



Turnback Canyon Regatta

Great Racing, Great Party, Great Friends

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From The Commodore

by Christopher Dwight



Summer Months at AYC

With the coming of June, AYC moves into Summer mode: The pool is open, summer camps are starting, and we shift to Dog Days evening series races.

During June and most of July your club will be busy during the week as we host sailing day camps once again. This program not only generates revenue for the general membership, but also introduces the up-and-coming generation to sailing. It has also served as an avenue to introduce the parents of Junior Sailors to our club, which has lead to new membership. If you are out at the club during the week, take a few minutes to savor the kids having fun while learning to sail, and if you see any parents about, please be sure to introduce yourself and make them feel welcome at our club.

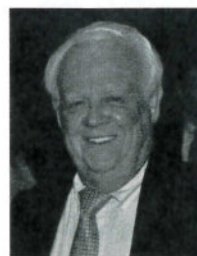
In addition to our week-long day camps, June also brings the return of our ever popular PB&J program. This program, taking place on Saturday mornings, introduces children as young as four years old to sailing. Over the course of four weekends, kids who have never been in a boat become competent at sailing upwind and downwind – it is truly remarkable and a delight to watch. If you or your friends have children ages 4-12 who might be interested in sailing, this program is an ideal introduction.

Other upcoming activities include the South Coast Intergalactics, held on Saturday, June 15, a Centerboard Clinic held Sunday, June 23 and the annual Independence Cup Regatta, held Saturday, July 6. These are in addition to ongoing Beer Can races every Friday evening and Sunfish / Laser races every Wednesday evening. Lastly, our Summer Series with 1:30 p.m. starts wrapped up Sunday, June 9, followed by Dog Days races beginning on Saturday, June 22 with 4:00 p.m. starts.

There is a wealth of activity at AYC this summer. Please come out and enjoy your club, and if you see an unfamiliar face, introduce yourself!

Race Commander Report

by Barry Bowden



In keeping with the long tradition of rain during the Turnback Canyon Regatta weekend, we were not disappointed again this year. The bad news is the Camelot-like tents that were to be used for the party were made useless by the heavy rain the day before and the morning of the Regatta. The good news was that the weekend became much improved and a good

time was had by all.

Wade Bingaman, Regatta Chair, and his many helpers did a great job of relocating the party to the lower level of the clubhouse. After a 90-minute delay to wait for the bad weather to clear, the first race was begun. In an effort to be sure everyone finished in time for the important part, the party, a shortened version of the planned race was held. Winds were exciting

to say the least. After the entire fleet sailed upwind to 4 mark, the downwind had a lot of excitement for most with a few boats – a bit more excitement than they would have liked to have had. Great work by the chase boats got everyone out of the water and back on their boats, with some deciding they had enough fun for the day.

The Sunday race then became the longest race of the weekend. An on-time start for everyone and a three-hour race, and everyone was back at the clubhouse for hamburgers prepared by the UT Sailing Club as a fund raiser.

In spite of the forecast bad weather, there were 32 boats that participated with enough boats in each class to make for good competition.

The highlight of the entries goes to the J/24 fleet which fielded six boats, all of which had female skippers, with only a few "faux females" aboard. This was an excellent idea by the J/24 fleet.



J/24 female skippers get in the game

The Permanent Race Committee supplied five of the committee, **Jen Schwan, Vic Manning, Jorge Trevino, Bruce McDonald and myself**. The remainder of the committee were newer members who wanted to learn more about how races are run. These included **John Parker, Charles Rowland, Reese Rowan, Elizabeth Quintanilla, Chris Feters and Anna Waymack**. **Larry Ratliff** did his usually awesome job of scoring and trophies were presented the earliest ever in my memory.

Scoring was helped along by the new computer purchased by the Keel Handicap Fleet to replace the aged one we had been using. More of your "Beer Can race" hamburger money at work.

The AYC Board of Directors has become more aware of possible insurance issues that could arise from the use, or misuse, of our power boat fleet. Our liability insurance requires that operators of the boats be members of the club, and also certified as operators. Texas does not have a boat license available for adults. In an effort to make the club more compliant, **Vic Manning and I** have agreed to develop a list of those members who are qualified to operate our chase and RC boats. Qualification can be done by taking the safety course provided by Vic at the club. We are working to have new members who are interested in driving complete one of these classes. This is a necessary step to take considering the litigious society we live in.

Membership Committee News

by Past Commodore Johannes Brinkmann



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

Stuart Juengst hails from Fort Walton Yacht Club. He has extensive racing experience ranging from Beach Cats, Sunfish and Laser, to SC21, J/24 and multiple crew positions on larger boats. Stuart has been sailing since 2001 in San Francisco Bay, Lake Lanier, Choctawhatchee Bay, and he crossed the Gulf of Mexico from Fort



Stuart Juengst

Walton Bay to Tampa on a Beneteau 35. He has volunteered as a coach with the Sailability charity and with the Special Olympics sailing program.

Gracie Bulgerin has joined AYC as a student member. Gracie loves sailing and looks forward to participating at AYC.

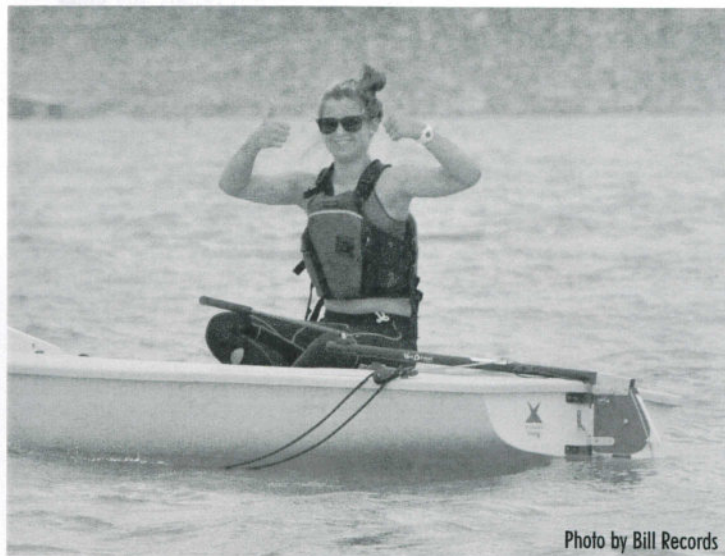


Photo by Bill Records

Gracie Bulgerin at AYC Turnback Regatta

Sail Training Report

by Jenny Loehlin



It's been a busy Spring, and the Summer season is just starting! As I write, there are still some spots left for our Junior Camp and PB&J, especially in the later sessions. **Kate Noble** and the counselors are busy getting ready for what I'm sure will be another great camp experience.

The Spring session for the junior sailors concluded with the Turnback Canyon Regatta. We had plenty of wind and good close racing in the Opti, FJ and Laser classes. The sailors got lots of practice righting boats, too. It's really a joy to watch **Coach Kate** working with the kids. We're very fortunate to have her.

The Spring Women's Clinic on May 11 was a little exciting. Despite thunderstorms the night before, the weather was beautiful – but the



Photo by Bill Records



Photo by Bill Records

Women's Clinic participants

lake wasn't up much. They say there are two kinds of sailors, those who have run aground and those who will – well, some of our students are now in the former category. Another boat experienced a fairly exciting mechanical failure involving the main halyard winch, as well as a more routine one involving the outboard. Extra special thanks to **Mike Mashl** and **Dave Kleinman** for their rescue work. Thanks to skippers **Linda**

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Donovan, Renee Ruais, Annie Lancaster and Rosanne Butera, and to **Annie Frey**, who was both a participant in the class and a skipper; instructors **Pat Manning, Lesa Brown, Susan Stuehrk, Lynna Holland and Hazel Cahill**; and to **JoAnn Welles** for organizing and serving lunch, and to **Mike Mashl, Charlie Lancaster and Gordon Miller** for preparing a fine dinner. Finally, thanks to **Vic Manning** for greeting us at the dock with champagne and strawberries at the end of the afternoon session.



Photo courtesy of Bill Records

Learn to Sail participants

Eight students came out for the Learn to Sail class on June 1 with **Bill Records** and **Harry Polly**. The wind was suitable for beginners and everybody had a good time. It's good to see people excited about sailing. We have a Centerboard Clinic coming up on June 23, as well as an ASA class that weekend.

