



FEATURE: AYC Social Committee

2021 Turnback Comeback!



Cass Meyer and crew of Pearson Flyer Namaste capture Turnback Division B win! Photo by Anne Morley

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Message from the Commodore by Diane Covert



Wow what a great Turnback that was! It was great to see members' faces again, and it seemed that everyone was pumped to race, eat and dance together again. This was all made possible by the **Regatta Co-chairs Jeff Sabuda and Dee Chow** along with **Social Committee Chair Cathie Martin** and a host of

volunteers. Thanks to all of you for making this a great event!

I wanted to bring to your attention various items being worked on by Board members and Volunteer Committees.

First, I am constantly amazed how many emails are exchanged with the Permanent Race Committee. PRC is always hard at work, constantly reviewing, discussing, re-evaluating, and making new recommendations on the racing scene. The committee has risen to the challenge of making racing fun and fair during abnormal times. You might not always agree with them, but it isn't because they haven't thought of every aspect and discussed it thoroughly. It has been tough having to alter the entire racing strategy for every series, but they have done an excellent job.

Sail Training has entered a new contract with **Wind Advisory aka Bobby Brooks** to provide regatta support, fleet analysis, and series racing and debriefs. The Roadrunner Regatta will be the first of this support effort. He is also available through his new company to provide individual lessons and training. We are looking forward to this relationship and the expertise he can bring to our Club.

The Harbor Committee consists of dock, dry sail and work area captains. They monitor slip occupants and members' requests to move. They monitor the condition of the docks, coordinate repairs, and hire out to move them when necessary. They have also set up a matrix of information consisting of the slip/slot size, water depth, boat type, and occupant of each slip/slot. This information is passed along to **Jackie** who bills the proper occupant accordingly. The Harbor Committee's job tends to be a complaint department and a thankless one. We are so lucky that these volunteers give us their time and patience.

Did you know that the AYC finances are audited every other year? We hire an outside auditor who reports their findings to three board members plus a three-member Finance Committee. The audit is currently under way and we will report back to the members once its completed.

Our secretary, **Cheryl Pervier**, has been hard at work making recommendations to update the AYC Handbook. The Handbook is inconsistent, confusing and has been haphazardly added onto in the past. It makes it difficult to address members' questions when the Handbook sometimes contradicts itself. The plan is to address discrepancies in the entire document and vote on the updated version sometime this year.

I asked **Linda Mc Davitt** and **Ed Pierce** to work on updating the Board and Staff position descriptions of tasks and duties. The current descriptions on file are from 2003 and are too generalized, only a few sentences in some cases. The point is to capture the details of the

Board and Staff positions and how they interact with each other. This will be used as a guideline for better recruitment and preparation for new Board members and their committees.

This month, I have only touched base on half of the items going on at the Club. Next time I will update you on Summer Camp, Adult Training, Membership Committee, Building & Grounds, the AYC Directory, Archives, Social Committee, communications, etc.

Enjoy the upcoming Summer Evening Series and other activities coming up at the Club.

Vice Commodore Report by Anne Morley



Turnback Canyon Regatta was a huge success! It felt like things are getting back to "normal"! **Regatta Co-chairs Jeff Sabuda and Dee Chow** did an amazing job! What a special weekend. The spirit of being back together without masks, racing, celebrating, dancing and hugging our friends just felt great! The weather even cooperated!

The spirit of volunteerism really shone through during the Turnback Canyon Regatta weekend. Thank you from the bottom of my heart to **Jeff and Dee** for all of their hard work. They worked hard and they had an amazing crew of volunteers. Members really stepped up to do all the parts that made the event go so well! It was great watching the teamwork!

Jeff and Dee have an article later in this Telltale to thank all of people who helped. I would like to personally shout out to a few of them:

- **Bill Hawk** for being PRO and **Jorge Martin-de-Nicholás** for scoring.
- **Bob Gross** for the amazing Crawfish Boil.
- **Janis Livingston** for organizing all of the desserts, procuring the lunches, breakfasts and coffee.
- **Claudia Bartlett** for making the amazing Mac and Cheese!
- **Cathie Martin**, great Gumbo!
- **Kirk Livingston** for getting us the Texas Sailing gift certificate to raffle off to raise money for the AYC Fund.
- **Karen Bogish and Martine Lacombe** for handling registration.
- **John Grzinich, Ed Pierce, Spencer LaGrande and Cheryl Pervier** for overseeing the website registration.
- Also, thank you to our amazing staff, **Jackie and Tom**, for working above and beyond to help us!

We couldn't have done it without each and everyone of you! AYC is a volunteer Club and everyone came out in force to help!

Many thanks to the Turnback Canyon Regatta Sponsors for supporting us. **Texas Sailing, Hanover's Draught Haus, Ruta Maya Coffee, Bruegger's Bagels, Thundercloud Subs at Four Points, Eternal Peace and Los Pinos.** We appreciate your support!

Race Commander Report

by André de la Reza, Acting Race Commander



Hello AYC!

May is rolling a bit schizophrenic. Just when you think you can put your cold weather foulies away, another cool rainy front blows in. Well that hasn't stopped our brave AYC racers.

Spring Series has been rocking with the start line of all fleets well attended and competitive!

After four weeks of racing we have some tight clumping! PRF A has 4 points separating 1st through 3rd, PRF B has a 3-point spread for 1-4! Trimarans and Catamarans a 2-point spread for the podium. J22s have a tie for at 1st and 2nd, and another at 3rd and 4th! A trend that is also shared in the J/24s. Seriously, I can't make this stuff up! The J 80s have a 1-point battle going between 1st and 2nd. So stay tuned in, it is all within fighting distance!!

Turnback Canyon braved through some truly frightening weather forecasts to turn out to be a great day of racing! Fun was had by all, and truly well earned as it was the last race event we had before the county announced we were going to COVID Stage 2, so there has been a light in the end of the tunnel! Turnback also unfortunately gave me occasion to delve deep into the rules and the Deed of Gift of the Levens Trophy. I want to share this here, so that future generations can try and avoid my mistake. There are many and varied descriptions of how the Levens Trophy is awarded, so I dug through them to the surviving member of original creators, **Steve Vaughn**. This is important so I want to share it – the reason for the Levens is to promote participation and racing of all, and was to be awarded for the **best corrected time for the first race of Turnback – where every boat had a reasonable and fair chance to win**. This year, like some in the past, we invalidated this by splitting the fleet. Not all racers sailed the same race. This was not a fault of any racers. **Anne and I** are working on coming up with a substitute award for the winner of best corrected times and that will be announced soon, but alas the requirements to award the Levens deed of trust were not met. There will be many process and institutional changes made to avoid this error in future races that involve a perpetual award.

I want to thank all the PRC, **Brad Davis**, and the other members that contributed their time, knowledge and experience to investigating and resolving this. While not the resolution some desired, it is the most objective and fair one.

Hope to see y'all in the water. Stay Safe and Sail Fast!

Harbor Report

by Russ Shermer



We were fortunate to receive enough rain to have the lake come up three feet. We anticipate that this will delay any major dock moves by about six weeks.

This month I'd like to highlight the wonderful team I work with! The Harbor Committee is a passionate group of members with great ideas and many combined years of all-things-harbor experience.

Behind the scenes, this team has been doing a huge amount of work. Some of the work includes monitoring and reporting listing boats or hoists in wet slips, providing key skills on dock projects, cleaning and organizing the boneyard, and making the slip assignment process more accurate and efficient. This team is what makes the Harbor stuff happen.

Thank you Harbor Committee!

Secretary Report

by Cheryl Pervier



One of the duties of the AYC Secretary is to maintain and periodically publish the Member Directory. It's important to the cohesion of the Club to know who's who and how we can get in touch with one another. The Member Directory is based on the General Manager's Quicken database. You've seen a couple of emails asking for updates, and many thanks to those who reviewed

and updated their information. We normally publish a hard-copy of the Directory and Handbook every year, but didn't in 2020 because of COVID-19. We are working on a 2021 version and it should be available in the near future. The same information is also available on the website (under "Members," "Printable Member Directory") but sometimes it's nice to have a hard-copy of the Directory and Handbook in one's hands.

In addition to the printable and printed Members Directory, we have the "Online Member Directory," available on our website under "Members." This is a search tool, in which you type in the member's first or last name (you have to specify). Members own and update their own information. They can even provide a photo and biographical information.

We also provide a list of members' boats. It's on the website, under the Race, Active Racing Boats. It has a very friendly search capability, in that you can search by boat type, name, owner, rating, or sail number. Please look for your boat(s) and provide updates, using the "Add or Correct a Boat" link at the top of that page. If you are racing, it's very important that you help the Scoring Committee and keep the information accurate.

