



Summer Sizzlers

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Cover photo by Bruce McDonald



Jude Williams and Karlo Bloom



James Brock



Camp buddies



Orla Scully during capsizing drill

Summer Camps Are in Full Swing

Photos by Bill Records

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Kai Streckenbach



Junior Coach Will Abrams with Grace Ivy and Rylie Schieh

Race Commander Report

by Barry Bowden



The Dog Days Series began on Saturday June 22 and so far has lived up to its name. The first race had 20 boats participating and the second race a week later saw only 15 brave the 105 degree temperatures to come out to race. An easterly wind made for a short course and the lake swallowed up the Bruce anchor on the race committee boat.

Hopefully it will have been retrieved by the time this article is read.

On a more positive note, which is becoming more difficult to hear, we have reconfigured the docks and a rigging dock is now present on the metal ramp that **Vic Manning** and team put in the water before Turnback Canyon. Boats that haven't been wet in quite a while may now be launched and some that have been in the water a bit too long have been retrieved for overdue maintenance on their bottoms. (Please see the UPDATE in **John Saunders'** report, this page.)

If you have been stuck in dry sail with most any size boat that can live in the dry sail area, please come out and get your boat wet. There is even a bit of room for overnight parking.

The Dog Days Series will end on July 27. We have no series races scheduled until September. However, the Friday Night Beer Can races and the Wednesday Sunfish and Laser races are still going strong. Come on out to the lake, set up a chair by our lovely beach, and enjoy the water as long as it lasts ... don't forget to put in a good word to whoever you want for some necessary rain.

Secretary Report

by Jen Schwan



This month I'll be busy getting after the long-anticipated AYC membership directory and handbook! Determining the best source for member contact data and member boat data is a bit of a challenge as it lives in multiple places. I will begin by creating an Excel spreadsheet that will be the source for the directory content. This spreadsheet

will be posted behind the secure portion of the AYC website for you all to review. I'll notify the membership that it's available and of any due dates via fleet captain emails as well as a general note on the AYC website. Note that it will be a draft and I do need your help reviewing your data and notifying me of any updates! Please contact me with any updates via the AYC Secretary email address (<http://austinyachtclub.net/contact>) and select "Board Secretary" from the pull down menu). My current target is to have a printed and electronic PDF of the directory/handbook available in September. Thank you for your patience!

Buildings & Grounds Report

by John Saunders



Due to the extended drought and summertime heat, the grasses at AYC are more fragile. If a vehicle is driven over them, they will die. If a vehicle is parked on the grass areas, the catalytic converter heat may kill the grass, or in the worst case, create a fire.

Launching

On the point, please be aware of launching locations. There are two steel ramps that are pretty evident, as well as a couple of other locations that are being used. I know they are not too well marked, but please do not block these or their approaches. Today it is me trying to launch, tomorrow you.

UPDATE: As the lake has dropped even more over the last couple weeks, the newer NE steel mat ramp became unusable due to the contour of the shore beneath the steel mat. A particularly steep drop off made it a trap for anyone backing their vehicle too far down. We believe that there was a real danger of a member losing his or her vehicle into the lake because of the incline and smooth steel surface. Even **Fred Schroth** would not take his foot off the brake while a boat was loaded on the trailer. We had the mat ramp pulled out of the water so that we can improve the situation. That location is not a ramp at this time.

In the meantime, there is a launching site on the end of the point between the Junior dock and the walkway to the other docks. It is somewhat marked with rocks and paint. The tri's and some other shallower draft boats have been using it for some time. It is firm and drops slowly to about six feet at the SW corner of C dock. There is another site closer to the Junior dock that is muddy from the water level down. It might be tempting, but watch out! When using any of these auxiliary sites, please use caution, ask for assistance and, if in doubt, wait.

I realize conditions are not perfect, but we try to get by and enjoy the club and lake. We are fortunate to have such a recourse in this semi-arid area.

Electric Shock Drowning (ESD)

Many of you know about this problem. Below is a link to a good article that was published in Boat US July "Seaworthy" magazine. Although we do not have electrical connections on our docks, we visit other marinas. As boats get bigger and demand more services, this problem increases.

<http://www.boatus.com/seaworthy/magazine/2013/july/electric-shock-drowning-explained.asp>

Membership Committee News

by Past Commodore Johannes Brinkmann



Please welcome the following new members who joined AYC on July 1:

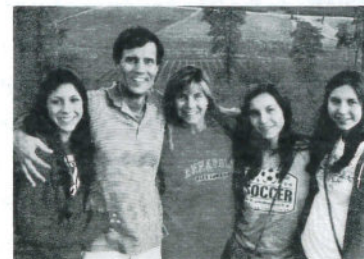
Curtis Tarpley — Curtis is a past member who first joined AYC in 1991. He and his wife **Lacey** have



Curtis Tarpley

rejoined AYC. Their son, **Jacob**, has been a junior member for several years. Curtis sailed the J/24 circuit on Mr. Happy for 15+ years and has sailed Sunfish since 1985.

Tim Skansi — Tim and his wife, **Brenda**, have rejoined after leaving AYC in 2012 because of work related travel. The Skansi's have three daughters, **Halli, Jessica and Payton**. Tim is planning to partner with **Todd Bankler** in a Catalina 27. Tim has extensive cruising experience as a skipper and racing experience as crew on J-29, J-80, J22 and Melges 30.



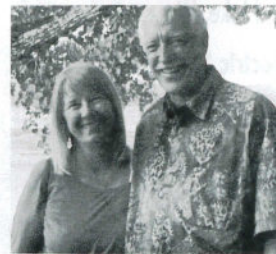
The Skansi Family

David Grizzle — David has decided it's time to work less and sail more! He and his wife, **Sonja**, have four children, **Kevin, Hannah, Jonathan and Patrick**. David has experience on Sailboards and Hobie 16. He is interested in learning to race and teaching his children to sail.



David Grizzle

Loren Stell — Upon Loren's recent arrival in Austin with his 1969 Hershof 12.5 hull number 16 in tow, he and his partner, **Kathleen Hall**, were immediately followed and flagged down by AYC member **Fred Ford**, who told them about AYC. Loren has been sailing since 1979 and has significant blue water sailing experience including NY to Bermuda and Guilford, CT to NYC. He has sailed at Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket and Bar Harbor, ME.



Loren and Kathleen

William (Rick) Ammons — Rick recently moved to Austin and was introduced to AYC by sailing with **Bill Benker** in the Friday night Beer Can Races. Rick grew up in Maryland and sailed and raced several boats on Chesapeake Bay including 470, Santana 21 and Oday 240. Rick recently purchased a Hobie 18, which he would like to race at AYC.



Rick Ammons

Jeff Brock — Jeff grew up sailing and racing with his family, and he and his wife, **Amy**, want to give his children the same opportunity. Jeff and Amy's eldest daughter, **Lucy**, is already a member of the AYC youth racing program. Her brother, **James**, will be starting this summer, and twins **Jackson and Calvin** are also future sailors. Jeff is a former youth coach and holds a US Sailing Level 1 instructor rating. Jeff grew up racing a J-29 as crew and skipper in Corpus Christi. He sailed varsity at MIT and sailed Etchells and J/24 at Marblehead, Olson 30's in Hawaii and is currently crewing on **Bruce McDonald's J70**.