Sailing Director Report

by Kate Noble



Summer is finally here! May was jam-packed with Sail Training activity and I am looking forward to our Summer programming beginning in June.

We had two introductory keelboat sailing clinics this past month. Both clinics, the Basic Keelboat Clinic on May 4 and the Learn to Sail Clinic on June 1, were a big success thanks to **Bill Records** and his team of volunteers.

This year, we offered our popular Women's Sailing Clinic in the spring. It was an exciting day of sailing that concluded with champagne and strawberries on the dock and a gourmet dinner cooked by the guys! Thanks to everyone who volunteered their boats, time, and talents! If you missed out, we will be offering the Women's Clinic again this fall.

Next up on the Sail Training calendar is the Centerboard Clinic on June 23. If your boat is high and dry or you are looking to get into small boat sailing, this is the clinic for you! The clinic will include land-based instruction as well as on-the-water practice with capsizing recovery and basic boat handling skills. AYC FJs, Sunfish, Picos, and Lasers will be available for the afternoon or bring your own boat. Come ready to get wet!

Junior Training

The Spring 2013 Junior Sailing season has ended and we will take a break from weekly practices to accommodate our Junior Sailing Camp and PB&J Summer programs. The Junior Sailing Summer season will begin on July 20 and run through October 6. We closed out the Spring Season with 41 registered junior sailors, participating in three different weekly practices. Sailors made great progress with the new curriculum and rank system. A very special thank you and recognition goes to **Ethan and Ben Froelich**, who not only attended both Opti Racing and FJ/Laser practices on Saturday afternoons, but volunteered as "junior coaches," helping out at the beginners' practices on Friday evenings.

We had a Junior Big Boat Day on Saturday, May 18 for all of our Junior Sailing program participants. The wind was up and the Roadrunners did



Photo by Bill Records



Photo by Bill Records

Big Boat Day participants

a fantastic job applying their dinghy skills to the big boats. A big thank you to our volunteer skippers **Bill Records, Barry Bowden, Tom and Polly Peel, Fred Ford, and Harry Polly**! Exposure to keelboats is a great way to continue the education of our young sailors and to fuel their life-long love of sailing. This event was very popular among sailors and their parents so I hope to make it a regular part of our Junior Sailing program.

For the first time ever, we had a Youth Dinghy Course for AYC's annual Turnback Canyon Regatta. We had an impressive turnout from our

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junior sailors with 16 participants: **Reese Butler, Ben Froelich, Ethan Froelich, Nicole Prado, Tony Slowik, Jules Bettler, Spencer LeGrande, Gracie Bulgerin, Sam Peel, Charles Larrouilh, Ricky Trent, Cole Dean, Nikki Goodwin, Andrew Butler, Will Abrams and Jim Abrams.**

We faced challenging conditions with the wind and rain (believe it or not!) but our Roadrunner sailors did a great job. Special congratulations to our trophy winners:

OPTI

3rd: Ben Froelich
2nd: Ethan Froelich
1st: Tony Slowik

LASER

1st: Gracie Bulgerin

FJ

3rd: Sam Peel/Charles Larrouilh
2nd: Nikki Goodwin/Andrew Butler
1st: Ricky Trent/Cole Dean



Sammy Peel and Charles Larrouilh go head-to-head with the big boats at Turnback Canyon Regatta

Thank you to everyone who made this event possible: our **Vice Commodore John Morran, Regatta Chair Wade Bingaman,** and our Youth Dinghy Race Committee and support team: **Bill Records, Kristin Williams, Annamarie Dean, Alex Larrouilh, Tony Slowik Sr., Mike Singh, Jennifer Loehlin, Philippe Bettler and Dixon LeGrande.**

While we will not have structured Junior Sailing practices in June and early July, Free Sail Sundays will be scheduled as often as our busy AYC schedule permits throughout the Summer. A reminder that Free Sail Sunday is a supervised time on Sunday afternoons when AYC members 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.

Texas Sailing Association Youth Circuit News

The TSA Silly String Regatta took place May 18 and 19 at the Grapevine Sailing Club. Several AYC competitors made the trip and did quite well in the heavy air. Congratulations to **Michael and Meredith Morran** who took 2nd in the 420 fleet, **Spencer LeGrande**, who placed 4th in Opti Red Fleet and **Tony Slowik** who finished 5th in Opti White Fleet.

Summer Programs

The Junior Sailing Camp staff met for some pre-camp training and planning over the first week of June. We have a great team lined up for this summer and I am looking forward to working with Head Counselor **Kiel Killeen**, counselors **Tracy Hawk, Erin Hawk, Ryan Dwight, Meredith Morran, and Taylor Crouch** and counselors-in-training **Michael Morran, Antoine Maury, Nikki Goodwin, and Ricky Trent.** The Junior Sailing Camp will begin on June 10 with a full Session 1. There are still a few open spots in Sessions 2, 3, 4 and 5 if you have not yet signed up!

PB&J begins in June with sessions on Saturday and Sunday, lead by Coach **Bill Records.** PB&J is the perfect introduction for future sailors ages

4-10. There is still room in July and August session!

For more information about our summer programs and registration, please visit austinyachtclub.net/training/summer.

Have a great summer!

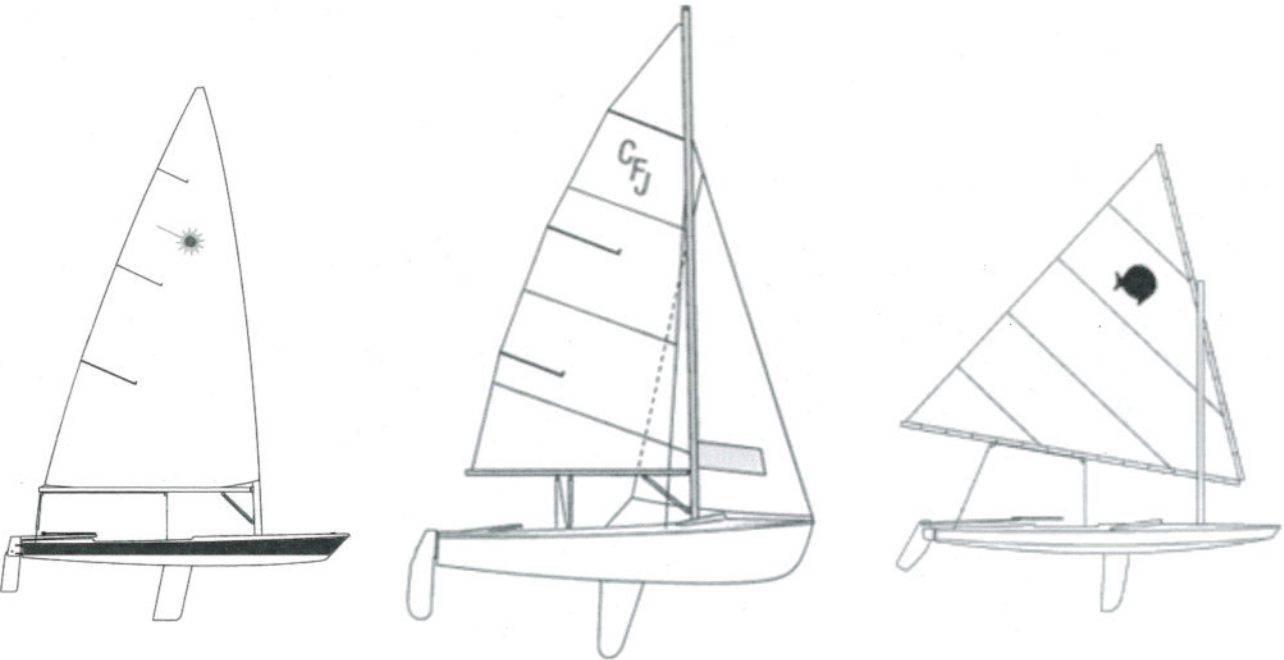


Ethan Froelich and Nicole Prado explore Lake Travis on a destination sail.



