



FEATURE: AYC Membership Committee

Hoppy Easter Laser Regatta!



Easter Laser Regatta Racers Photo by Peter Atherton

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Message from the Commodore by Diane Covert



Spring is a fun and super busy time at AYC, and I'd like to bring everyone up to speed on a few of the many things that are happening at your Club. Here's some brief info on items ranging from regattas and races, to the updated AYC COVID Plan, to facility improvements, to sail training ... and more.

For the first time in over a year, major regattas with non-member participants were held at AYC this spring – the J-24 State Championship and the traditional Easter Laser Regatta. In addition, our own Opening Series races have seen good participation and close competition. Big thanks go to **Race Commander André de la Reza**, the PRC, and all the RC volunteers.

AYC COVID Plan

To guide us back to “normal”, the COVID plan for AYC has recently been updated by the Board and is on the website at [COVID-19 UPDATE – Austin Yacht Club](#). We are moving in a measured way toward having more programs and activities. We are all ready to put the pandemic behind us, and progress is being made. Please remember that masks are still required at the Club. Be safe and have fun!

AYC Sail Training

Sail Training programs are ramping up this spring. Of note are the “First Sail” clinics for new sailors being put on by **Bill Records and Harry Polly**. Preparations are taking place and registration is open for AYC Summer Youth Camps, which means lots of work underway for **Spencer LeGrande and Emily Verdoia**.

Adult Sail Training is undergoing a restructuring. AYC will keep the Sail Program Director position. **Bobby Brooks** will provide Adult Sail Training activities as an independent contractor in mid-May. This will be a positive move for AYC and for Bobby. It allows AYC to better match funding of Adult Sail Training activities with the broad needs of our membership, and it provides greater flexibility for Bobby to pursue opportunities as an independent contractor for AYC and other sailing venues.

Kudos to the Buildings & Grounds Committee!

Spring is the time to prepare for the summer. In anticipation of hotter weather, the pool deck has been resurfaced for the opening of pool season. Additionally, new ceiling fans have been installed under the clubhouse by **Marilyn and Jeff Jackson**. The Buildings & Grounds Committee headed by **John Maddalozzo** has been hard at work on these and other projects.



Resurfaced pool deck in time for pool season



Jeff and Marilyn Jackson installed new ceiling fans to keep us cool during hot summer days

Thank You Harbor Committee!

I know you have been hearing about the “spring cleaning” going on in the “Back 40”. **Russ Shermer** and the Harbor Committee have done a great job of culling out derelict or abandoned trailers. This effort has freed up needed room for wet slip and board boat slip trailers.

Turnback is Back!

Spring wouldn't be spring at AYC without the Turnback Canyon Regatta. Planning is underway, led by **Vice Commodore Anne Morley** and **Regatta Chairs Jeff Sabuda and Dee Chow**. Let them know if you can volunteer. **Cathie Martin's Social Committee** will also have a major role in this event which features a Cajun theme. This year's Turnback Canyon Regatta will be held on May 15th and 16th. We will be racing at our end of the lake and will not be going to Lago Vista this year due to the lake water level. Look for more details about Turnback and volunteering in this issue.

I hope you all enjoy everything that AYC has to offer this spring!



Vice Commodore Report by Anne Morley



Happy Spring everyone! It's great to see so many people out spring-cleaning their boats and sailing/racing these days!

The Turnback Canyon Regatta committee is working hard to create a wonderful event! I'm so excited to be working with **Jeff Sabuda** and **Dee Chow** as chairs for the regatta, and **Cathie Martin** who is chairing the social event on Saturday night.

The Turnback Canyon Regatta will be held on May 15-16, 2021. Read Jeff Sabuda's article, following mine, for more details!

As a member of PRC I am working on an RC Training course. All of the **Fleet Captains** were sent an email, asking them to poll their fleets about their interest in RC Training. Fleet captains please get that feedback to **André** ASAP so we understand the level of interest while designing the course.

On a personal note, I completed and passed my US Sailing Level 1 Instructor course this past weekend at AYC. I was in the class with some of our High School team members. They are the most amazing kids! They are extremely skilled sailors, great leaders, and just all round wonderful kids! We are lucky to have them as future camp instructors! I thoroughly enjoyed being in the class with them.

Stay healthy and sail safe!



US Sailing Level 1 Instructor class, L-R Coco Solsvig (TCYC Sailing Director), Lucy Brock, Kate Hennig, Wendi Froelich, Julius Heitkoetter, Jana Odou (US Sailing instructor), Anne Morley, David Michael

70th Annual Turnback Canyon Regatta by Jeff Sabuda



The Austin Yacht Club invites you to bring your sailboat, whether it is a mono-hull, multihull or centerboard, to beautiful Lake Travis and participate in the 2021 70th edition of the Turnback Canyon Regatta.

Central Texas's oldest regatta will feature two great days of sailing plus Saturday evening's dinner, dessert bar, libations and live music extravaganza.

Turnback History

The Turnback Canyon Regatta (TBC), originally called the Bluebonnet Cruise, was first run circa 1951. Six to ten boats participated in the two-day event. The boats sailing in the first event were mostly homemade and ranged from Snipes to T24s and a T28 where "T" proudly stood for TEXAS. The boats were made of wood and the sails were cotton but the sailing strategies were the same then as today. Starting from the vicinity of AYC (which was then known as The Austin Sailing Club), the participants raced to an overnight point near the current Turnback Canyon cove on Saturday, anchored overnight and returned to AYC on Sunday. Overnight destination anchorages over the years have included Cow Creek, Briarcliff, Lago Vista Resort, and the current Lago Vista Bar-K Ranch Park. BUT – no matter the start or the destination, the regatta has always focused on the beauty of sailing – and FUN.

The Turnback Tradition

From the small start of six to ten boats in the 50s, TBC Regatta became the largest event sponsored by AYC during the 70s and 80s. With participation levels up to 300 boats and as many as 100 multihull boats, TBC Regatta spawned another long-standing tradition of great parties – drinks, sea stories, BBQ meals, bands, dancing, and lots of joyful camaraderie.

Traditionally, Turnback has a Saturday morning start in the basin in front of AYC, with a sail to Lago Vista, an overnight anchorage and a sail back to AYC the following day. That course winds roughly 19 miles up the river channel of Lake Travis, ending at the Turnback Canyon cove which is part of the Bar-K Ranch community park at Lago Vista. The party would begin on arrival.

This year, unfortunately, Lake Travis is at a less than ideal water level. Currently Lake Travis is at 657ft msl (mean sea level) making navigation for the larger keel boats dangerous. Sadly, once again this year, Lago Fest is cancelled due the COVID-19 pandemic.

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70th Annual Turnback Canyon Regatta
May 15-16, 2021

AYC plans to keep the TBC tradition alive and well!