Jeff Brock

Steve Sanderson — Steve and his wife, **Kathy Laurence**, sailed frequently before the arrival of their sons, **Benjamin and Quinn**. Now that the boys are older and Benjamin has participated in the AYC summer camp, the whole family is eager to sail. Steve began sailing at age 14 and has sailed extensively on Galveston bay and in the Gulf. He and Kathy have done multiple bareboat charters in the BVI. They now own a Precision 18 and are interested in cruising, racing and joining the AYC sailing community.



The Sanderson Family

David Tucker — David and his wife, **Dana**, have sailed on Lake Travis for over 20 years. They recently purchased South Coast number 164 "Ghostbusters" and look forward to joining the South Coast fleet for one design racing and social activities. David started sailing in college. He has owned a Laser, Catalina 22, Catalina 27, Cape Dory 25D and he currently owns a Mason 43. David has sailed several of these boats in open regattas at AYC over the years.



David and Dana Tucker

Allen Ludford — Allen and his wife, **Marie Aiello**, live in the "Miami Vice" house three doors down from the AYC entrance. They have two daughters, **Julia and Olivia**, who not only want to sail, but also are eager to provide babysitting services to AYC members with small children. The Ludfords enjoy sailing and the social activities at AYC and have been wanting to join AYC for some time. They are currently crewing for AYC member **John Vance**.



Allen and Marie

Lawrence Case — Lawrence and his wife, **Amy**, have recently moved back to Austin. They would like to improve their sailing skills and introduce their children, **Taylor, Lanzo**



Lawrence Case

and **Kyla** to the sport. The Cases are neighbors of **Lanette Montgomery**. Lawrence was a member of the UT Sailing Club in '93-'94 and he has sailed Sunfish, Laser and sailboards.

Shannon Sherwood — Shannon has been crewing for several AYC members in the J22 fleet for about a year. She would now like to join AYC to give back to the club and to introduce her daughters, **Lucinda and Lilly**, to sailing. During her 20s Shannon regularly sailed a Laser II, and in 2012 and 2013 she has participated in many AYC series races and regattas.



Shannon Sherwood

J. Blake Martin — Blake and his wife, **Shawna**, are new to Austin. They chose a house less than four miles from AYC in order to be active in the club. Blake is ASA certified through level 105. The Martins would like to introduce their daughters, **Noelle and Natalie**, to sailing.



Blake Martin

Sail Training Report

by Jenny Loehlin



I want you all to know that I take my duty to make it rain seriously, and this evening when **Mike and I** took his brother **Steve Mashl** out for a sail, water was observed to fall from the sky into the lake.

The July session of

PB&J is now underway. I was out yesterday for the first classes with head instructor **Fred Ford** (assisted by special guest **Jonathan Baker**) and **Ben and Ethan Froelich**. It's always exciting to see the kids, some of whom have never been on a sailboat before, steering on their own.



Jenny and Mike, photo by Steve Mashl

The weekend of June 22/23 we had an ASA 101 class taught by **Gary Payne and Harry Polly** as well as a centerboard clinic led by **Kate Noble**. Both went well. The adult program will now be taking a bit of a hiatus for the summer doldrums, but private lessons are still available.

The first three weeks of summer camp have now been completed, with two more to come in July. We have a great team of counselors this year.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the dock moves this past week. It's great to have deep water behind the FJs and a rigging dock near the new metal ramp. These are challenging times for our club, and I think so far we're coping really well.

3rd Annual AYC Fleet Challenge for the Bernstein / Brinkmann Trophy

by Scott Young

Saturday, September 28 AYC Rylander Pavilion

The 3rd Annual AYC Fleet Challenge is rapidly approaching! After the hugely successful inaugural event in 2011 and a great follow-up year last year, we will work this year to make the event bigger and better!

The AYC Fleet Challenge is the main fund raising event each year for the AYC Fund. In each of the first two years of this event, the AYC Fund raised over \$20,000. In turn, the AYC Fund has made strategic investments that are really making a difference at AYC and for sailing in Central Texas.

Your generosity and participation in the AYC Fleet Challenge has allowed AYC to create a full-time director of sailing position and as a result, we are seeing junior and sail training participation soar. At the same time, by introducing these participants and their families to AYC through these programs, AYC is seeing a strong surge in new family memberships in 2013.

For this year's event, each AYC Fleet will be allowed an "A" and "B" Division skipper. A separate crew for each division is encouraged but not required. The Fleet Challenge will be an "intercollegiate" style event with very short courses held close to the end of the docks for optimum cheer leading and boat switching. We will have all 18 of the new FJs that were purchased for the 2012 Intercollegiate North American Championship (with the AYC Fund's help) and we will work hard to utilize all 18 boats. After all of the fleets are properly represented, we will make room for a few Roadrunner teams, UT Sailing Club, UT Sailing Team members and at-large entries.

Like last year, the fleet that is able to raise the most money above and beyond the \$200 entry fee will be awarded 1st place in the initial race. 2nd highest fund raising fleet will be awarded 2nd, and so on. We will run as many raises as possible until 4:00, and afterwards we will have beer, wine and snacks and we will recognize the top fleets.

Once again, the proceeds from the event will benefit the AYC Fund and its support for sail training, racing and education here in Texas. Please reach out to your fellow fleet members and fleet captains and start organizing your team.

You can register and process donations two ways. You can send individual checks made payable to the AYC Fund, c/o Austin Yacht Club, 5906 Beacon Drive, Austin, TX 78734. Please clearly note on the check if the payment is for registration or for an additional donation and which fleet should receive recognition for the contribution.

You can also go online to the Austin Community Foundation <http://www.austincommunityfoundation.org/?nd=donate> to donate. Scroll down in the Category Section to the Austin Yacht Club Fund and be sure to indicate what fleet you represent on the comment line so we can properly credit your fleet.

For additional information, please feel free to email me at scott@scottyoungprop.com.

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Sailing Director Report

by Kate Noble



What an exciting and busy summer it has been at AYC so far! June was a great month for both adult and junior sailing.

The Centerboard Clinic on June 23 was a success with lots of wind and 17 students. Participants spent some time onshore reviewing centerboard basics including boat anatomy, wind detection, points of sail and tacking. Afterwards, students participated in some tacking land drills and knot tying. On the dock, students watched a capsize demonstration by volunteer instructors **Tracy and Erin Hawk** and then tried it for themselves before heading out on the water. Several students chose to sail without an instructor aboard Picos, Sunfish, and Lasers, while those new to the sport sailed with an instructor aboard an FJ. Thank you to volunteer instructors **Charlie Arnold, Ravi Subramanian, Annie Lancaster, John Grzinich, Erin Hawk, and Tracy Hawk!**

Our American Sailing Association program continues to bring in new sailors. On June 22nd and 23rd, ASA instructors **Harry Polly and Gary Payne** hosted a weekend ASA 101 course.

Junior Training

Free Sail Sundays have continued throughout the summer, thanks to several volunteers. Thank you to **Stefan Froelich** and new member **Jeff Brock** for leading Free Sails in June. A reminder that Free Sail Sunday is a supervised time on Sunday afternoons when AYC members (adults included!) have access to the Sail Training fleet of FJs, Sunfish, Lasers, Picos and Optis. If you would like to be notified of upcoming Free Sails, please email me at kate@austinyachtclub.net and I will add you to my email list.

The Summer Season of weekly Roadrunner practices will begin July 20. For more information, or to sign up, please contact me via email.