Scenes from a rainy Friday evening Beginners' practice

CENTERBOARD CLINIC



Sunday, June 23rd 1:00-5:00 pm

AUSTIN YACHT CLUB

5906 BEACON DRIVE, AUSTIN TEXAS 78734

The Austin Yacht Club is offering a Centerboard Clinic for beginning and intermediate sailors. The clinic includes land-based instruction covering basic knot tying, sailing terminology, rigging, and dinghy basics, as well as on-the-water practice. AYC Sunfish, Lasers, and Flying Juniors will be available or feel free to bring your own boat! Please bring sunscreen, a reusable water bottle, hat & sunglasses. Closed toed water or boat shoes and a sun protection shirt are encouraged.

NON-MEMBERS: \$65.00

AYC MEMBERS: \$50.00

Register online at austinyachtclub.net

For questions or more information, please contact AYC Sailing Director Kate Noble at kate@austinyachtclub.net or (512) 266-1336

Volunteering for Race Committee

by Eric Rochard

Race Committee at AYC is not a duty, it is multiple opportunities!

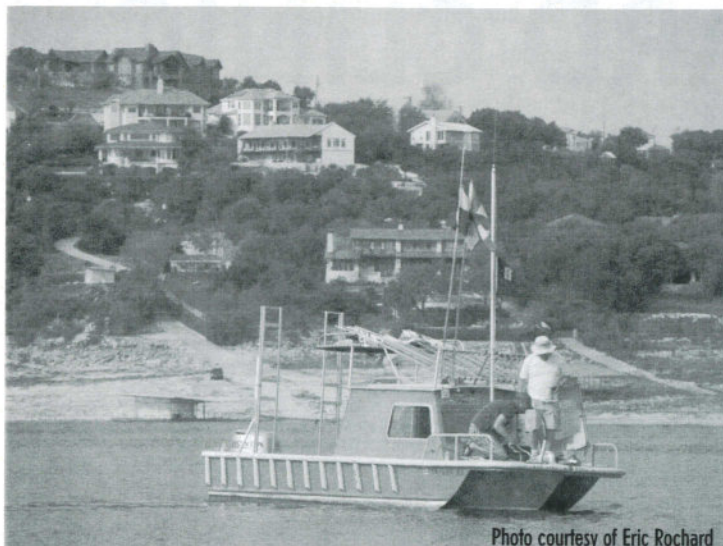


Photo courtesy of Eric Rochard

Opportunity #1: Learn (more) about the rules of sailing and the sailing instructions

Going through the starting sequence will give a better understanding of the different steps involved. Observing mark rounding helps visualize the three-boat length zone and the different configurations of overlap which will entitle or not for room at the mark. The wind fluctuations will allow to review and practice the different procedures to change or shorten the course. The insider look at the Race Committee activities will also raise your appreciation of the organization required for sail racing! Saying thank you to the race is more than being polite, it is sharing the joy of sailing.

Opportunity #2: Observe the competitors and learn about the wind on Lake Travis

This is the occasion to get your head out of the boat, follow the competitors on the upwind leg and notice the pressure patches, the lifts, the headers, and define what seems to be the best course to be the

fastest to the weather mark. Lake Travis is quite unpredictable; there are, however, patterns. It is much easier to decipher those patterns when you are observing the competitors from the outside. It is quite useful to take notes and compile them in a notebook; this way you have to clarify your perception of the race. Many fleets now have asymmetrical spinnakers and the downwind is not a straight course to the next mark. It is important to notice the area of higher pressure and the associated angles. At the next race with similar conditions, you will have an idea of your strategy for the downwind run. Knowing where you would like to jibe will provide a plan that you will adapt to the tactical situation.

You have time to observe the wind patterns and see if your observations and predictions are matching the competitors performances on the water, and you can discuss with the other sailors on the committee or chase boat. Comparing and discussing your options will improve your understanding of the wind.

Opportunity #3: Mix with your competitors and other AYC members

The low level of the lake is not only handicapping our sailing but also affecting the social life of AYC. For those who remember, the wet slips used to be at the foot of our club house. Now they are so far away that we cannot walk anymore back and forth. There is no rigging dock, so no discussion from boat to boat while waiting in line to tow out. Fortunately there is race committee day! This is the occasion to catch up with your usual competitors or meet new members and spend time knowing and appreciating them.

#4: Introduce family or friends to sailing

We all have friends who know a bit about sailing or boating but are intimidated to race. Getting on a chase boat around the course is a good introduction. There is no pressure and we have time to explain the locations of the marks and the different type of courses. Looking at the starts and explaining the timing is easier to do from the start boat. Same thing for all the maneuvers – how do we set the spinnaker? Several boats will illustrate our explanation! It is also the time to appreciate Lake Travis and associate the different geographical features and their Google Map avatar.



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.

Starting Tips II

by Scott Young

Simply put, the START IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THE RACE!!!!

Before each race, I try and ask myself, "What do I have to do to get in phase with the first wind shift and how do I get on the tack that takes me closest to the windward mark as soon as possible?" The overriding goal, no matter where on the line you choose to start, is to attempt to put yourself in the most flexible position possible. This means keeping as many of your options open as you can and most importantly, putting yourself in a position to get on the favored tack as quickly as possible.

In my previous article, I focused on the optimum way to start at the leeward end (pin-end) or the weather end (committee boat end) of the starting line. What I failed to discuss in any detail are the advantages of a good mid-line start.

A mid-line start can have several strategic advantages. Many times the weather and leeward ends of the line tend to be more congested. The reason for this is that it is often easier to gauge how close you are to the starting line at the extreme ends of the line, so boats tend to congregate there. Often, the middle of the line is fairly open and the possibility of a good start exists without having to fight as hard as you would at the other two ends of the line.

The advantage of a mid-line start is that you are generally able to either hold starboard tack (if you are in the lifted starboard phase at the start); or due to less congestion, you may have the opportunity to get over on to port tack more easily if you feel you are in a headed (left) phase at the gun. The key to a mid-line start is being confident with exactly where the starting line is.

A common phenomenon, especially in big fleets with long starting lines, is that the fleet often misjudges where the line is, and many times the boats in the middle of the line are several boat lengths shy of the starting line at the gun. This is known as mid-line sag.

One of these days after the races, ask a race committee member how far the fleet was off the line in the middle of the starting line. I bet you will be surprised. It is very common that the boats in the middle of the line are 2 to 3 boat lengths below the line. The middle of the line is rarely over-early. So how do you know where the line is to take advantage of this sag?

The best way is to try and get a line site of the starting line. This entails sailing just to the right of the anchored race committee boat and looking over the top of the race committee boat while trying line up the starting flag with the leeward starting pin. Then, try to pick out a feature along the shoreline such as a house, boat dock, building etc. that is in line with the starting line.

Once this is accomplished I like to sail to the location on the line where I am most likely to start. When I reach this position, I will have one of my crew go to the bow and sight down the line as I sail on starboard tack, close-hauled across the line. Using the object on the shoreline to the left of the starting pin, I ask the person on the bow to tell me when the object

on shore lines up with the leeward pin. When we reach that point, we are theoretically on the line.

As helmsman, I also like to have my own visual as I am sailing for the line. As we are crossing the line on starboard tack, when my crew on the bow tells me that we are on the line, I immediately look to leeward in my normal upwind steering position and try and get a visual on shore immediately in line with the leeward pin. In this case, my line site on shore will be slightly different than the perspective my bow person will have due to the distance between us. I will usually defer to the bow person in the final seconds but it is really nice to be able to make a quick visual check myself.

On larger keelboats, don't hesitate to have your bow person up on the bow pulpit telling you or sending you hand signals as to where you are on the line. Practice this process with your crew and then listen to them! The bow person's perspective is going to be much better than yours and when they start waving you to go, go!

In addition, keep in mind where you are relative to the boats around you. As a rule, I try to never let the boat that is to leeward of me have their bow forward of mine. I don't want them to be in a lee bow position off of the line. I don't worry so much about having the boat to weather of me covering me up a little at the start. It is always safer to have the windward boat blocking the view of your boat from the race committee. I will try to stay covered up until the last possible second.

Usually, by being slightly to leeward, you can eventually work your bow clear and hopefully get yourself in a good lee bow position and start pinching off the boat that you used for cover.

If the boats to leeward and to windward are ahead of you, even if you think you are close to the line, you have to trim-in and accelerate with them, even if you are all ultimately over-early. You simply can't afford to be rolled from above and pinched off from below. Nine out of ten times, you will either be safe, or the race committee will call for a general recall.