SERVICE ANIMALS AND AYC



Recently, questions have arisen about service dogs being allowed on AYC property. By definition, service dogs are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities. Many people with a wide variety of disabilities have service dogs to warn them of health concerns like blood sugar changes, medication reminders, onset of seizures or anxiety attacks.

Emotional support, therapy, comfort, or companion dogs do not fall under the definition of a service animal. The Club does not allow non-service dogs on the property unless you are carrying the dog from your car to your boat. Non-service dogs seen on the property may be reported to the management office.

In general, service animals are governed under the ADA which is enforced by the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Title II (state and local government services) and III (public

accommodations and commercial facilities).

Under the ADA, state and local government, businesses and non-profit organizations that serve the public must allow service animals that accompany people with disabilities in all areas where members of the public can go.

According to the National Service Animal Registry, the average cost of a service dog is around \$15,000 to \$30,000. Depending upon their tasks and responsibilities, some can cost upwards of \$50,000.

The Club is asking that service dogs be voluntarily registered with the management office. This will help protect the privacy of individuals with disabilities and ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If you have a question about whether a dog is a service animal, please direct your inquiry to the management office, not to the individual with the dog. According to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), only two questions may be asked of a disabled individual with a dog: (1) Is the dog a service animal required because of a disability? (2) What work or task has the dog been trained to perform?

You may not ask about a person's disability, require medical documentation, require special identification, or ask the dog to demonstrate its ability to perform the work or task. Service dogs are not required to wear a vest, ID tag or special harness.

Finally, if your guest is bringing their service animal to the Club, please call the management office ahead of time and let them know. Violations of the ADA can incur fines. Thank you in advance for your help with this sensitive subject. We want to ensure that all feel welcome at AYC.

Burgee Exchange



Commodore Diane Covert exchanges burgees with John Sanford, Commodore of the Anacortes Yacht Club Washington, Friday April 30, 2021.

Private Lesson Sailors



Sail Training! Dylan Davies and friend Jason enjoying a private lesson at AYC. Photo by Bill Records.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



David Gould

Associate Probationary

David is enthusiastic about learning how to sail, race and all aspects of the sport. Currently he does not have a boat, but his goal is to eventually get a boat suitable for blue water sailing.



Joseph Runyon

Senior Probationary

Joseph was previously a probationary member of AYC in 2011/2012, but life got in the way, forcing him to move away from Austin without completing his requirements. He got the sailing bug at the J/24 Racing School at AYC, had a South Coast before leaving, and wants to get back into racing. He recently bought a Sunfish and is looking forward to racing it on Wednesday nights.



Adriana Ravedo

Associate Probationary

Adriana wants to learn how to sail, to meet people who sail and to have sailing as a part of her life in the years ahead. She is interested in getting involved with the Social Committee, Buildings & Grounds, Harbor and Sail Training.

Jay Phillips

Associate Probationary

Jay moved to the neighborhood last summer and was hoping to join AYC then, but Covid made that difficult. He is looking forward to crewing and learning about racing, with the goal of eventually getting his own boat. He has wanted to start sailing for a long time and is enthusiastic. Jay recently participated in the "First Sail" program here at AYC.

Douglas Herling

Senior Probationary

Douglas has moved to Austin from Connecticut where he and his family were active sailors. He grew up sailing Lasers, Lightnings, Sonars and J-Boats at Norton Yacht Club. He was the racing coach at Norwalk Yacht Club for four years. His wife has a strong background in cruising. Doug comes with very strong references.

Featuring: AYC Social Committee

Fun! Fun! Fun!

by Cathie Martin



Committee Chair
Cathie Martin

The Austin Yacht Club Social Committee is the committee of *Fun! Fun! Fun!* The Club and its leadership believe social events promote and strengthen our member relationships and encourage a healthy team environment. Some would say the opportunities to socialize as racers offer us a chance to meet off-the-water and interact on land.

The Social Committee aims to provide a schedule of inclusive, evolving, enjoyable events to foster Club pride and camaraderie. The Social Committee plans and organizes events; however, it relies on volunteers and sponsors to bring the events to fulfillment.

In fall, before the following year, the Social Chair puts together a social calendar of engaging events around the race calendar, and in collaboration with the General Manager and Commodore. The Social Committee is responsible for promotion, menu planning, decorations, food preparation and food distribution.

Events range from End of Series Dinners, luaus, family events and annual meeting/banquet.

Mark your calendar for future events:

EVENT/DATE	EVENT CHAIR/GUEST CHEF
4th of July Picnic & Family Day Sunday, July 4, 2021	Event Leads: Jeff & Marilyn Jackson Guest Chef: Claudia Bartlett
End of Summer Series Dinner Saturday, July 31, 2021	Sandwiches, guest chefs: The Claudia Bartlett – Pimento cheese and bacon Knot Kurt Karson – Chipotle chicken on grilled sourdough Danewich – Grilled peanut butter and grape jelly Benker's Burnt Ends – Brisket, onion jam and cheese Jammin' Sweet Jackie – Grilled cream cheese and strawberries (vegetarian option)
Caribbean Centerboard Regatta Dinner Saturday, September 18, 2021	Regatta Chair: Louise Miller
End of Series Indian Summer Dinner – Pat Manning's Hawaiian Nights Saturday, October 3, 2021	Guest Chef: Pat Manning
Governor's Cup Regatta Saturday, October 23, 2021	Regatta Chairs: Karen Bogisch and Jeane Goldsmith Roadrunner Fund Raiser
Fall Series Sunday, November 14, 2021	Guest Chefs: J 80 Fleet
AYC Annual Meeting Thursday, November 18, 2021	Event Leads: TBD
Wild Turkey Regatta Saturday, November 20, 2021	Regatta Chairs: TBD
AYC Annual Banquet Saturday, December 4, 2021	Social Committee and Volunteers
New Year's Eve Party Friday, December 31, 2021	Event Leads: TBD

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Featuring: AYC Social Committee

Social Committee Members

Dee Chow & Jeff Sabuda

Pat Manning

Bill Benker

Marilyn & Jeff Jackson

Louise Miller & Walter Payne

Annie & Charlie Lancaster

Liz Stansfeld and William Stansfeld

Claudia Bartlett, July 4th Family Games

Martine Lacombe, Social Committee Media Guru

Johanna & Matt Brown

Kim Day

Marie Snidow

Karen Bogisch

Social Committee Member Spotlight : Kim Day



Kim Day

My sailing experience is limited to Lake Travis where I learned to sail just out of college on a 14' and 16' Hobie Cat. I spent hours on the lake running these two boats, and then took the next step to purchase a 27' Hunter with some friends and sailed that for many years.

I took a very long break from sailing and am now committed to getting back into it for both the fun and the competition. I would like to gain proficiency in crewing Catamarans, Trimarans and certainly monohulls. They require different skills, and my goal is to be on the water and learn the skill of sailing on multiple types of boats. I want to eventually purchase my own boat again, so this gives me a great opportunity to try different types of boats, contribute to AYC and re-skill at the same time.

By profession, I am a business development consultant in the government healthcare space and work with states needing with their healthcare programs. I travel (at least pre-COVID) for business a decent amount of time to cover my territory and am always back in Austin on the weekends, making me available often for crew opportunities.

I have two adult children. My son lives out of state, and my daughter is about to graduate from college and launch her career so not quite sure where she will end up. We all share a love of the water and participate in various water sports.

As a crew member, I take instruction well, think quickly on my feet and am very willing to learn! I look forward to sailing with you all soon!

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE?

Contact Social Chair Cathie Martin – socialcommittee@austinyachtclub.net

Float Plan

by ASA Instructor Harry Polly



Do Not Leave This Vital Sailing Document Ashore Before You Cast Off

Learn to sail like a pro by leaving a clear, concise float plan with a friend, relative, or neighbor. That way, in case you fail to show up when you say you will, they can contact the authorities with solid information. Rescue teams need this to lay out

search routes, plans, teams, and coordinate with different agencies. Make sure your float plan includes the following:

Boat Description

Describe your boat in detail. Give name, length overall, color and type. Include projections such as bowsprits, wind-vanes, dinghy davits or boomkins, along with the make, model, and color of your dinghy. Add description of dodgers, awnings, weather cloths, enclosures and the color of each. Write down the registration or documentation number.

Photos

When sailing offshore, add photos of your boat to enhance the descriptions. Take three outside shots; bow, beam, and stern.