Racers and cruisers are invited to bring their sailboats to beautiful Lake Travis and participate in the 2021 70th edition of the Turnback Canyon Regatta. AYC will provide a race course for the racing-minded and a navigational cruise for cruising-minded sailors.

Sailing will take place in PHRF and One-Design classes. During the two-day Regatta, we plan to sail in the format the fleets are accustomed to: up-the-lake, long distance and drop mark buoy.

The main focus of this year's TBC event is getting back on the water, sailing, partying and having a great time as TBC traditionally intended. Let's plan to return to our TBC tradition next year as word has it – LagoFest is ON for Spring 2022!

Let's go Cajun, y'all!

Mardi Gras is the theme for the 70th TBC. Cajun Gumbo, crawfish/shrimp boil, potato salad, green leafy salad, cornbread and a wonderfully stacked Cajun dessert bar. To compliment Saturday's amazing Cajun feast, the Austin Yacht Club is proud to welcome **Charles Thibodeaux and the Austin Cajun Aces**. Austin's hottest Cajun band, the Austin Cajun Aces have that authentic Cajun sound – upbeat and happy – that represents the Joy of Life, Les Joire de Vivre. You are sure to "Pass a Good Time" enjoying their music! This band comes highly recommended by AYC's own Ragin' Cajun, **Harry Polly!**

2021 Turnback Canyon Regatta Itinerary

Friday, May 14

6:00pm Check-in/late registration opens at AYC
6:00-8:00pm Informal Beer Can race, snacks following the race
8:00 pm Check-in/late registration closes for the evening

Saturday, May 15 – Up the Lake Race

8:30am Check-in/late registration opens, breakfast tacos
9:30am Check-in/late registration closes, skipper's briefing
10:00am First signal for the racing classes – Leg 1
12:00pm First boats arrive at Buoy 22 finish line, timing wind-dependent
1:30pm First signal for the racing classes – Leg 2
4:00pm First boats arrive at Leg 2 finish line
5:00pm Last of boats arrive at AYC
5:30pm Dinner service begins at AYC
7:00pm Live music and dancing

Sunday, May 27

8:00am Complimentary continental breakfast at AYC
10:00am First signal for the racing classes
2:00pm Awards Ceremony – Timing wind-dependent

For racers and cruisers, Turnback is the annual regatta that's focused on getting out on the water and just having a good time! Please come out to "Keep the Tradition Alive!"

Registration details arriving to your email soon!



Turnback is BACK! Mark your calendars for May 15 & 16.

The Turnback Canyon Regatta is coming up the weekend of May 15th & 16th. If you aren't sailing, please consider volunteering. This event takes a lot of effort and can't be successful without the support of volunteers. Breakfast and lunch will be included for the day(s) you volunteer.

We need:

- Race Committee for both days
- Advertising/Marketing Team
- T-Shirt Team
- Trophy Team
- Registration Help for Friday evening and Saturday Morning
- Help with Breakfast on Saturday
- Cleanup help on Sunday
- Help with various other chores
- Photography Team
- Dessert preparation

Lending a helping hand will ensure that the Regatta is a success! Please go to the Volunteer Page at:

austinyachtclub.net/turnback-canyon-regatta/ to sign up.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact **Regatta Chair Jeff Sabuda** at jeff.sabuda@gmail.com

******PROBATIONARY MEMBERS****** All of the above stated volunteer activities will count towards your Probationary Requirements!!

THANK YOU!

AYC Members: You may have noticed that the pool is currently uncovered; however the pool remains closed. There is continual maintenance in progress as we prepare for our annual opening, hopefully by mid May.

More information will follow. Thank you for your continued patience and your eagerness to come take a plunge and marvel at the newly repaired and resurfaced pool deck!

Race Commander Report

by André de la Reza, Acting Race Commander



Wow that might have been the shortest Spring ever, because it sure seems like the Summer heat has hit fast and hard! That means being able to safely hop off a boat and into the lake makes our slice of heaven the best place to be!

Racing

Opening Series is finishing the day after I submit this article, and boy is it a Nail-Biter!

Bruce McDonald is leading PHRF-A followed by the Fleet Captain Kurt Zinsmeyer. PHRF-B has Ol' Salt Bill Records leading and being chased by Mack Warner. MH-A has three boats within three points – Bill Coon, Bo Kersey and Russ Shermer. Jim Casto and Owen Crouse are straight tied! The nimblest of the Js, J22 is being led by John Halter with Linda McDavitt and Jim Bridgwater tied for second. J24s have been super busy doing double duty with the series (Megan Yancy leading) and the J24 Texas State Championships (AYC represented on the podium by Fred Schroth). Ray Shull and Tom Romberg are within a point leading the J80s.

Spring Series starts April 18th, with Hazel Sanchez and Bruce McDonald as PRC Reps. So get your sunblock and come on out.

On the issue of important equipment, PRC Quartermaster Bob Leonard continues to lead his team in various efforts. The SEISA and J24 championship was a victim of the lake bottom traps that ate some anchors, so the team has replaced that as well as working out a distinctive "A" mark. Chase 3 has had trim mechanism failure, so Tom and Pat are working to get it back up and running.

Stay Safe, Sail Fast!



YAY Bob Gross for your generous service!

Harbor Report

by Russ Shermer



We have been monitoring the lake levels and forecasts closely. We wish to hold off on dock moves as long as we can to avoid any unnecessary work. However, we do anticipate that the docks will all need to be moved out to the point before October. The South Cove is getting tight and a section of the rigging dock will likely be removed this week.

The second and final cement deck triangles have arrived. Look for announcements for when this will occur. We will need to have the affected dock boxes unlocked and the contents removed so that we can replace the rotting wood under them. We will also send out an announcement for the volunteer work party to install the deck plates.

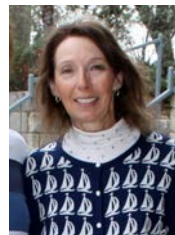
We will be holding an auction in the next month or two for the unclaimed trailers and parts in the grassy area. We also have several trailers in the boneyard that are labeled with former members' names. Please be sure that your trailer has your name on it so that we don't inadvertently auction it off.

There are a few boats in wet slips that meet the definition of "derelict." We are working to address these. If you were actively sailing your boat prior to COVID, you need not be concerned. The boats we are concerned with have not sailed for a number of years and are no longer in a working condition.

Please consult the news on the website for immediate updates and details.

Secretary Report

by Cheryl Pervier



Attention Members:

As a reminder, all Facilities Use Request forms (FURs) should be submitted and received by the AYC Secretary no later than 7:00 pm on the Sunday prior to the regular Board meeting. FURs submitted after the Sunday prior may not be considered until the next regular board meeting.