The only time that I would suggest staying away from the middle of the line is after several general recalls and the race committee has put up the "I flag" indicating that the around-the-ends rule is in effect. This means that if you are over early in the middle of the line, the only way to exonerate yourself is to round one end of the line or the other and restart. If you are over early in the middle, it could result in a long sail to get around one end of the line to restart.

Sometimes in large regattas with really long starting lines, a mid-line boat is anchored on the starting line. Usually, the folks on the mid-line boat are not sighting the line and calling boats over early. Sometimes these boats are not even situated perfectly on the line. If you have done your homework, you can determine how close to the mid-line boat is to the line and use it as a great reference point. In fact, whenever a mid-line boat is anchored, I like to start just to weather of it. It can provide you a great buffer from boats trying to get on your lee bow, and if you use it correctly, you ought to be able to get yourself very close to the line.

J/24 Fleet Update

by John and Meiling Parker



J/24 Launching

Since last month's Telltale article, there has been more activity with respect to launching and retrieving J/24s at Lake Travis.

In preparation for Turnback Canyon Regatta, Free Spirit and Superman were launched using an Emerald Point Marina ramp.

After the conclusion of Turnback Canyon, Free Spirit was pulled out of the water using the new metal ramp constructed just before the regatta. Thanks to **Vic Manning** and the other volunteers for constructing this new ramp.



Dave Broadway, Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás, John Parker, and Greg Freeman retrieving Free Spirit on the new ramp. — Photo courtesy of Meiling Parker

Local Racing

Series Races

For the Spring Series Races four J/24s have participated thus far. The participants include **Vicente Saborio**, **Dave Broadway**, **Stephen Burke** on Out of Control, and **John Parker**. As of this writing, **Vicente Saborio** is the clear leader!

Again, our thanks go out to **Stephen Burke**, **Joe Mancuso**, **Tom Shelton**, **Pat Hitchins**, and **Tommy Pullen** for allowing our eager fleet members and crew to utilize their platforms while dry-sailed fleet boats remain out of the water. Gentlemen, we very much appreciate your commitment to the fleet.

Turnback Canyon Regatta

For Turnback Canyon Regatta, six J/24s participated. This time the

ladies of the fleet took the helm for the 1st Annual J/24 Women's Championship at AYC. The boats were renamed according to the skippers' favorite drinks. Team Pink Panties was helmed by **Laura Miller**, team



Winners of the First Annual J/24 Women's Championship Laura Miller with her team, Pink Panties — Photo by Meiling Parker

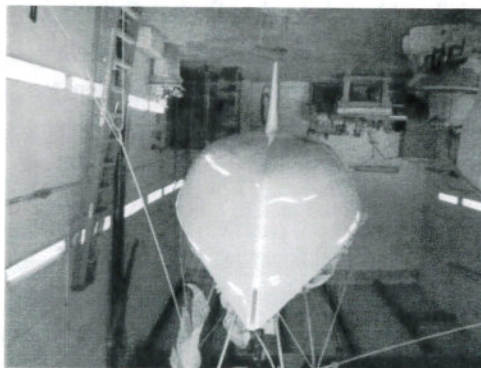
Crown Royal by **Chris Ehlers**, team Cosmo by **Pearl Owen** and **Rosanne Butera**, team Piña Colada by **Meiling Parker**, team Hot Mess by **Rachel Loziuk** and team Tequila Shot by **Miranda Grummons**. It was the first experience at the helm for many of the ladies. All had a great time and

we look forward to continuing this tradition in the J/24 fleet in the future.

Maintenance

Several members of the J/24 fleet continue to perform maintenance on the boats and trailers.

Vicente Saborio has taken his boat to **Fred Schroth** for an exterior



Vicente's boat at Fred's shop — Photo courtesy of Vicente Saborio

overhaul. His boat, previously named Thunder Cookie, is looking magnificent after keel work and some beautiful new paint from top to bottom. Can't wait to see it in the water.



Thanks to **Fred Schroth** for helping us to add this beautiful "new" boat to the J/24 fleet.

Stuart Juengst soda blasting the bottom of Comeback — Photo courtesy of Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás

Fleet Social Events

No additional J/24 social events were hosted this past month.

A next social event "Low Water Luau" is scheduled for June 22 and hosted by the J-22 fleet.

Out of Town Events

During May 11-12 the third 2013 J/24 Circuit Stop was completed at Dallas Corinthian Yacht Club.

Dallas Corinthian Yacht Club — The Corinthian Heritage Cup Regatta

Of the 13 J/24s at The Corinthian, three AYC-based boats were in the competition — **Dr. Dave Gamble** with Ooh Ahh, **Dave Broadway** with Superman, and **John Parker** with Free Spirit.

This regatta was one of two Area F Qualifiers for the US Adult Championships that will take place in August for J/24s at the Rochester Yacht Club.

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TIPS AND TRICKS FROM BOATING MAGAZINE

<http://www.boatingmag.com/gallery/photos/50-top-boating-tips-tricks>

(Recommended by John Saunders)



Pat Caughey with his new kayak — Photo courtesy of Meiling Parker

Once again, team Rumline from Fort Worth Boat Club took the first place prize. Our own **Tom Lappin** contributed to the success.

During the event, a raffle benefiting The DCEF Junior Sailing

Program took place with **Pat Caughey** winning the top prize, a one-person kayak.

Upcoming Out-of-Town J/24 Circuit events

Venue	Event	Date
Corpus Christi Yacht Club	Surfin' Safari	June 8-9, 2013
Houston Yacht Club	HOOD	Sept 21-22, 2013
Ad-Hoc Out-of-Town Summer Sailing	TBD	TBD

If you are interested in participating in one of these out-of-town regattas with the AYC J/24 Fleet, please contact **John Parker** or **Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás**. For general information on the J/24 Texas Circuit, you may visit <http://www.j24texas.com> for additional details.

Ensign Fleet Update

by Fred Ford

In an effort to maximize participation on race days, the Ensign fleet has introduced two racing categories for our fleet. Skippers can now enter their boat to race as Spinnaker or Non-Spinnaker. The Non-Spinnaker category PHRF is adjusted to make it competitive with the Spinnaker category. To make scoring less of a hassle and in fairness to all, a skipper must commit to a category for the entire series. Some boats in our fleet have been temporarily short of crew due to family commitments, career

responsibilities, summer vacations, crew experience...the list goes on. The two-category concept has been well received and we plan to keep the option as part of our fleet racing plan.

The Spring Series went well. We had winds that piped up and moved all over the compass and winds that hardly stirred a sail. We had a good turnout for the series with 15 boats registered and 10 boats competing. **Doug Laws** (Prime Time) walked away with the number one finish, chased hard by **Jonathan Baker** (J Seagull) for second and a tie for third between **Tom Groll** (578) and **Bill and Kelly Hawk** (Prickly Pear). See the box scores below for additional results.

The Summer Series is finished for Ensigns at Race 5. We have Race Committee duty for the final series race. In Summer Series 1 the Ensigns scored only one race due to winds and the length of the course. The **Hawks** (Prickly Pear) made an easy win of it with **Lewis Price** (Dos Locos) in second. **Danny Lien** and **Randolph Bertin** were DNF due to winds.

Northwest winds joined us for Races 2 and 3. Summer disappeared with cold gusty winds 10-18 kts for Race 2. Race 3 got more of the same, blowing 20-plus kts gusting into the 30s. In spite of the weather, Ensigns had six boats on the line. Race 4 produced warmer winds of 20-25 kts out of the Southeast. Racing was tight and using a chute was more than a little challenging. It soon broke down to a duel between the **Hawk family** (Prickly Pear) and **Lewis Price** (Dos Locos) with **Jonathan Baker** (J. Seagull) challenging from the #3 slot. **Randolph Bertin** (Festina Lente) sailed the #4 slot, **Doug Laws** (Prime Time) and **Danny Lien** (Gravy) tied for 5th place. Going into Race 5 the **Hawk family**, it really was all family, were the #1 boat to beat with **Price**, **Baker**, **Bertin**, **Laws** and **Lien** all chasing in that order...the top three slots were set for some serious competition. At the time this article went to press Race 5 had not been sailed.