Texas Sailing Association Youth Circuit News

The TSA Jr. Ol' Man of the Sea Regatta and USODA Great Plains Championship took place June 22-23 at Fort Worth Boat Club. In the 420 fleet, **Meredith and Michael Morran** placed 1st out of nine boats and new AYC member **Gracie Bulgerin** placed 7th sailing with **Abi Beck**. **Spencer LeGrande** placed 5th in Opti Red Fleet and 16th in RWB overall. **Tony Slowik** finished 3rd in White Fleet and 18th overall. Congratulations to all of our traveling AYC Roadrunners!

Next up on the TSA circuit is Texas Youth Race Week July 15-21 hosted by Houston Yacht Club, Lakewood Yacht Club, and Texas Corinthian Yacht Club.

Junior Sailing Camp

The Junior Sailing Camp at AYC is always one of the highlights of my year at AYC! I love seeing so many kids, both experienced and inexperienced, out here at the club and having fun on the water. Before the real fun could begin this year, the Junior Sailing Camp staff participated in several days of pre-camp training to prepare for the summer and build staff relationships. Training topics included: safety procedures, lesson

planning, on-the-water practice, and powerboat procedures. An on-site American Heart Association CPR/AED/First Aid course was built into the pre-camp training schedule this year to certify all counselors, as well as our full-time AYC staff. Counselors also participated in a work day before camp to make repairs and prepare the facilities and AYC fleet for camp.

We had three week-long sessions of the Junior Sailing Camp in June, followed by a week off for the 4th of July holiday. We picked back up with Session 4 on July 8 and our last session began on July 15. We have seen great enrollment this summer with three out of five sessions completely full. The weather and wind have cooperated with us so far and campers have participated in a wide range of activities from technical drills to on-the-water games like Sailing Basketball to windsurfing to introductory racing.

A HUGE thank you to our talented and hard-working Junior Sailing Camp Staff for their creativity, enthusiasm, and positive impact on our program: **Head Counselor Kiel Killeen, Senior Counselors and Lifeguards Erin and Tracy Hawk, Counselors Taylor Crouch, Ryan Dwight, and Meredith Morran, and Counselors-in-Training (CITs) Nikki Goodwin, Antoine Maury, Michael Morran, and Ricky Trent.**

You may have seen AYC in the Austin-American Statesman on June 21! The AYC Junior Sailing Camp was selected by the Austin American-Statesman to be one of three Austin area summer camps to be featured in their 2014 Summer Camp Guide. A reporter and photographer joined our staff and campers on June 20. A photograph of camper and AYC member **Nick Compton** sailing an Opti appeared in the Statesman on June 21. The full article will go to press in February 2014.

PB&J

Our PB&J Summer Sailing Series for sailors ages 4-10 is another summer treasure here at AYC! It is amazing to see such young kids doing such impressive things out on the water! June PB&J went very well thanks to Head PB&J Coach **Bill Records** who led both Saturday and Sunday sessions. Thank you to the **Peel family** for assisting on Saturdays, and to **Fred Ford and junior coaches Will Abrams, Jules Bettler, and Charles Larrouilh** for helping out on Sundays. The July sessions began on July 6 led by **Fred Ford** and assisted by the **Froelich family**. There is still room in our August sessions (Saturday 9:30-11:00 or 11:00-12:30) so sign up!



Photo by Bill Records

Junior Camp Memories

Photos by Kate Noble except as noted



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Photo by Tony Slowik Sr.



Photo by Bill Records

Junior Camp Memories

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Photo by Bill Records

AYC ANNOUNCEMENTS

WANTED

Volunteer needed to serve as Regatta Chair for Governor's Cup (October 5-6). Contact **John Morran** at vice_commodore@austinyachtclub.net.

AYC Officer Nominations

The Nominations Committee is seeking your input for 2014 AYC officer nominations. If you are interested in serving on the AYC Board of Directors, or if you know of someone who is, please email your input to membership@austinyachtclub.net, or contact **Johannes Brinkmann**, **Jim Tillinghast** or **Stever Eller**.

How to Access the Yachting Club of America Website

"Members Only" section of the YCA's website

www.ycaol.com

User ID: club1040

Password: y100446c



NO CREW LEFT BEHIND

If you want to crew,
don't be shy about asking
for a spot on a boat.

If you have a boat with an open spot,
never leave willing crew behind!

The meeting point for those who want to
crew and those looking for crew
is the Crew Chair / Sign
as you walk onto the main dock.

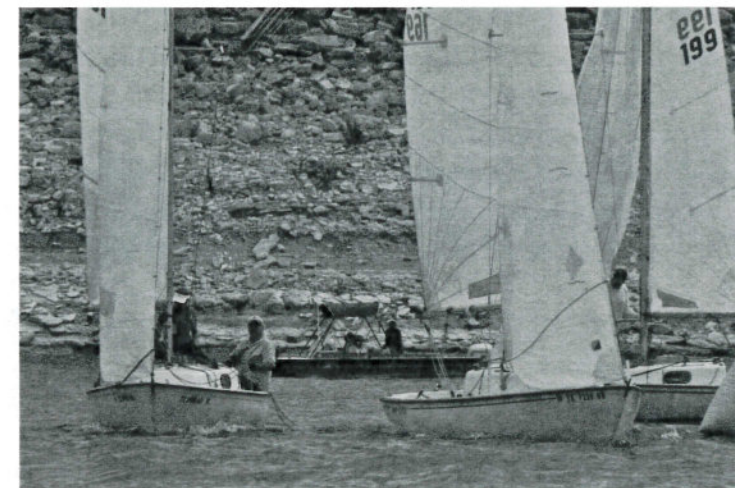
SC21 Intergalactics Photos

by Tom Meyer



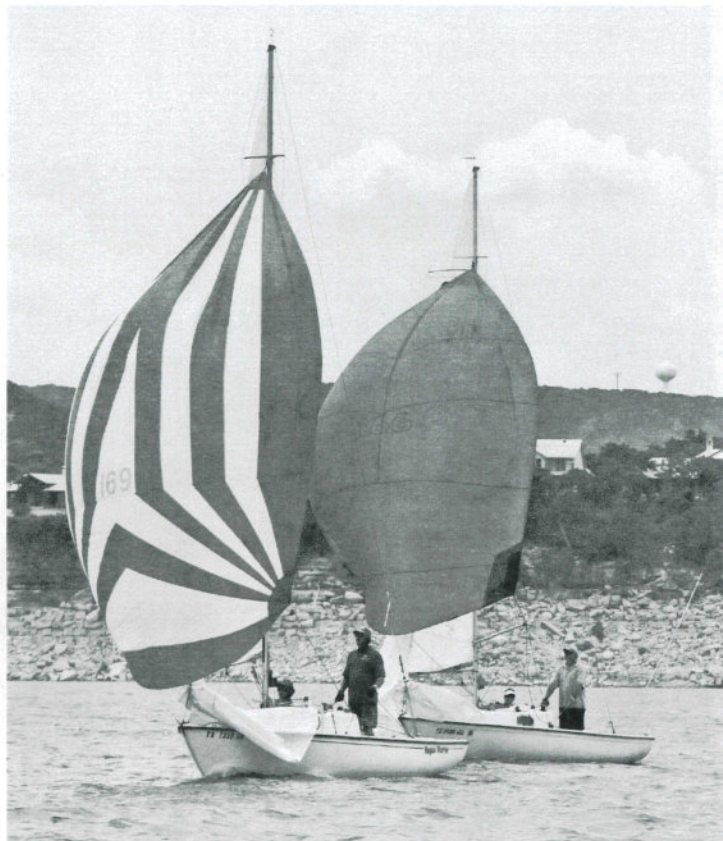
Photo submitted by Vic Manning

SC21 Intergalactics First Place Trophy – Linda McDavitt and Crew



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SC21 Photos continued



Ensign Fleet Update by Doug Laws

Congratulations to **Bill Hawk and Lewis Price** who dominated the summer series. Bill had five firsts and Lewis had four second place finishes. In addition, there were seven Ensign skippers who raced one or more races during the series. Good participation for the fleet. Keep it up. Now we need to encourage our two new skippers, **David and Ann Mosley** and **Ignacio Eivancos** to race even with hot weather and low water.

