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Nikki Goodwin and Ben Froelich battle the wind at the Governor's Cup Regatta



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by Christopher Dwight



A Near Miss

The torrential rains the night of October 30 fell just outside of our basin. The heavy downpours, at times at rates exceeding three inches per hour, resulted in rainfall totals exceeding 10 inches in the Onion Creek basin just southeast of Austin and as much as 14 inches in a few isolated places in the Blanco River basin. Had this same train of storms tracked 30 miles to the west, we would have seen a tremendous lake rise. The last time the Lake Travis basin had a single rain event with rainfall totals in the teens was the summer of 2007, and in that event the lake rose nearly 30 feet to peak at 701 MSL – a whopping 76 feet higher than we are today!

As our 2013 season winds down, there are a few remaining chances to sail, and a few key events to draw your attention to. For sailing, we wrap up the Fall Series races on Sunday, November 17. That same week, on Thursday the 21st, we hold our annual general membership meeting. Please send in your proxy forms and try to attend. In this meeting we will vote on our 2014 board member nominees, and you'll also get to hear from each current board member a summary of the year. Think of it as a "state of the union" address for your club. We end the week with the last racing event of the year with the Keel Fleet-sponsored Wild Turkey Regatta held on Saturday, November 23. Our annual banquet is being held at the Oasis on Friday, December 6 – be sure to sign up well in advance to ensure a place.

SAVE THE DATE

2013 Wild Turkey Regatta

Saturday

November 23, 2013

Membership Committee News

by Past Commodore Johannes Brinkmann



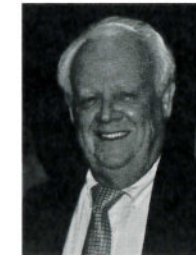
Please join me in welcoming the following new members who joined AYC as of November 1:

Student Members

Tolan Nguyen
Mad Alonzo
Ro Alonzo
Evelyn Batchelor.

Race Commander Report

by Barry Bowden



2013 Governor's Cup

October 5 and 6 saw the return of Governor's Cup for 2013 and the last AYC Regatta of the year. The continued low lake level saw only 21 brave racers participate. The fleets were led by the J22 fleet with six boats and the J/24 fleet with three boats. Other fleets were small, but racing was fun. A late start was caused by a cold front that did not develop at the expected time. The first starts began in a south wind that turned into a north wind before they finished. All of the round-the-buoys classes were able to start and finish with the same northerly direction, however. Race committee was provided by all of the **Permanent Race Committee**. Thanks to all of you for your help and to **Renee Ruais** for a quick turnaround on scoring.

The social activities were the most important for the weekend with the help of **Phillippe Bettler** and the multi hull fleet all pitching in. The dinner on Saturday night was excellent with great gumbo and bread pudding. Thanks to all of the great cooks who helped provide an excellent meal.

Fall Series Wrap Up

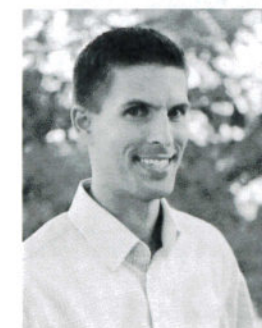
Racing activities at AYC will finish this month with the end of the Fall Series on November 17 and the last race of the year being the Keel Handicap Fleet Wild Turkey Regatta on Saturday, November 23. Be sure to join in this always-fun race.

Lake Level Up ... Slowly

The lake level is finally improving with almost seven feet gained since the lowest point. The end of the main ramp extension now has water lapping over it. Hopefully the wet forecast for the next few months will continue to fill the lake so we can all use it. I know it has been frustrating for those of you with trailer-launched boats the last two years as our lake has slowly disappeared. Plan on getting your boats checked out and any repairs made. With a bit of luck ... and several more inches of rain in the better locations ... we can all get back on the water for next year's racing.

I have enjoyed serving as Race Commander for the past two years. Austin Yacht Club is founded on the idea of racing sailboats, so I consider this board position to be very important. It has been a privilege to serve.

Ben Miller – Young Adult Probationary



Ben started sailing on 420s in Kansas with the University of Kansas Sailing Team. After moving to Corpus Christi in 2011 he sailed keel boats and a Laser. In 2012 he purchased a V-15. Ben just moved to Austin, and he looks forward to sailing at AYC and getting to know people here.