Please review the AYC website calendar to determine any potential conflicts. If you have any questions or need help with form submissions, please feel free to contact me via email, or you may contact Jackie at the office via email (gm@austinyachtclub.net) or call (512-266-1336). FUR requirements are documented in the AYC Handbook (under "Guests") and throughout the FUR form.

All FURs must have a representative present at the Board meeting so that Board members may discuss any questions they may have pertaining to the FUR.

When submitting your FUR, please make sure you receive a confirmation that your FUR was accepted and, if not, re-submit the form before the submission deadline.

To submit a FUR, go to <https://www.austinyachtclub.net>, log in, and go to Members menu, Reservations and Requests, and Request for Event Facility Use.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Buildings & Grounds Report

by John Maddalozzo



With Spring in the air, it is time for gearing up some Building & Grounds work.

We started off April with completing the renewal of the pool decking. The deck has been given a lighter color this year to make it cooler for bare feet. We hope to have the pool open in time for Turnback weekend.

Jeff and Marilyn Jackson continued as top contributors to B&G projects by installing nine new

fans in the patio area. The fans are 'smart' fans, so if you switch them on and don't see them start up right away, wait for them to boot. It takes a few seconds for them to come on. At this writing we're still trying to get them all on the same program. Some are not as smart as others.

Greg Grover has been working on removing landscaping plants that did not make it through the freeze. We took a big hit there. He has also been planting replacements as they can be acquired. There's a big demand for plants in the area right now for the obvious reason.

Building & Grounds and the Harbor Committee share thanks to **Jorge Martín de Nicolás, Fred Schroth and Kurt Carson** for spending the day rehabbing the mast raising mechanisms on both installations.

Other projects being considered for the next few weeks include remodeling Shelter 1 to be a year-round meeting room, gate upgrades, concrete steps to the South cove, parking lot and patio re-stripping and refurbishing the AYC sign on the point.

From the AYC General Manager

by Jackie Wheelless



Probationary Members...

The upcoming months are full of volunteer opportunities for new AYC members to begin or complete their probationary requirements. If you're a probationary member and need help signing up for activities that give you credit toward your requirements, please don't hesitate to contact your Mentor or myself so we can direct you to on-the-

water or service activities.

The swimming pool is uncovered but maintenance continues in preparation for our official opening – hopefully sometime in early to mid-May.

DID YOU KNOW??

The monthly dues and slip fee increases for 2021 took effect with the February 28 billing. Please review your statement for the new fees so that your monthly bank draft or personal check is for the correct amount.

The cabins are getting utilized pretty much continuously at this time of the year. Our housekeeping crew has done a wonderful job of keeping them cleaned and sanitized. For those of you who are new to AYC, please be sure to visit our website and view the cabin reservations information. If the dates are open, feel free to reserve a weekend or two for you and your family and friends – sign on to the website (your AYC member number and password) and then click on MEMBERS – RESERVATIONS & REQUESTS. Signed Covid Waivers are required for all occupants of the cabins.

The downstairs water cooler is undergoing maintenance. Please bring lots of water with you when you come out to the Club. The Coke machine (outside the Ice machine) also has water if you forget to bring your own.

I received a report recently of "oil residue in the water" near Dock 5. The Harbor Committee and I appreciate reports from the members. Please let us know if you notice this (or anything else that may need our attention). If at all possible, if you can notate which boat or boats you may suspect have a particular issue it will help us locate the member and remedy the situation quickly. We'd like to manage these situations to help keep our lake clean and healthy.

There are 20 copies of the Waterproof Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020 in the office. The newer version was released this year with very few rule updates. The 2020 version is on sale now for \$15 – first come first served. Once you contact me I'll charge your account and put the book on a hook outside the clubhouse (facing the office) for you to pick up at your convenience.

It's been a very busy, whirlwind (literally) kind of first quarter! Wind, rain, ICE, cold, heat, more wind, lightning, pollen, more pollen, even more pollen.....through it all, AYC members get HUGE kudos! Everyone keeps coming out, they keep smiling and they keep giving it their best effort to get out there and race!!! AYC versus Mother Nature!

AYC "Virtual" Awards Ceremony



Featuring the "lost" awards for the
2020 Opening Series
2020 Fall Series

This ceremony combines the awards for the 2020 Opening Series and 2020 Fall Series. Click the link below to view the Virtual Awards Ceremony, and for all the camaraderie we enjoy at our typical "End of Series" celebrations – these are the 2020 Opening Series and 2020 Fall Series Awards Celebrations that we missed last year!!

<http://www.j24fleet21.com/events/2021/VirtualAwards/2020-virtual-awards-email.htm>

Youth Sailing Director Report by Spencer LeGrande



AYC JUNIOR PROGRAM REGISTRATION IS ON THE WEBSITE!



ADVANCED LASER

This is a laser specific class that focuses on high-level racing and boat handling skills. Participants should be interested in traveling to regattas throughout the season. Sailing experience is required to take this class, and you must be at least 14 years old. It will be one practice per week for five hours on Saturday mornings. Spots are limited to boat availability unless you bring your own boat.

****All registrants for Advanced Laser Class must have approval from the AYC Coaching Staff.****

[REGISTER NOW FOR ADVANCED LASER](#)



HIGH SCHOOL SAILING

AYC has a robust and energetic High School Program that is growing rapidly! This High School Program is open to everyone in 8th-12th grades.

The focus of this High School Program is twofold. Most importantly the sailors will learn the basics of sailing, rigging, and introductory racing. Once the sailors have mastered these skills, the curriculum will switch to advanced racing tactics, boat handling, and an intense knowledge of the Racing Rules of Sailing. There is no sailing experience required to join this program!

The following high schools have sailing teams and students may also receive PE Credit. Contact your school counselor for info.

Lake Travis High School
Westlake High School
Sterling Classical School

[REGISTER NOW FOR HIGH SCHOOL SAILING](#)

OPTI PROGRAMS



OPTI I: BEGINNER

No sailing experience necessary! This introductory program is designed to teach sailors ages 8-12 the basics aboard our fleet of Optimists and Picos. Curriculum emphasizes the basics of sailing terminology, seamanship skills like knot tying and rigging, and boat handling. Sailors will be considered ready for Opti II when they are comfortable sailing independently upwind in 13-15 knots.

[REGISTER NOW FOR OPTI PROGRAMS](#)



OPTI II: INTERMEDIATE

The course curriculum focuses on refining boat handling skills and introductory racing skills and concepts through advanced racing tactics and strategy. Opti II has

ranging skill levels from recent Opti I graduate to experienced sailors.