We had one Ensign in Turnback this year. **Sarah Faust** skippered J. Seagull to a number one finish. From all reports the beach party was an absolute success. I think water conditions have given us a new favorite regatta and party venue.

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Sail	Boat	Skipper	Yacht Club	1	2	5	6	7	8	Total Pos
810	Prime time	Doug Laws	austin yacht club		[3]	1	1	1	2	6 1
324	J. Seagull	Jonathan Baker	Austin YC	2	1	[7]	6	2	1	12 2
1414	Prickly Pair	Bill Hawk	Austin Yacht Club	[5]	2	2	4	5	3	16T 3
578		Tom Groll	Austin Yacht Club	3	[4]	4	2	3	4	16T 4
929	Dos Locos	Lewis Price	Austin Yacht Club	4	5	3	5	4	[6/DNF]	21 5
1068	Festina Lente	Randolph Bertin	Austin Yacht Club	6	6	6	[8/DNF]	6	5	29 6
1358	Gravy Boat	Danny Lien	Austin Yacht Club	[9/DNC]	8/DNC	5	3	8/DNC	7/DNC	31 7
972	September	Fred Ford	Austin Yacht Club	[9/DNC]	8/DNC	8	7	8/DNC	7/DNC	38 8
2027	Jolie	Josh Davidson	Ayc	7	8/DNC	[10/DNC]	9/DNC	8/DNC	7/DNC	39 9
773	Eagle	Homer Arnold	austin yacht club	9/DNC	8/DNC	[10/DNC]	9/DNC	8/DNC	7/DNC	41 10

Ensign Local News

We have two new Ensigns in the fleet. **David and Anne Morley** have joined us with their boat #739 Abaco. David and Anne have been in the club for a while and sailed out of the Houston Yacht Club before moving to Austin. They are experienced racers and are looking forward to sailing with us. Abaco was launched at AYC on June 1 and raced Summer Series 5 with out fleet. Yes, Abaco is named after the island...it was the Morley's honeymoon destination. I cannot think of a better reason to name a boat. We extend a warm welcome to the Morley's.

We also welcome **Ignacio Eivancos and Maria Koopman** who have joined Fleet 30 with a new Ensign delivered a few weeks ago by the new owner of Ensign Spars. I had the pleasure of meeting Ignacio and Maria the other day after an afternoon of sailing. Their boat is on dock two. They are enjoying their Ensign and look forward to time on the water.

Elliot and Mary Bray are off to Marquette this summer. They bought an Ensign in Houston and have towed it Michigan for the summer.

Frans Dahmen's Ensign project is nearly finished and he has moved his Ensign to the club to prepare her for launch. Frans, an accomplished sailor, is more than ready to sail his own boat in competition.

Tom and Kelley Groll have an Ensign in **Fred Schroth's** shop for some major work and are coming closer to introducing yet another boat to our fleet.

Fleet Captain **Lewis Price** strongly urges our sailors to take advantage of the spin or non-spin categories and come out and sail...join the fun.

Please make sure your contact information is correct on the AYC website and at the club office. If you are not part of the Ensign net, contact **Bill Hawk** (whawk3@gmail.com) and send him your phone and email contact.

I think that about covers Ensign news. I leave you with the following most appropriate low water quote:

"Only two sailors, in my experience, never ran aground. One never left port and the other was an atrocious liar." — Don Bamford

Catalina 22 Fleet Update

by John Grzinich

The biggest news for the C22 Fleet this month was the Turnback Canyon Regatta, not only some exciting racing, but our fleet put a lot of energy into the preparation for this annual event. **Wade Bingaman** along with **John Morran** took on the Regatta Chair honors and duties. I was responsible for the registration process. **Ted Owens** handled the drinks and setup. Former C22 crew and member **Art Bussey** did decorations. The weather certainly made these duties tricky, but somehow the weather did cooperate and we got in some great sailing and an excellent party.

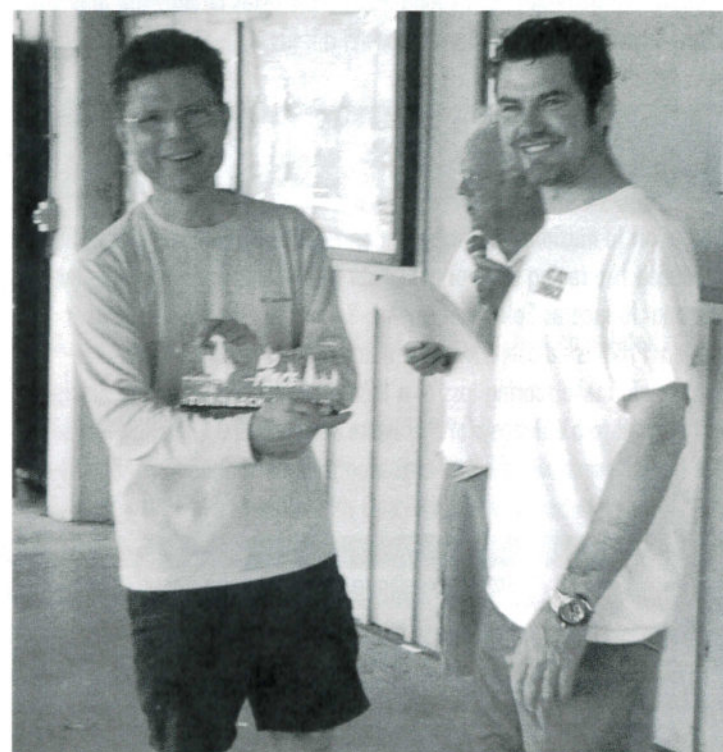
From our C22 fleet, **Elizabeth Quintanilla, Reese Rowen, and David and Angela Byrne** assisted me with the on-site registration and check in. The other task our fleet was heavily involved in was assembly of another temporary ramp on the north shore. **Ted Owens and Reese Rowen** spent two evenings hauling and assembling steel planks, with the leadership of **Vic Manning**. The ramp got done Thursday evening before the regatta.

And last but not least, our own C22 band, **the Shoal Brothers**, rocked the clubhouse, led by **Wade Bingaman**, with **Joe Roddy** on drums and **Dane Ohe** on lead guitar.

Okay, for the sailing and racing part of Turnback, we got five boats on the line to qualify for one design fleet status, and an appreciative



Barbara Owens, Steve Barnick and skipper Ted Owens, 1st place C22 Fleet, Turnback with Commodore Christopher Dwight on the right



Johannes Brinkmann accepts the C22 Fleet 2nd place trophy from Commodore Chris Dwight

race committee gave us our own start. Skippers were **myself, Johannes Brinkman, Ted Owens, Brett Wilson, and Preston Bezant**. Ted Owens showed us what a master he is of sailing a C22 in high wind, pretty much leading both races wire to wire, so Ted took the first place trophy. **Myself and Johannes** battled it out for 2nd place, with Johannes covering me to the finish line in the Sunday race to win the tie breaker for the 2nd place

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trophy. **Preston Bezant** with his parents as crew did a great job in his first regatta on a C22 taking 4th place.

Next up, **Ted Owens and myself** are packing up our boats to travel to Fort Walton Beach, Florida for the C22 nationals the 2nd week of June. We used the new north temporary ramp to pull our boats and it worked great. Since Turnback the water has come up, maybe a foot, and it now covers the steel planks, but it still works with no trailer extension needed for C22s.



C22 hauled out nicely without trailer extension on new temporary ramp on the north side



Ted Owens inserts pins that hold the ramp planks together

Free Sailing Apps for Your Smart Phone

by Jim Johnstone

There are tons of neat apps for smart phones these days; I can't believe that I once bought a cell phone solely for the purpose of communication. Here are 10 free useful apps for the sailor. I have an android but these are also available for I-phones. Send an email with your favorite app to me: Jim@JohnstoneGlobal.com

1. **Stopwatch and Timer from Sportstracklive.com** This is a combination stopwatch and countdown timer with 5/8 in high digits. Useful for timing your starts and finishes. You can program multiple countdown times. One touch starts or resets the timer. Stop watch has a lap timer that calculates splits and time between them.
2. **Sunset Finder** Enter your location or use the Find Me button to find your location. Tap your location on the map and it gives you the sunrise and set times along with the moon phase. Never miss the bell at the Oasis again.
3. **Weather Bug** Current weather conditions including wind speed and direction along with wind gust information. Also gives sunrise, sunset and moon phase and 7-day forecast. Weather alerts and radar map.