Persons in Crew

Include name, gender, age, address, driver's license number, passport number, and a clear photo of skipper and all crew. Ask each crew member if they have any medical conditions that require medication or monitoring. Describe the exact name and dosage of medications required by each person. Rescue teams need to know this to provide care for medical emergencies.

Realize that military flight surgeons or other medical professionals may be able to provide assistance via consultation on the radio in time-critical medical emergencies (i.e. phone patches through a US Coast Guard Rescue Center). The more they know ahead of time, the better equipped they will be to make the best decision for an injured or sick crew member.

Sailing Route and "Pull Offs"

Describe the proposed route from start to finish. Include harbors of refuge along coastal routes that you plan to use as "pull offs" – safe havens – in case you need to divert course to wait for an unexpected storm to pass by or to get repairs. This will help rescue crews narrow the search area and brief local authorities in these areas.

Emergency Provisions

What emergency gear do you carry? Include color and type of personal flotation devices (pfd), radio(s), EPIRB, life raft (with color and model/type), flare kits, survival suits, exposure suites, flotation bags, de-watering and bilge pumps. Describe the contents of your ditch-kit.

Navigation Gear

Start with the basics – nautical charts and publications. What chart portfolios are aboard in case electronics fail? These could include popular "chart kits" or a block of charts for a group of islands or operating area (i.e. southern New England). Next, give details of

electronic navigation equipment aboard: GPS (include installed and hand-held), Chart Plotter, radar and other electronic navigation devices.

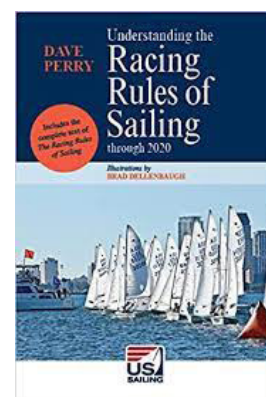
Propulsion – Sail, Inboard and Outboard Auxiliary

Describe sail color, mainsail numbers and logos, and sailing rig (sloop, cutter, ketch, yawl). Provide inboard and outboard engine manufacturer, horsepower, and number of cylinders. How much fuel do you carry aboard (include Jerry-Jugs and color of the jugs)?

Land Vehicles

Pass along a description of your automobile if you parked it at a marina – make and model along with the license plate number and Vehicle Identification Number (VIN). Leave a set of keys with a relative or trusted friend.

ATTENTION MEMBERS!



SELLING AT A DISCOUNT! Both of these books have newer editions for 2021. AYC has several copies of the 2020 editions for sale at a discount.

The Racing Rules \$15 (reg. \$30)

Understanding the Racing Rules \$20 (reg. \$35)

If you are interested, email Jackie. She will set aside a copy of one or both books and charge it to your member account. You can pick it up at your convenience.

THE AYC CLUBHOUSE IS OPEN

The AYC Clubhouse is now open for members and their guests. Please wear a mask indoors if you have not been vaccinated. No meetings, classes or events will be scheduled inside at this time.

Turnback Canyon Regatta



70th Annual Turnback Canyon Regatta by Dee Chow and Jeff Sabuda

What a great weekend for a Regatta, crawfish boil and a live band at AYC's annual Turnback Canyon Regatta. The weather was a huge factor that cooperated with our plans, resulting in an enjoyable and successful weekend. We had 40 boats participate and 180 people enjoy the

Saturday evening festivities. Saturday night was highlighted by **Charles Thibodeaux and the Austin Cajun Aces** playing many popular and familiar authentic Cajun songs with the help of AYC's own **Harry Polly** on the rub board.

It takes quite a few people to make Turnback a success. On behalf of **Dee** and myself, I would like to first off thank **Janis and Kirk Livingston** for taking on major roles and keeping us sane at times. Janis single handedly coordinated five different remote dessert bakers, producing the tastiest desserts ever! She created an amazing dessert bar presentation, coordinated Saturday and Sunday lunches from Thundercloud Subs, Sunday Bruegger's Bagels, Ruta Maya coffee, helped at Friday and Saturday registration, created a compelling sponsor request letter and helped create the Texas Sailing gift certificate raffle signage. Kirk, in addition to keeping Janis' rum glass full, coordinated the Texas Sailing gift certificate raffle where about \$590 was donated to the AYC fund.

The racing was a success thanks to one of AYC's outstanding PROs **Bill Hawk**. Bill's extensive experience made for a streamlined event with a fine-tuned NOR and SI. **Ray Shull** (AKA Ray-Committee) relieved some NOR and SI burden by quickly and graciously volunteering to develop the initial NOR and SI before **Bill Hawk** volunteered as PRO who then made several tweaks to the NOR and SI along with **André de la Reza** and **Bill Coon**. We had 15 different die-hard volunteer RC personnel, experienced and rookies, donning their wind and rain gear while tirelessly supporting the PRO for both days. **Jorge Martin-de-Nicolás** did an extraordinary job at heading up scoring by jumping in as the last-minute hero to take on that task when it mattered most.

Friday and Saturday registrations were handled flawlessly by **Karen Bogisch, Martine Lacombe, Cathie Martin, Janis Livingston and Marilyn Jackson**. Given the high demand for t-shirts and last-minute registrations, this crew nailed it!

Where would we be without our talented web page crew? They are truly magicians with Wordpress. **John Grzinich, Ed Pierce, Cheryl Pervier**

and **Spencer LeGrande** responded and solved issues at a moment's notice to keep volunteer and online participation registration moving smoothly.

Food was the highlight of the weekend! This was made possible by the absolutely outstanding performances of **Bob Gross** (The Crawfish Boil King) and **Ron Clarkson** (Bob's sous-chef), **Janis Livingston** and her super talented bakers, **Katie Froelich, Peter Spevacik, Ken Hendricks and Joseph Runyon**, **Cathie Martin's** now famous authentic gumbo, **Claudia Bartlett's** simply out of this world mac-n-cheese, **Nan Taylor and Dee Chow** killin' it with Ray's famous potato salad, and **Jeff & Marilyn Jackson** making sure we had hot coffee in the morning.

The beautifully festive decorations were the brainchild of **Cathie Martin**. Cathie and her volunteer setup crew really set the party atmosphere with this year's Cajun theme. Cathie also spent many hours prepping food, setup and clean up ... she's a machine!

More accolades to all the volunteers serving, helping with setup and cleanup, picking up lunches and breakfasts: **Jeff and Marilyn Jackson, Jay Phillips, Nathan Leake, Steve Burger, David Gould, Jonathan Joy, Adriana Ravelo, Ty Brockhoeft, Thomas Young, Steve and Carol Frick, Andy Price, Davis Smoot and family, Suha Karroum, Gordon Hummel, Jay Pochop, John Lanagan and Linda McDavitt**.

Big thanks to **Tom Cunningham** for making sure this event was flawless from RC boat prep, grounds and logistics to providing valuable advice and helping wherever needed. **Jackie Wheelless**, of course, was also non-stop with administrative and face-to-face dealings that go on behind the scenes of any successful event.

Countless numbers of action-packed photos by **Anne Morley, Marilyn Jackson and Cheryl Pervier**.

A special thanks to **Anne Morley, Kirk and Janis Livingston, Bruce McDonald, Dane Ohe, Steve Vaughn, Bill Records and Ed Pierce** for all the invaluable advice and guidance through this process.

AYC has the best volunteers! We all work together to accomplish big goals and inspire each other to succeed. Thank you AYC!

Please visit the Turnback Canyon Regatta's most generous sponsors:

Texas Sailing: <http://www.texassailing.com/>

Thundercloud subs: <https://thundercloud.com/>

Los Pinos: <http://www.lospinosrestaurentaustin.com/>

Bruegger's Bagels: <https://www.brueggers.com/>

Ruta Maya Coffee: <https://rutamayacoffee.com/>

Hanover' Drought House: <http://www.hanoversaustin.com/>



Downwind start Photo by Anne Morley

Turnback Canyon Regatta

That's what we're talking about!



Regatta Chairs Dee Chow and Jeff Sabuda
Photo by Anne Morley



PRO Bill Hawk Photo by Anne Morley



Race Committee: Brett Wilson, Steve Burger, Andy Price, Can Kalyoncuoglu, Bill Hawk, David Gamble
Photo by Marilyn Jackson



Bob Gross aka "Crawfish Boil King"
Photo by Marilyn Jackson



Friday night volunteers: Dee Chow, Jean Goldsmith, Cathie Martin, Jeff Jackson, Karen Bogisch, Marilyn Jackson Photo submitted by Marilyn Jackson



The Food Line! Marilyn Jackson



Desserts by Janis Livingston
Photo by Marilyn Jackson



Charles Thibodeaux and the Austin Cajun Aces with Harry Polly on rub board Photo by Anne Morley



Chase Two hot on the trail Photo by Anne Morley



Decorations by Social Committee Chair Cathie Martin
Photo by Anne Morley

Thank you AYC volunteers!