Sail Training Report

by Jenny Loehlin



We had two adult clinics in October, the Centerboard Clinic on October 12 and the Fall Women's Clinic on October 26. The Centerboard Clinic was conducted on FJs with **Charlie Arnold, Jeff Brock, Brett Leach, Susan Stuehrk** and myself serving as instructors. One couple from San Antonio opted to postpone due to the iffy weather forecast (that was the weekend the Sunday of ACL was cancelled due to flooding, but the rain held off until after the clinic was over.) Brett Leach gave them a makeup class on their Capri 16.5 on October 19.



Photos by Bill Records

The Women's Clinic was a bit of an adventure as usual, but this year the strong breeze was really limited to the early afternoon hours and it was generally a nice day. Thanks to **Carl Wiseman and Fred Schroth** for lending boats and **Renee Ruais, Rachel Loziuk, Rosanne Butera, Lynna Holland, Linda Donovan, Norma Lien, Nancy Nitardy, Pat Henneberry** and special guest **Danny Lien** for serving as instructors. Chef **Mike Mashl**, assisted by **David Grizzle, Gordon Miller and David Turner**, prepared a gourmet meal in the evening. Thanks also to **Nina Aguirre and Kate Noble** for their help.



AYC had a good turnout for the Texas Sailing Association Regatta of the season up at Dallas Corinthian Yacht Club. Thanks to **Jeff Brock and Stefan Froelich** for their efforts in getting boats and kids up and back.

Kudos to **Lake Canyon Yacht Club** for a fine Wurstfest dinghy weekend. We had wind both days, which is unnatural, and beautiful weather.

Sailing Director Report

by Kate Noble



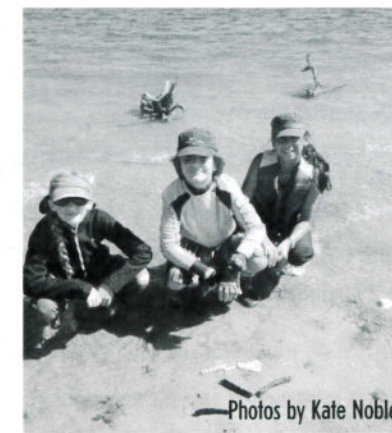
The Sail Training season is winding down! We had our last two clinics of the 2013 season, the Fall Centerboard Clinic and Fall Women's Clinic, in October. While our formal training is done for the year, Free Sail Sundays will continue throughout the offseason. All AYC members are welcome to come on down to the Rylander Pavilion on Sunday afternoons

from 1:00-4:00 to check out a Sail Training boat (weather and club schedule permitting – please email me at kate@austinyachtclub.net to be added to distribution list). A reminder that boats are available on a first come, first serve basis and there is no formal instruction offered.

Junior Training News

It has been a great month for Roadrunner sailing here at the club! The Fall Season of the Junior Sailing Program started up on October 11 and officially ends on November 23. However, we are hoping to extend our program beyond Thanksgiving for the first time this year, with tentative practice dates on December 6-7 and 13-14 as well.

On October 20, the Roadrunners went on a Sunday afternoon picnic cruise! We had a great turnout with nine Optis, three Picos, and four FJs. We sailed up to a beach near the windward mark of the series race – the kids really enjoyed having an up-close view of the big boats racing! We had a great afternoon playing on the beach, collecting rocks and exploring. Thank you to Roadrunner Social Chair **Cheryl Butler** and her



Photos by Kate Noble

Sunday Afternoon Picnic Cruise participants – a great turnout!

husband **Robert** for organizing our Thundercloud lunch and helping me and **Kiel** aboard the coach boats!

Youth Racing News

October was a huge month for youth racing! In preparation for all of the events in October, we ran two additional Wednesday night practice sessions for our Opti racers on October 2 and 23. Thank you to parent volunteer **Jeff Brock** for helping out on the water!