Most of you know that **Elliott Bray** (Prime Time) is in Marquette, Michigan for the summer with the Ensign he "fixed up" and towed north. I am including news he sent about sailing in Marquette on Lake Superior:

"Marquette, Michigan (Population 20,000 plus 10,000 students) is a cool town and not just temperature-wise. The yacht club is at the base of a hill surrounded by an active, fun downtown area. For pictures go to: <http://www.LoopCruiser.Com/Pictures/InMarquette/Index.HTML>

Elliott is doing well racing and says wind conditions are similar to Austin:

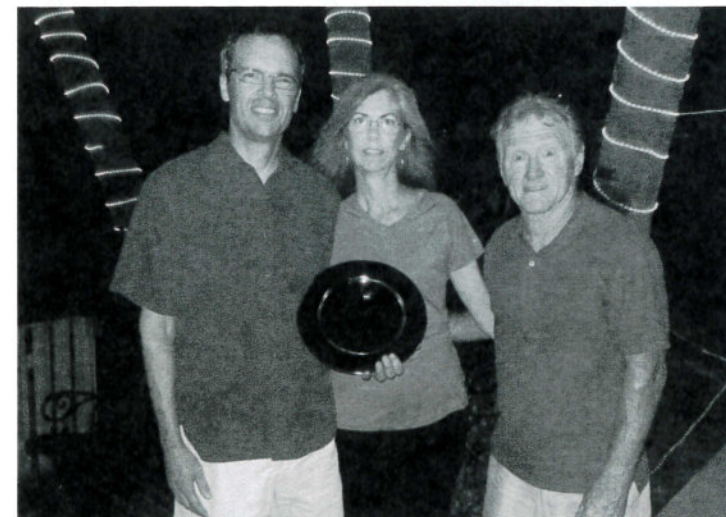
- Race 1 Abandoned — No Wind
- Race 2 Light Winds 5-7 3rd Place out of 8
- Race 3 10-12 Winds 3rd Place out of 15
- Race 4 Abandoned — Thunder Storms

Elliott estimates there will be 20 Ensigns on the line when the season gets into full swing. Boats out of the water after Labor Day. "

The Dog Day series has started slowly, only **Randolph, Lewis and David** racing after two races. I backed out when temperatures hit 106. Hope you younger skippers will race and finish the series. The Full Moon Cruise should be soon. Check with **Norma** for details.

Catalina 22 Fleet Update by John Grzinich

Ted Owens and I took our boats to Ft. Walton Beach, Florida for the "C22 Nationals" the 2nd week of June. Ted sailing in the "C22 Spinnaker Championship" took home a 2nd place trophy. Congratulations Ted!



Ted Owens, with crew Barbara Owens, and Wade Bingaman holding the 2nd Place Spinnaker Championship Plate from the C22 Nationals.

I also sailed the Gold Fleet and I sailed in the Silver fleet; both fleets proved to be quite a challenge, with many beautifully restored vintage 1970 C22s on the starting line, and very fast. We had a wonderful experience sailing in steady winds on Choctawhatchee Bay, the Race Committee did an outstanding job, sportsmanship was first rate from the competition, and of course the Ft. Walton Beach Yacht Club was a great host. We learned a lot since we don't get a chance to sail for a long distance without tacking on Lake Travis, boat for boat (there were 15 boats on the line) like we did on Choctawhatchee Bay. And, this year we also took advantage of the beautiful beaches. We'll be back!



Photos by John Grzinich

Wade Bingaman rescues the VHF handheld radio during RC

We started off the "Dog Days" series with Race Committee. **Wade Bingaman** did an outstanding job as PRO, as well as rescue of a VHF radio off the RC boat. As usual we had great turn out from the C22 Fleet for RC. In addition to Wade, and myself, **George Robison and Paul Jensen** did chase boat 1, **Brett Wilson and Preston Bezant** did chase boat 2, and **Melanie, Cindy, Joe Roddy, and Steve Pervier** handled the flags and scoring on the RC boat. We were proud we handled the shortening for two different fleets at opposite ends of the course, multi-hulls at D mark, and non-spin at buoy 4. Three boats came out to race the 2nd Dog Days series.

SAVE THE DATE

3rd Annual
AYC Fleet Challenge for the
Bernstein / Brinkmann Trophy

Saturday, September 28
AYC Rylander Pavilion

Non-Spin Keel Fleet Report

by Bill Casnovsky

Challenges of the Day

The month of June was a great time to halt our hectic work schedule and go for a sail. The weather could not have been more favorable as we packed our vessel for a cruise down the coastline of Texas. Our group of 10 boats rolled out of Kemah as diamonds of early morning dew sparkled on the foredecks. Entering Galveston Bay, we pointed our bows toward Galveston Island and beyond. Some boats chose the off-shore route while others hugged the banks of the Inter-coastal Waterway. Freeport, Matagorda, Port O'Conner, Costa Granda, Rockport, Port Aransas and Corpus Christi all beckoned us with their promise of cool winds, blue water and sandy beaches.

Each day, we glided slowly and purposefully through channels and swells. Morning coffee, served at the helm, delivered both flavor and anticipation for the new day at hand. Tied up by mid-afternoon, we would retreat to our saloons and treat ourselves to a chapter from our favorite book. With waves gently lapping at the waterline of our hulls, we rediscovered the pleasure of afternoon naps. Chocolate and caramel topping on Blue Bell ice cream became the perfect recipe when the temps crept above 90 degrees.

At 6:00 PM everyone would gather for Docktails. Some chose wine while others selected their favorite micro-brews. Seated in a large circle, each skipper was anxious to share his tough challenges of the day. At 7:00 PM our quest for fresh seafood would begin. What fun it was to hayride together in a SUV drawn trailer all the way to Spoonbills restaurant. Speaking of Spoonbills, many of these birds were observed along the channels fully dressed in bright pink plumage.

The Sand Man arrived around 10:00 PM each evening. "Good night, John Boy! Good night Mom & Pop!" Morning came early as heads could be seen popping up through the companion way hatches. "Oh, man, another hard day of sailing is at hand. Gosh, life is tuff!"

For some extra excitement, we decided to join three other boats for a sail down the Colorado River Bypass. Yes, this Colorado is the same one that streams through Lake Travis. Recently completed by the Army Core of Engineers, this bypass channel starts at the Inner Coastal and spills out into the Gulf of Mexico. The bypass is populated by lake houses on the left and marshes on the right all along its six-knot length. "Did everyone see the wild boars standing on the bank?" As we approached the opening into the Gulf, we discovered an incoming tide and sharp five-foot waves rising up to push us backward. We made slow headway between the narrow rock walls with our engines up to full throttle. Our knuckles turned white as we each gripped our helms and plowed over the confused sea. Our bows pitched high in the air and then slammed down deep under the foamy whitecaps. We rocked and rolled over depths of 12 feet, 20 feet, 30 feet and finally 40 feet below our keels. At 40 feet, our vessels began to stabilize. We trimmed our canvas, set our waypoint and prepared for our 40 mile journey toward the Freeport jetties. After several hours, the swells and wind began to subside. As the Freeport channel marks came into sight, someone shouted "Hey, this is a perfect time to go for a swim!" After trimming the vessel to a hove-to position, we took turns plunging into the salty blue.