****All registrants for Opti II must have approval from the AYC Coaching Staff.****

OPTI III: ADVANCED

Opti III practice is for those sailors who are interested in the highest level of competition. This class is geared towards the sailors that travel to regattas on weekends, so the practice schedule is structured around the TSA regatta schedule. For seasons with two practices per week, sailors will have the option to attend one or both practices.

****All registrants for Opti III must have approval from the AYC Coaching Staff.****

Please refer to page 27 for details and dates.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Mary & Perry James

Associate Probationary

Mary and her husband, Perry, have recently purchased a MacGregor 26 that they are keeping at Keller's. They also just completed the US Sailing Keelboat Class on the coast. They are novices who are very keen to learn and get involved. They have plans to sail the islands and are of the firm belief that learning to race makes a better sailor. They are anxious to get out on as many different boats as they can and will be staying on their boat on the weekends.



Robert Douglas

Associate Probationary

At 25 years of age, Robert has been racing for the last 14 years of his life. He was the Head Sailing Instructor and helped build the 420 fleet during his time at University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. He has extensive offshore experience and has taught many sailors over the years. He is also a technical scuba diver and is very enthusiastic to get on many different boats. He is sponsored by **Mike Cummins**.



Steven Burger

Associate Probationary

Steven wants to continue to learn to sail in a friendly race environment with the ultimate goal to build his skills so he can charter in places like the Caribbean. He wants to learn and mix with like minded people. He has lived in the BVIs and was an active member of the Royal BVI Yacht Club where he raced Laser Radials and served as crew on a day sail catamaran. He has trained under the Royal Yachting Associate schema and has also informally attended the ASA Keelboat class. He was the Course Marshal for the youth dinghy weekly races. Steven is sponsored by **James Parsons**.



Henry Hebel

Senior Probationary

Henry has had a lifelong love of sailing, and sailed Sunfish and Hobie Cats on Long Island Sound as a child. His family has recently moved to Lake Travis at Commanders Point and has purchased a Pearson 26 to start learning and racing. He and his wife are currently taking ASA classes at AYC and are excited to get into racing. Their oldest daughter is a member of the UT Sailing Club. Henry is sponsored by **Bill Records**.

IN MEMORIAM



James A. Tillinghast

January 9, 1943 - April 1, 2021

James A. Tillinghast, 78, passed away in the early morning on April 1, 2021, in Austin following a short illness.

Jim was born January 9, 1943, to Harry S. Tillinghast and Virginia A. Odenweller Tillinghast in Atlanta, Georgia. His family moved to Garland, Texas, in 1956, and he graduated from Garland High School in 1961. At the University of Texas at Austin, he earned a BS in Business in 1965 and a MBA in 1968.

While in graduate school, he worked in London for a summer with an international company where he became friends with people from diverse nationalities. This experience was the beginning of his love of travel and getting to know and understand people in various cultures.

Also while still in graduate school, the dean recommended Jim to a young Austin high tech firm, MRI. Jim was among MRI's first employees. He left MRI to serve in the U.S. Navy, where he was a systems analyst in Norfolk, Virginia. After receiving an honorable discharge from the Navy, he returned to MRI where he worked until the company was acquired by Intel in 1979.

"Jim was terrific at creating sound working relationships between MRI and customer or partner companies," Bob Brueck, co-founder of MRI, wrote recently to Jim's family. "In particular, he supervised the establishment of the first major Service Bureau customer of MRI in the early days when that was a key to survival of the company."

He continued to work at Intel until joining Digital Research, the pioneer in PC Operating Systems, in 1982. He went on to work at seven other high-tech companies, including, Illustra, Informix, SupportSoft, Relativity Technologies, and CMIT Solutions, an Austin-based provider of IT support services for businesses, where he worked at the time of his death.

Jim was always active in his spare time. As a youngster, he enjoyed scouting and hunting with his father and brother. He played football in high school. He received his private pilot's license in 1967. He enjoyed home wine and beer making. While in the Navy, he became very interested in sailing and his love for the sport continued for the rest of his life. He was a member of the Austin Yacht Club off and on beginning in the late 60s. He raced off-shore in California and was, until recently, an active racer on Lake Travis.

In 2011, Jim became Commodore of the Austin Yacht Club and continued to be involved in various committees until the time of his death.

More recently, he found a new passion in working at their property in the Texas Hill Country, fondly known as "the ranch." He particularly loved projects that required using the tractor. And he got much pleasure from working on building the ranch's two cabins.

Jim is survived by his best friend and life partner, Lanelle Montgomery; his children Michael Tillinghast and Catherine Tillinghast and her husband Jack Urquizu; his surrogate son, Ryan Harden, and his family; his brother Jay Tillinghast and sister, Ann Kirk; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to express their heartfelt appreciation to the staff at the Heart Hospital of Austin for the loving care they provided to both Jim and Lanelle during his last days.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to either of two passions Jim enjoyed immensely: the Technology Ministry of the Lake Travis United Methodist Church, (<http://ltumc.org/>), or the AYC Fund at the Austin Yacht Club, (austinyachtclub.net/ayc-fund).

In-person services to celebrate his life will be conducted at the Lake Travis United Methodist Church on Saturday, May 1, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. Masks will be required and social distancing observed. The service will also be live-streamed. A link will be provided at a later date.

Featuring: AYC Membership Committee

The AYC Membership Committee

Article by Dane Ohe



Committee Chair
Dane Ohe

As Immediate Past Commodore, I have the privilege and the pleasure of chairing the AYC Membership Committee for this year. The Membership Committee is tasked with reviewing all membership applications, resignations and change of status requests. The Committee then recommends actions to the Board of Directors for those applications, resignations and change requests. The Committee is also tasked with making recommendations to the Board concerning any House Rule 7 issues. The Committee periodically reviews and recommends changes to the AYC Membership Handbook to take into account evolving circumstances. Lastly, the committee oversees the AYC Mentor Program.

As of the March Board of Directors meeting, AYC has a total of 436 members spread over many different types of Membership. (There is a prize for anyone who can name all the different types of membership without looking below!) Currently, AYC has these different membership categories:

- (1) 10 Year Ol' Salt (2) 30 Year Ol' Salt
- (3) Associate (4) Associate Probationary
- (5) Senior (6) Senior Retired (7) Senior Probationary
- (8) Young Adult (9) Young Adult Probationary
- (10) Honorary (11) Student (12) Life Member
- (13) Non-Resident (14) Leave of Absence

The Membership Handbook found in the Information Section of the AYC Website describes the qualifications for each category of membership.