We had a good turnout from our Roadrunner sailors at the Governor's Cup Regatta with seven Optis and two FJs on the Youth Dinghy Course. For



Photo by Bill Records

Governor's Cup Roadrunners

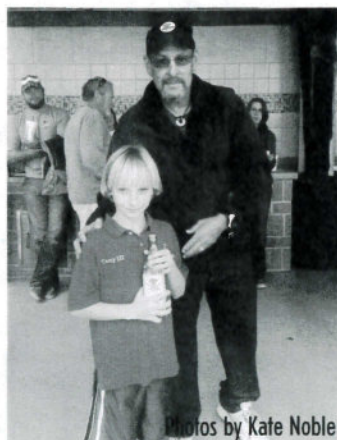
many of our Opti sailors, the Governor's Cup was their first ever regatta! Congratulations to first-timers **James Brock, Julius Heitkoetter, Wendi Froelich, Fiona Froelich and Nicholas Carew**! After two days of racing, our Youth Dinghy trophy winners were: **Ethan Froelich (1st place Opti), Lucy Brock (2nd place Opti), and James Brock (3rd place Opti), and Ben Froelich/Nikki Goodwin/(Katie Froelich!) (1st place FJ)**. Thank you to Regatta Chair **Philippe Bettler** and his team of volunteers, Youth Dinghy RC **Bill Records and Jeff Brock**, and Coach **Kiel Killeen** for making the weekend a big success for our Roadrunners!

Governor's Cup was the same weekend as the Texas Sailing Association's Chocopalooza Regatta at Rush Creek YC so several of our competitors were competing out of town. Congratulations to **Tony Slowik (3rd in Opti White), Spencer LeGrande (2nd in Opti Red), Alexandra Mares (8th in Laser 4.7) and Meredith and Michael Morran (1st place 420)**!

The final stop on the Texas Sailing Association's Youth Circuit was the Pirates of the Corinthian Regatta on October 26 at Dallas Corinthian Yacht Club. We had nine sailors from AYC out on the water. For six of our competitors (**Ben Froelich, Ethan Froelich, Wendi Froelich, Fiona Froelich, Lucy Brock and James Brock**), it was their first travel event! We also had several TSA veterans make the trip for the last TSA regatta of the season – **Tony Slowik, Alexandra Mares, and Spencer LeGrande**! I am thrilled that we were able to close out the year with such an impressive showing from AYC! Several AYC sailors came home from the End of Year event with some hardware. Congratulations to **Meredith and Michael**

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Morran who placed 1st overall in the 420 fleet, **Tony Slowik III** who placed 3rd in Opti White Fleet, and **Alexandra Mares** who placed 2nd in Laser 4.7. Full results from Pirates of the Corinthian, as well as the 2013 circuit, are available on txsail.org.



Photos by Kate Noble

Tony Slowik III takes a 3rd at the Pirates of the Corinthian Regatta

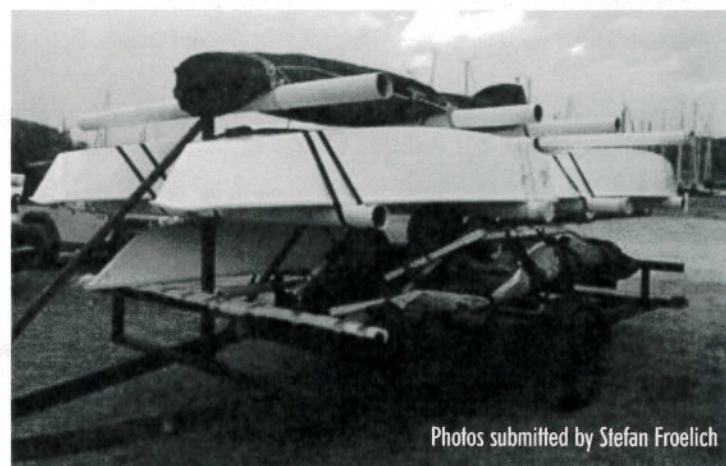
Lastly, a thank you to the team who made it possible to pick up AYC's new Optimists from KO Sailing at the End of Year Regatta in Dallas – **Tom Cunningham** and **Bob Woods** for their help in getting AYC's Opti trailer road-ready, and to members **Jeff Brock** and **Stefan Froelich** for organizing the pick-up and transporting the boats back to Austin. We will be updating our Sail Training fleet this month by replacing two of our older Optimists with the new boats.

Pirates of the Corinthian

by Stefan Froelich

Seven new-to-TSA road trip sailors decided to join **Alexandra Mares**, **Spencer LeGrande**, **Tony Slowik**, **Meredith Morran**, and **Michael Morran** at the Texas Sailing Association's Dallas Corinthian Yacht Club regatta on October 26-27. The old AYC boat trailer was resurrected just in time! Thank you **Bob Woods** for remedying the maintenance issues, **Coach Kate** for waiting five hours at the DMV for a license plate, and to **Jeff Brock** for driving the cumbersome contraption in intense traffic.