Spark, an associated app, gives you information on nearby lightning strikes.

4. **Compass Pro from Mobile Essentials** This is a simple but accurate compass. You can rotate the outer ring if you want to sail to a course heading. There are many other compass apps. I like this one for its simplicity.
5. **Flashlight from Mobile Essentials** I hate stumbling around the boat or dock in the dark. This app turns on your flash from your phone camera so you can use it as a flashlight. It has three modes, always on (or off), on for 60 seconds, and flashing SOS. Display has a battery charge state indicator, useful when you must conserve power.
6. **Google Sky Map** I love this app when I am night sailing and stargazing. Just point the back of your phone at the part of the sky you are looking at and it displays the constellations and their names. If you are looking for something in particular, like Mars, just type it in the search field, tap go and a circle with an arrow appears telling you which way to move to find that object. (If you are looking for your keys, see app #5 above.) Stars are shown in faint pastel colors with a black background so night vision is not perturbed.
7. **Speedview** This is a GPS-based speedometer that shows current, average and maximum speeds and direction. Units are selectable in kilometers, miles or nautical miles. Display in analog or digital or both. Also has a compass and a log.
8. **Sail Tracker Polar from Iacobus** This is an app that uses the phone GPS and information from your instruments received over 3G/WiFi or Bluetooth to record position speed and heading. The neat thing about this is you can make your own polar plot for your boat. You can also use it as a regular GPS unit setting waypoints, tracking VMG, etc.
9. **Anchor Watch from Nace H** This app monitors your boat position while at anchor and has an alarm feature that will alert you if your boat strays too far from your anchor position. You set the radius and swing angles you want into the app. Best used with phone connected to charger so that batteries don't run down in the middle of the night and you drift off without being notified.

10. **SailFlow from Weatherflow** This app gives you current and forecasted wind information for your location or any location you enter. For example if you were in the main basin of Lake Travis and you looked at this app, you could get current wind velocity and direction from Volente, Windy Point, Mansfield Dam and Hudson Bend weather stations. You can get wind direction and velocity forecasts for the next several days. I am looking at it now and it is telling me the wind is going to be great for our next race.

With these apps, your cellphone will become one of the most indispensable tools aboard your boat.



Non-Spin Keel Fleet Report

by Bill Casnovsky

For me, Turnback Canyon Regatta was the sailing highlight in May! The weather started with rain and no wind Saturday morning. RC postponement for a couple of hours yielded cloudy skies, cool temperatures and pleasant winds. Perfect. Banshee loved the 15 to 20 knot winds while flying the 155% Pentax Genoa. **Brian Mulligan** and **Mark Howell** (never raced before) served as my crew for the first long distance race. We had a great ride. The gusts were so strong that we had to drop the traveler whenever they hit. Banshee never broaches but she will round up and stall. We ended up finishing in the middle of the pack.

The shrimp boil and music Saturday evening was the best! The regatta chairman must have placed a governor device on the loud speakers. Music flowed out at a decibel level that inspired both dancing and talking. My new crew, **Mark**, advised me that he had another party and would be leaving early. Guess what? He stayed and danced at AYC until closing. I was pleased to be able to introduce Mark to the essence of AYC: great racing, great food and great fellowship.

Sunday's race started at 10:00 AM. I had my dream team of a crew that included **Danny Lien, Brian Mulligan, Jeff Avant and Hector Lujan**. Temperatures were comfortable and the wind blew steadily. We dialed in Banshee's sails and stayed in the hunt all morning. Come trophy time, we ended up scoring a solid 3rd place overall. Not bad considering we pushed 6,000 pounds of fiberglass and cast iron through beautiful Lake Travis all week-end.

Please visit **Bruce McDonald's** photography website. Look for your boat. He took really great pics of all of us at play during Turnback 2013. As skipper, it was so fascinating to find images of Banshee, her sails set, healed at 20 degrees, plowing forward in her groove.

June has a full schedule of racing events coming up. Come on out and play with us on the water.

AYC SCUTTLEBUTT

by Bill Records

"We came to the river, which has a guard on either side of luxuriant trees; nut trees, ash trees, poplars, elms, willows, mulberries, and wild grapevines much taller and thicker than those of Castile, Spain. It has sandbars which mark how it rises, a quarter of a league wide. The water is of the best we have found." An account of the Colorado River in central Texas by a 1709 Spanish expedition. Wow, it must have been spectacular then. If this drought continues, we may see what it was like! On the brighter side, since the public boat ramps are closed, we have very little powerboat traffic.

Turnback Canyon Regatta

The 2013 Turnback Canyon Regatta was a repeat of last year's big success. Long distant courses replaced the trip to Lago Vista. The Roadrunners were again included, with their course set up near the keel



Skipper Nikki Goodwin and crew Andrew Butler, Sammy Peel and Charles Larrouilh in #16

boat docks. In addition to the Optis, we had a start for Lasers and FJs. As expected, the junior classes were very competitive and in some of the finishes, boats were overlapped. This represents the second year that we have included the Roadrunners in our major regattas and it makes the kids feel more part of the club. 17 registered in three classes.

Good Skippers

After **Jim Johnstone's** thoughtful article on how to be good crew (May Telltale) maybe a discussion on how to be a good skipper is in order. After all, your crew comes out, works for you, without pay, to win you a trophy. In my quest to get more boats out to race, I often hear, "I would race if I could get good crew." Years ago, **Jim Baker** told me, "Win a few races and it's easy to get good crew." This seems a little "Catch 22" but there is some truth in it. The best skippers always have good crews; however they almost always have a winning attitude. Who wants to race with a skipper who isn't serious about winning and being competitive? Early on, I was fortunate to crew with good skippers who taught by example. Never leave the dock without preparing the boat and crew for a chance at winning. This meant cleaning the bottom, tuning the rig, and giving crew members

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specific assignments. Show up early and practice before the race. After the race, discuss what went right and what went wrong and praise your crew and let them know that they are appreciated. If possible take a crew photo and send it to them. These are just a few things to show your crew that you're committed to winning and improving. It is more fun this way!

AYC Junior Program Gets Recognition from LCYC

On May 10, **Harold Simmons**, former Commodore and current Youth Chair of Lake Canyon Yacht Club, visited our club to check out our Junior



Coach Kate Noble and Harold Simmons

Program and learn from our success. **Kate** and I showed him the sail training cabin and the Rylander Pavilion Dock, and then Kate described in detail how our program is structured and our future goals. LCYC and AYC are so close geographically, it stands to reason that our kids sail in some of their events and vice versa. We had three Optis sail at Wurstfest this year and hopefully the LCYC kids will come to AYC soon.

From the Desk of the GM

by Steve Hawks

June marks the beginning of Junior Sailing Camp and PB&J. So get ready. Starting June 8, 2013 PB&J officially begins and on June 10, 2013 JSC starts. There will be many new faces at the club. Between counselors and campers, activity during the week will be quite busy. Because of the increase in junior guests on the property, the gate protocol will be more stringent than usual, for obvious reasons.

If you are coming to the club during office hours, access can be granted by calling the office using the intercom button on the keypad at the gate entrance, and due to the ability of our new system you can call the office from your cell phone and we can let you in. You can always enter the gate code into the keypad to gain access.

If you are coming to the club after 5 p.m. be sure that you know the gate keypad combination or that your gate opener is working and in the car.

As always, with an increase in the number of people on the grounds our lost and found inventory is going to rise. As a reminder, clothing, towels and larger items should be placed in the "lost and found" basket located near the keel fleet refrigerator on the lower level. Smaller and more valuable items should be turned into the office.

As it stands right now, there has been a tremendous response to both programs and we, as a club, should be proud that we are looked upon so favorably by the greater Austin community.

Potluck Dinner and Ice Cream Social

Come out after the races on July 27 and enjoy great food cooked up by your fellow sailors, followed by ICE CREAM and the Dog Days trophy presentation. Bring the whole family!

(evite coming soon...)



3rd Annual AYC Fleet Challenge Saturday, September 28

AYC Rylander Pavilion

Start organizing your team!