At 6:00 PM everyone gathered for Docktails. Glasses overflowed among kindred spirits as once again, skippers shared stories about the challenges of the day.

Independence Cup Regatta

by Jim Johnstone



This was the Independence Cup Regatta although I never did see the cup unless it was the one they left on the beer tap, pictured here for reference.

The trophies were beautiful framed Texas flags. Texas was independent for a while too, although our Independence Day is usually celebrated on March 2.

The weather was perfect, with breezes out of the South Southeast at 8 to 12 MPH

all day. There were a few clouds to block the sun and the temperature remained in the low 90's on the water.

We had 24 boats in four starts: Multihull, Spin A (faster) Spin B (slower) and Non Spin. Multihulls got away first with **Mike Beuerlein** screaming out of AYC to cross the line a few minutes late in his F18, throwing up a small rooster tail behind, clearly a man on a mission. About 55 minutes later he came by the committee boat on his second lap, rooster tail still going, leading the fleet. The RC began to have doubts whether they had set a long enough course to satisfy the Notice of Race promise of a three-hour cruise.

Beuerlein continued his rapid pace and eventually completed the 10.9 mile course in just under two hours, correcting out over **Steve Frick's** F30 by 22 minutes. Meanwhile **Doug Casey** in the F31 and **Jon Kuc** in the F750 waged a tremendous duel with Casey final correcting out over Kuc by four seconds.

Ray Shull and **John Bartlett** got off to a good start in the A Spin fleet; in fact it was too good as both were called back for being on the course side. Some grumbling was heard as they came back by the RC boat to

clear the start line but they quickly got back racing and both went on to take podium finishes, **Bartlett** in the J/80 was first to the line in 2:33:33 (corrected) and **Shull** in the J/29 was second to finish but ended up third after giving more than a minute per mile on the 10.9 mile course to the J/22 of **John Halter**. **Brent Schwan** in a J/80 was 14 seconds behind Halter, followed by **John Maddalazzo** the only non J-Boat in his Capri 25, **Greg Scully**, also in a J/80 and **Roseanne Butera** in her J/22.

Three South Coasts and an Ensign, all flying chutes made up the Spin B fleet. **George Dahmen**, in a South Coast, showed everyone the fast way around the 8.1 mile course, followed by **Jeff Brock** in a SC 21, **David Morley** in an Ensign and **Carl Wiseman** in another SC 21.

Non Spin fleet put the most boats on the line with nine yachts jockeying for position as the horn sounded. **Deke Dekeyser** had the Alerion Catboat out with his crew, and they were second across the line but after the scoring program applied the handicaps Deke had first by over eight and a half minutes. **Trey Clawson** in an Ensign also corrected out over **Trey Amrhein's** Catalina 27 who was first to finish the 8.1 mile course. **Bill Casnovsky**, Columbia 26; **Charlie Mayne**, Canadian Seacraft 30; **Robert Anderson**, Catalina 250; **Keith Renard**, Catalina 27; **Steve Ehlers**, Catalina 30; and **Bryan Leasure**, Hunter 31 rounded out this division. The last boat finished at 4:51:25 only a minute and twenty five seconds past the promised three hour cruise, so the RC heaved a collective sigh of relief and headed back to the harbor.

The after party featured sour cream enchiladas (see recipe on page 22) with pasta salad, frijoles, and Texas Caviar, paired with your choice of Shiner Bock or Bud Light and some delightful box wines. Desserts were red, white and blue cupcakes, and scrumptious key lime pie which I overdosed on, sending my blood sugar to the sky. I quickly went onto exercise mode, walking down and back up the concrete incline formerly known as the north launch ramp in order to get back in balance. I can tell you the pie was worth the walk.



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(Thank You Note to AYC: This note was signed by several of the young sailors who participated in the event. Thank you to **Doug Laws** for his sponsorship!)

Austin Yacht Club,

We appreciate your hospitality! We really enjoyed our day sailing & the food & games! It was so nice of you to host this day for us! TBCH Cottage 8

Thank you! The Geymans' (David, Kaelyn & Jacob)
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Thanks so much for being our skipper
That made me want a sail!

