

AUSTIN YACHT CLUB

TELLTALE

JULY/AUGUST 2026

Somewhere over the rainbow...
Cool Fall Sailing



Beer Can Race, July 10, 2026
Fred Schroth sails under the rainbow on his Laser "Old Poop" Photo by Chris Renner

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Your Complete Guide to the Fleet Challenge

Friday September 4 (Beer Can) & Saturday, September 5, 2026

The Schedule

Friday, August 28, 6:00pm buying Beer Can time begins. Ends September 4 at noon!

Friday, September 4

Noon - last chance to donate to “buy” beer can minutes.

5:30 PM - last beer can minutes update.

6:30 PM - Fleet Challenge Beer Can Race.

After Racing – Beer Can Burgers

Saturday, September 5

1:00 - 1:30 - Welcome – Snacks while they last and Refreshments available all day.

1:30 – 2:00 - Calcutta in the Clubhouse (see info below).

2:00 – Competitor Briefing

2:30 – 4:30 – 420 Racing off the Point: A tented area for spectators will be set up on the Point. Refreshments will be available. **Buy your team a throw-out (or three) or buy another team penalty turns!**

4:30 – Fleet Score Donations Close.

4:30 – 6:30 - Games at the Pool and Patio; NEW THIS YEAR - Games are supposed to be fun. No money to play, no points count towards your fleet’s score. Just good old-fashioned fun.

6:30 – 10:00- Bill Benker’s BBQ Dinner (suggested donation \$10 adults and \$5 children under 12), **Dark 'n Stormy vs. Painkiller Bar** sponsored by Teddy and Annie, **Ice Cream Bar** sponsored by the AYC Membership Committee, and the **Awards! PLUS Music & Dancing!**

PLEASE RSVP [HERE](#) as soon as you can so we have enough food!

Click [HERE](#) for details Click [HERE](#) to donate

MAKE YOUR GIFT GO TWICE AS FAR!

Donations of \$50 or more from NEW donors are currently eligible for matching funds to double your donation up to a \$100 match per donor. A total of \$2,500 in matching funds is available so donate early before the matching pool is claimed!

This year’s challenge has four “races”:

1. Fleet Donation – highest total dollar amount donated.
2. Fleet Participation – most individual donors giving \$50 or more
3. Beer Can Racing – results from September 4
4. 420 Racing – results from September 5

When donating, make sure to email aycfundboard@gmail.com and identify your fleet so it receives credit. Every gift helps – and right now, your donation can have twice the impact! Thank you for supporting the AYC Fund.

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER!

Race Committee for 420 racing among the fleets

Contact Jim Casto

Food Prep and Service

Contact Annie Lancaster

Family Games

Contact Katie Whitley

Photographers/On-the-water video feed

Contact Karen Bogisch

Set up/Clean up

Contact Karen Bogisch

Thank you!

Message from the Commodore

by Steve Pervier



We're near the end of the hottest weather of summer, a few weeks of over 100 degree highs and hot sun during the days, often with little wind. This is a time when we avoid scheduling most series racing and regattas. But AYC still has events and activities to enjoy, even one impromptu celebration as Lake Travis reached 681 during a Beer Can dinner. Renee rang the Bell and I led cheers of the assembled diners – fun! We also had a great conclusion to Summer

Series with a fantastic Taco Bar dinner organized by the Ensign Fleet.

Racing events were featured on two evenings a week. Austin Yacht Club has long held Wednesday Laser and Sunfish evenings, and these fleets have their own social times afterward. We are delighted to provide this racing, continuing all the way through September. Come join in, or watch the nearby racing from the clubhouse or the Point after 6pm.

On Fridays through 9/11, starting right before Summer Series, we hold Beer Can and MoonBurn races. Each event goes with a dinner, before MoonBurn racing once a month, and after Beer Can on most every Friday. MoonBurn is a regular series, with entries, trophies, and an End of Series dinner. The more informal Beer Can events award a bottle of wine to the first and second place boats every week. We've awarded these to about 20 different boats so far.

One more racing event to note, the amazing Single Handed Regatta, held this year on August 1st in the morning. This year's event had 22 entries from a South Coast 21 to a Beneteau 40.1, a total of 11 types of boats. The most numerous was Pearson 26, our sponsoring fleet. Senior member Vickie Stones became only the second woman skipper to sail in this event, on her Catalina 22. Every competitor in this event is to be congratulated for taking on this challenge!

Chris Thompson & Barbie Carlyon hosted a great July 4th party this year, celebrating "Happy Birthday America 250". The event had lots of food, games, entertainment, activities for kids and adults, and a long series of prize drawings. Thanks to them and many volunteers, and to our door prize donor sponsors.

And then the fireworks... you didn't even have to go beyond our grounds to see plenty, as they were launched from Volente, Travis Landing, and across the lake in several directions. It continued a long time with festive bangs and aerial displays from neighboring properties. Much of this great show was seen and heard from comfortable chairs under the clubhouse, available to anyone.

Throughout these summer months, Sail Training continues with many youth and adult sessions including PB&J, camps including SailStrong, High School teams, Discover Sailing, Adult Dinghy and 420, ASA, plus Intro and continuing courses.

One of the best activities in August was indoors. AYC's Michael Moran presented to 40 of us his Clipper Race Experience, Sunday 8/23, including a lively Q&A. Michael is only the second AYC member to participate in this ocean race, after Linda McDavitt, and as he carried the token prism representing our Hap Arnold Perpetual Beacon, his name will also be listed on this trophy.

Thanks to the many who have given me in email or in-person, positive feedback on my weekly broadcast mail to members. I'm glad you enjoy reading these, containing mostly a list of next events with many links to

our web pages for information and sign-up. I also have included a few words on weather and how to adapt or prepare.

Also thanks to the many volunteers who have made so much of the above possible, including instructors, coaches, race committee, dinner cooks, and of course participants both adults and youth, and the families and friends who support them. Together we all make Austin Yacht Club a most complete and active Club with so much happening, even during a summer break!

And now, a couple of opportunities where we could use help:

We are looking for WordPress and Clubspot skills to help our Technology Committee. Various experience could be useful to our Tech team.

And, fleet captains and race committee volunteers take note – one of our best race managers, Jim Casto, would like to teach you Chase Boat Driving Skills. Please contact him (see the Club directory) to arrange a time. Thanks, Jim!

CLIPPER ROUND THE WORLD PRESENTATION



Presenter Michael Moran was awarded the Hap Arnold Perpetual Beacon
Photos by Cheryl Pervier



Vice Commodore Report

by John Maddalozzo



Let's catch up!

Congratulations to all who sailed The Chaparral Del Mar Regatta June 27th in conjunction with Summer Series weekend 5, particularly to the winner, Tom Romberg!

The Single Handed Regatta ran on Saturday August 1st, brought to us by the Pearson 26 Fleet and Bill Records as the Regatta Chair. 22 boats registered and sailed in four fleets.

- Ensign – Two boats, Graham Gilmore took first.
- PHRF A – Five boats, Norman Meyer 1st, John Bartlett 2nd, Ken Berringer 3rd.
- PHRF B – Six boats, Robert Musselman 1st, Eric Van Hensbergen 2nd, Vickie Stones 3rd.
- Pearson 25 – Nine boats! Ty Brockhoeft 1st, Bill Records 2nd, Richard Ryon 3rd.