The Membership Committee for 2021 is made up of AYC Senior members who have a diversity of perspectives and a variety of experiences at the Club – from the hardest core racer, to the recreational sailor, to the beginning sailor. The Membership Committee members for 2021 are:

- Jim Tillinghast
- Bob Gross
- Rachel Bailey
- Karen Bogisch
- Paul Carew
- Cathie Martin
- Bill Coon
- Jackie Wheelless

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE TASKS:

- Review applications, resignations and change of status requests
- Recommend membership-related actions to the Board
- Make House Rule 7 recommendations
- Review/recommend changes to the Membership Handbook
- Oversee the AYC Mentor Program

The loss of **Jim Tillinghast** leaves a big hole at AYC and in the Membership Committee. Jim's decades of experience at the Club, including shepherding the Club as Commodore through some very tough times has been invaluable to the committee. His love of the Club was on display to all the new prospective members and he took an interest in everyone.

Bob Gross works in the boating industry and has been a member of several Yacht Clubs before joining AYC. As such, he brings a depth of experience and perspective to the committee. Bob is a hard-core racer and is always encouraging prospective members to get on a race boat and to learn racing!

Rachel Bailey brings the recreational sailor perspective to the Membership Committee. She and her wife have had a couple of bigger boats, now owning a Catalina 30 which they take out as often as they can.

Karen Bogisch is a long-time member of AYC and has served on the Board as Secretary. Before buying and racing a J-80, she owned and raced on a Hunter 28, bringing PHRF racing experience to the committee.

Paul Carew races on J22s and Lasers. His son, **Nicholas**, is in the AYC Junior Program and Roadrunner fleet, having started in Optimis and is now racing Lasers. Paul is a US Sailing Level 1 Instructor and an ASA instructor.

Cathie Martin is a fairly new member of AYC, but has jumped in feet first and is now our Social Committee Chair. Cathie also jumped in to sailing by taking several ASA classes and then heading to the BVIs for a charter! Cathie is always trying to recruit volunteers from the new members to help with the different Social Committee events.

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Bill Coon races multihulls and, along with being on the Membership Committee, he is also on Race Committee. Bill is full of ideas about how to improve processes and has been working with **Karen Bogisch** on implementing a better system to assign Mentors to new members.

Club Manager Jackie Wheeless is a non-voting member of the committee and provides support and answers administrative and procedural questions for the committee.

What does the Membership Committee actually do?

The primary responsibility of the Membership Committee is to look at new member applications, member change of status requests and member resignation requests and then recommend action on those requests to the Board of Directors. As per the Membership Handbook, the Board must approve or disapprove any of these requests for them to take effect.

Typically, the Membership Committee will spend some time talking with each prospective new member, letting them describe what brought them to AYC and why they would like to join and to also let them tell us about their sailing experiences and their expectations in joining AYC. The Membership Committee tries to get to know a little about each prospective member. Sometimes, based on the conversation, the committee may recommend to the prospective member that they apply for a different type of membership than they originally sought. Also, the Membership Committee can help dispel any misconceptions prospective members may have before they join. A common misconception is that, once someone joins, they get a slip immediately, or if they bought a boat from an AYC member, that the slip comes with the boat. The committee also lets the prospective members know that we hope they get into racing as it is a primary focus at the Club. Very, very rarely, the committee will make a determination that a prospective member is not a good fit for AYC and will recommend to the Board that the applicant is not granted membership.

The Membership Committee also makes recommendations to the Board on Change of Status requests (Senior Probationary to Senior, etc.) and Resignation Requests. There are usually no issues with these requests unless the member who is requesting to resign has an outstanding balance. If that balance is not resolved, the committee will recommend that the member be resigned Not in Good Standing.

The Committee is also tasked with making recommendations for reinstatement of members who have been terminated for unpaid balances over 90 days. The committee has the option of recommending a fine to be paid along with reinstatement. Only in cases with extreme cause will the committee not recommend reinstatement.

As society and life in general continue to evolve and change, the Membership Committee will review sections of the Membership Handbook and determine if changes are necessary and then recommend those changes to the Board for approval. Over the years, several updates have been made to keep up with the changing times.

Finally, the Membership Committee oversees the AYC Mentor Program.

AYC Mentor Program by Bill Coon

Several years ago, the Membership Committee established a Mentor Program to help new probationary members accelerate their level of engagement in the Club.

At present, 47 senior and associate members volunteer their time to share their AYC experiences and insights – acting as a primary resource for each of our 62 probationary members.

Following are typical ways Mentors support AYC probationary members during the pandemic:

- Give a socially distanced tour of the AYC facilities
- Provide guidance about how to make use of AYC sail training, boat storage, and other AYC opportunities
- Advise how to join fleet email lists, use the Crew Bench, and take advantage of Free Sail days
- Share their personal experience in learning how to get the most out of an AYC membership
- Facilitate introductions to AYC fleets and other AYC sailors with similar sailing interests
- Educate about the various volunteer activities and committees they can engage in at AYC
- Be a resource the new member can call/text/email with questions about how to do something at AYC
- Discuss how the new member is progressing in fulfilling their probation requirements

In non-pandemic times, other mentoring activity might include sailing on the Mentor's boat during Beer Can and/or other races to experience AYC racing/sailing.

The Membership Committee is always looking for more volunteers to be Mentors. If you are interested in volunteering please email **Bill Coon** (bill@elceeinterests.com) or **Karen Bogisch** (karenann78749@yahoo.com).

Get on the Committee!

Membership Committee members usually serve a three-year term, with new committee members rotating on every year. Typically, committee members have many years of experience at AYC, but new perspectives are always welcome. If you are interested in serving on the Membership Committee for the next year, please contact the current Commodore.

You can contact the Membership Committee at membershipcommittee@austinyachtclub.net.



AYC New Member Welcome Event

Easter Laser Regatta

District 15 of Laser North Americas
Regatta and Bunnies by Fred Schroth
Photos by Peter Atherton



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Easter Laser Regatta



J/24 Championship

Photos by Bruce McDonald
Regatta Chair Jorge Martín de Nicolás



Bow 01 Chris Holmes Bad Moon



Fred Schroth and crew



Brian Metz 2285 Illegal Smile and Graham Marshal



Ken Beringer Bow 64 representing AYC



Brian Metz and Rhonda Moore representing AYC



Javier Almodovar Santini

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J/24 Championship



Fred Schroth Psycho Stray Dog



Chris Holmes Bow 01, James Freedman Bow 34



James Freedman Miss Conduct



Graham Marshal Clairbouyant



Ellie Hudson Two Shots



Fred Schroth beat Brian Metz at the finish

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J/24 Championship

Photos by Elizabeth Quintanilla



Good to see Vang Go compete with Ken as the new owner



Bad Moon from DCYC is looking for wind



Chris Hammel and crew ... from UT Sailing Club to AYC Senior Member



Congratulations to 1st place Fred and Regatta Chair Jorge for a job well done!