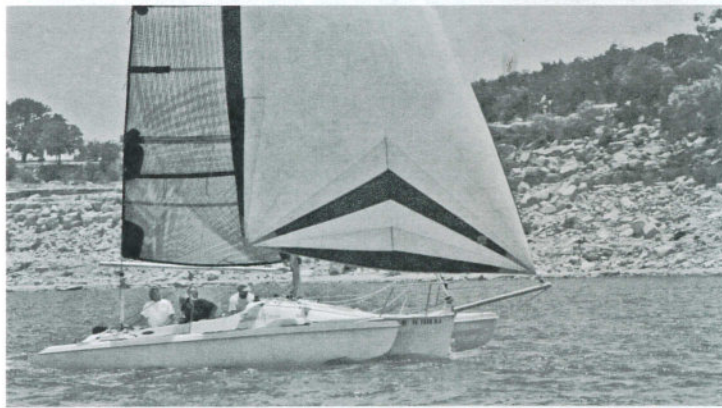
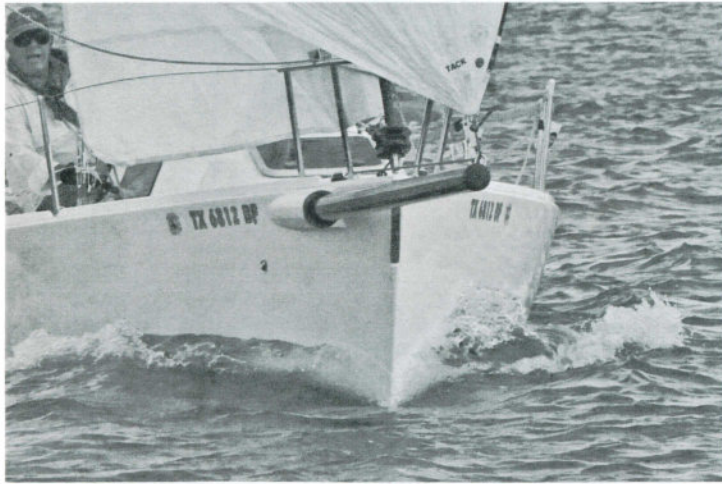
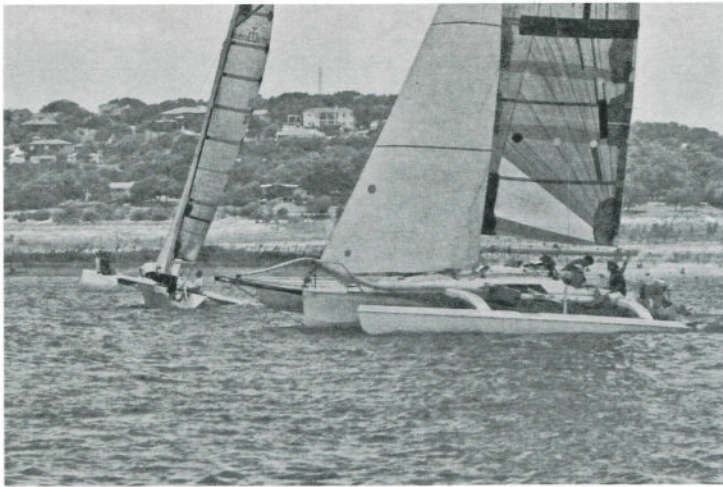
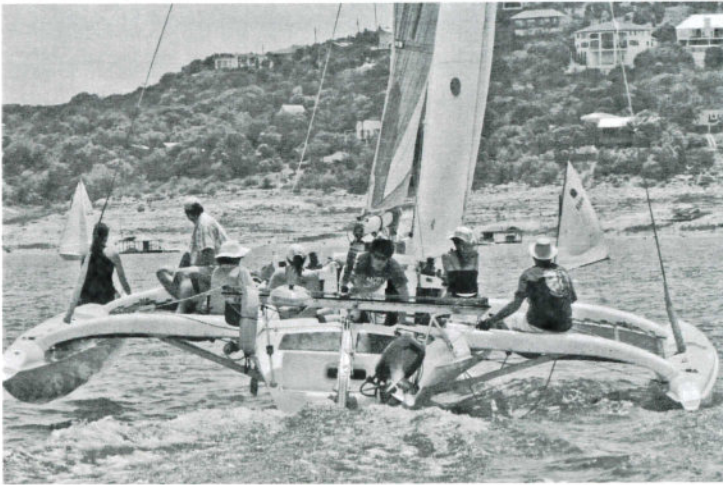
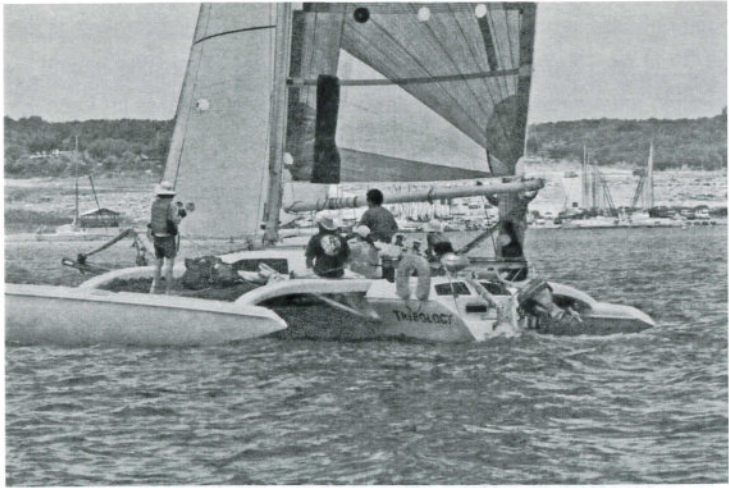
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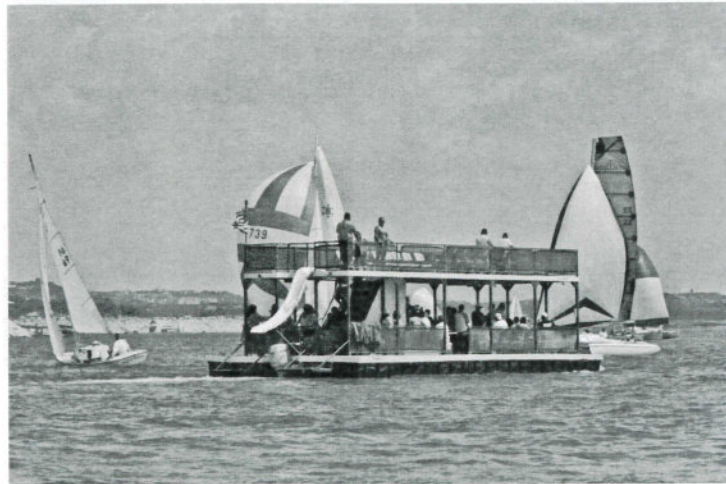
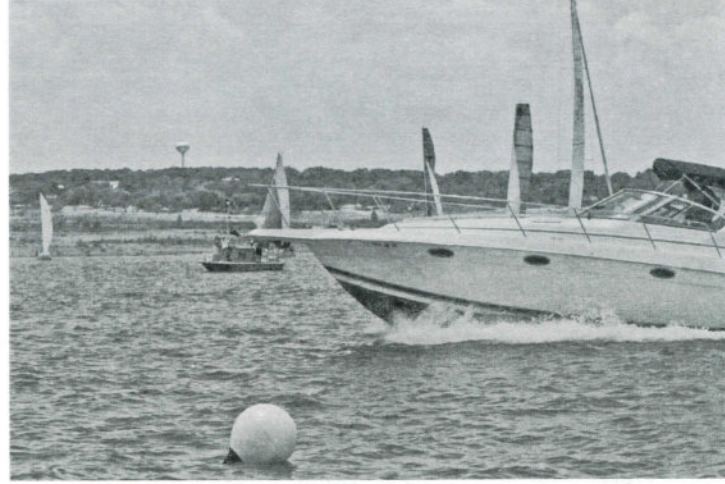
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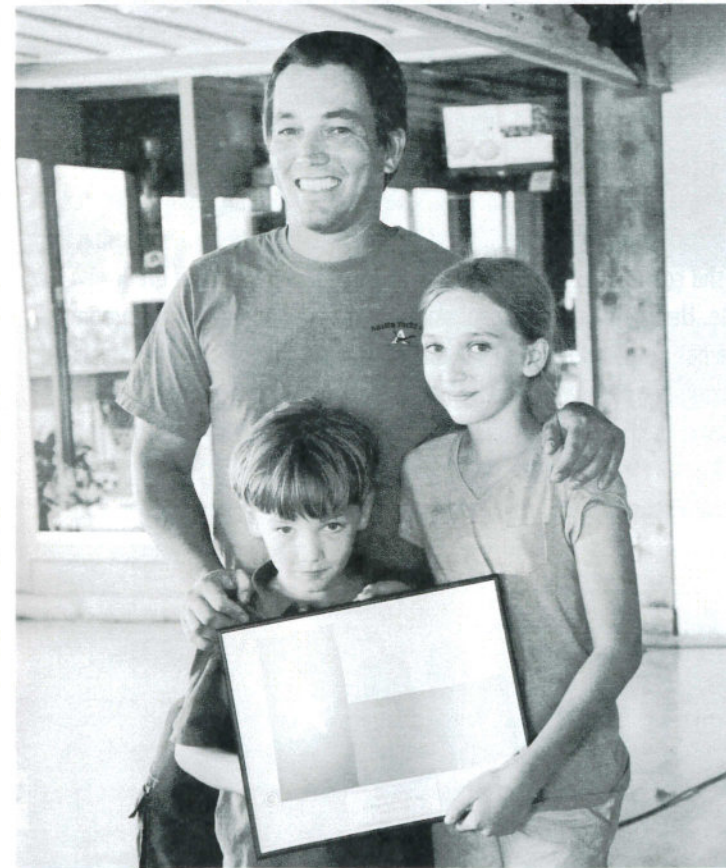
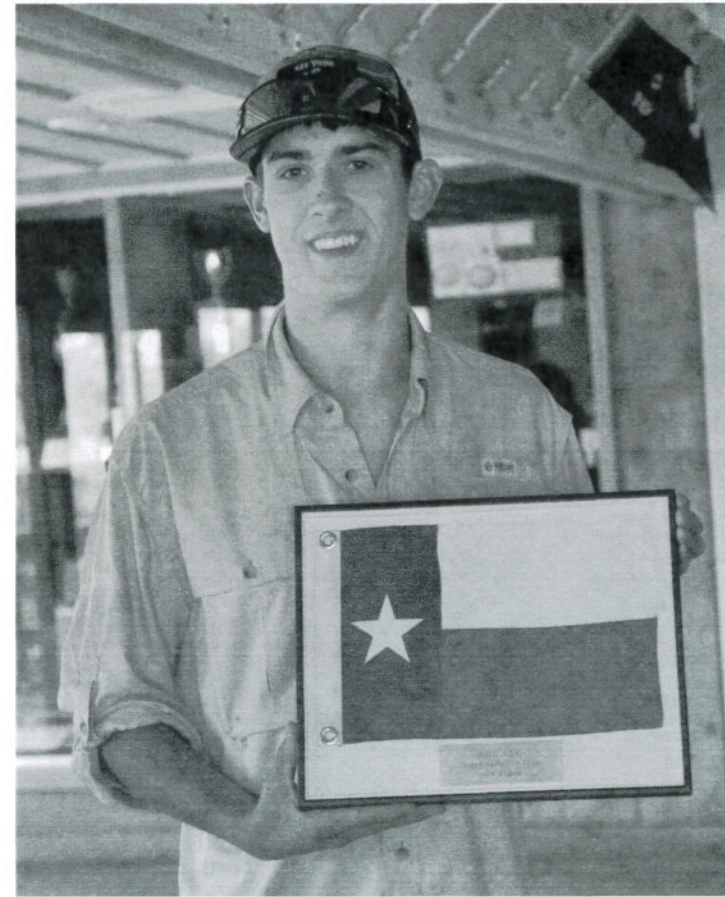
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Independence Cup Trophy Photos
by Deborah Mathison