Originally, we were to take delivery of some new boats on Friday evening. However, the KO sailing rep took a rock to his windshield en route which caused a multi-hour delay. We rescheduled for Saturday at 7:30 a.m.



Photos submitted by Stefan Froelich

Time was quickly running out to receive these boats, conduct last minute registrations, eat breakfast, attend the skipper's meeting, and rig six boats of which some were the new boats to unwrap, some were borrowed from the host yacht club where finding parts was a bit of a challenge (Yay, AYC for keeping their fleet boats in good order!), and one was a used/new purchase that had only been rigged by its owner once before. A frantic, out-of-breath hour of hard work eventually led to the on-time, successful launch of all racers.

The rain held off. The wind was very decent. I was proud of the Green fleeters for knowing their pennant flags and handling five minute starts



which were unexpected. The White fleeters had new sails which impressed them, and were so differently-awesome that twice **Ethan** launched overboard with the extra power they contain. Soggy lunch was the result. On one race **Lucy** was first to cross the line! **Ben** was out-of-sight with the older sailors at a different course and held his own.

The results were:

Alexandra Mares Laser 4.7 (1st place)

Ben Froelich Laser 4.7 (5th place)

Spencer LeGrande Opti Red (5th place)

Tony Slowik Opti White (3rd place)

Ethan Froelich Opti White (5th place)

Lucy Brock Opti White (7th place)

James Brock Opti Green (7th place)

Wendi Froelich Opti Green (10th place)

Fiona Froelich Opti Green (12th place)

The Morrans (didn't sail their 420 this weekend, but did take home 1st place for the year award!)

Most of our post-race time was used learning how to put all these boats onto the trailer, but on future events we are looking forward to AYC sailors socializing with sailors from other clubs and then relaxing at sunset next to beautiful Texas lakes.

In summary:

AYC has some awesome, experienced sailors.

TSA regattas are suitable for novices who like to compete (Green fleet)

TSA regattas also have Opti Red/White/Blue (defined by age), Laser, and FJ/420 fleets for those progressing to the next level.

Everyone we interacted with was very helpful and pleasant.

It's a tremendous amount of fun for kids and parents.

And mostly we hope you will join us for the 2014 season. Please email me if you'd like to learn more.