Remaining 2026 Regatta Dates:

- Centerboard Regatta on October 3-4. Can Kalyoncuoglu Chair. Can is looking for regatta volunteers. Contact me if you can help out and I'll pass it on to Can.
- Round the Bend / Multi-Fest Regatta. October 31-November 1. Bill Coon Chair. A separate chair and/or just PRO is TBD for the monohull portion.
- Wild Turkey Regatta. November 21. James Parsons Chair.

Other Racing Notes:

Series racing resumes with the Fall Series September 13th.

Sunfish/Laser Wednesday races continue into September.

The UT Sailing Team is hosting the Kathryn Hammond fleet racing regatta for other teams within ICSA, using the 420E fleet. 9/19-20.

The Ensign Region IV Championship Regatta is coming up October 22-24.

Race Commander Report

by Alan Stanard



The Summer Series wrapped up on July 25. We were able to race seven of the planned eight days of the series with only one canceled due to weather – the PRF A&B fleet had RC on July 11 and set a course but wisely decided to abandon racing prior to the arrival of a line of thunderstorms. We have taken the month of August off from our weekend series racing but we'll resume for the Fall Series starting on

Sunday, September 13 and running through Sunday, November 8.

Wednesday night Laser/Sunfish races run through September, and the Beer Can races continue until September 11, so there is still time to get on the water to enjoy a few more of our informal Wednesday and/or Friday evening races.

The Permanent Race Committee (PRC) has used the August downtime to maintain our racing equipment in preparation for the Fall Series. Notably, our committee members have worked on the MarkSetBots, including patching pontoon leaks, repairing one of the steering motors, and developing methods to keep the electronics cool during summer operation. According to MarkSetBot staff, AYC has the hottest weather of any of their customers. As a result, we are realizing that we may need to implement special summer procedures to ensure the longevity of the Bots here in Central Texas. If you're interested in using and maintaining the Bots, consider joining us on the PRC – look for me before and after the series races this fall and we can see if it is a fit for you to join us!

The PRC team are also planning to do some instruction on chase boat driving and operation in September and/or October, so look for further information on those activities if you're looking to develop your powerboat driving skills or learn to better support race committees when you're on a chase boat.



Updated Entry Codes for Security Gate

To access the new codes, please log in to the AYC website. The current Guest and Member entry codes are available on the homepage after logging in.

The old codes expired on August 31.

IMPORTANT: After entering the four-digit code, please press the "key" symbol to open the gate.

If you have any questions, please contact AYC General Manager Donnie Myftari.

Summer 2026 PB&J Recap

by Kristen Van Veen



This summer, Betsy Harris and Kristen Van Veen took the helm of PB&J for the first time, welcoming 46 young sailors ages 5 to 8 – most of whom had never set foot in a sailboat!

Over eight Saturdays and two sessions each weekend, our PB&J sailors learned the basics of boat parts, steering, and trimming sails, but most importantly, they learned how much fun it is to be on the water. Each session wrapped up

with a crowd-favorite Pirate Day, complete with water cannons, sailing games, and popsicles.

Coaches Betsy and Kristen were especially proud to see some of our most nervous sailors grow more confident each week. By the end of every session, all of the kids were comfortable on the water and excited to keep sailing.

A HUGE thank you to all the parents and junior counselors who volunteered to help. This program wouldn't be possible without you!

We're hoping to see a few future Roadrunners make their way through the Opti 1 ranks this fall!



Early morning Optis sailing in the cove



Group photo PB&J first session



Morning chalk Talk



PB&J Coaches Betsy and Kristen on Pirates Day



Award ceremony



Coaches Betsy and Kristen with Bill Records

In Remembrance



Byron Dean Tapley

January 16, 1933 - June 22, 2026

Byron Dean Tapley passed away peacefully in his home in Austin, Texas at the age of 93. He was surrounded by his surviving family: his sons Mark and Craig, their wives Elizabeth and Katherine, and his grandchildren Margaret (33), Laura (29), William (25), and Ollie (13). He was preceded in death by his wife Sophie and his sisters Betty Glasscock and Carol Johnson.

Byron brought all the enthusiasm possible to both his long professional life and his time with his family and friends. He earned his PhD (1960) in Engineering Mechanics from The University of Texas at Austin and the Doctor Honoris Causa (1998) from Delft University of Technology in The Netherlands. He continued working with the University of Texas until his death and held the Claire Cockrell Williams Chair Emeritus in Engineering. He served as the Chair of the Department of Aerospace Engineering from 1966 to 1977. He established the University's orbit mechanics program in 1961 and founded the University's Center for Space Research in 1981, serving for many years as its Director and subsequently as its Director Emeritus.

He was instrumental in establishing the field of satellite altimetry in 1980 as a method for monitoring ocean circulation and sea level rise. He notably served as Principal Investigator for the GRACE satellite program, the first NASA mission dedicated to tracking the Earth's gravity and global water movement and availability.

Byron had a lifelong love for snorkeling, sailing, hiking, rock climbing, and flying with his family. He sailed across the Atlantic Ocean in 2004 and at 92 years old was still snorkeling and free diving off the coast in Hawaii. He enjoyed countless hours watching the everchanging landscapes and waters off his favorite beach in Maui and at his home at Lake Travis with Sophie. He loved all animals, big and small, but mostly loved his family. Byron was generous of his time and resources, quietly donating to an untold number of charities and doing what he could to support both family and colleagues through all their projects. We feel lucky to have had all the time we did with him, and would always have wished for more.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you donate to the Hawaii Community Foundation Maui Strong Fund (<https://www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/maui-strong>) or consider making a pledge to the Dr. Byron D. Tapley Endowment Fund (BDTEndowment@gmail.com) to benefit the Center for Space Research.



Jeffry Lane

It is with great sadness that we share the news of the passing of fellow Austin Yacht Club member Jeffry Lane.

Jeffry tragically lost his life the morning of Sunday, August 9th, in a motorcycle accident while on his way to church. His sudden passing has left his family, friends, and community grieving a tremendous loss.

Above all, Jeffry was a devoted father to his son, Colt. His love and care for Colt were evident to those who knew him, and Colt remains at the heart of the family's thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Jeffry was involved in the local scouting community and a Christian motorcycle group, reflecting the importance he placed on faith, family, fellowship, and community. He was a Master Diver, recreational pilot, and avid outdoorsman who enjoyed multi-day hikes through the Colorado mountains. He was also known for his wit and great sense of humor, bringing laughter and warmth to those around him.

As members of the Austin Yacht Club family, we extend our deepest condolences to Colt, Jeffry's family, and his many friends. Please join us in keeping them in your thoughts and prayers as they grieve Jeffry's passing and face the difficult days ahead.



NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Emilie Sokolovsky
Student

Emilie joined AYC to compete with our sailing community. She has three years of sailing experience. She is interested in helping kids learn sailing at summer camp (she was a CIT). She'd also like to volunteer for social media projects.