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Turnback Saturday Breakfast

Photos by Marilyn Jackson



Commodore Diane Covert and Social Chair Cathie Martin



Duke & Kim Synder, Mari Bryn Snyder Dowdy, Eric Dowdy



Ed & Colleen Taylor, John Foster



Hazel Sanchez, Bill Records, Ray Shull, Nan Taylor, Rick & Karen Smith



John & Claudia Bartlett



Kim Snyder grabbing a couple tacos

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Turnback Races

Photos by Anne Morley except where noted



Skippers Meeting – Jeff Sabuda, Anne Morley, Bill Hawk *Photo Marilyn Jackson*



Starting line



Henry Hebel and crew on Broken Arrow



Chris Hammel and crew on Sforzando



Peter Pattullo and crew on Nelda Ray



Henry Hebel and his crew *Photo by Bill Records*



Bill Records and crew on Café au Lait



Bill Records and his crew *Photo submitted by Bill Records*

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Turnback Races

Photos by Anne Morley



Greg Freeman and crew on Stray Dog



Bruce McDonald and crew on Rogue Warrior, David Jamail and crew on Blood Sweat and Tears



Chris Worlow and crew on Momentous



Russ Shermer and crew on Trial Run



Bo Kersey and crew on Abandoned Assets



John Bartlett and crew on Trixie

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Turnback Races

Photos by Anne Morley



Fred Schroth and crew on Lickety Split Photo by Anne Morley



Kate Hennig and crew on RR Flying Scott Photo by Anne Morley



Megan Yancy and crew on Surface Tension Photo by Anne Morley



Ty Brockhoeft and crew on Los Monos Photo by Bill Records



Steve Vaughn and crew on Beneteau 34 Oceanis



Payam Sarabi and crew on Moana

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Turnback Dinner and Party

Photos by Marilyn Jackson



Barry Bowden, Lee Vaughan, Steve Vaughan, Claude Welles, Jo Ann Welles, Karen Smith



Brigitte Benquet, Mike Beuerlein, Jeff Sabuda, Aaron McCulley, Mary, Terry, Chris, Philippe Bettler



Bruce McDonald, Chris Lewis, Elizabeth Quintanilla, Karen Lewis, Lisa Porta



Pete Pattullo, Mike Pattullo, Steve Frick, Drew Riddle, Doug Casey, Sun Hi Casey, Jazzy Pattullo



Chris Thompson, Jim & Becky Pearce, Dan Ruble, Victor Gotay, Keith Denebeim



David Morley, Tommy Gairloff, Bay Peterson, Kurt Carson, Cat, Payam Sarabi with crew, Anne Morley

Turnback Dinner and Party



Jim Bridgwater, Cristina Peck, Cooper, Isaiah, Megan Yancy, Rem Copeland
Photo by Marilyn Jackson



John Maddalozzo, Cass Meyer, Jeff Jackson, David Mok, Scott Neagle, Matt Young with his family
Photo by Marilyn Jackson



Charles Thibodeaux and the Austin Cajun Aces with Harry Polly on rub board
Photo by Marilyn Jackson



Dancing to Cajun favorites
Photo by Anne Morley

Turnback Sunday Breakfast



Sailors checking Saturday race results
Photo by Marilyn Jackson



Victor Gotay, Kurt Carson, Bay Peterson, Bill Records
Photo by Marilyn Jackson

Turnback Sunday Breakfast

Photos by Marilyn Jackson



Cathie Martin and Fred Ford



Stefan & Stephanie Froelich



Claude Welles, Steve Vaughan, Bill Records



Dan Ruble, Chris Thompson, Jim & Becky Pearce

Turnback 1st Place Awards



Division A 1st Place – John Halter, Project Mayhem (with Anne Morley)



Division B 1st Place – Cass Meyer and crew, Namaste

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Turnback 1st Place Awards

Photos by Marilyn Jackson



Division C 1st Place – Brian Grothues and Margarito Morales, Moonlight Sonata



Trimaran 1st Place – Bill Coon and crew John Wolfe, Humility



J/24 1st Place – Chris Hammel and crew, Sforzando



Pearson 26 1st Place – Dave Weeks and crew, Incognito



Sport Boat 1st Place – Ray Shull and crew, Flyer (with Anne Morley)

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Turnback Overall Results

CLASS	PLACE	SAIL # BOAT NAME	SKIPPER	TYPE
PHRF A	1	1235 Project Mayhem	John Halter	J22
	2	621 Crash Course	Rosanne Butera	J22
	3	672 Silicon Ship	Jim Bridgwater	J22
PHRF B	1	836 Namaste	Cass Meyer	Pearson Flyer
	2	33929 Nemesis	Chris Thompson	Beneteau First 30E
	3	3012 Camelot	Kurt Gustafson	Catalina 30
PHRF C	1	5477 Moonlight Sonata	Brian Grothues	Catalina 22
	2	588 Stijf Kop	Ann Kitzmiller	Ensign
	3	972 September	Fred Ford	Ensign
TRIMARAN	1	130 Humility	Bill Coon	Corsair Sprint 750Mk2
PHRF	2	34 Rush Hour	Michael Rohrer	F28-R
	3	276 Abandoned Assets	Bo Kersey	Corsair F31
J/24	1	3894 Sforzando	Chris Hammel	J/24
ONE DESIGN	2	1444 Momentous	Chris Worlow	J/24
	3	2160 Stray Dog	Greg Freeman	J/24
PEARSON 26	1	1393 Incognito	Dave Weeks	Pearson 26
PHRF	2	198 Cafe au Lait	Bill Records	Pearson 26 OD
	3	258 Entheos	Mike Bayer	Pearson 26 OD
SPORT BOAT	1	266 Flyer	Ray Shull	J 80
PHRF	2	181 GB	Chris Lewis	J 70
	3	488 Lickety Split	Fred Schroth	J 80

Check the AYC website for detailed information.



Spring Series

Photos by Bill Records



Bruce McDonald and crew on Rogue Warrior



Karen Bogisch and crew on JazzTacks, Terry Schertz and crew on Sweet T



Russ Shermer and crew on Trial Run



Multihulls – Jim Casto on Two Hot



Claudia Bartlett and crew on Speed Racer



Kurt Zinsmeyer and crew on Shaken

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Spring Series

Photos by Bruce McDonald



Andre De La Reza, Chris Thompson, Keith Denebeim on JACK



Isabelle Bossart, crew, on J22 Flying J



Bonnie Lackey, Anne Morley on Farfrumwerken



Ray Shull at the helm of Flyer



Lisa Porta, Gus Tucker, Lisa Rogers, Ed Pierce on Lickety Split



Spinnakers

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Spring Series

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Larry Ratliff and crew on Restless



John Maddalozzo, Jeff & Marilyn Jackson, David Mok on Orner



Kurt Zinsmeyer and crew on Shaken Knot Stirred



Ed Taylor and crew on Air Supply



Dane Ohe, Wade Bingaman, Lauren Bach, Cathie Martin on Aphaia



David Jamail and crew on Blood, Sweat & Tears

Spring Series

CLASS	PLACE	SAIL # BOAT NAME	SKIPPER	TYPE
PHRF A	1	50 Rogue Warrior	Bruce McDonald	J70
	2	7 Shaken	Kurt Zinsmeyer	J88
	3	1927 Ornery	John Maddalozzo	Capri 25
PHRF B	1	198 Café au Lait	Bill Records	Pearson 26 OD
	2	7619 Affinity	Steve Pervier	Catalina 22
	3	472 Warley	Mack Warner	Ranger 23TR
TRIMARAN	1	130 Humility	Bill Coon	Corsair Sprint 750Mk2
PHRF	2	140 Far Reach	Mike Beuerlein	F28-R
	3	355 Trial Run	Russ Shermer	F24 MK II
CATAMARAN	1	427 Two Hot	Jim Casto	NACRA 5.5 uni+jib
PHRF	2	461 Old Skull	Owen Crouse	Nacra 5.7
J22	1	672 Silicon Ship	Jim Bridgwater	J22
ONE DESIGN	2	1235 Project Mayhem	John Halter	J22
	3	629 Bonfire	Linda McDavitt	J22
J/24	1	3282 Nyota	Megan Yancy	J/24
ONE DESIGN	2	1444 Momentous	Simon Valencia	J/24
	3	2018 Ammo Box	Joe Mancuso	J/24
J 80	1	1320 Speed Racer	Claudia Bartlett	J 80
ONE DESIGN	2	122 JazzTacks	Karen Bogisch	J 80
	3	77 Warp Speed	Kirk Livingston	J 80
ENSIGN	1	588 Stijf Kop	George Dahmen	ENS
ONE DESIGN	2	578 Brews'er	Tom Groll	ENS
	3	929 Dos Locos	Lewis Price	ENS
CENTERBOARD PHRF	1	88 September Too	James Bland	Finn

Check the AYC website for detailed information.