2013 Governor's Cup



Ben Froelich and Nikki Goodwin



Kiel Killeen and Roadrunners



Ethan Froelich ... Big boat rule



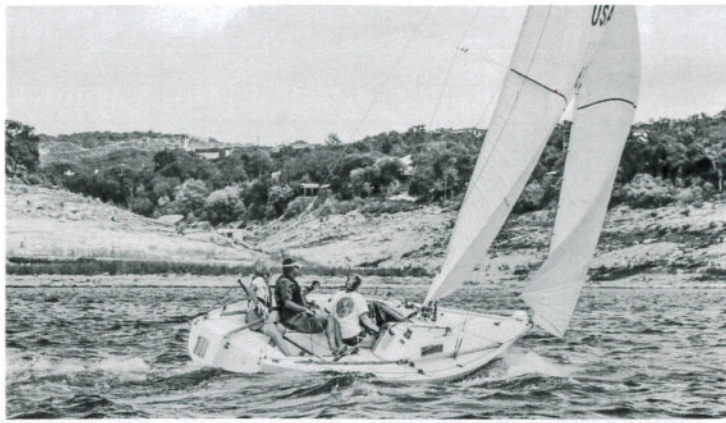
Julius Heitkoetter



James Brock

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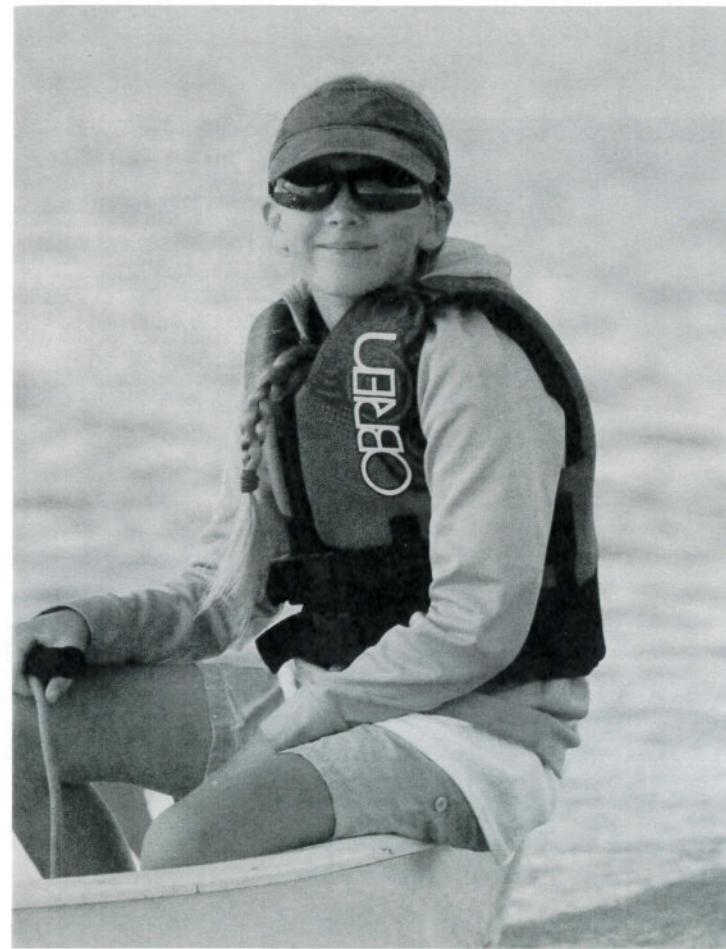
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Lucy Brock

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Peek-a-boo!



Ricky Trent and Cole Dean



Optis



Katie and Ben Froelich



Nicholas Carew

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Katie and Ben Froelich battle it out with Cole Dean and Ricky Trent



Fiona Froelich



Wendi Froelich

Photos by Bill Records

Harvest Moon 2013

by Ray Shull



An aerial shot of our boat during the race.
Photo by Boat Pix

The decision to race in the 2013 Harvest Moon Regatta from Galveston to Port Aransas was made shortly after I purchased a Beneteau 42 in mid-September. I started looking for a boat for some long distance cruising early in 2013. At that time I had decided to retire (from real work) in the last part of this year and embark on a long time dream of cruising the Gulf of Mexico, the Caribbean, and maybe beyond.

After checking out boats from three to 30 years old, from 35 feet to 50 feet in length, and from ketch rigs to unstayed cat rig boats, the boat I liked the best was a Beneteau 423 that was in very good condition, had been well taken care of, had most of the desired equipment I wanted and was well rated by most of the sailing websites.

She was purchased by September 28, which left only three weeks for evaluating all of the numerous systems on this boat and getting to know the sailing ability of the boat before the Harvest Moon race. It didn't seem like much time to make sure that a boat was ready for a 150 mile off-shore race and the (usually) even longer return trip back to its home harbor, but it seemed that to not attempt this race would be a future regret. With three trips to Clear Lake to check everything out, I thought everything was ready for the Regatta by the day of the race and ... As Captain Ron would say, "If it's going to happen, it's going to happen out there."

The crew for the race was comprised of **Bobby Crouch, Tommy Gairloff, Hillary Anderson, Sandra and me**. We looked forward to seeing how our AYC crew, sailing a vessel that was new to us, would compare to the experienced off-shore sailors of the Gulf Coast. This race was actually the very first time we would take the Beneteau out of its slip with the exception of the survey and a quick motoring over to the pump-out!

We raced in the non-spinnaker division which was the largest class of the Regatta, with 110 boats entered and all starting in one start. Our fleet within this division was composed of Beneteaus, Hunters, Catalinas and Morgans, all in the 34 to 42 foot size. These boats appeared to be of similar type and performance, with the PHRF range of only 15 seconds per mile from the fastest rated boat (us) to the slowest boat in our fleet. We looked forward to fairly close racing and hoped that the start was not too chaotic with this large number of boats.

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We left our slip in Clear Lake the morning of the race at about 8am for our start time of 2pm off of Galveston Island. With a sailing distance to the start of approximately 28 miles, a significant portion of the sailing involves sailing to the start line.

We arrived at the starting area somewhere around 1:30pm and were pleased to see that the starting line was at least a half-mile long stretching from the pier on shore to a large buoy. At our appointed start time, we managed to start cleanly, avoided the large pile-up that occurred at the buoy, and set our course for the first rounding mark off of Freeport.