Jeff & Christy Potts and Family
Senior Probationary

Jeff and his family would like to socialize, learn more about racing and volunteer at AYC. Jeff's experience includes: ASA 101 on a J22, North Texas Sailing School (Dallas), ASA 103/104 on a Hunter 36, Windward Sea Venture (Galveston), as well as first mate on Bareboat Charters. Jeff is a software

engineer and a published author. Volunteer interests include: Social Events, Regatta Assistance, Race Committee, Website/Social Media, Tech assistance and Youth Sailing education.



John & Margaret Bosley and Family
Senior Probationary

John's kids are involved in the Junior Sailing Program. He and his wife want to get more involved in AYC and improve their sailing skills. They have some sailing experience but want to learn to race. John is a structural engineer with construction experience. He and his wife have worked with

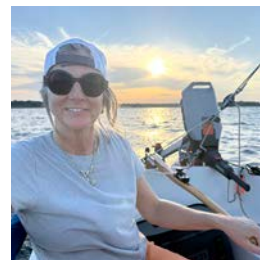
volunteer organizations. John owns a Catalina 30, a Pico laser and an Opti.



Joe Mohrfeld
Senior Probationary

Joe is excited to start/continue his sailing journey at AYC. He has enjoyed the clinics and is excited about the charter program to increase his skills in racing 420s. His sailing experience includes Beer Can crewing and 420 race clinics. Joe makes beer for a living and says he will "provide it when we need it."

He has teaching experience from grad school and loves helping people learn. Volunteer interests include Building & Grounds, Harbor, Regatta Assistance, RC and Sail Training.



Jason Sabo & Lisa Kerber
Associate Probationary

Jason & Lisa joined AYC to improve their sailing skills, to race and meet other sailors. They are both ASA 101, 103 and 104 certified. They sail their West Wight Potter 15 whenever they have the chance but do not have racing experience. With experience in gardening and data management, their volunteer interests include Building & Grounds, Regatta Assistance and RC.



Charlie Pitkin
Reinstated Senior

Charlie has rejoined AYC. He has 25 seasons of sailing experience and 25 seasons of racing experience, and is interested in volunteering with the Harbor Committee.

Kirby Janousek
Associate Probationary

Kirby joined AYC to perfect his skill in trimming sails. He doesn't have racing experience yet, but he has sailed as a young sailor and enrolled in ASA courses. He is a DIY enthusiast. Kirby's volunteer interests include Building & Grounds, Harbor Committee, Social Events and Regatta Assistance.

Mark Gibson
Senior Probationary

Mark loves sailing. He has participated in AYC Adult Sail Training Programs and interested in volunteering with Building & Grounds, Regatta Assistance and Adult Sail Training.

William Ligon
Senior Probationary

William joined AYC because he is retiring and will have more time to sail. His sailing experience includes 30 years of Hobie 16, Prindle 18 and Supercat Tall Rig 20. He has two years of racing experience on a Hobie 16. William is a statistician and engineer with experience in building. (He built two homes Single Handed). Volunteer interests include Building & Grounds, RC, Tech assistance and Photography.

Jeremy & Jennifer Price
Associate Probationary

The Prices joined AYC after being gifted his parents' boat. Jeremy has been coming to AYC racing since the 1980s. Starting in the 70s, he's raced Sunfish, Optis, Lasers, Snipes, and 420s as well as several races at AYC throughout the years. Special interests include event planning and bartending. They would like to volunteer with Building & Grounds, Social Events, Regatta Assistance, RC and Photography.



4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION



AYC's Happy Birthday USA 250th Celebration

by Chris Thompson



Based on the happy, smiling (sweaty) faces I observed, the July 4th Happy Birthday America 250th Party was a huge success. Registrations exceeded 160 people plus kids; the new incentives we tried for early registration proved very successful with over 100 early registrations logged a few days before the event.

A good headcount is critical to managing the costs while making sure there is enough food, snacks and beverages to throw a good party. Thanks for your patience in checking in for your prize tickets.

Over 30 door prizes were distributed during the afternoon, ranging from squirt guns and such to custom tie-dye AYC T-shirts and assorted Bartlett sail bags. Thank you, **John & Claudia Bartlett**, for your continued generosity and support for all the things we do at AYC. We missed you at the party. A special *Thank You* to my daughter, **Ciara Gammon**, for creating made-to-order shirts – our contribution to the festivities. She does custom tie-dye orders (hats too) for personal and business customers, let me know and I can get you connected.

Pulling together an event like this is much like a regatta, but the focus on a fun family event was the presiding theme. When **Steve & Cheryl Pervier** asked if we would help, **Barbie Carlyon** took this challenge and ran with it, creating a Kidzone with activities focused on our younger members, but also fun for parents, teens and anyone young at heart. That allowed me to manage the logistics, shopping lists, orders & pickups, coordinate supplies and volunteers, plan the menu, etc. The kitchen volunteers did their magic and the food was excellent and extra food was repurposed to other events.

Surprise guests **Sonny & Cher** provided post dinner entertainment, along with the *Unicorn Dancers* and the *Mystical Mariner* (you had to be there). The Bonos were played by my little sister, **Angie** and brother-in-law **Ralph (Tad) Shute** who came down from Indiana to vacation and help

with the party. They were cute and corny and had a great time doing it.

The Kidzone was awash with games and prizes, drawing and coloring activities, popcorn machine (very popular), jumbo stacking blocks, Uno, Connect 4, cornhole, Wet Twister, balloons, bubble machines and wands. Fun was the order of the day, and the pool was well used on this hot July day by young and old alike. **Tom Cunningham** said it was a disaster on Monday. Thanks, Tom, for keeping it going.

I must apologize to some of the volunteers – I was so busy I did not get a chance to personally thank everyone. I did 22,200+ steps that day, Barbie around 15,000 so we were happy but very tired party hosts at the end of the day. Without volunteers who are willing to give up some of their party time for the rest of us, events like this could not be as successful. Please let these people know how much they are appreciated. Some served multiple roles. Apologies to anyone we might have missed. Y'all really knocked it out of the park.

Barbie Carlton – the planner

Brielle Beaver-Ou

Jonathan Beaver-Ou

Martine Lacombe

Karen Bogisch

Monica Paredes – kitchen ninja

Shayna Borgfeld

Deanna James

Carolyn Jones

Sarah Faust

Anne Provost

Kalli Wild (Myers)

Misty Mittelstedt-Blythe

Casey Jones

Vladimir Kaplunov

Nathan Romo

Marilyn Jackson – rockstar

Jeff Jackson – Mr. Got ya covered

Kaye Jaynes

AYC Staff: Donnie, Jackie, Tom

Cheryl Pervier – administrative

Steve Pervier – the keg master

Daniel Garces – pics

James Parsons

Special Guests:

Angie Shute – Cher

Tad Shute – Sonny

Emma Medina – popcorn lady

Damon Ulrich



L-R: James, Margaret, Sarah and Everett Faust
Photos by Daniel Garces



L-R: Brandon, Emily and Lilian Jakobeit



L-R: Alexander Charlton-Rosa, Emerson, Nico-demus and Mystic Rosa

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4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION



Chris Thompson's sister and brother-in-law Angie & Tad Shute Photo by Daniel Garces



