rail; light crew may have been the determining factor.) Still, I and others are puzzled. We may be ready to go to **John Bartlett** with check-in-hand and see if he has any old Ensign working jibs left at his shop for sail, preferably from the **Pete Rhinehart-Trump** days. Maybe we could copy the shape or he could even develop it further. I was about to rig my boat for a blade, but not now. Is it weight on the rail? Is it the fact that Lake Travis is flat water compared

to Galveston Bay, and a little flat jib can point higher and sacrifice power needed to punch through bigger waves found elsewhere? Is it the fact that the Eagle crew has sailed that boat so many times in those conditions that they are unbeatable?

The last Sunday was much like the rest of the series though each week fewer boats started. Six went out but two came back ... of the four remaining, each had a story. Lewis with four on the rail was again dialed in and got a first and a second. Eagle broke a tiller turning toward the start and ended up racing with a duct-tape splint. **Randolph Bertin** was a little



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early for a start and let the sails slat, and his vang pendant knotted up with the jib sheet such that he couldn't jibe around to restart. Jonathan sailed well until he tried to fetch the top mark and stalled and re-tacked, actually Jonathan tried the same thing at the leeward mark when he came in too close and rounded up above the mark after a heavy air jibe. In addition, since there was a fire over the dam at Steiner Ranch, boats sailed in smoke and some falling cinder...quite a day.

The general consensus after the race was that this was the windiest series that anyone remembers and that one of the main issues was to keep the boat going upwind – if it stalled at all, a lot of ground was lost. The series ended with Eagle (Arnold-Romberg) winning handily and Lewis coming in second. Lewis came on strong at the end of the series, but not enough to catch up.

When you read this it is probably hotter, less windy, and there is more water in the lake...we hope.



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South Coast 21 Fleet News

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Intergalactics! Enough said –



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Mallory Trophy by Eric Rochard

Regatta Highlights

We would like to thanks the sponsors of this event: **Baker Hughes, J Boat Southwest, Travis Graphic, UT and Texas A&M.**

Austin Yacht Club hosted a memorable High School National Championship for the Mallory Trophy on scenic Lake Travis. Despite recent drought conditions that contributed to seasonally low water levels, the breeze was exceptional for sailboat racing with two or three shifts per beat in 12-20 knots of pressure from the south. Sailors and spectators were treated to participating and watching one of the most talented groups of high school sailors ever assembled.

The event was a fantastic showcase of AYC, not only for the 200+ sailors, and parents and grandparents on the point, but also for thousands of visitors to the junior website (aycroadrunners.org) to check out race scores. The site received 3,800 views over the weekend, with half coming through the AYC site and half from Twitter, Sailgroove and other sites.



Cait Taylor from Sailgroove interviewed a lot of sailors and edited a superb video summary on the web (sailgroove.org/coverage/238723-High-School-Sailing-Nationals-Mallory-Trophy-2011/video/489491-Mallory-Cup-Highlights).

19 races in both divisions were expertly managed by the AYC RC team that tweaked and shifted things efficiently to keep the racing continuous without interruption in water depths ranging from 120' to 12'. Antilles High School from the US Virgin Islands prevailed to win the overall championship by a 20 point margin over Coronado High School. A totally dominating performance by their "B" squad of **Ian Barrows, Nicole Barnes and Alec Tayler** was clinched by winning of 8 of 19 races.

The "A" division crown belonged to the Cathedral Catholic High School Team of **Nevin Snow, Sutton Tucker and Patrick Snow** who led their division by 14 pts by regatta end.

Every event's success is totally attributable to the dedicated job by its core group of volunteers who work tirelessly to make everything come together on race day. The following list is a summary of the many folks who made this event a fun and memorable experience for the best high school sailors in the country.

Event Chairs: **Steve Gay, Brigitte and Eric Rochard**

SEISA District Director/Rep: **Malinda Crain**

AYC Commodore: **Jim Tillinghast**

AYC General Manager: **Steve Hawks**

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Judges: **Brad Davis, Mark Smith, John Diggins, June Shaw, Fields Gunsett, and Chris Luppens.**

Scoring / Web Updates: **Jorge Trevino and Doug Kern**

Food and Hospitality: **Eric and Brigitte Rochard, Tom and Polly Peel, Kathy Ellenbrook and Anna Snow** and, as usual, Terry was taking care of the morning coffee

UT Longhorn Volunteers: Hospitality, boat fixing and put-away by **Rockwall Heath HS Team and Sailgroove – Cait Taylor, Matt Lenz, Luke Craigin, Richard Cathriner, Wendy Ji**

Photography: **Bruce McDonald, Bill Records and Tom Monkus**

AYC Race Committee: **Vic Manning, Barry Bowden, Mike Summerland, John Cooper, Ray Shull, John Morran, Brent Schwann, Charlie Arnold, John Saunders, Steve Brown, Dane Ohe and PRO Franny Charles**

RACE RESULTS

A division = 19 Races B division = 19 Races

	A	B	Total
1. Antilles	150	79	229
2. Coronado	133	116	249
3. Point Loma	147	115	262
4. Severn	146	159	305
5. Corona Del Mar	181	125	306
6. Newport Harbor	137	178	315
7. Cathedral Catholic	119	216	335
8. Falmouth	175	169	344
9. St. George	219	157	376
10. H.B. Plant	202	175	377
11. Christchurch	197	201	398
12. Tabor	224	177	401
13. Sarasota	146	264	410
14. Annapolis	192	249	441
15. Minnetonka	251	191	442
16. Rumson-Fair Haven	209	234	443
17. Loyola	224	330	443
18. Orcas Is	310	273	583
19. Brewster	314	293	607
20. Rockwall Heath	314	293	607



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The Mallory Trophy is school sailing's oldest trophy. It was selected and presented to the then-IYRA (now ISSA) by Clifford Mallory and his son, when the elder Mallory was Commodore of Indian Harbor Yacht Club in Greenwich, Connecticut, and President of NAYRU, the predecessor of US SAILING. The early competitions were in Atlantic-class sloops, hence the sterling silver model of the original Atlantic on the trophy. In recent years the competition for the ISSA Nationals has been in double handed dinghies in a two-division format. This was initiated when the U.S. Naval Academy took over hosting the event, after many years at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in keel sloops and Ravens. Prior to that stewardship, the series had been hosted by clubs, and once by a school for their first venture into dinghies, Fireflies at St. George's in 1959. The Mallory competition now is rotated among the ISSA districts.



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