More details to follow

Turnback Canyon Report

by Wade Bingaman

As I sat in the rain the Friday before the regatta, I was depressed. All week the forecast was for great weather. Now a downpour. The sand "beach" we had created was washing away. There was no way we could have the music festival or the shrimp boil in the mud. Lightning threatened the sailing. This was not going to be a good weekend.

But surprisingly, on Saturday morning a large number of people showed up. They were all smiling in spite of the weather, and they seemed determined to enjoy the weekend.

Thanks to the ladies of the **Social Committee**, the morning's brunch was great. Everyone kept their positive attitude even when **Barry Bowden** postponed the races for an hour. He and his team did a great job, and the weather finally cooperated — a little sun and a lot of wind. We had over 50 boats of all types out enjoying the day. And when they came back to the club after racing, they were ready for more fun.

We broke out the beer and rum early while **Jeane Goldsmith** and then **Joe Roddy** got things started musically. When the shrimp was ready, so was the steel band. At that point the party seemed to go into warp drive.....and continued to accelerate. There must have been 50 people doing the limbo in a never-ending circle. People continued to enjoy the music and dance to the bands, until the music ended. Which luckily was about the same time we ran out of drinks.

I didn't think there was any way after that party there would be anyone racing Sunday morning. But everybody was back and treated to another glorious day of racing. Afterwards the **UT Sailing Club** cooked burgers for a very large number of people. We didn't have to wait long as **Larry Ratliff** got the results out pronto. Our Commodore, **Christopher Dwight**, handed out the unique awards that **John Morran** had designed. So, in spite of the problems and changes the weather caused, the Regatta was clearly a success.

In addition to those named above, I must thank several more people:

John Grzinich for the thankless job of doing registration.

Bill Records for hustling up all the sponsors and assisting **Kate Noble** with the juniors.

Barb and Ted Owens for keeping the drinks flowing.

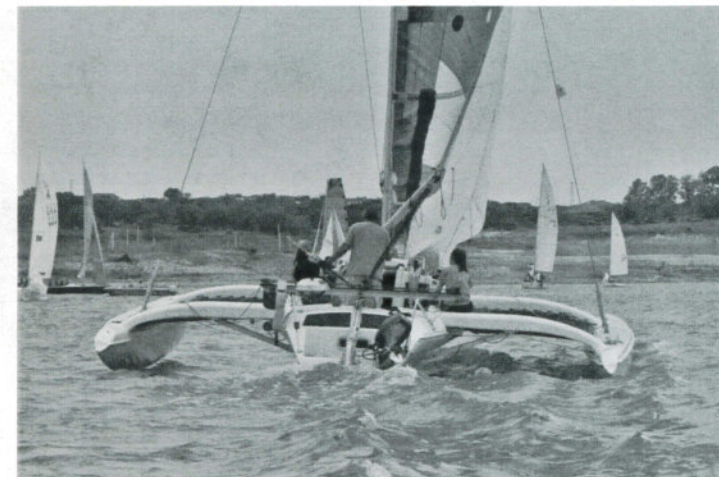
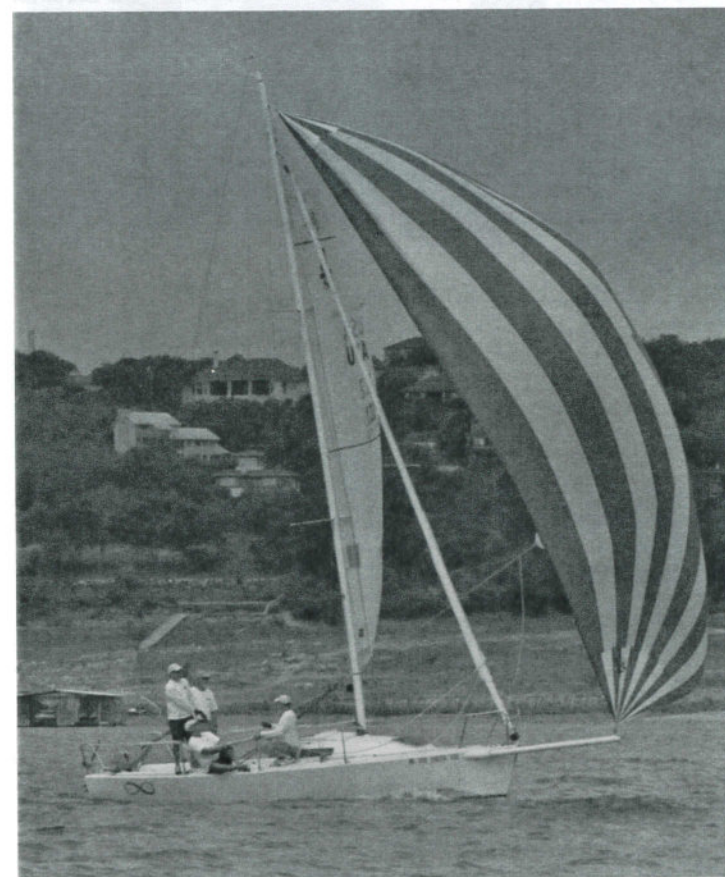
Art and Andrea Bussey for party decorations.

Tom Peel for trying to build a stage during a rain storm.

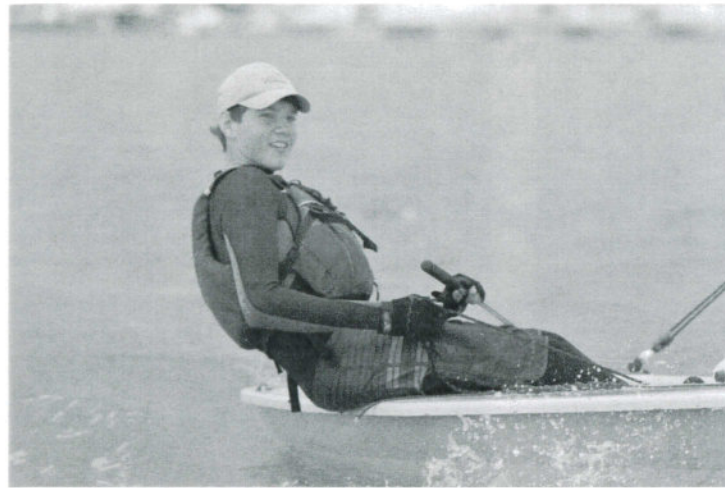
Dane Ohe, Joe Roddy, and Mike Jakle for setting up the sound system and running the music festival.

Tom, Steve, and Jackie, the AYC staff, for all their help and advice.

And finally THANKS to all you sailors who came out planning on having fun. I think we did.