L-R: Kaye Jaynes and Cheryl Pervier Photo by Elizabeth Quintanilla



L-R: Alejandro, Nick, Romina and Vanessa Tello Photo by Daniel Garces



Meri & Steve Shepardon Photo by Elizabeth Quintanilla



Chris Thompson awarding a Bartlett bag door prize to Anne Provost Photo by Daniel Garces



L-R: Bill Records and Daniel Garces Photo by Daniel Garces



Nina & Salvador Aguirre Photo by Daniel Garces



L-R: Perry Weller, Charlie Lancaster, Pam Weller, Annie Lancaster, Elizabeth Quintanilla (in front) Photo by Daniel Garces



Paul & Mary Carew Photo by Daniel Garces

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4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION



Unicorn interpretive dance by James Parsons
Photos by Cheryl Pervier



Kidzone volunteers, L-R: Anne Provost, Barbie Carlyon, Kaye Jaynes, Carolyn Jones



Cher & Sonny, AKA Angie & Tad Shute



L-R: Renee Ruias, Ken Berringer and Rosanne Butera



L-R: Cleanup Crew Vova Kaplunov and Casey Jones



Cleanup Crew Nathan Romo



Volunteers, L-R: Barbie Carlyon, Misty Blythe, Kaye Jaynes, Angie & Tad Shute

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4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION



L-R: Henry Carta, Rocco Russo, Lilian Jakobeit
Photos by Marilyn Jackson



Stephen Sexton and crew on Pearson 26 Ryliun Nova



Bill Benker and crew



Carolyn & Casey Jones with Bartlett bag door prizes



Chris Thompson, AKA Carnac the Magnificent



L-R: Kaye Jaynes, Marilyn Jackson, Brett Wilson
and Jeff Jackson



L-R: Tonya & Dale Scoggin, Karen Bogisch, Martine Lacombe
and Jeane Goldsmith

SINGLE HANDED REGATTA



by Bill Records

The Pearson 26 Fleet hosted the fourth annual Single Handed Regatta on Saturday, August 1st. We always schedule the race in the morning due to the extreme heat. The forecasts leading up to Saturday indicated calm winds and 100 degree temps. However, on race day, the temps were in the 80s and the wind 4-6 knots with few holes, so 22 boats registered. Unfortunately the wind direction

was west, necessitating the use of A-mark.

We were blessed with Brad Davis as PRO and he conducted the race flawlessly. We had three starts:

Start 1: B Fleet & Ensigns – Start 2: Pearson 26s – Start 3: A Fleet

Start 1 consisted of a Catalina 22, two Catalina 25s, a Catalina 27 and a South Coast 21. The Ensigns were scored as One-Design. Bob Musselman took the lead in his SC21 and never looked back, winning B Fleet. We did not score for an overall winner, but my guess is that Bob might have won. It's hard to beat a South Coast in light air! Eric Van Hensbergen sailed his Catalina 25 to a hard earned second. Vickie Stones, despite being assaulted by a drone, took third place. I had to talk her into entering the race and I think she is happy I did! The Ensigns had a very competitive match race, with Graham Gilmour taking first and James Parsons second. They both led all of B Fleet except for the SC21.

In the Pearsons' start, all of the boats were spread out on the line. I was early and ended down by the pin. I had clean air and caught the first shift and led to the first mark only to see that Ty Brockhoeft was right on my stern. The rest of the fleet was far back. Halfway down the leeward leg, Ty passed me and kept the lead, winning. I took second. The rest of the fleet stayed bunched up and battled back and forth with Rich Ryon taking third.

A-fleet was an odd combination of boats. Cass Meyer's 11 Meter, John Bartlett's Beneteau 40.1, Matt Brown's Capri 25, Brian Grothues' Catalina 320, and Ken Berringer's J80. In the light wind, it was no surprise that Cass led wire to wire. John Bartlett sailed his big heavy Beneteau to a hard earned second. Ken Berringer took third, only 26 seconds corrected time out of second.

After the race, Chris Ryan cooked a great lunch of hot dogs, chili dogs and burgers. As in the past, the trophies were framed photos of each competitor taken by Marilyn Jackson. Ryan Sullivan flew his drone and produced a spectacular slide show of the aerial photos.

I think that all of the competitors enjoyed the race and probably know their boats better, Not one protest was filed! Tom Groll calls this the "Crew Appreciation Regatta" !



Pearson 26s Cafe au Lait and Pura Vida Photos by Ryan Sullivan



Pearson 26 Fleet



L-R: Pearson 26 On a Plane and J80 Theseus

SINGLE HANDED REGATTA



Kitchen volunteers, L-R: Chris Ryan, Misty Blythe and Chris Walker Photo by Cheryl Pervier



PRO Brad Davis Photo by Cheryl Pervier



Regatta Chair Bill Records – The Pearson 26 Fleet sponsored the regatta. Photo by Cheryl Pervier

Photos by Marilyn Jackson



L-R: Jeff Jackson and Matt Brown



L-R: Liz Weeks and Katie Whitley



Catalina 22 Kinga



Beneteau 40.1 Trixie



11 Meter Once



Catalina 25 Watari, Pearson 26 Incognito

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SINGLE HANDED REGATTA



South Coast 21 WT Photos by Marilyn Jackson



L-R: Pearson 26 Rylium Nova, Catalina 25 Waturi, Beneteau 40.1 Trixie, Pearson 26 Incognito



Pearson 26 Cafe au Lait



Pearson 26 Ariel2Too!



Pearson 26 Los Monos



Ensign Moondance(r)



Catalina 320 Joy



Catalina 27 Better than Chocolate

Photo by Ryan Sullivan



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SINGLE HANDED REGATTA

TROPHIES



1st Place PRF B, Skipper Bob Musselman on South Coast 21 WT (center), with presenters John Maddalozzo and Bill Records



2nd Place PRF B, Skipper Eric Van Hensbergen on Catalina 25 Waturi



3rd Place PRF B, Skipper Vickie Stones on Catalina 22 Kinga



1st Place PRF A, Skipper Cass Meyer on 11 Meter Once



2nd Place PRF A, Skipper John Bartlett on Beneteau 40.1



3rd Place PRF A, Skipper Ken Berringer on J80 Theseus



1st Place Ensign, Skipper Graham Gilmour on Seagull



2nd Place Ensign, Skipper James Parsons on Moondance(r)



1st Place Pearson 26, Skipper Ty Brockhoeft on Pura Vida



2nd Place Pearson 26 Cafe au Lait, Skipper Bill Records



3rd Place Pearson 26, Skipper Rich Ryon on Ariel2Too!

SailStrong Sailing Camp 2026

by Anne Morley



SailStrong and I would like to thank the AYC Fund for sponsoring three children to attend the weeklong Austin Yacht Club (AYC) Sailing Camp. The campers sponsored by the Fund were Donna Tapp, Ezra Hall, and Shiravion McKay. Private AYC members also sponsored children. Thank you to each of you as well.

I am a member of AYC, Ensign Fleet 30, as well as a Board member of SailStrong. Terri Kiszner,

SailStrong Founder and Executive Director, and I assisted with the camp (we are US Sailing Level I certified).