The start of the non-spinnaker class off Galveston Island. Photo by Sandra Helin

We quickly saw that one of the competitors in our fleet had a surprising amount of boat speed in the medium winds and was quickly distancing themselves from the rest of the fleet, as well as the entire non-spinnaker division. We tried everything to match their speed with different sail trim, winging out the jib, sailing a higher angle, but nothing could catch this speedy competitor.

As sunset approached, this boat became a speck on the horizon, with a lead of over a mile on us. Two other of our fleet competitors also appeared to be in front of us, not a good sign when you are supposed to be the fastest boat in your fleet. However, in the medium air that we were experiencing, it just didn't seem that we had the speed to keep up with them.

Fortunately, as the night descended and the full moon lit the way down the Gulf, the wind increased to a speed more to our liking. By midnight the wind was in the high teens and occasionally in the low to mid 20s. We had settled on a wing-on-wing configuration with the jib poled out on the port side of the boat. With this, we tried to sail at a constant apparent wind angle of approximately 140 to 150 degrees, which seemed to be the best combination of boat speed and the direct course to our next mark.

We maintained this tack through the night and well into the next morning. By early the next morning the winds were consistently in the low 20s, with gusts approaching 30 knots. It was fairly difficult to hold this course as the waves became larger, wanting to push us one way, the wind wanting to push us a different direction, and we found ourselves surfing down the impressive following swells that would also quickly change the balance of the boat. We fought this battle all night long.

By first light on Friday morning, there were several boats around us but they were too far away to determine if they were our fleet competitors or boats

from another fleet. Our first positive indication was the sighting of a multi-hull competitor a couple of miles off shore from our location.

We felt that if we were within sight of one of the fast multi-hull boats, then maybe we had done okay during the night sailing. When we were within cell phone range of Port Aransas, we checked the positions of our competitors and found that the Hunter that sped away at the start was approximately three miles to our stern and in second place behind us. The other two boats that were ahead of us at sunset were also even further back behind. We were pretty excited at how our night sailing had paid off in our standings. It made all of the battles with the waves in the dark worth it many times over.

As we made our way into the final turn at the jetties of Port Aransas at approximately 2pm on Friday, we heard the other boats checking in with the finishing race committee and fortunately didn't hear any of our other competitor's names as we signaled our arrival. Later we found out that we had indeed won our fleet and were over an hour ahead of the second place boat.

We were feeling mighty proud that a bunch of Lake Travis sailors had done so well in this, our first race with the boat in the big waves and winds of the Gulf. We made our way to the marina for a weekend of relaxation, celebration, joining other AYC members who made the trip, and meeting new sailors as they arrived.

Other AYC boats that entered the regatta were **Doug Casey's "Tribology"** and **Steve Frick's "Tritium"**. Additionally **Pat Caughey and Ken Taylor** from AYC raced on other boats. Tribology took a second place in their fleet, missing first place by only 10 seconds after the 150 mile race. Pat Caughey raced on **Charlie Singstad's** Pacific Seacraft and finished first in their fleet. We met with them several times over the weekend at Port Aransas.

It was a great race for all those representing AYC. One of our fondest memories, though, will be the 15-plus AYC racers and friends that were the loudest and most celebratory group at the trophy presentation. That really made us proud as they announced our name and the AYC group yelled their support. We were thrilled to receive the trophy for winning our fleet and happy to enjoy it with many of our friends.



The winning crew receiving our trophy at the winners' circle. Photo by Sun Hi Casey

J/24 Fleet Update

by John & Meiling Parker and Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás



J/24 Launching

There continues to be little launching and retrieving activity of the J/24s. It has been disappointing to see Austin receiving flooding rain, yet the majority of the rain not find its way to the watersheds leading into Lake Travis.

At the time of this writing, we have seen the lake levels rise a few feet, but not yet enough for launching or retrieving from Austin Yacht Club on existing ramps. The good news is that the bottom of the new ramp extension is under almost two feet of water so we are inching our way to a workable ramp.

Please contact **David Broadway**, **Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás**, or **John Parker** if you would like information on using Emerald Point Marina for launching or retrieving your J/24.