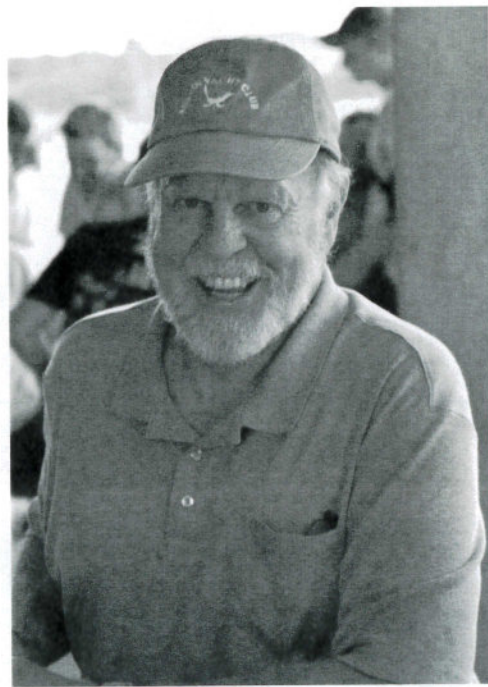
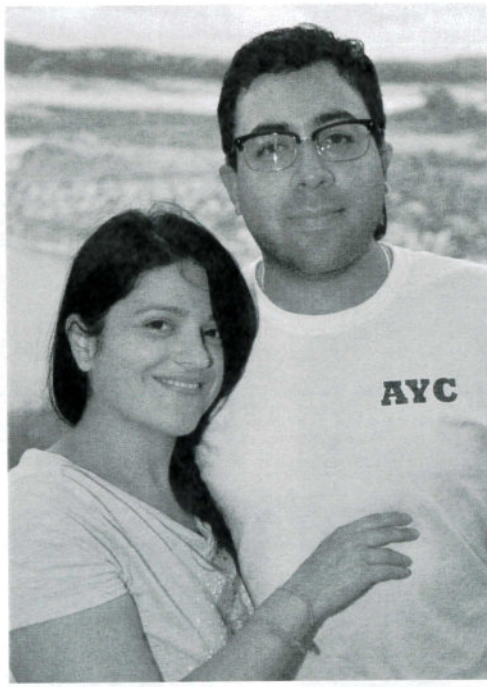
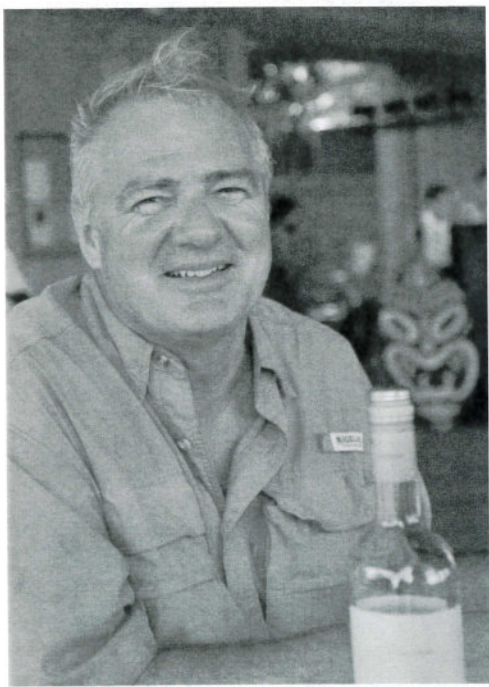


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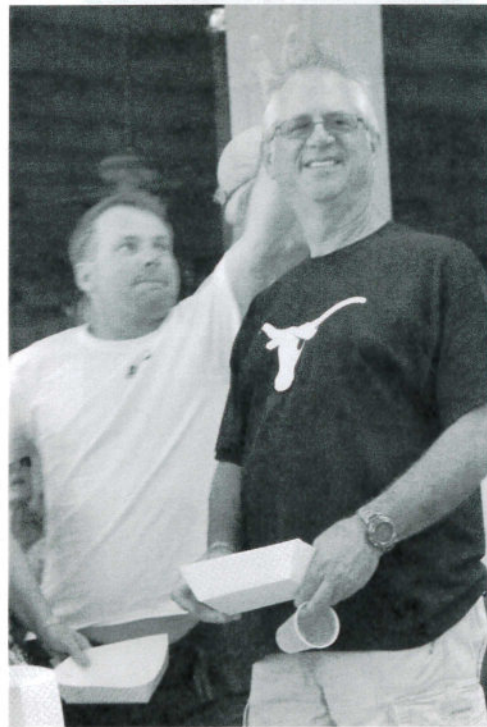
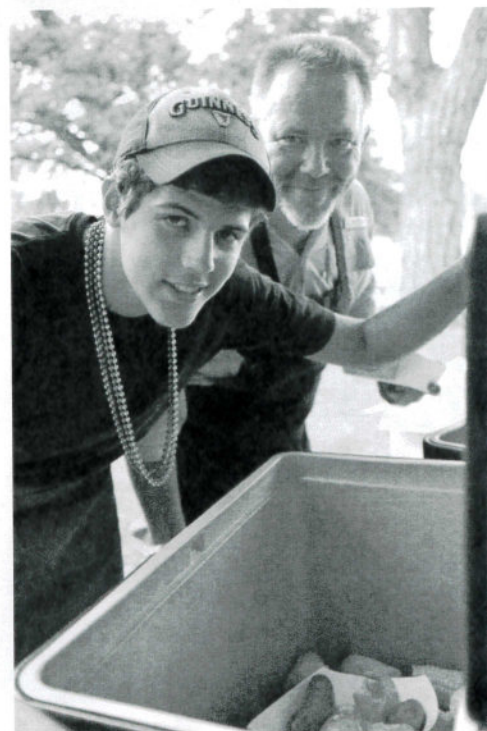
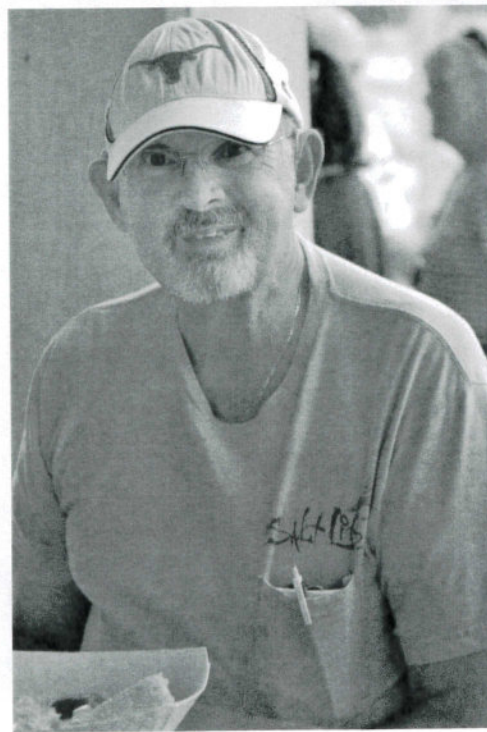
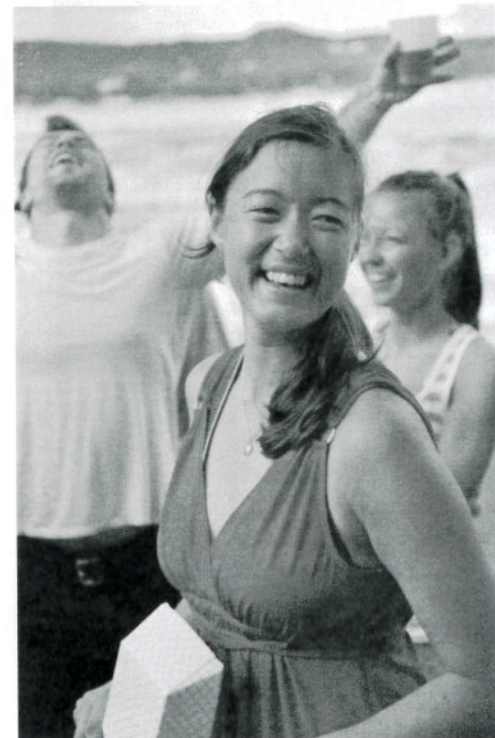


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AYC 2013 RACE CALENDAR

June 15	SC21 Intergalactics
June 22	Dog Days Series Race #1 RC: C-22 3:00p Skippers' Meeting, 4:00p start
June 29	Dog Days Series Race #2 RC: PHRF A 4:00p start
July 6	Independence Cup Regatta
July 13	Dog Days Series Race #3 RC: PHRF B 4:00p start
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

June 10-14	Junior Sailing Camp, Session 1
June 15	PB&J Session 1, 9:30a - 11:00a / Session 2, 11:00a - 12:30p
June 16	PB&J Session 3, 9:30a - 11:00a / Session 4, 11:00a - 12:30p
June 17-21	Junior Sailing Camp, Session 2
June 22-23	ASA 101 Basic Keelboat Sailing 9:00a - 5:00p
June 22	PB&J Session 1, 9:30a - 11:00a / Session 2, 11:00a - 12:30p
June 23	PB&J Session 3, 9:30a - 11:00a / Session 4, 11:00a - 12:30p
June 23	Centerboard Clinic
June 24-28	Junior Sailing Camp, Session 3
June 27	AYC Board of Directors Meeting 7:30p
June 29	PB&J Session 1, 9:30a - 11:00a / Session 2, 11:00a - 12:30p
June 30	PB&J Session 3, 9:30a - 11:00a / Session 4, 11:00a - 12:30p
July 6	PB&J Session 5, 9:30a - 11:00a / Session 6, 11:00a - 12:30p
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

Announcements

- Dog Days series post-race food: Snacks only for races 1-4. Potluck Dinner and Ice Cream Social for July 27 end-of series event.
- The Telltale newsletter is taking a summer break in August.

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