SailStrong's Mission is: *"Empowering under-served youth to navigate life's challenges, we harness the transformative power of sailing to instill confidence, resilience, and essential life skills. Through hands-on experiences and mentorship on the water, we strive to create a supportive community where young people can chart their own courses toward brighter futures."*

SailStrong raises money to sponsor the sailing campers and provide transportation to make it possible for the campers to get out to the Club. We then pay AYC for the cost of the camp.

SailStrong works closely with Austin Yacht Club to arrange the camp. We had a total of 25 campers attend with age range of 9-16. None of them knew each other before the camp. Over the week they all became great friends who were swapping cell numbers by Friday.

After learning on-land basics of sailing, they got on the water in groups of three in 420s. The first day they had a big learning curve, but by the end they were all hiking out and loving sailing. We had multiple campers decide to try Optis and one chose to try a Laser. Many of the kids are interested in taking part in our high school and youth programs. AYC will offer these campers the programs for free.

On the boats and on shore they learned the importance of working as a team. They played games that included "Name the Boat Parts", "Sailing Jeopardy", and "Building a Boat" that they would race on the last day.

Over the week we had massive rainstorms and some lake flooding. The campers were fascinated watching Lake Travis rise and learned about the chain of lakes that feed Lake Travis. Even during the lake rise, the lake stayed open. Some of the campers did not know there was a lake in Austin. They played indoor games during the lightning storms. Once the lightning stopped, they were enthusiastic to go sailing in the rain.

I, personally, was touched by many of the campers' life stories. I could not in my wildest imagination have come up with what some of these young people have experienced.

The counselors and CITs all did an amazing job! Thank you!

I'm proud of SailStrong and appreciate the AYC Fund and private members for sponsoring the campers. Thank you again!



SailStrong 2026 campers Photos by Anne Morley



Shiravion McKay working the jib



Ezra Hall steering an Opti



Ezra's thank you note

SUMMER SERIES #5



Pearson 26s On a Plane and Moreneta Photos by Marilyn Jackson



Pearson 26s Broken Arrow and Moreneta



Pearson 26 Picante, South Coast 21 WT rounding 5



Pearson 26 Picante



Pearson 26 Sailors



Pearson 26 Moreneta



J70 Wabi Sabi



Diam 24 Van Cat



Prindle 19 Feral Cat

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SUMMER SERIES #6



Photos by Marilyn Jackson



Brett Wilson and Steve Whitley raising the AP over A flag



Eric Van Hensbergen bringing back the Bots



L-R: Bob Mathison, Anne Brun, Mike Mashl & Jenny Loehlin,
Annie Lancaster, George Dahmen



L-R: Hazel Sanchez, Kristin Spindler and Carolyn Wilsford



L-R: Jeff Jackson, Peggy Brewer, John Maddalozzo,
Steve & Meri Shepardson



L-R: Benjamin Geffken, John Mandell, Linda McDavitt and
Slava Federov

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SUMMER SERIES #7



Multihull Fleet heading upwind Photos by Anne Morley



Prindle 19 Feral Cat



J80 Too Much J



J80 Fleet heading downwind



J80 Restless



J80 Flyer



J22 Bonfire and J24 Illegal Smile

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SUMMER SERIES #8 EOS



Corsair F28-R First Tri Photos by Marilyn Jackson



Prindle 19 Feral Cat



Pearson 26 Ariel2Too!



J80s Lickety Split, Too Much J, Amazing Grace



J80s Amazing Grace, Too Much J



J80 Lickety Split



Ensign The Other Ranger



Diam 24 Van Cat



Diam 24 Van Cat, Catalina 22 Kinga



Pearson 26s On a Plane, Broken Arrow, Picante, Ariel2Too!

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SUMMER SERIES #8 EOS



L-R: Trevor Miller, Bridget Malone, Scott Lalli
Photos by Marilyn Jackson except where noted



L-R: Slava Federov, John Mandell, David Wahlberg, Greg Scully, Renee Ruais



L-R: Robbin Kersey, Ann Kitzmiller, George Dahmen, Graham Gilmour, David Gamble, Anne Provost



L-R: Liz Stansfeld, William DeBoer, Daniel Garces, Becky DeBoer and Rey Moral Leandro



L-R: Jonathan Little, Andrew Benning, Brigitte Benquet & Mike Beuerlein, Guillaume Hennion, Todd Benning



L-R: John Maddalozzo and Tom Groll



L-R: Jennifer Plourde, Brett Wilson and William DeBoer



L-R: Cole Morgan, Josh Notari and Brandon Long



L-R: Charlie Lancaster, Danny Lien and Steve Shepardson



Ensign Kitchen Volunteers, Front: Norma Lien, Monica Paredes, Back: Carl Wiseman, Molly Isbell, Annie Lancaster, Tim Fox, Ann Kitzmiller, Danny Lien Photo by Monica Paredes



L-R: Austin & Amy Riggs, Guillaume Hennion, Alexandre Larrouilh, Philippe Bettler and Bo Kersey



L-R: Alexander Larrouilh, Hardie Botha and Rick Allen

SUMMER SERIES #8 EOS



1st Place B Fleet, L-R: Jennifer Plourde, Skipper Brett Wilson, and John Maddalozzo on Pearson 26 Picante Photos by Marilyn Jackson



2nd Place B Fleet, L-R: Skipper Jeff Jackson, Marilyn Jackson, David Mok on Catalina 25 Winging It



3rd Place B Fleet, Skipper Bob Musselman on South Coast 21 WT



1st Place Diam 24, L-R: Alexandre Larrouilh, Skipper Philippe Bettler, Guillaume XXX on Kerpe Diam



1st Place Ensign, L-R: Tom Groll & Skipper Molly Isbell on Joya



2nd Place Ensign, Skipper James Parsons on Moondance(r)



2nd Place J80, L-R: Skipper John Burke and Johnny Chau on Amazing Grace



3rd Place J80 L-R: Alex, Wade Kokernot, Skipper Jesse Yoste, Tom Presswood, Navid on Lickety Split



1st Place J-PRF, L-R John Mandell and Slava Federov (Skipper Linda McDavitt not present) on J22 Bonfire



2nd Place J-PRF, L-R: Skipper Renee Ruais and Alan Stanard on J22 Bubbles



1st Place Pearson 26, L-R: James Parsons, Skipper Leandro Rey Moral and Daniel Garces on Moreneta



2nd Place Pearson 26, L-R John Ward, Alexander T, Skipper Morgan Andreiev, Carl Myers on On a Plane



1st Place Trimaran, L-R Andrew Benning, Skipper Todd Benning, Jonathan Little on Corsair F28-R First Tri

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SUMMER SERIES #8 EOS

SUMMER SERIES RACE RESULTS

PRF-B

POS	SAIL	BOAT NAME	BOAT TYPE	SKIPPER
1	236	Picante	Pearson 26 OD	Brett Wilson
2	5809	Winging It	Catalina 25	Jeff Jackson
3	163	WT	South Coast 21	Bob Musselman

J80

POS	SAIL	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER
1	221	Too Much J	Matthew Romberg
12	814	Amazing Grace	John Burke
3	458	Lickety Split	Jessie Yoste

J-PRF

POS	SAIL	BOAT NAME	BOAT TYPE	SKIPPER
1	629	Bonfire	J/22	Linda McDavitt
2	984	Bubbles	J/22	Renee Ruais
3	2285	Illegal Smile	J24	Brian Metz