J/24 start

Opening Series Race 2

Photos by Cheryl Pervier



Ray Shull – Tom Romberg – Terry Schertz



Spinnakers



James Bland



Roseanne Butera and crew



David Weeks – Mike Bayer – Mack Warner



Pearson David Weeks – J70 Bob Leonard

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Opening Series Race 3

Photos by Marilyn Jackson



David Jamail and crew on Blood, Sweat & Tears



Mike Bayer and Gina Grande on their Pearson 26



John Thurston and crew on Fastbreak



Jim Casto on Two Hot



Bill Records and Hazel Sanchez on Café au Lait



Bruce McDonald and Lisa Porta on Rogue Warrior

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2021 OPENING SERIES RESULTS

CLASS	SKIPPER	BOAT SAIL / NAME	TYPE	CLASS FINAL
Multihull A	Bill Coon	130 Humility	Corsair Sprint 750Mk2	1
Multihull A	Bo Kersey	276 Abandoned Assets	Corsair F31	2
Multihull A	Russ Shermer	355 Trial Run	F24 MK II	3
Multihull B	Jim Casto	314 Winned Instrument	Prindle 16	1
Multihull B	Owen Crouse	1193 Neko	Hobie Getaway	2
PHRF-A	Bruce McDonald	50 Rogue Warrior	J70	1
PHRF-A	Kurt Zinsmeyer	7 Shaken	J88	2
PHRF-A	Chris Lewis	181 GB	J70	3
PHRF-B	Bill Records	198 Café au Lait	Pearson 26 OD	1
PHRF-B	Mike Bayer	258 Entheos	Pearson 26 OD	2
PHRF -B	Dave Weeks	1393 Incognito	Pearson 26	3
One Design J80	Kirk Livingston	77 Warp Speed	N/A	1
	Ray Shull	266 Flyer		2
	Tom Romberg	221 Too Much J		3
One Design J22	John Halter	1235 Project Mayhem	N/A	1
	Jim Bridgwater	672 Silicon Ship		2
	Linda McDavitt	629 Bonfire		3
One Design J24	Megan Yancy	3282 Surface Tension	N/A	1
One Design Ensign	George Dahmen	588 Stijf Kop	N/A	1
	Tom Groll	578 Brews'er		2
	Lewis Price	929 Dos Locos		3
One Design Centerboard	James Bland	19888 Bombshell	N/A	1
	James Bland	8 Secretariat		2
	James Bland	88 September Too		3

More Information is available on the AYC Website

The link to the Spring Series NOR is:

<https://www.austinyachtclub.net/racing-documents/#1618085562286-c7c17acf-ccc8>

Fun Friday Fun by Marilyn Jackson



On April 19, **Jeff and Marilyn Jackson** hosted AYC Fun Friday. We played Two Truths & a Lie. **Renee Ruais, Gordan & Candance Miller, Jeff & Marilyn Jackson and Linda Donovan** were in attendance during the Zoom game. **James Parsons** joined us for a few minutes before we started playing. He was quite busy on a sailboat in New Zealand. We picked four topics to secretly



April 19 Fun Friday participants

select Two Truths & a Lie. The topics were things we studied or learned in Austin, things we had eaten, daring things we did in the past and things we did on Lake Travis. There were plenty of very interesting truths (and lies) and many stories were shared. One of us had eaten bear, multiple people

had eaten rattlesnake, Jeff has a HVAC license but he is not the only person who has had a HVAC license, someone was in Grenada last night, someone raced horses, someone rode a mechanical bull, someone had a real estate license and is also an ECA and there were Lake Travis stories.



April 2 Fun Friday participants

Yum! We cooked Chicken in Thai Green Curry and Spinach with Garbanzos in curry on April 2. **Russ and Jill Shermer** hosted a fun zoom cooking class where everyone had the opportunity to cook. In attendance were

Russ & Jill Shermer, Marilyn & Jeff Jackson, Maria Garcia, Cecilia & Dave Ferreira and their daughter Marie Ferreira. This was the last Fun Friday event for the season. Thank you **Russ & Jill** for the enjoyable class.

Hopefully, Fun Friday events can be held in the clubhouse this winter. Friday night Beer Can races start on April 16 so we will see you on the water.

Become an AYC Teaching / Skipper by ASA Instructor Harry Polly



Austin Yacht Club (AYC) is now linked with US Sailing through a new FIRST SIL class.

FIRST SAIL will be a regular offering from the AYC Sail Training Committee. This is a four-hour discover sailing class for people new to sailing or someone who wants to know more about AYC.

After an hour classroom session, experienced AYC sailors and racers will serve as Teaching / Skippers. The Teaching / Skippers will follow the on board guide developed by US Sailing.

ASA and US Sailing have agreed to allow AYC to offer the FIRST SAIL class. This class does not conflict with the ASA 101, Basic Keelboat Sailing certification course. This is a big win for AYC. We now have a comprehensive sail training program for both beginner sailors and intermediate sailors.

AYC's ASA certified instructors were automatically named Teaching / Skippers for the FIRST SAIL class. AYC is now naming other experienced sailors and racers as Teaching / Skippers. If you are interest in becoming a Teaching / Skipper for the FIRST SAIL class email **Harry Polly** at hpolly2323@gmail.com.

Our next FIRST SAIL class is set for May 1 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. If you or someone you know might be interested in joining the class use the following URL to access information.

<https://www.austinyachtclub.net/discover-sailing/>



Save the Date!

Multihull Fleet Report

by Bill Coon



April 11, 2021 felt like the opening race of the spring racing season with seven trimarans and two catamarans on the starting line. The South Cove rigging dock was completely full as the nine multihulls set up for a gorgeous spring day of racing with very shift S-SW-S-SE wind conditions.

Bo Kersey and Russ Shermer led both fleets, being the only skippers to participate in all four Opening Series races.

Giving his Nacra a break, **Jim Casto** squeaked out the Opening Series 1st place position on his Prindle 16 "Winned Instrument" over **Owen Crouse** on his Hobie Getaway "Neko". Team Humility's **Juke Ball**, **Johannes Brinkmann**, **Joel Rosinbum**, and **Bill Coon** missed the first race of the Opening Series but finished strong with three bullets to win the trimaran series over **Bo and Robbin Kersey** "Abandoned Assets" (2nd), and **Russ Shermer with Brandon Furey** double-handing Trial Run (3rd).

Opening Series highlights included **Owen Crouse's** 1st place in the 3rd race; a hotly contested 3rd series race amongst the trimarans with all five boats finishing within a four-minute (corrected) spread after more than two hours of racing including a very tight race between Rumline and Humility, plus cameo appearances during the series by **Dave**

Kleinman, Aaron McCulley, and Mike Rohrer. Brigitte Benquet, Mike Beuerlein, and Philippe Bettler challenged the trimaran fleets in the last two series races with two 3rd places – finishing just seconds out of 2nd place in each race.