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 **NO CREW LEFT BEHIND**

PB&J

"There is nothing, absolutely nothing, half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats" – The Wind in the Willows.

Anyone observing the PB&J kids' sailing classes would agree with this quote. The capsize drill and the balloon fetch are prime examples. In the capsize drill, after a demonstration by a junior coach, an Opti is "turtled", and each kid takes a turn righting it. Most of the kids are successful, and after each rights the boat, the other kids applaud!



Above: Hadley Harris practices capsizing

Below: Water balloon fetch



For the balloon fetch, the junior coaches randomly spread balloons across the cove and the kids, two to a boat, see how many balloons they can pick up. Their attention is on the balloons, not on sailing technique, and "Voila!" they sail well!

When looking over the PB&J rosters this year, some familiar names are showing up, representing AYC family legacies: **Gus and Abe Gamble** – grandsons of **Dave Gamble**; **Sean Applegate** – grandson of **Harry Polly**; **Parker Billman** – son of **Blake Billman**; **Karlo Bloom** – son of **Jeff Bloom**; **Orla Scully** – daughter of **Greg Scully**; **Jude Williams** – son of **Krista Williams**; **Madison Kern** – daughter of **Doug Kern** and granddaughter of **Jack Kern**; **Sonia Grogono** – daughter of **Dave**

Grogono; **Millie Rackley** – daughter of **Gray and Debbie Rackley** and granddaughter of **Claude and JoAnn Welles**; **Caroline Baker** – daughter of **Jonathan Baker** and granddaughter of **Jim Baker** (throughout the first day of camp, Caroline kept asking "When are we going to go sailing?"); and **Zachary Romberg** – son of **Matt Romberg**, grandson of **Tom Romberg** and great-grandson of **Frederick Romberg**.

This year PB&J has gone from a great program to an even better one, due to the super efforts of many. We couldn't make it without the junior coaches who rig the boats, patrol shallow areas and hop on and off the Optis for "hands on coaching." Job well done to **Sam Peel**, **Ben Peel**, **Will Abrams**, **Jules Bettler**, **Charles Larrouilh**, **Ben Froelich**, **Ethan Froelich** and **Gus Gamble**. Each session had an adult assistant coach who showed up early, stayed late putting out buoys, providing drinking water and making things run smoothly. Many thanks go to **Polly Peel**, **Tom Peel** and **Fred Ford**.

Building and Grounds Commander, **John Saunders**, went way beyond the call of duty by installing shallow water markers near the pavilion dock and working with **Tom Cunningham** to add gravel walkways leading to the dock. This makes conducting classes on the pavilion dock safer with the low lake levels. Also, **Fred Ford** and **John Bartlett** installed thick covers on the large winches on the pavilion dock. These winches have been a dangerous nuisance on the docks for years, and now the dock is much safer.

In closing, I cannot say enough about the incredible work that our new sailing director, **Kate Noble**, has done. Our plan for the sailing director position was to lessen the load of the sail training commander so that he or she could focus more on policy, and that has worked out great with Kate. Her great organizational skills are evident throughout the program. She has prepared detailed workbooks and checklists for all the coaches, making our jobs easier. Under her guidance, we have increased the number of US Sailing certified coaches. She has logged progress reports and goals for each junior sailor, and thanks to her, we have moved AYC's Junior Program to the next level.



Junior campers to be!

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For years we at AYC have been very fortunate to have **Schroth Fiberglass and Bartlett Sails** right down the road. Coming soon, **Chuck Wheeler** will be moving the Sailboat Shop next door to Bartlett Sails on Hudson Bend Road. Look for the grand opening this fall.

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Junior Coach Will Abrams hard at work



Eric Jayawant



Anton Clayton from San Francisco and Junior Coach Sam Peel



Junior Coach Ben Peel with Lee Worsham



Rachel McDaniel and Sean Applegate



Zachary Romberg in front with Sam Peel on kayak



Sonia Grogono and Orla Scully

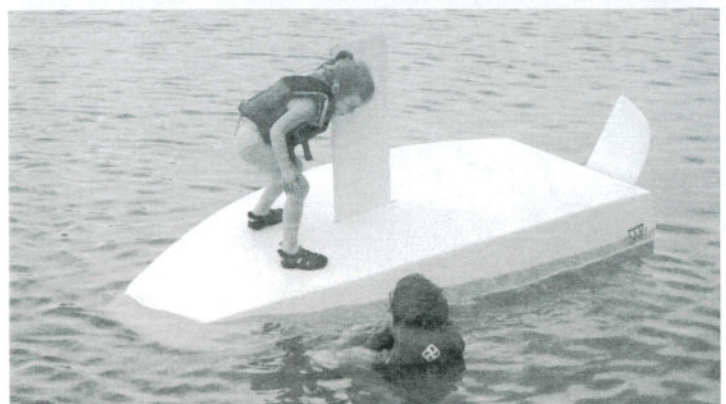


Karlo Bloom during capsize drill

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Abe Gamble ... Smile!