PEARSON 26

POS	SAIL	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER
1	2	Moreneta	Leandro Rey Moral
2	220	On a Plane	Morgan Andreiev
3	1393	Incognito	David Weeks

CATAMARAN

POS	SAIL	BOAT NAME	BOAT TYPE	SKIPPER/CREW
1	514	Tipsy Tahoe	Nacra 5.5	Levi Marconette
2	566	Feral Cat	Prindle 19	Amy Riggs

ENSIGN

POS	SAIL	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER
1	732	Joya	Tom Groll
2	1167	Moondance(r)	James Parsons
3	695	The Other Ranger	Chuck Wielchowsky

TRIMARAN

POS	SAIL	BOAT NAME	BOAT TYPE	SKIPPER/CREW
1	64	First Tri	Corsair F28-R	Todd Benning
2	130	Humility	Corsair Sprint 750 Mk2	Bill Coon
3	232	Rumline	MH-TRi	Aaron McCulley

DIAM 24

POS	SAIL	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER
1	FRA224	Kerpe Diam	Philippe Bettler
2	FRA12	Van Cat	Bo Kersey
3	FR324	Merlin	JT Cody

July 17, 2026
AYC at Lake Travis Level 681'
(One for the Record Books)



Photos by Cheryl Pervier

Blast from the Past

by John Howard



HOLLOW DAY IN DIXIE

The courtroom scene, causing Morris' haste
Giving up the brush race, all such a waste
The judgement to evict, so long expected
The plea of the plaintiff, so rudely rejected.

Speeding on dirt road, just South of Jewett
Carl got a ticket, don't tell me, I knew it
Raising the mast, with sparfly missing
Lowering the mast, amidst booing and hissing!

The APB on wives at large
Discovered at Dillards in the act of a CHARGE!
Practicing windshifts at east end of lake
Racing on westside, what a mistake!

Start at Committee boat, right on time
Leeward boats ahead, wrong end of line!
Reaching with Spinnaker, sailing up high
Low boats get wind, sailing on by.

Tacking on windshift, near finish line
Watch others get lifted, they come from behind!
Second race slow, we could see our reflection
The only success was passing inspection.

Sunday brings clouds, now we have wind
Strap 'em in tight, watch the mast bend
Up with the leader, how sweet the sound!
See boats go by, as we're blown around.

Last leg best in the rain and the blow
But alas too late, for Win, Place or Show.
Pulling the boat with bow untied
Watching it tip, and begin to slide.

Limping home trophyless, oh so sad.
But out of fifteen, fifth ain't so bad!

*Poet Lowrate of the Southcoast Fleet
From June 1977 AYC Telltale*

BVI Sailing Adventure – Let's Go Sailing!

by Brian Grothues



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British Virgin Islands Sailing Adventure

ASA 103 & 104

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- Boat: 39 – 41 ft monohull, 3 private cabins, 2 heads OR bigger depending on interest
- Meals: Breakfast & lunch onboard; dinners ashore
- Guest: Discounted price for guest to share a cabin
- Final pricing depends on boat availability

Reserve Your Spot

A 50% non-refundable deposit is due Oct. 1, 2026 to secure the boat.

Full refunds apply if the trip is canceled by me.

Please reply to Brian Grothues, Head Instructor of ASA at AYC if interested.

Let's go sailing!

BEER CAN HIGHLIGHTS

COOKS & WINNERS



Cooks L-R: Robbin Kersey, Brigitte Benquet & Mike Beuerlien Photos by Cheryl Pervier



Ensign Moondance(r) L-R: Misty Blythe, Skipper James Parsons, Josh Cross, Bill Hawk



Cooks L-R: Tanya Scoggin, Hazel Sanchez, Martine Lacombe and Karen Bogisch



J80 Theseus, L-R: Graham, Stewart, Skipper Ken Berringer, Missy



Cooks L-R Megan Sieffert, Megan & Cass Meyer



J80 Too Much J, L-R: Eric Faust, Jonathan Baker, Margaret, James Everett & Sarah Faust



Cooks L-R: Vickie Stones, John Maddalozzo, Megan Sieffert



Ensign Joya, L-R: Audrey Revelo & Kurt Carson, Molly Isbell & Tom Groll



J22 Bonfire, L-R: Mynga Nguyen, Skipper Linda McDavitt, Benjamin Geffken, Slava Federov



Two times cooks, L-R: Luke, Mia, Jack & Nicole Downey



11 Meter Once, L-R: Caston, Cass and Megan Meyer



Cooks L-R: Tad & Angie Shute, Barbie Carlyon & Chris Thompson



Cook Scott Walsh



Three commodores, L-R John Maddalozzo, Steve Pervier and Renee Ruais

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BEER CAN HIGHLIGHTS

RACERS



Diam 24 Kerpe Diam



Beneteau 28 Tickety Boo



West Wight Potter 15



Pearson 26 Picante



Pearson 27 O' Shenanigans



J22 Bonfire



Nacra 5.5 Tipsy Tahoe



Shane Poncik & Colleen Kadowaki on Catalina 25 Winging It



Two Racers at sunset



Catalina 27 Better Than Chocolate



J80 Kicks



Ensign Moondance(r)

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BEER CAN HIGHLIGHTS

DINNER



L-R: Elizabeth Stansfeld, Jeff & Marilyn Jackson, William DeBoer Photos by Marilyn Jackson



L-R: Hardie Botha, Alex Larrouilh, Rick Allen, Bo Kersey, Philippe Bettler



L-R: Dante Alibrio, Luis Maximo, Mrs. Federov, Benjamin Geffken, Slava Federov



L-R: Misty Blythe, Josh Cross, James Parsons, Monica Paredes



L-R: Mike Rohrer, Vickie Stones, Chris Walker, Brett Wilson



L-R: John Maddalozzo, Cheryl & Steve Pervier, Marilyn & Jeff Jackson



L-R: Hazel Sanchez, Renee Ruais, Joe Mohrfeld, Chris Renner Elaine Botha



L-R: Summer & Anthony Yen



L-R: Shayna Borgfeld, Salvador Aguirre, Cindy & Paul Hintikka, Nina Aguirre, Marilyn Jackson, Cheryl & Steve Pervier



L-R: Salvador Aguirre, Cindy & Paul Hintikka, Nina Aguirre



L-R: Rich, Katie, Joseph & Stephen Burke



L-R: Nicole DiDaniele, Steve Whitley, Jeff Jackson, Yolanda Diaz & Richard House, John Maddalozzo, Katie Whitley, Russell Davis

MOONBURN RACE #2

by Chris Thompson



As one of the instigators and a previous winner of the MoonBurn night races, when James Parsons asked if I could serve as PRO I thought it would be a good way to continue to support the event and it would be an easy race to run. Cue sinister laugh from the wind gods. How'd that work out for ya? While not without its hitches, the race was completed, all returned unharmed and I think everyone had a great time.

A nice potluck dinner kicked us off with fried chicken and all sorts of good eats. Plan ahead and allow some extra time for dinner.