Opening Series #4 EOS

Photos by Marilyn Jackson



Cody Hix and Justin Henderson on Catalina 22 Elysium



Mike Bayer and Gina Grande on Pearson 26 Enthéos



Bill Records and Hazel Sanchez on Pearson 26 Café au Lait



Linda McDavitt and crew on J22 Bonfire



Pre-race warm up

Opening Series EOS Dinner

Photos by Marilyn Jackson



Janet Taylor, Dave Kleinman, Bo & Robbin Kersey



James Twombly, Tonya Soans, Jill & Kurt Zinsmeyer



Henry & Kelley Hebel



Elyse, Sofia, Finn and Cody Hix



Fiona Froelich, Matthew Mason, Jeff Sabuda, Dee Chow, Nan Taylor, Ray Shull, Stephanie & Stefan Froelich,



Commodore Diane Covert & Mark Zion

Opening Series Awards

Photos by Marilyn Jackson



1st place A Fleet Bruce McDonald (Rogue Warrior)



1st place Multihull Fleet (Winned Instrument)



1st place J22 Fleet John Halter (Project Mayhem)



1st place B Fleet Bill Records (Café au Lait)



2nd place B Fleet Kurt & Jill Zinsmeyer (Shaken)

Opening Series Overall Results

CLASS	PLACE	SAIL # BOAT NAME	SKIPPER	TYPE
PHRF A	1	50 Rogue Warrior	Bruce McDonald	J70
	2	7 Shaken	Kurt Zinsmeyer	J88
	3	181 GB	Chris Lewis	J70
PHRF B	1	198 Cafe au Lait	Bill Records	Pearson 26 OD
	2	258 Entheos	Mike Bayer	Pearson 26 OD
	3	1393 Incognito	Dave Weeks	Pearson 26
MULTIHULL A	1	130 Humility	Bill Coon	Corsair Sprint 750Mk2
PHRF	2	276 Abandoned Assets	Bo Kersey	Corsair F31
	3	355 Trial Run	Russ Shermer	F24 MK II
MULTIHULL B	1	314 Wonned Instrument	Jim Casto	Prindle 16
PHRF	2	1193 Neko	Owen Crouse	Hobie Getaway
J22	1	1235 Project Mayhem	John Halter	J22
ONE DESIGN	2	672 Silicon Ship	Jim Bridgwater	J22
	3	629 Bonfire	Linda McDavitt	J22
J/24 ONE DESIGN	1	3282 Surface Tension	Megan Yancy	J/24
J 80	1	77 Warp Speed	Kirk Livingston	J 80
ONE DESIGN	2	266 Flyer	Ray Shull	J 80
	3	221 Too Much J	Tom Romberg	J 80
ENSIGN	1	588 Stijf Kop	George Dahmen	ENS
ONE DESIGN	2	578 Brews'er	Tom Groll	ENS
	3	929 Dos Locos	Lewis Price	ENS
CB PHRF	1	19888 Bombshell	James Bland	Snipe

Check the AYC website for detailed information.

Beer Can

Photos by Elizabeth Quintanilla



Tom Groll and crew on 972 Ensign Brews'er



Joel Rosinbum, probationary member, on his new trimaran



J 80s battle it out

Multihull Fleet Report

by Bill Coon



Day One of the Turnback Regatta brought out the largest number of Multihull competitors thus far in 2021 with nine Trimarans, but sadly no Catamarans. Saturday's race to Mile Marker 17 and back included challenging shifty and puffy winds from the south. Abandoned Assets led the way on the water all day – finishing ahead of the fleet by nine minutes before handicap time

corrections and possibly setting its individual single race record for sail changes between spinnaker and screecher. Several boats sailed through equipment and personnel challenges: Far Reach lost its spin halyard early in the day, Trial Run lost its screecher halyard clutch and bowsprit after a high speed screecher run near mile 14 causing a screecher-in-the-water recovery, and Humility performed a man-overboard recovery near mile 13 on the return leg. Rush Hour sailed its Code Zero with agility as it sailed through the fleet between markers 13 and 17, and Rumline kept the leaders in the race very close by trimming its jib with human barber haulers between markers 17 and 13. Humility eked out a 52-second win over Rush Hour to win Day One.

Day Two of Turnback brought a full range of wind conditions from



Brigitte Benquet retrieves spin halyard atop Far Reach between Turnback Days One and Two with ground support from (right to left): husband Mike Beuerlein and Chris Holt

light air at the start and mile marker 9 to white caps on the second upwind leg rounding marker 4. Rumline won the start, Abandoned Assets lead the way on the water, and there were numerous lead changes between Rumline, Far Reach, and Rush Hour. The higher winds on the second spin run was great fun as the trimarans hit speeds of 15 to 20 knots and the high wind final leeward rounding at D mark became the ultimate reckoning of the day. Rumline covered Humility to the finish line to protect its one-minute lead and Rush Hour secured its third place position with very consistent sailing throughout the day.



South Cove rigging dock and Pavilion docks full as Trimarans set up for Turnback Regatta Day One (counter-clockwise in foreground): Nelda Ray, Giddy Up, Abandoned Assets.

A-Fleet Report by Kurt Zinsmeyer



Spring Series

One race to go in Spring Series with Rogue Warrior in the lead. Week 4 presented big wind challenges and only three A-fleet boats competed. Winds ranged from 20-30 knots throughout the race.

Turnback Canyon

Congratulations to A-Fleet's **Cass Meyer** and the extra-large crew of **Namaste** for their Turnback Canyon Division B win! **Namaste** showed a commanding lead with line honors and 1st place finishes both days! It was also fun to see three large Beneteaus out there mixing it up! Would love to see these guys compete with A-fleet in the future.



Cass Meyer and crew on **Namaste** – Turnback Canyon winner for Division B
Photo by Anne Morley

Beer Can Races

Beer Can season got off to a slow start with rainy conditions, but the last two weeks have been perfect with large crowds gathering for burgers afterwards. Be sure to come out and join the fun.

Ensign Fleet Report by Lewis Price



As the world, the Austin area and AYC slowly return to normalcy with more and more people being fully vaccinated, resulting in many Covid-19 restrictions being eased. The Ensign fleet showed healthy participation throughout the Spring Series. An average of six Ensigns were on the line during the series as we saw a personally welcomed return to the RTB format for the one design fleets. For the most part the weather was good and the winds fair, except for the last weekend of possible racing (since we had fleet duty on 5/23), when 30-plus m.p.h. gusts kept the entire fleet off the race course and safely in their slips.

Some of the crews during the Spring Series were made up of "rock star" visitors and promising young new members of AYC. It also saw a long time fleet member and former Ensign owner lending a hand to a fleet

stalwart and helping raise his racing performance to a new level.

Starting with the last couple of races of the Opening Series and the first couple of weeks of the Spring Series, **Tom Groll** made the wise decision to invite a young man named **Gus** onboard. Gus was looking for a temporary ride while on a work assignment in Austin. This young man came in boasting quite the sailing pedigree with extensive experience on all types of racing yachts in his native U.K. and along the west coast of this country. He quickly lived up to the hype, helping **Tom** with excellent finishes including a close to "horizon job" bullet in the opening race of the series when Gus was helming. In a very brief chat I had with Gus on the dock following a very closely contested race two, he made the astute observation, "the crazy major shifts on this lake means you are never really out of it." Something that those of us used to sailing on Lake Travis know quite well, as we have all blown leads or benefited greatly from these "crazy shifts".

Bill and Kelly Hawk picked up a young crew member named **Jay Phillips** from the crew bench to start off the series and he proved a solid asset. Jay is a new probationary member of AYC who happens to live just a few houses away from the front gate of the club. Finally, long time fleet member **Josh Davidson** joined **Fred Ford** on his beautiful, **September**, and flew the spinnaker on the off wind legs which helped keep Fred "in the hunt" in many of the closely contested races.