Capsize drill moment



Anna Jayawant and mom



Abe and Gus Gamble



Mia Schwartz



Caroline "When are we going to go sailing" Baker



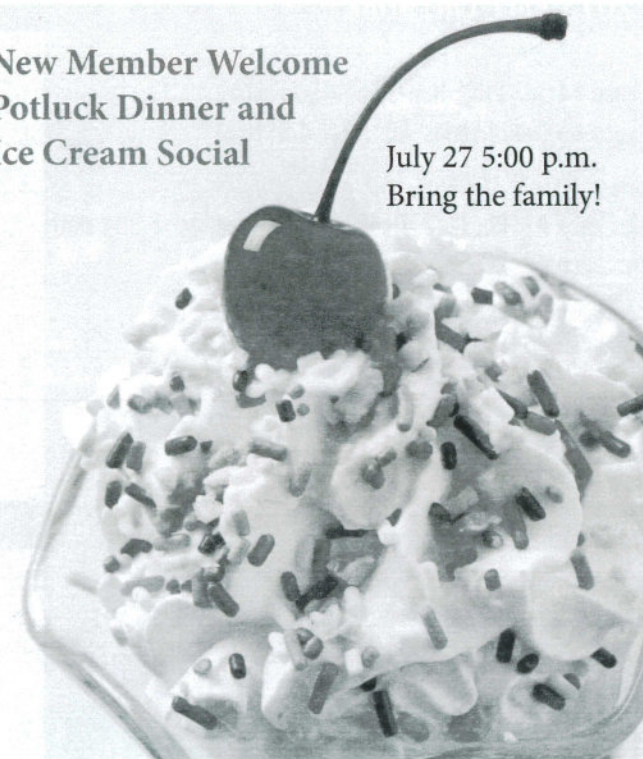
Karlo Bloom



A great day on the lake

New Member Welcome Potluck Dinner and Ice Cream Social

July 27 5:00 p.m.
Bring the family!



From the Desk of the GM

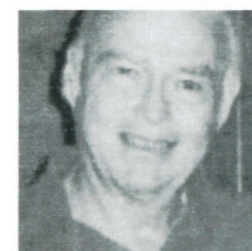
by Steve Hawks

It has come to the time of year when the heat and drought conditions can make sailing a definite labor of love. For those hardy sailors that are up to the challenge, the "Dog Days Series" is still in full swing and Wednesday night centerboard racing is still going strong and don't forget Beer Can racing every Friday night.

But enough about sailing ... On Sunday July 7, 2013 John Grzinich and Jorge Trevino rewired and upgraded the office and clubhouse Internet equipment and service level. So far the upgrades are working much better, Internet speed is faster and there are fewer lost connections. There will be a period of testing and then the WiFi passwords will be posted in the clubhouse and in the cabins.

So if you come out and are unable to connect to our WiFi, come by the office and we can give you the temporary password to connect. Once everything is on track I think everyone will appreciate the improved service.

IN MEMORIAM



Conrad P. Werkenthin was born at Brackenridge Hospital on November 21, 1932 to Max and Louise Werkenthin as their fourth child following Louise, Fred and Max. He was supposed to be a girl. He attended Robert E. Lee, University Junior High, Austin High and the University of Texas. He graduated with a BBA and LLB.

When he was 10, Conrad was the manager of the C&S Sub Junior Indians and they won the 12 and under city title in 1945. It is now called Little League. He played baseball at Austin High and the University where the team won three Southwest Conference titles and went to the College World Series twice, coming in second in 1953. At Austin High he was a member of Forrest Gwynn Cook club and in college he was a member of Delta Tau Delta. Following law school he was on active duty with the 8th Army in Germany, and after a stint in the reserves was Honorably Discharged as a Captain.

Conrad returned to Austin and joined Clark, Thomas and Winters law firm on September 22, 1957 and practiced law there until March of 2010 when the firm dissolved and he became Of Counsel with The Akin Firm. During his career he was named Best Lawyer and aided and assisted many clients. He served on many Boards and Committees including being an Elder in the Presbyterian Church and a long time member of the Board of Texas Aviation Association. He enjoyed many years of coaching youth baseball from Little League to American Legion. He loved flying and sailing on Lake Travis and Penobscot Bay in Maine during many hot Texas summers. He enjoyed building and being a part owner of Dodd Street Docks on Lake Travis for 34 years.

Conrad was married to Clare Coates of Austin in 1956 until her death in 2009 after suffering 10 years of debilitating Alzheimer's disease. Together they had two children, Lou and Art. Lou is married to Jim Clark and there are two grandchildren, Morgan who graduated from Colorado University and James Conrad who is enrolled in Texas A&M University. After Clare's death, Conrad married Sue Stegall whose love has given later life meaning and he is survived by her son and family, Josh who is married to Amber and their son, Eli and daughter Sydney; and by Parker and granddaughters, Zoe and Tricia; and three great grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Brigham and Women's Hospital, Development Office, Center for Alzheimer's Research, 116 Huntington Ave, 3rd Floor, Boston, MA 02116; UC San Diego, Shiley-Marcos Alzheimer's Research Center, 9500 Gilman Dr., La Jolla, CA 92093-0948; or to a local animal rescue shelter. Obituary and guestbook available online at www.wcfish.com

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AYC 2013 RACE CALENDAR

July 20	Dog Days Series Race #4 RC: PHRF Non-Spin 4:00p start
July 27	Dog Days Series Race #5 End of Series RC: J/24 4:00p start
Sept 7-8	Centerboard Regatta
Sept 15	Late Summer Series Race #1 RC: J-22 Noon Skippers' Meeting, 1:30p start
Sept 22	Late Summer Series Race #2 RC: Ensign 1:30p start
Sept 28	3rd Annual Fleet Challenge
Sept 29	Late Summer Series Race #3 RC: SC21 1:30p start
Beer Can Races	Every Friday through end of September 7:30p start
Sunfish / Laser	Every Wednesday through end of September 6:00p start

AYC 2013 NON-RACING EVENTS

July 8-12	Junior Sailing Camp, Session 4
July 13	PB&J Session 5, 9:30a - 11:00a / Session 6, 11:00a - 12:30p
July 15-19	Junior Sailing Camp, Session 5
July 20	PB&J Session 5, 9:30a - 11:00a / Session 6, 11:00a - 12:30p
July 25	AYC Board of Directors Meeting 7:30p
July 27	Pot Luck Dinner and Ice Cream Social 5:00p
July 27	PB&J Session 5, 9:30a - 11:00a / Session 6, 11:00a - 12:30p
Aug 3	PB&J Session 7, 9:30a - 11:00a / Session 8, 11:00a - 12:30p
Aug 10	PB&J Session 7, 9:30a - 11:00a / Session 8, 11:00a - 12:30p
Aug 17	PB&J Session 7, 9:30a - 11:00a / Session 8, 11:00a - 12:30p
Aug 22	AYC Board of Directors Meeting 7:30p
Aug 24	PB&J Session 7, 9:30a - 11:00a / Session 8, 11:00a - 12:30p

Pat Manning's Best Ever Sour Cream Enchiladas

1 lb chicken breast, diced
1 medium onion, chopped
1 T vegetable oil
8 flour tortillas, softened (8-in each)
1 1/2 cups grated Monterey jack cheese or Mexican blend cheese, divided
1/4 cup butter
1/4 cup flour
1 15-oz can chicken broth
1 cup sour cream
1 4-oz can chopped green chiles

1. In frypan, cook chicken and onion together in oil over medium heat until chicken is just done.
2. Divide cooked chicken/onion mixture evenly between 8 tortillas; add 1 1/2 T cheese to each tortilla.
3. Roll enchiladas and place seam-side down in 9X13 baking dish lightly sprayed with cooking spray.
4. Melt butter in a medium saucepan; stir in flour to make a roux; stir and cook until bubbly; gradually whisk in chicken broth then bring to boiling, stirring frequently.
5. Remove from heat; stir in sour cream and green chiles; pour sauce evenly over enchiladas.
6. Top with remaining cheese (baking dish may be double-wrapped and frozen at this point) and bake at 400F for 20 minutes until cheese is melted and sauce near edges of baking dish is bubbly.

There is no such thing as too much cheese on top.



Caroline Baker and Madison Kern

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