Counter clockwise in photo: Russ Shermer and Brandon Furey, "Trial Run", Owen Crouse, "Neko", Juke Ball (on dock), "Abandoned Assets", Joel Rosinbum, Steve and Jenny Pollinger, Johannes Brinkmann, "Lucy Gene", "Humility", "Giddy Up", Mike Rohrer (on Junior Dock), "Rush Hour"
Photo by Bill Coon.

A-Fleet Report

by Kurt Zinsmeyer



Opening Series

Opening series was a big success. Congratulations to **Bruce McDonald** and the crew of Rogue Warrior for their win! J/70s made a big showing throughout the entire series. Thanks to all the RC volunteers and other volunteer leadership for getting us back to normal racing.

A-fleet has been using RaceQs to evaluate the split-times for each leg of a given race. **Cass Meyer** first developed a spreadsheet to evaluate the split-times and we have worked together to refine this spreadsheet over the past few months. The following example shows the results for the recent Opening Series Race #4:

2021 OPENING SERIES RACE #4

4/11/2021

Start Time:	13:55:00
Course:	4-5
# of Legs:	5

Upwind
Downwind



This exercise is somewhat academic, but it often provides additional insight into the race. For example, the data might show that a team performs well on upwind legs but not so well on downwind legs. Other times, it may indicate that a boat really outperformed the competition on a single leg. With this additional insight, RaceQs can be reviewed more closely to help determine why performance may have been better or worse on a given leg.

AYC at Chicago-Mac

A-Fleet's **Ian McAbeer** is prepping Seahorse to compete in the Chicago-Mackinac race in mid-July. Seahorse is a First (Seascope) 27 and the Beneteau folks are providing Ian with some support to help promote the boat here in the USA. We wish Ian the best of luck!

Boat Information						Place (TOT Adjusted)						Elapsed Time (TOT Adjusted)							Elapsed Time (Actual)						
Name	Type	Sail #	Base PHRF	PHRF Adj.	Race PHRF	Leg 1	Leg 2	Leg 3	Leg 4	Leg 5	Overall	Leg 1	Leg 2	Leg 3	Leg 4	Leg 5	Overall	DELTA to Leader	Leg 1	Leg 2	Leg 3	Leg 4	Leg 5	Overall	
GB	J/70	181	114		114	1	1	3	4	3	1	0:14:01	0:23:45	0:35:15	0:23:36	0:18:19	1:54:57	0:00:00	0:14:19	0:24:16	0:36:01	0:24:07	0:18:43	1:57:26	
Rogue Warrior	J/70	50	114	3	117	4	3	1	3	5	2	0:15:07	0:25:17	0:33:08	0:23:14	0:19:11	1:55:57	0:01:00	0:15:31	0:25:57	0:34:00	0:23:50	0:19:41	1:58:59	
Shaken	J/88	007	87		87	2	2	4	1	2	3	0:14:36	0:23:53	0:37:02	0:23:03	0:18:07	1:56:40	0:01:43	0:14:18	0:23:24	0:36:18	0:22:35	0:17:45	1:54:20	
Namaste	P Flyer	836	135		135	3	5	2	2	1	4	0:14:50	0:27:21	0:34:30	0:23:06	0:17:58	1:57:45	0:02:47	0:15:38	0:28:49	0:36:21	0:24:21	0:18:56	2:04:05	
Ornery	Capri 25	1927	171		171	6	4	6	6	4	5	0:16:24	0:27:00	0:40:29	0:25:45	0:18:34	2:08:12	0:13:14	0:18:11	0:29:57	0:44:54	0:28:34	0:20:36	2:22:12	
Chariot	J/70	182	114	3	117	5	6	5	5	6	6	0:16:16	0:30:30	0:37:42	0:25:23	0:20:20	2:10:12	0:15:14	0:16:42	0:31:18	0:38:41	0:26:03	0:20:52	2:13:36	
MIN												0:14:01	0:23:45	0:33:08	0:23:03	0:17:58	1:54:57		0:14:18	0:23:24	0:34:00	0:22:35	0:17:45	1:54:20	
MAX												0:16:24	0:30:30	0:40:29	0:25:45	0:20:20	2:10:12		0:18:11	0:31:18	0:44:54	0:28:34	0:20:52	2:22:12	
SPREAD												0:02:23	0:06:45	0:07:21	0:02:43	0:02:22	0:15:14		0:03:53	0:07:54	0:10:54	0:05:59	0:03:07	0:27:52	

Ensign Report by Bill Hawk



The new year has been eventful for the Ensign Fleet. Besides our fleet sail-arounds, we have had a great turn-out for the Opening Series, ran a good RC in challenging conditions for the second week of the series, and have been enjoying the (finally) warm weather and fair winds on Lake Travis.

On a less cheerful note, our roster of experienced sailors took a hit from the loss of **Clift Price**, founder and long-time Ensign sailor, and **Karel**

Dahmen, whose life story will make a great movie some day. We will all miss their cheerful can-do attitudes and non-stop positive outlook on life and sailing.



Annie Lancaster and crew on Abaco Photo by Elizabeth Quintanilla

The Opening Series has been an interesting change in format, with a single long-distance race replacing our usual regimen of shorter RTB races. Some like the longer format, others prefer the faster response time and greater opportunity for strategy – we all agree that a change of pace has been fun and interesting, even if we would prefer to go back to the tighter courses. This series has been dominated by **George and Frans Dahmen (with Anne**

Kitzmiller) on Stijf Kop, closely followed by the usual gang of **Tom Groll, and Lewis Price, with Bill & Kelly Hawk, Dave Gamble, Annie Lancaster, and David and Ann Morley** following closely and sometimes even leading for most of the races.

There is a lot going on later in the year as well:

Beer Can starts on April 16 – not an Ensign Fleet event but some of us love it!

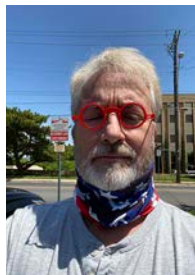
Ensign Nationals in Marquette, Michigan in August – current plans are for one road boat and one loaner boat from AYC to participate.

Sail 4 Kids on September 25 – if you have never participated in this event please consider, although we usually have plenty of volunteers. You will not have a more rewarding day on your boat.

Chapparral del Mar on October 3 – the Ensign Fleet turns its boats over to our more experienced members who don't typically sail Ensigns, high-jinks and excitement usually follow!

In general, the Ensign Fleet seems to have weathered the COVID lockdown reasonably well – none of our members are any more crazy than they were before, we have all been getting out sailing a lot, and we are all looking forward to standing around a keg with the rest of the AYC crew swapping tales of adventure and sound boat handling. See you on the water!