The Race committee included myself as PRO calling the line and flags, Mark O'Brien (helm pilot extraordinaire); his friend whose name escapes me and Barbie Carlyon serving as spotters, scribe, and boat check-in. For RC newbies they were impressive in handling the crazy dynamics of the Signal Boat in challenging conditions, while learning the process and accurately and legibly recording the events of the evening. Terri Kiszer helped with time marks and gave a masterclass in radio comms, providing clear and consistent communication to the racers through a string of postpones and out-of-the-ordinary events. I think a standardized radio protocol for radio comms (cheat sheet?) should be part of RC training. I've misplaced my notes, so I apologize – I do not recall who manned the chase boats but thanks for a great job in very challenging conditions.

Some days races go off cleanly and timely. This was not one of those. Crisis management skills are essential to a successful PRO experience. A primary rule imparted to me in Race Management was "the P flag is your friend". We applied liberal use of the 'Cat-in the Hat' flag on this evening.

The wind for MB2 was sporty to say the least, and of course shifty. Tracking the weather, I had a few courses in mind, but Lake Travis had other ideas.

Miscue #1 – being rusty on RC duty I completely spaced checking for a gas tank on the boat. We got to the wake markers and the boat sputtered and died. We drifted while we waited for fuel but used the time to do all the other pre-race prep we could. Postpone #1 was inevitable at this point. Even though we got to the start location in time, trying to set the anchor in high gusty winds we did not have enough anchor line to set enough scope to handle the wind and depth. At 160 feet deep, southerly wind 12-15 knots, some shifts, gusting to 20+, the anchor was not going to grab. After losing anchor position for the 3rd or 4th time and another P flag, Mark took over the helm and held the Signal Boat on station with very adept manipulation of the throttle and steering.

Finally getting the boat stable, we started the race sequence. Engrossed in the flags and race timing, I ignored my phone that kept ringing. The wind was howling so radio communications were garbled. At this point, James sails by the Signal Boat right before the P Flag down horn and alerts us to the flashing blue lights down the lake. There is a missing swimmer search active around Mark 4 – of course we were racing there. Postpone #4 and some Signal Boat mayhem while we discuss our options. Ok, we change course to avoid the search and get a race started. Finally getting off three starts in waning daylight to expedite the races, we set a short course to Mark 5 with eight boats reaching both ways. After a 20-30 minute sprint, we finished everyone and were stowed away before the Friday night Beer Can party was over. That couple of hours in the washing machine seemed a lot longer!

Thank you, competitors, for your patience and cooperation and for the magnificent volunteers who are critical to all we do at AYC. When you see him give James Parsons a pat on the back for sharing his passion for sailing after dark and his dedication to sharing a way for the rest of us to join the fun.

The chart below indicates the wind gusts hitting us at start time 8 pm. What we saw on the water was higher.

Wind Speed May 26 Lago Vista TX – Rusty Allen Station

9:55 PM	65 °F	65 °F	100 %	W	7 mph	-
9:35 PM	64 °F	64 °F	100 %	N	15 mph	21 mph
9:15 PM	64 °F	64 °F	100 %	NE	6 mph	-
8:55 PM	66 °F	65 °F	96 %	N	15 mph	20 mph
8:35 PM	66 °F	65 °F	94 %	N	9 mph	-
8:15 PM	67 °F	64 °F	90 %	N	9 mph	17 mph
7:55 PM	68 °F	64 °F	84 %	N	14 mph	24 mph
7:35 PM	76 °F	64 °F	67 %	NW	12 mph	25 mph
7:15 PM	80 °F	67 °F	65 %	SSE	8 mph	20 mph
6:35 PM	80 °F	68 °F	67 %	ESE	6 mph	-

Pearson 26 Fleet Report

by Bill Records



With Dave Weeks (Incognito) winning the first three races, he seemed to have a safe lead in the Summer Series, but missing one and having no crew for the last race, the lead withered. On June 27th, Morgan Andreiev (On a Plane) won his first race since acquiring his boat from Lake Ray Hubbard. Mike Bayer (Entheos) came out of the pack to take second, Leandro Rey Moral (Moreneta) third, and Trevor Miller (Broken Arrow) fourth. The next race was cancelled due to lightning. On July 18th, Morgan won again and set up a winner take all for the last race between Leandro/Daniel Garces team (Moreneta) and Morgan (On a Plane). I sailed on Broken Arrow and took an early lead, with On a Plane gaining on us and ahead of Moreneta. One override on the jib winch stopped them dead in the water and Moreneta passed them and us for the lead and the series win. Morgan took second and Dave third. Leandro and Daniel have gotten better with each race and they won their first series. Also, they won their class in Turnback. They are on a roll.

Next up for the fleet will be Discover Sailing on September 12th.



Latest Pearson 26 member, Joe Mohrfeld



Trevor Miller, Scott Lalli, Briget Malone, Jonathan Wilson



Carl and Kalli Myers wedding reception



The Pearson 26 Fleet

Ensign Fleet Report

by Chris Covington & George Dahmen



Dog Days, Full Plates, and a Wet Winter Ahead?

The dog days of summer arrived right on schedule this year, and August has been doing its level best to remind us why the ancients blamed this stretch of heat on Sirius, the Dog Star. When

the afternoon breeze feels like a hair dryer and the water in the bilge is warm enough for tea, you know it's August on Lake Travis. But Ensign Fleet 30 doesn't hibernate — er, estivate — and the past two months have been some of the busiest of the year. Fun fact: in case you want to impress your friends, estivate means to spend the hot, dry season in a dormant or inactive state.

Discover Sailing: Weather Delays, but the Newbies Delivered

Our Discover Sailing program hit some early weather snags, but the Fleet adjusted and delivered a great rescheduled on-the-water makeup day on July 19th. Big thanks to skippers George Dahmen, Dave Gamble, David Morley, and Graham Gilmour, and to all the fleet volunteers who took the students out — and to Linda McDavitt for coordinating and managing the program. The feedback was terrific; one student reported that after the time on the water, "things finally clicked." That's the whole point.

A bonus for the fleet: Linda has shared both the Discover Sailing roster and the Adult Dinghy crew interest list with our Google group. If you're ever short a crew member for a race day, you now have two lists of enthusiastic new sailors to call. Use them — that's how our fleet grows.

End of Season Dinner: A Feast Worthy of the Fleet

The 2026 Summer Series wrapped up with an End of Season dinner on July 25th that set a new culinary bar. Enormous thanks to Molly Isbell, Monica Paredes and Norma Lien, who led the team of Ensign Fleet volunteers behind a truly extensive spread: a full taco bar with four fillings (beef picadillo, chicken tinga, pulled pork, and roasted veggie fajita), black beans, cilantro lime rice, elote street corn salad, queso, pico de gallo, and homemade tres leches cake for dessert — all scaled to feed roughly 70 hungry sailors.

The planning, organization, and skill it took to pull that off was unmatched, and the food was flat-out delicious. If you left hungry, that's on you. Recipes are available from Monica for anyone who wants to recreate the magic at home (fair warning: the picadillo starts with sixteen pounds of ground beef, so maybe scale down).

Single Handed Regatta: One Sailor, One Ensign, No Excuses

The fleet had two brave captains participate in the 2026 Single Handed Regatta, with Graham Gilmour and James Parsons putting on an impressive display of solo Ensign handling.