Local Racing

Fall Series

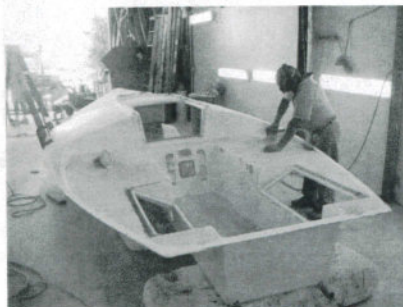
The Fall Series has begun with four teams competing to date. First, we welcome Team Ammo Box back with **Joe Mancuso and son** at the helm. In addition, we have Team Mothership Connection, Team Superman, and Team Free Spirit completing the list of contestants. The short windward-leeward courses used with the mild winds in the first couple of race days have been a great way for the teams to work on their boat handling and short-course tactics.

Governor's Cup

Three J/24s competed in this two day event, which included six scored races. Team Cold Front was helmed by our newest J/24 Fleet member **Stu Juengst**, who earned first place. Team Gone Fishin', helmed by **Ruben Flores** and the Free Spirit team provided Stu with some healthy competition. There were light to mild winds throughout the regatta which challenged crews with short-course tactics and boat handling skills.

Maintenance

Several members of the J/24 fleet continue to perform maintenance on boats and trailers. **Stu Juengst** continues to set up and tune "Vang Go" for her inaugural trip to Wursthfest. **Vicente Saborio**, **Brian Mager**, and **Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás** have been improving Thunder Cookie's travel readiness. **John Parker's** Free Spirit has arrived from repair in Houston and has officially completed measurement. Thanks to **Tom Lappin**, our J/24 Fleet's local measurer, for completing the remaining measurements. Free Spirit now has a Measurement Certificate. And last, but certainly not least, ayeBoat, under the care of **Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás**, is in process of getting a full deck makeover. Thanks to Fred Schroth for working on this important member of our fleet. We will be looking forward to having ayeBoat back in the lineup soon.



ayeBoat deck
Photo by Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás



ayeBoat cabin and hull
Photo by Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás

Halloween Party

In what is sure to become an annual tradition, **Laura Miller** hosted a spirited Halloween Party at her remodeled McCormick Mountain home. In attendance were an Ice Hockey player from Brown University (**Laura Miller**), Superman (**Dave Broadway**), Popeye (**Tom Meyer**), Dracula (**Tommy Gairloff**), a welder from NASA (**Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás**), a pirate (**Meiling Parker**), a cowgirl (**Macie Walker**), a Rastafarian and a spider woman (**Doug and Sun Hi Casey**), and many other spooky guests.

Upcoming Social

Our next social event will be the J/22 - J/24 Fleet holiday party to be held on December 7. Members should keep a watch on their email inbox for invitations coming soon.

Out-of-Town Events

During the weekend of November 1-3, several of the J24s traveled to Galveston Bay to participate in the J/Fest Southwest regatta. Four of the 13 J/24s at the regatta were AYC-based teams: **Dr. David Gamble** with Ooh Ahh, **Dave Broadway** with Superman, **John Parker** with Free Spirit and **Vincente Saborio** with Thunder Cookie. The first day of the two-day regatta was quite windy with sustained winds in the 17 to 20 range, gusting to 25 for a significant portion of the racing day. The second day brought slightly lighter winds, but larger waves.

This event was the J/24 Texas State Championship and for the second year in a row **Rod Johnstone** presented the Kenyon Cup trophy to the winner of the J/24 class. Those who remember our friend **Dave Kenyon** know that Dave brought ayeboat to AYC. Dave donated the silver cup and made the base for what became the J/24 Texas State Championship trophy. The trophy has since been renamed the Kenyon Cup, and Dave would have enjoyed the fact that Rod Johnstone, designer of the J/24, presented his trophy to the winners of the regatta. If you ever get the chance to meet



Rod Johnstone, don't pass up the opportunity. He is a true gentleman and a class act.

One of the many fun parts of J/Fest is that we sail out of Lakewood Yacht Club in Seabrook, and we get to sail through the Clear Lake Channel, past the Kemah Boardwalk. When the wind is just right at the end of the day, the

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J/24s like to fly the spinnaker under the bridge on the way back to the club. This provides quite a spectacle for the other boats and spectators along the channel. Photographer **Roselyn Pierce-Shirley** caught such a moment last Sunday and allowed us to use her photo (below).



Upcoming Out-of-Town J/24 Events

Venue	Event	Dates
Lake Canyon Yacht Club	Texas Circuit	November 15-16

If you are interested in participating in this regatta with the 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.

Sailing on Tuesdays

by Jiim Johnstone

I turned 65 in October and completed a rite of passage by signing up for Medicare. I feel really grown up now. I am enjoying senior discounts at the movies and restaurants and get into National Parks (when they are open) for free with my Senior Pass. But the best thing about being 65 is the Sailing on Tuesday Society (SOTS) at AYC.