After it was all said and done, the Spring Series was once again dominated by the **Dahmen brothers, George and Frans**, along with **Ann Kitzmiller**, on the speedy **Stijf Kop**. This outstanding crew with decades of combined sailing experience, mostly on Ensigns, ended up with five bullets out of the six contested races. This group of sailors along with fleet member **Tom Groll** are also the epitome of good sports, always going out of their way to offer racing and equipment tips to other skippers or lending a hand on other boats in the fleet with routine maintenance in order to make all of us more competitive. It is this consistent camaraderie between fleet members that I personally feel makes Ensign Fleet 30 not only one of the strongest one design fleets at AYC, but I would argue in the entire national Ensign Class Association.



Bill Hawk and **Dave Gamble** representing Ensigns on the committee boat

The Ensign Fleet was involved in all aspects of the Turnback Canyon Regatta. **Vice Commodore Anne Morley** (Ens 739) assembled the regatta principals, among them **Bill Hawk** (Ens 1414) serving as PRO and helped out by **Dave Gamble** (Ens 1167) on race committee.

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Ann Kitzmiller with crew Linda McDavitt and George Dahmen on Stijf Kop.

Two Ensigns raced the regatta. **Ann Kitzmiller**, with her crew **Linda McDavitt** and **George Dahmen**, raced Ensign 588, Stijf Kop.

Fred Ford with his crew **Molly Lewis**, **Josh Davidson**, **Adriana Ravelo** and **Garrett Kates** raced Ensign 972, September. Weather concerns colored both days of Turnback. Saturday started under cloudy skies that cleared and brought good winds. The Ensigns sailed to Marker 12 as a turning point. It was a downwind start that brought gusty winds as they sailed past Starnes Island. **Ann Kitzmiller** won the start and got her spinnaker up quickly. Fred launched his seconds later but was never able to regain the distance lost, finishing behind Stijf Kop at days end.

Sunday began under a light drizzle that faded away by first gun. Sunday's course, a published LD course, started to windward to Marker 4. **Ann's** Stijf Kop took the start again with **Fred's** September falling in behind. Strong shift winds made for an interesting day.

The last 30 minutes sailed with white caps on the lake fun and invigorating.



Fred Ford with crew Molly Lewis, Josh Davidson, Adriana Ravelo and Garrett Kates on September.

The Turnback final score recorded **Ann** in second place and **Fred** in 3rd in the PHRF C fleet. It was a good two days on the water with a lot of post race patio fun, food and drink.

The informal Friday night Beer Can Races are back and have been popular with our fleet. These "races" are a great way to train new crew or have them try different jobs, like helming. It is also a perfect avenue to invite family members to sail with you who don't normally take part.

The post race option of having a hamburger on the patio has gladly returned to these events. So make plans to come out and join us.

Some important dates to keep on your radar are the Ensign Nationals on 8/15-19, in Marquette, Michigan. The Region IV Championships on 9/18 - 19 at HYC. Sail 4 Kids on 9/25 and the Chaparral del Mar on 10/3, both of which are hosted by Ensign Fleet 30.

B-Fleet / Pearson 26 Report by David Weeks



B-Fleet Opening Series

The final race of the Opening Series saw great participation from B-fleet, with 10 boats racing. **Bill Records** in Café au Lait had a decisive advantage with 4 points, but the battle for the other places was tight, with **Mack Warner** (Ranger 23 - Warley) on 7 points, and both **Mike Bayer** and **Dave Weeks** (Pearson 26) on 10 points. The other competitors were **Cody Hix** (Catalina 22 - Elysium), **Ty Brockhoeft** (P26 - Los Monos), **Mark Bradford** (S2 7.3 - Little Wing), **Brian Carlson** (P26OD - Rusalka), **Jeffrey Lane** (P26 - Ryliun Nova), and **Mark Kamen** sailing singlehanded (P26 - Whitecaps).

The racing at the front was close with the lead changing several times before Entheos, which had already demonstrated great boat speed, found a superb lift on the second windward leg that allowed them to overtake both Incognito and Café au Lait, giving **Mike Bayer** and **Gina Grande** their first sailing win! Congratulations. I'm sure that it will be quickly followed by further wins.

Bill Records took first place in the Opening Series for B-Fleet, with **Mike Bayer** in second and **Dave Weeks** in third place.

B-Fleet Spring Series

The first race of the Spring Series was sailed in a fresh breeze, and B-Fleet was joined by the Catalina 22s of **Brian Grothues**, **Steve Pervier** and **Cody Hix**. **Bill Records** (Café au Lait) gained an early lead being able to point higher than the immediate competitors on the first windward leg. That lead was stretched in the remaining legs, while **Dave Weeks** (Incognito) and **Mack Warner** (Warley) battled to gain a consistent advantage. However, Dave Weeks' protest that Bill Records had rounded H instead of 6-mile mark on the first downwind leg was successful, although that position was short-lived as the next day Cody Hix (Catalina 22 - Elysium) pointed out that the course was D-4, and that the leading three boats had all rounded 6-mile mark on the second downwind leg, not 5-mile mark. Dave Weeks and Mack Warner conceded their error, and also withdrew, resulting in a win for Cody Hix. **Jeff Avant** (Columbia 26 - Nissus) was the first to complete the course, but Cody Hix corrected over him.

In the second race of the series there were a total of nine boats racing, the Pearson 26s of **Records**, **Bayer** and **Weeks** being joined by **Mack Warner's** Ranger 23, the five Catalina 22s of **Brian Grothues**, **Steve Pervier**, **Cody Hix**, **James Denny** and **Louise Miller**, the Capri 22 of **Can Kalyoncuoglu** and **Jeff Avant's** Columbia 26. Café au Lait again opened up an early lead.

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Incognito was able to overtake flying spinnaker on the first downwind run, but was forced to withdraw when a shroud pin broke. That left **Bill Records** to finish first, but he was unable to open up an adequate lead, and when PHRF corrected **Brian Grothues** was nearly five minutes ahead of Bill Records. **Mack Warner** finished third and retained that place after correction, but **Mike Bayer's** time in fourth place finish was only good for fifth after PHRF correction. **Can Kalyoncuoglu** finished well in sixth place, but corrected to eighth place. The increased mix of boats had a noticeable effect of making the race results less predictable, with significant PHRF corrections to be made.

The same pattern was evident in the third race, which had a moderate SW breeze. **Bill Records** (Café au Lait) led from the start, with **Dave Weeks** (Incognito) finishing in second, and **Mack Warner** (Warley) in third. However, Mack Warner, the Catalina 22s of **Steve Pervier** and **Brian Grothues**, and the Columbia 26 of **Jeff Avant** all corrected over Incognito. Bill Records' corrected time was over thirty seconds ahead of second place Steve Pervier (Catalina 22 – Affinity).

The fourth and final race of the series started with **Bill Records** in first place, two points ahead of **Brian Grothues** (Catalina 22 – Moonlight Sonata), who has **Steve Pervier** (Catalina 22 – Affinity) and **Mack Warner** (Ranger 23 – Warley) just one point further back. All the trophies are being competed for in this race! Which boat will the wind favor?

Turnback Canyon Regatta

B-Fleet was represented at Turnback by five Pearson 26s, forming the only one design division at the regatta. All boats agreed to go non-spinnaker to provide closer racing.

On Saturday, the Pearson's LD course was to LCRA 12-mile mark and back, about a nine nautical mile course which the first boat completed in a little over two hours. Winds were generally moderate, although light and variable as the fleet approached both marks 7 and 9. Genoa choice was typically 130%, although **Ty Brockhoeft** (Los Monos) chose his 100% rather than 155%, and **Henry Hebel** in his first race in Broken Arrow decided to be cautious and reefed his main. (Be sure to check out their photos in the Turnback photo album in this Telltale.)

On the downwind leg to 7-mile mark, **Bill Records** (Café au Lait) chose to reach, while **Dave Weeks** (Incognito) chose to wing-on-wing from the boat end. **Mike Bayer** (Entheos) chose an intermediate route and despite uncertainty on sail setting showed great boat speed to reach mark 7 first, closely followed by Incognito and Entheos. Entheos continued wing-on-wing after 7 but sailed into a hole, allowing the following boats to overtake. As the wind came in from the east Los Monos closed on Incognito, but then the wind came in from the west allowing Café au Lait and Incognito accelerated away to 9-mile mark. Incognito was unable to point as high as Café au Lait on the port tack to 11-mile mark and slowly slipped back further on the windward leg to 12. The gusty final approach to 12 proved critical in the race. The first three boats took similar courses, but Café au Lait got lifted to the mark, while Incognito and Entheos were both knocked flat by gusts off the cliffs and had to work hard to round the mark in the middle of other fleets rounding Arkansas Bend. Meanwhile Café au Lait had benefited from the stronger winds on the downwind return to 11-mile mark, stretching their lead over Incognito, while Entheos closed on a sustained moderate breeze. But the wind reached Incognito at 9, and the reach and upwind finish saw little advantage to any boat. Congratulations to **Bill** on a great race! Los Monos and Broken Arrow also battled away throughout the race – eventually Broken Arrow overtaking, as **Ty's** choice of a 100% genoa proved impossible to overcome.