James came across a Sunfish driver in a Catalina 22 who was sitting on the line, so had to go over early to avoid her (well played, Vickie got 2nd or 3rd in B Fleet). After coming around the start pin, James rode the port tack almost to the mark, and led there. Unfortunately 'the tetrahedron hit him' as it rotated around, so he did his turns to a bewildered Graham as James said, "just coming to take your wind", before letting him know of the molecule exchange between the mark and Moondance(r).

Things were close at the first downwind and 2nd of two upwind marks (with Graham leading), but then after the last downwind rounding, the winds changed and Graham rode them to an easy victory while James avoided Pearson 26s battling for 3rd. For Ensigns, Graham won the single handed, and James took a second.

In the debrief after, James learned some things about his main (and ditched it for a better one), winning Beer Can on August 16th with it ... vs no other Ensigns, thanks to Nationals.

Way to go guys... you made us proud! If you've never tried to tack an Ensign, trim the main, and stay out of everyone's way all by yourself, give it a go sometime — it builds "character". Special thanks to Marilyn Jackson's beautiful photos of the regatta and the trophies.

Ensign Nationals: Fleet 30 Represents at Toms River

The 2026 Ensign Class Association National Championship Regatta was hosted by Fleet 63 at Toms River Yacht Club in Toms River, New Jersey, with racing running August 13th–16th — and Fleet 30 was excited to send two boats this year. Tom Groll skippered Joya with crew members Molly Isbell, Kurt Carson, and Audrey Ravelo, while George Dahmen skippered Stijf Kop with crew members Ann Kitzmiller, Graham Gilmour, and Boyd Bluestein (from HYC).

Congratulations to Tom, Molly, and crew on a well-deserved 7th place finish at Nationals — an impressive showing against the best Ensign sailors in the country. George, Ann, and crew were sailing a strong regatta as well until they lost their main halyard on the final day of racing. A darn shame, but that's sailboat racing — and no matter how everyone finished, both crews had a great time and represented AYC and the fleet well. Hauling a boat halfway across the country to compete at the national level is a credit to the fleet. Well done, all.

AYC Fund Fleet Challenge: Get Those Donations In!

The Fleet Challenge is on, and the matching-fund incentives have started flying. Incentives will be offered, and they will move fast. Every matched dollar counts toward our fleet's total, so don't sit on the rail: get your donations in and let's show the other fleets how Ensign sailors turn out.

The fleet is also looking for volunteers: we need an Ensign Fleet champion to lead our challenge effort, and a skipper and crew to represent the fleet in the C420 competition — feel free to recruit! Please reach out to David Morley if you're interested in either role. Reminder: the funds go toward supporting AYC's junior and senior sailors at national and international events and for the purchase of 420s. Last year our fleet had a great showing in all aspects of the Fleet Challenge. Let's win this year!

Looking Ahead: Region IV Championship Comes to AYC

Even further ahead, the Ensign Fleet is excited to be hosting the Region IV Championship Regatta in October, with Tom Groll serving as Regatta Chair. It's looking likely that the lake will stay full(ish) until then, and we will hopefully be back into cooler(ish) weather, so we are anticipating great participation from the AYC fleet — and hopefully a few out-of-town boats as well. Be on the lookout for more info (and volunteer opportunities) as the date gets closer.

An Eye on the Weather (As Always)

Finally, because no sailor can resist a forecast: NOAA's August update says El Niño conditions have strengthened dramatically, with better than a 90% chance of a very strong El Niño this fall and winter — and roughly a 69% chance it becomes the strongest El Niño since records began in 1950.

For Central Texas, a strong El Niño historically tilts us toward a cooler, wetter winter. Translation for Lake Travis sailors: pray to the Dog Star that the rain gauge fills, the lake stays up, and the courses get longer. We'll take a soggy race day over a shrinking shoreline any time. See you on the water this fall — bring your "foulies", just in case.

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Single Handed Regatta 1st Place Ensign, Skipper
Graham Gilmour on Seagull



Graham Gilmour on Seagull



Single Handed Regatta 2nd Place Ensign, Skipper
James Parsons on Moondance(r)



James Parsons on Moondance(r)

Ensign Kitchen Team, Summer Series EOS Banquet



Annie Lancaster



Monica Paredes Photos by Monica



Molly Isbell



Ann Kitzmiller



L-R: Carl Wiseman, Molly Isbell, Annie Lancaster, Tim Fox, Ann
Kitzmiller, Danny Lien, Front row: Norma Lien, Monica Paredes

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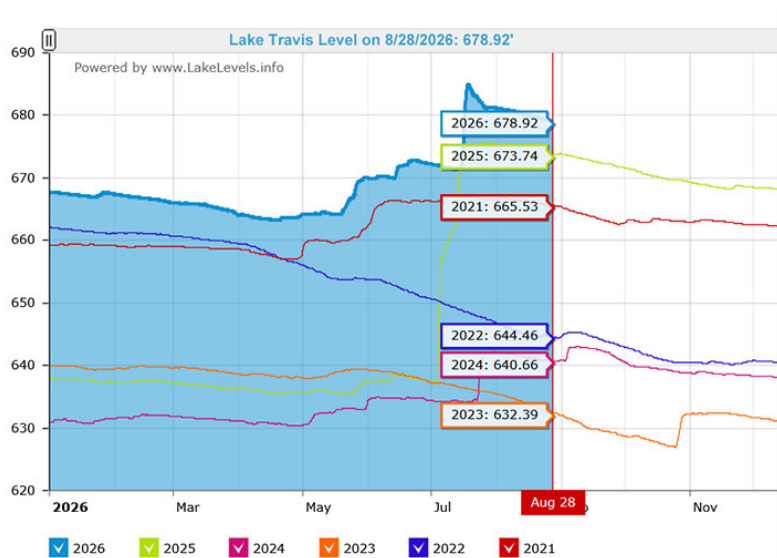
September/October 2026 Race Calendar

Sunfish/Laser Wednesday Races	Every Wednesday in September
Beer Can Races	Fridays through September 11
AYC Fleet Fund Challenge	09/04-05
UTST Alumni Regatta	09/06
Fall Series Races	09/13, 20, 27, 10/11, 18, 25, 11/08
Kathryn Hammond Regatta	09/19-20
Centerboard Regatta	10/3-4
Ensign Region IV Regatta	10/22-24
Round the Bend/Multihull Regatta	10/31-11/1
Wild Turkey Regatta	11/21

September/October 2026 Non-Racing Events

Annual French Speaker Sailors Social	09/12	4:00-11:00pm
AYC Board of Directors Meeting	09/24	7:30-9:00pm
Adult Sail Training		
Adult 420 Practice Clinic	09/03, 17	6:00-8:00pm
Discover Sailing	09/12	9:00am-1:00pm
	10/24	9:00am-1:00pm
Intro to Racing 2	09/12, 13, 26, 27	9:00am-noon
ASA 101 Public Classes	09/19-20	8:30am-5:30pm
	10/17-18	8:30am-5:30pm
Catamaran Racing Clinic	09/19	12:30-6:00pm
Beginning Sailing 7	10/10, 11, 17, 18	9:00am-noon

Here is a link to Junior Events: <https://austinyachtclub.net/junior-program-calendar/>



Lake Travis Water Level

August 28, 2026: 678.02