There is no age requirement. To be a SOT, you just need to have the time and energy to show up Tuesday afternoons for a pleasant sail around the lake with a cockpit full of sailors, usually three or four guys with combined sailing experience of over 100 years. With so much experience it is guaranteed you are going to get a lot of advice on everything from the best way to get the twist-off cap off the beer bottle to how to get your own boat out of its dock, a procedure you have safely completed hundreds of times.



There is about a four-to-one ratio of giving alternatives to the skipper's order to following that order; therefore, tacks have to be planned long in advance in order to reach consensus before the actual tack must be made.

The good thing about sailing with SOTS is that they know a lot of jokes, most of them old. If I am going to hear old jokes, I might as well do it on a boat while drinking a beer with my friends rather than sitting in my pajamas in front of my computer reading a forwarded e-mail.

Last week there were enough of us that we took out two Ensigns. The Ensign has a nice cockpit that seats a lot of SOTS and can hold a lot of beer coolers. It has a nice high freeboard so we do not have to worry about falling out. Some of the SOTS are not as agile as they once were. My only complaint about the Ensign is that it needs more cup holders for this type of sailing.

Some Ensigns are cleverly rigged with special blocks and "Magic Boxes" that make sail trim easier when racing. And since we did have two Ensigns on the water at the same time, what started as a simple pleasure cruise evolved into a friendly competition.



Photos by Bill Records

There was no course or official start, just a simple glance from one skipper to the other and the race was on. We were doing fine until the crew started making suggestions:

Crew 1: "You ought to tack now. You can lee bow him."

Crew 2: "No, don't tack yet, get past the point, so you don't run aground, then tack."

Crew 3: "Trim the main in more. You're footing off too much."

Skipper: "What time is it? Is it time to go in yet? My lights don't work you know."

Crew 4: "In that case, I'll have another beer. By the way, did you hear the one about the man who asked his wife what she wanted for her birthday and she said, 'A divorce!' to which he replied, 'I wasn't thinking about spending that much.'"

See you next Tuesday!

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AYC BUSINESS HOURS

Tuesday - Saturday 9:00A - 5:00P
Sunday 1:00P - 5:00P

Closed Mondays
Closed Club Holidays:

New Year's Day	January 1
Easter Sunday	April 24
Independence Day	July 4
Thanksgiving Day	November 24
Shopping Day	November 25
Christmas Day	December 25

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AYC 2013 RACE CALENDAR

Nov 17	Fall Series Race #5 RC: SC 21 1:30 start End of Series Trophy Presentation
Nov 23	Keel Handicap Fleet Wild Turkey Regatta

AYC 2013 NON-RACING EVENTS

Nov 16/23/30	UT Sailing Club Saturday Sail 11:00a - 5:00p
Nov 14	AYC Board of Directors Meeting 7:30p
Nov 21	Annual Members Meeting 7:00p
Dec 6	AYC Annual Banquet - The Oasis
Dec 7/14/21/28	UT Sailing Club Saturday Sail 11:00a - 5:00p
Dec 7	J/24 Fleet Christmas Party 6:00 - 11:00p Clubhouse
Dec 14	Catalina 22 Fleet Holiday Party 6:00 - 11:00p Clubhouse
Dec 15	Roadrunner Holiday Party 2:00 - 4:00p Clubhouse

OUR HERO: Ravi Subramanian

Ravi Subramanian won the Peter Barrett Sportsmanship Trophy while competing at the September 11-14 Singlehanded Sailing Championship at Manasquan River Yacht Club in Brielle, New Jersey. The award is voted



on by the competitors and has traditionally been coveted as much as the racing trophies.

Ravi dove in and swam down to recover a woman racer's centerboard boat that had dropped into the water while being launched over a bulkhead. Congratulations, Ravi!

HULL CLEANING AND BAKING

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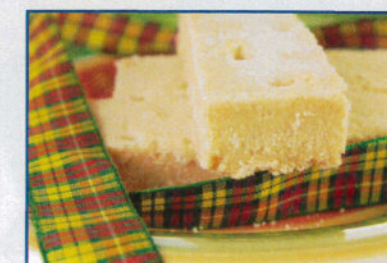
Is Your Boat Dirty? Are You Too Busy To Clean It?

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