Sunday's race from the LD card was 4-3, and provided an opportunity to practice racing in light through fresh-strong breezes. The typical sail choice was 150%, but **Bill Records** continued with his 130%. The first boat completed the 7.1 nautical mile course in an hour and 51 minutes, but the racing was definitely closer than Saturday. Café au Lait and Incognito led from the start with Entheos closely following, but Incognito worked the shifts better on the way to 4-mile mark, gaining a 200 yd lead. Incognito's wing-on-wing run to 6-mile mark opened their lead another 100 yards, while Café au Lait on a reach battled with Entheos all the way to 6. The stronger winds on the upwind leg back to 4-mile mark allowed Incognito to stretch the lead further, although **Bill's** 130% genoa allowed him to point higher than his competitors. After rounding 4-mile mark, Incognito again took the layline to 7-mile mark sailing wing-on-wing while Café au Lait reached towards Windy Point, and then sailed wing-on-wing from Cypress Creek north. Entheos also chose the direct route sailing wing-on-wing, and battled with Café au Lait throughout the run, before finally overtaking the latter on the approach to 7. Café au Lait swiftly regained the advantage through a sharp rounding and tack at 7, and as the wind rapidly strengthened to a strong breeze the boats and crews all moved to survival mode, luffing their mainsails to reduce heeling. Café au Lait's 130% genoa became a significant advantage over Entheos, although Incognito's crew was better able to manage the conditions despite their 150% genoa, and again stretched their lead at the finish by minimizing tacks. There was another race-long close battle between Los Monos and Broken Arrow. Los Monos was able to maintain an advantage through the first three legs, but on the long downward leg to 7-mile mark were unable to keep their genoa flying and were overtaken by Broken Arrow. Again, the strong breeze proved a challenge but both crews gained experience in sailing over-powered boats in the final upwind leg.

The final result for the Turnback Pearson 26 Division was a win for Incognito (Dave Weeks, Jenny Loehlin helming and Mike Mashl) with Café au Lait second. It was good to see a strong turnout from the Pearson 26s, and all enjoyed the racing and the regatta atmosphere. We're all looking forward to a fun summer and putting the essential COVID precautions behind us for a while.

AYC Pearson 26 Fleet Continues to Grow!

Bill Records and **Fred Schroth** continue to promote the fleet, bringing new boats to Lake Travis, while **Andy Linseisen** and **John Powell** are still working hard on Allegro's blisters.

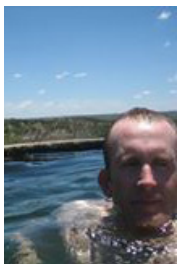
Cody Hix has jumped into the fray and purchased a OD #230. He bought the boat on Lake Grapevine. It's now in Fred's shop for a bottom job, so with a new set of sails already ordered from **John Bartlett** it won't be long before we see Cody out racing in his new boat.



Cody Hix is proud owner of the 20th Pearson 26 at AYC! Photo by Bill Records

Roadrunner Fleet Report

by David Michael



2021 Texas Sailing Association (TSA) Youth Circuit Canyon Chaos Regatta

In March, the Roadrunner sailors were ready to go to Canyon Lake to fleet race in the annual Canyon Chaos Regatta. The Regatta was hosted by the Lake Canyon Yacht Club as part of the TSA Youth Circuit scheduled for March 27-28. However, it was postponed because of damage to the club's docks by unusually strong winds several days prior to the event. Despite the Regatta being cancelled, the AYC Opti sailors found a way to get together with the LCYC Opti sailors that weekend for a friendly day of informal racing.

Silly String Regatta

In May, Roadrunner sailors traveled to Lake Grapevine to fleet race in the annual Silly String Regatta. This Regatta was hosted by the Grapevine Sailing Club as part of the TSA Youth Circuit, May 8-9. Competing in the Opti RWB fleet, Roni Sela finished in the top quarter overall with third place in Blue fleet (kids 11 & 12 years old), and Yuval Sela finished in the top half overall with first place in White fleet (kids 10 years old and younger). Competing in the Laser Radial fleet, Nicholas Carew picked up a nice second place in the second race.

Roadrunner Regatta and Alumni Regatta

In June, Roadrunner sailors will be at home on Lake Travis to fleet race in the annual Roadrunner Regatta, hosted by the Austin Yacht Club. The Regatta is part of the TSA Youth Circuit scheduled for June 5-6. There will be alumni races at the Regatta this year – so if you are a former member of the Roadrunner fleet, please be sure to register!

US Sailing Small Boat Instructor 1 Qualified AYC Youth Sailors

This month, junior sailors Fiona Froelich, Kate Hennig, Lucy Brock, and Julius Heitkoetter became certified US Sailing Small Boat Level 1 Instructors. They completed the coursework over a year ago, but the in-person testing for the certification was delayed due to Covid-19 complications. Special thanks to the AYC Sail Training staff for working with US Sailing to host the testing at our Club as soon as the opportunity arose. Please note: 2021 AYC Sail Training Commander Anne Morley and Roadrunner Fleet Captain David Michal earned the US Instructor 1 qualification alongside the kids!

United States Optimist Dinghy Association (USODA) Team Racing

In March, the youngest Team Racing team at AYC, our advanced Opti sailors, went to Sarasota Bay where they competed in the 2021 Optimist Team Race Midwinter Championship. The races were hosted this year by the Sarasota Yacht Club, and held March 18-21. The annual national event brought together 26 teams from across the country for the opportunity to compete. With coaches Jeff Brock and Emily Verdoia, the AYC team competed in 25 races, on both heavy wind days and light wind days, against both more experienced teams and other novice teams. It was action-packed, a lot of fun, and the team got a lot of experience fast. Special thanks to Jeff Brock not just for teaching the kids how to team race and coaching the kids in Sarasota, but for making sure it always stays fun! The newest AYC team racing team is having a good time team racing and are looking forward to more competitive events.

United States Optimist Dinghy Association (USODA) Fleet Racing

In March, Roadrunner sailor William Michael went to Mobile Bay and competed in the USODA 2021 Optimist Gulf Coast Championship, hosted this year by Fairhope Yacht Club. William finished in the top half overall, and in the top third of the White fleet (kids 10 years old and younger).

In April, Roadrunner sailor William Michael went to Galveston Bay and competed in the USODA 2021 Team Trials, hosted this year by Lakewood Yacht Club. William finished in the top half overall and in the top quarter of the Silver fleet.



The AYC Opti Team at the 2021 Optimist Time Trials hosted by the Sarasota Yacht Club. Left to right: William Michael, Ramzi Matous, Roni Sela, Calvin Brock, Jackson Brock and Emily Verdoia.

College and High School SEISA Champs

by Lucy Brock and Jeff Brock



In April, over two back-to-back weekends, AYC hosted FIVE national qualifying events for the college and high school SEISA districts. It was a lot of intense racing in a few action packed days. The AYC crew worked hard to deliver some quality regattas. UT and Lake Travis High School sailors represented SEISA with strong results!

ICSA (College) SEISA Coed Champs, Women's Champs, and Team Race Champs. ISSA (High School) SEISA Coed Champs and Team Race

Champs. Over the two weekends, 58 races were sailed.

The UT Teams placed second in every regatta, earning a spot at Nationals for the Women's Team in Annapolis.

The Lake Travis High School Team prevailed in some tight fleet racing and dominated in team racing to win both of their championships and qualify to represent SEISA at the Fleet Racing National Champs in Cleveland and the Team Race National Championship in Miami!

A HUGE thank you to all the volunteers who made these events possible. A lot of people spent both weekends making it happen.

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PRO Ray Schull practiced peerless efficiency in getting a huge number of races off quickly. Team Race Judges **Terry Schertz, Ravi Subramanian, and Ed Pierce** spent many, many days with the LTHS and UT teams practicing the arcane skill of team race judging and did a fantastic job keeping the racing clean. **Gal Sela, Bobby Brooks, Vivian Heitkoetter, James Bland, Nan Taylor, Janis and Kirk Livingston, Tom and Peggy Hennig, Karina Bertelsmann, Matthew Mason, and Wendi Froelich** were all indispensable on the water – team racing requires a lot of marks! Always grateful to **Jackie Wheelless** for background support. And, as always, thanks to the **Bartlett's** for the loan of their RIB and Marks for many, many weekends and practices!