Dinghy Fleet Report by James Bland



March was a good month for dinghy sailing after the first race of the season. While attendance was limited to me, myself and I on the Centerboard start, I could tune up and compare corrected times favorably against other fleets.

The Finn National Championships are at Corpus Christi YC June 24 – my preparations are beginning in earnest and I'll be training with **Rob Coutts** just before the regatta.

As this note goes to press, AYC Snipe fleet #505 dues have been renewed with SCIRA and we are looking for sailors and welcoming new sailors. Dallas Fleet #1 is hosting an event in April and around Memorial Day.

It's clear that foiling boats like the WASZP AND MOTH are where the future of youth sailing and lighter weight crew is firmly entrenched after the last Americas Cup. **Brendan McAndrews** along with **John Bartlett** are our resident experts and I'd encourage all dinghy sailors to the line in series racing to train. Rumor has it that **Mathias Coutts** (15) will be competing against **Nathan Outeridge** and other top flight sailors in a MOTH very soon.

Lastly, the Pelican project is on a brief hold while the wood (cypress) and plywood orders are completed at Fine Lumber in Austin. While I'm waiting, the building jig has undergone final adjustments/trying and patterns for the foils and structure are being fashioned.



Beer Can Races Return!

Every Friday Night

April 16 - September 10

Fee: Free

Registration: Not required

Open to: Members only

Venue: AYC Clubhouse, Lake Travis

DETAILS

- **Self-start – First to finish wins**
- Staggered start
- Reverse Handicap
- Check the Notice Board for start time

Below is the link to a web page dedicated to Beer Can information. This page is updated with content and the 2021 NOR and SIs. There is also a link to this page in the menu under Race - Racing - Series Racing

<https://www.austinyachtclub.net/beer-can-races/>

The Performance Racing Fleet invites all keel, multihull and centerboard boats to participate in a pursuit style race.

There will not be any post-race cooking or social activities for the month of April. We will update everyone once we can resume our post race activities.

AYC General Manager

Spring Series Information

The link to the Spring Series NOR is:

<https://www.austinyachtclub.net/racing-documents/#1618085562286-c7c17acf-xx8>

The dates are accurate but we are working with fleet captains for final RC order (so if your fleet captain reaches out, please respond to them).

Keep your eyes out for the SI and Fleet RC order in the next few days.

Also, in order to keep Zoom security – the passcode for competitor briefing will not be posted in the NORs. Please use the code "sping."

Thank you and we look forward to working with y'all,

Hazel Sanchez and Bruce McDonald

PHOTOS BY MEMBERS



START - Humility - Opening Series Race #4 Photo submitted by Bill Coon



McCarthy Cup lineup Photo by Jim Casto



Another perspective of the McCarthy Cup lineup Photo by Ed Pierce



Series race pre-start Photo by Steve (of Comanche Trail), submitted by Elizabeth Quintanilla

IN MEMORIAM



Betty Lou Hamilton

January 21, 1936 - April 6, 2021

Betty Lou Hamilton passed away at her home on April 6, 2021. She was born on January 21, 1936 in San Antonio, TX to Lilian and Woodrow Curd. Betty graduated from Trinity University in 1959 with a B.A. in Music.

In 1962 she met Dr. Gordon Hamilton at a church Valentine's Day party. They were soon engaged, and married on August 18, 1962. After living in Peoria, IL for two years, they moved to Austin in 1965. Throughout her life Betty was an organist at several churches in San Antonio and Austin and played for many weddings.

She is survived by her husband, Gordon; their son, Dr. Kenneth Hamilton and wife, Robin and his children, Sarah, Rachel, and Hannah; her daughter, Dr. Karen Lass and her husband, Steven, and their children, Faith and Joshua; also her sister, Vicki Curd Aijian. Her brother, Woodrow Curd, preceded her in death.

A memorial service and celebration of life is planned later. Instead of flowers, she requests that you do an unexpected and unsolicited act of kindness for someone in her memory or gift to a charity of your interest.

Please visit Betty's memorial page at www.cookwaldencapitalparks.com where you can view service information and share memories and condolences with her family.

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Independence Day	July 4
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AYC 2021 Race Calendar

April 23, 30	Beer Can Races	6:00pm start
April 24-25	SEISA College Championship Regatta	
April 25	Spring Series #2	1:30pm start
May 1	DF95 Texas Traveler Series Circuit Stop	9:00am - 4:30pm
May 2, 8, 23	Spring Series #3, #4, #5	1:30pm start
May 5, 12, 19, 26	Sunfish & Laser Wednesday Races	5:00pm
May 7, 14, 28	Beer Can Races	6:00pm start
May 15-16	Turnback Canyon Regatta	
May 21	MoonBurn Series #1	7:00pm start

AYC 2021 Non-Racing Events

April 22	AYC Board Meeting	7:30 - 9:00pm
April 24	UTSC Saturday Sail	11:00am - 5:00pm
April 20, 27	DF 95 Tuesday Sailing	5:00 - 7:30pm
May 1	UTSC Saturday Sail	11:00am - 5:00pm
May 1	FIRST SAIL Certification	1:00 - 5:00pm
May 1	Celebration of Life, Jim Tillinghast	2:00pm
May 2, 9, 22, 29	AYC Members Free Sail	1:00pm
May 4, 11, 18, 25	DF 95 Tuesday Sailing	5:00pm
May 15-16	ASA Basic Keelboat Sailing Certification	10:00am
May 15	Turnback Regatta Cajun Dinner	5:00pm
May 22	Scout Clinic for Small Boat Sailing Merit Badge	8:00am - 6:00pm
May 22	Celebration of Life, Bob Goldsmith	10:00am
May 23	End of Spring Series Dinner	5:00 - 7:00pm
May 27	AYC Board Meeting	7:30pm - 9:00pm

April/May Junior Programs

High School Spring Practice

April 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30	5:00 - 7:30pm
May 1, 8, 17	11:30am - 6:00pm
May 2, 9, 16	9:00am - 3:30pm
May 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14	5:00 - 7:30pm

Advanced Laser Spring Practice

April 24	9:00am - 2:00pm
May 1, 8, 15	9:00am

Opti I Spring Practice

April 25	9:00 - 11:30am
May 2, 9, 16	9:00 - 11:30am

Opti II Spring Practice

April 24	3:30 - 6:00pm
May 1, 8, 15	3:30 - 6:00pm

Opti III Spring Practice

April 24	9:00am - 2:00pm
April 28	5:00 - 7:30pm
May 1, 8, 15	9:00am - 2:00pm
May 5, 12	5:00 - 7:30pm

PB&J Summer Sailing Series

May 29	PB&J Summer Sailing Series Session 1	9:30 - 11:00am
May 29	PB&J Summer Sailing Series Session 2	11:00am - 12:30pm