Go AYC, Go Lake Travis, and Go UT! Hook 'em!

SEISA High School Team Race Qualifier

Photos below by Constanze Heitkoetter



Lucy Brock and Julius Hoetkoetter, Lake Travis High School Sailing Team, rounding the mark.

Photos below by Anne Morley



Catalina 22 Fleet Report by Steve Pervier



After a long pause for the winter of Covid, it's time for Catalina 22s to return to racing. A month ago we opted out of Spring Series, not being quite ready to combine beyond our households on the RC boats. So, thanks to **B-fleet** for allowing us to be five of the 12 boats scored in their class so far. They also included four of our Fleet Alliance skippers in race committee on Saturday 5/08 – so again we thank our **B-fleet** friends and hosts. Our

RC members were **Charles Christie (SC21), Steve Shepardson, Ron Clarkson (new AYC member) and myself.**

At present, **Brian Grothues and Margarito Morales ("Moonlight Sonata")** stand 2nd overall, with **Steve and Cheryl Pervier ("Affinity")** 3rd in the series. Also racing were **James and Sarah Denny, and Louise Miller** with a special crew – **Bob Musselman** from SC21. **Cody Hix** won our class in Week 1, beating all remaining B-fleet competitors after three good B-boats misunderstood the course and scored DNF. Welcome back to the race course, everyone!

Spring Series Week 2 saw **Brian's "Moonlight Sonata"** correct over perpetual Pearson 26 champ **Bill Records** in "Café au Lait" on a nine nautical mile race taking well over two hours.

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And in Week 3 it was a match race between two C22s, with Café au Lait taking first by just 33 seconds corrected, as Affinity beat Moonlight Sonata by 83 seconds elapsed or 66 seconds corrected. (Q: How does that happen between one-design boats? A: Time on Time scoring!) Mack Warner's "Warley" finished before the C22s but corrected right between us.

Turnback happened on a stormy looking weekend, but thanks to PRO **Bill Hawk and his RC** we had two good races just as planned. The C22s and our Ensign friends, two boats each, were very fortunate when the Pearson 26s made their own fleet – as the organizers let us race as a narrow range PHRF "Class C". Only a Flying Scot bravely crewed by four teens was with us, but it wasn't their weather.

In race one, Moonlight Sonata and Affinity traded back and forth, with the latter leading the middle half of the race, but the former catching up and going ahead as a close reach between marks 9 and 7 put a premium on weight placement – and three crew vs two. In race two, the fortunes of Ensigns and Catalinas reversed – **Brian** beating **Ann and George** for a regatta win, while **Fred's** Ensign took third.



Brian Grothues and Margarito Morales racing Moonlight Sonata to a Turnback 1st place Photo by Steve Shepardson



Cheryl and Steve enjoying a long spinnaker run in Turnback 2021 Photo by Steve Shepardson

That last switch happened on the last beat, after a passing storm cell suddenly gave us 20 knots as we reached leeward mark 7.

All of this great fun promises to increase as more Catalina and South Coast sailors become active again. We are delighted to have new C22 racer **Ron Clarkson** on the course, with more racing boats in the wings. **Nate** is completing his thorough re-painting and rigging, and we

hope to see the Sunfish-experienced owners of two more C22s, **Sally** (with her family) and **Liz** (with William) enjoying just getting to sail.

There are many opportunities now for experienced skippers and crews to help these newer racers and new keelboat sailors, and also to sail with some of the other recently new C22 racers. Likewise, we should soon have more places for new crew members. If you'd like to be part of this growing process, please contact me. With the lake rising, the weather warming, and the world safer for sailing again – let's go sailing!

J 80 Fleet Report by Ray Shull



This spring has seen some great J 80 sailing. For the Spring Series, we have completed four race days as of the date of this article. We've had 18 boats racing for two of these days and 16 for one of the other days. It's surprising to see how long the appropriate line length is for 18 J 80s. Race day four was extremely windy, with gusts recorded

around 30 mph. These conditions held the participation down with only eight boats showing up. Still a good turnout, but it seemed lonely on the start line with so few J 80s in attendance. Amazing that 8 boats on the line feels like such a light turnout.

Speed Racer and Jazz Tacks are leading the Fleet this Series with consistent performances. Warp Speed, Sweet T, and Flyer are not far behind and hope for high finishes the last day to move up in the standings.

We also saw the debut of Kaos, **Patrick and CeCe Flynn's** new addition to the Fleet, come out and play with the rest of us. Great to see another boat in the Fleet join us on the water.

May 15 and 16 saw the 2021 edition of Turnback Canyon Regatta. Fleet members **Jeff and Dee Sabuda** (who typically crew on Warp Speed) were Regatta Chairs for this event and put on an outstanding race, dinner, party, and get together at the Club. The weather forecast of lots of rain held down the participation to just a few J 80s, but the weather that we actually experienced was pretty good. Good winds on both days, just a few sprinkles on Sunday, and cool temps from the cloudy skies resulted in some great sailing for a weekend. Flyer was the victorious J 80 in the combined J 80 and J70 Fleet, with a first the first day, and a close second (3 seconds behind the winning J 70) on Sunday. Sailing up the lake to a turning mark near Lakeway was a fun



Lickety Split flying the Iron Wolf spinnaker at Turnback Photo by Anne Morley

and different race event. Next year's Turnback should be put on the calendars of everyone in the Fleet.

Also recently, we have been contacted by the **Iron Wolf Ranch and Distillery** for sponsorship of the AYC J 80 Fleet. You may have seen the great looking spinnaker with the Iron Wolf logo displayed recently in some of the races. They have donated the spinnaker to the J 80 Fleet. We are rotating

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this sail around the Fleet members for its use. The criteria for using the spinnaker is that if you bring the J 80 Fleet's after Series-race refreshments and snacks for the Fleet, you can use the sail for the whole weekend. We're also looking at involving Iron Wolf in future J 80 and AYC events. They are a great company and have some great people there. We're sure we can find some way to involve them in sailing on Lake Travis.

We're looking forward to continuing to enjoy the relaxed restriction on facilities and activities at AYC. We anticipate that the Club will be fully open in the next few weeks. It's great to see so many of our sailor friends on the lake and afterwards under the clubhouse.

More J 80 Turnback shots:



J 80s on an upwind leg *Photo by Rick Smith*



J 80s and a J 70 heading down the lake *Photo by Wade's friend*



Fred Schroth and crew on Lickety Split *Photo by Cheryl Pervier*



Jamails and Froelichs on Blood, Sweat & Tears *Photo by Cheryl Pervier*



Victorious Flyer in Turnback Canyon *Photo by Wade's friends*

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AYC 2021 Race Calendar

June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Sunfish & Laser Wednesday Night Racing	5:00 - 10:00pm
June 4, 11, 25	Beer Can Races	6:00pm start
June 5-6	Roadrunner Regatta	
June 12, 19, 26	Summer Evening Series Races	4:00pm start
June 18	MoonBurn Series Races	7:00 start
July 3	Independence Cup	10:00am - 6:00pm

AYC 2021 Non-Racing Events

May 29 - 31	Sea Scout Camp-n-Sail	
May 29	Vicki Gammon Memorial	~12:00pm
May 29	AYC Member Free Sail	1:00 - 5:00pm
June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	DF 95 Tuesday Sailing	5:30 - 7:30pm
June 12, 19, 26	AYC Member Free Sail	1:00 - 5:00pm
June 17	Membership Committee Meeting	7:30 - 9:00pm
June 19-20	ASA 101 Basic Keelboat Sailing Certification	8:00am - 6:00pm
June 24	AYC Board Meeting	7:30 - 9:00pm

May/June Junior Programs

High School Summer Practice

June 15, 22 2:00 - 5:00pm

Opti III Spring Practice

June 4 5:00 - 7:30pm

Opti III Summer Practice

June 16, 23 2:00 - 5:00pm

PB&J Summer Sailing Series Session 1

May 29, June 12, 19, 26 9:30 - 11:00am

PB&J Summer Sailing Series Session 2

May 29, June 12, 19, 26 11:00am - 12:30pm

Summer Camp Session 1

June 7 - 11 8:00am - 6:00pm

Summer Camp Session 2

June 14 - 18 8:00am - 6:00pm

Summer Camp Session 3

June 21 - 25 8:00am - 6:00pm