

Scuttlebutt

A collage of sailboats on a lake with people on a dock. In the foreground, a white sailboat with a red stripe and a white sail is docked at a wooden pier. In the middle ground, several sailboats are on the water, including a blue boat with a white sail and a red boat with a white sail. A group of people in life jackets are standing on the wooden pier, watching the boats. The background shows a forested shoreline and a clear sky.

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ATLANTA YACHT CLUB est. 1950
Atlanta Yacht Club, north of Atlanta on Allatoona Lake, has been home to small-boat sailors of all ages since 1950. On weekends throughout the year, you will find our shores busy with one-design sailing craft heading out for competition or just the pleasure of being on the water.



FROM THE COMMODORE



Kirk Maassen
Commodore 2019

It has truly been an honor to serve the club and you, the members, this year. By the time you get to read this, we will have had our Awards Banquet where we honored our Champions, Outstanding Sailor, Goodwill Ambassador,

Sportsmanship Award, The Charlie Chase Award, and a number of other special awards, including the Commodore Award which I get to select and present. This year's recipient is well deserved. For four years they have been involved with the Adult Learn to Sail Program, teaching people the love of sailing through structured experiences. Most recently, they were required to pick up the whole course when our Past Commodore, Oren Williams, passed on. Henry and Jeanette picked up the reins and never missed a beat. They have now become the "Face" of AYC as they introduce many newcomers to sailing. I was honored to be able to award them the Commodore's Award. And that was a wonderful way to close out my year.

We have had a great and safe year of sailing, family fun, many social opportunities and many accomplishments that we will remember for years to come. I know I'll remember Ladies' Luncheon with our AYC models modeling Talbots' line of nautical clothing, Commissioning celebrating our legacies of sailing over the years, Y-Flyer MidWYnters, the AYC Open Regatta with a fleet start of Sunfishes, and The Dixie Regatta tailgating with your favorite team. Then, the summer rolled into our Open House, Junior Week Greek Week, July 4th Independence Day, Labor Day weekend (the weekend of Champions) with a lobster bake, to boot. Then the Club Championship was fierce competition between Bryce and Clint. Our fall regatta series starting with the SAYSA High School regatta, then the Beers Regatta sailing four super long races in one day and finally, the Rodeo Halloween regatta with very creative costumes. And I'm sure there are other events that have made an impression on your memory as well.

You will be pleased with the quality of leadership lined up for next year. Steve at the Helm, Tracy as Vice and Winky as Rear, all are strong and capable and will do an outstanding job leading AYC into 2020.

But it is not just the Flag Officers, nor the Board Members that make this club what it is. It is you. The willing volunteers that step up to lead a regatta, chair a committee or function, serve on race committee, be a cabin parent, chair a weekend entertainment, prepare a meal for an event, keep track of boat parking or serve as training instructor for sailing, to name a few. We are a volunteer club that relies on your efforts and I thank you for all that you have given of your time to make AYC an enjoyable place to be with your family and friends.

I'll hang around to keep an eye on things.

Kirk Maassen





From the
Vice Commodore

As we celebrate 70 years of family sailing on Lake Allatoona, we have a lot to be thankful for. There are many interesting stories from our history, and over the next year I hope to share some of these with you.

For example, do you know why I-75 takes a big left turn going north just before you get to the highway 92 exit to come to the club? When I-75 was being built back in the 70s, the original plan was for the highway to run directly over the lake not far from where we sail today. Fortunately for us, Philip Greear, who was a professor at Shorter College, was able to convince the DOT that there was a better path around the lake. The alternate route he proposed would preserve the beauty of the lake and at the same time cost less to build. He ultimately succeeded and the DOT approved the alternate route. As the construction of I-75 was nearing completion a group of 6 AYC juniors made a day long bike excursion from Sandy Springs to the club that including riding down the stretch of highway from Wade Green Road to Highway 92 which had been paved but was not yet open to car traffic. I think the fastest I ever rode a bike was on that long downhill stretch leading to the big left turn! Look for a reprint of the Reader's Digest May 1973 article *The Battle of Allatoona* coming on the club website.

To help us celebrate 70 years of sailing, we have created a special logo for use by any of you next year. Thanks to Suny Bolles for her creativity in designing this logo for us. You can find the logo on the club website and Google drive. I hope you will use it and incorporate it into your 2020 event planning.

Looking forward, this year we will try a new approach to our annual Open House. In recent years, this has been a one-day event in the spring with the purpose of showcasing our club to the local community and providing an opportunity to find and attract new members. With the evolution of Adult Training to include assistance from the Thistle, Y-Flyer, and Snipe fleets, followed by the fleets offering a lunch and afternoon of sailing, we have come to realize that we have 6 open house days each year, 3 in the spring and 3 in the fall. This year we will build on that concept with an Open House Marketing team to collaborate and coordinate with Adult Training, the fleets, and our membership committee.

As you know we are a volunteer organization. I thank all of you that have been contributing your time and talent to make our club a great place for sailing and social activities. For 2020, why not plan to expand your experience and knowledge and do something new. Set aside time on your calendar to bring friends and family sailing. Volunteer to help on a committee, plan for a regatta or other event, get yourself certified as a PRO, assist with Adult Learn to Sail or with Junior sailing, or with any of the other activities we offer each year. Set a goal for yourself to get involved, learn, meet some new people, and have some fun. I'm also interested to hear your stories. Please share stories and pictures you have with me and the communications team so we can find ways to incorporate them into celebrating 70 years of AYC.



Now let's go sail!

It has been truly eye-opening and a pleasure to serve as your Rear Commodore. There is so much to learn about AYC and I thank all who helped patiently educate me on “all things land”. I’d like to share a bit about what I have learned over this year:

- Land – our club sits on 26 acres of land of which approximately 14 are leased and 12 are owned by the club.
- Water system – our water comes from a well, is treated on-site and goes through rigorous testing. We have two pump houses and Barry is a certified water operator.
- HVAC system – we have 7 units that condition our clubhouse. We have an HVAC policy (see on the bulletin board). This is a relatively new luxury at AYC as our previous clubhouse had 0 units
- Roof system – we have dormers (aka dog-houses) and a complex roof. Our old clubhouse had a flat roof, except for in the ballroom. Families of squirrels and raccoons made their home inside our roof this year and moth balls were used to run them off. The entrances were then sealed up to prevent re-entry. There’s more work to be done on the roof in 2020.

There has been a lot of work this year to maintain and enhance our grounds from repairing ramps and steps, paving roads, painting, new toilet paper dispensers, power washing, bringing in sand for the beach and playground, keeping the kitchen stocked and more.

The Santa Cruise Christmas Party and Awards Banquet was our big night to gather, celebrate and cheer for our sailors and volunteers. It is also a magical time of giving and receiving. AYC chooses Flowering Branch Children’s Shelter, a foster home for 13 kids located in Cartersville, to sponsor gifts for Christmas. Thank you to Lavon and Susan for making the Awards and Christmas party magical, to Kathy Williams and Mary Williams for being the Elves for Flowering Branch and to you, our members for being so generous.

AYC rang in the new year with a Roaring 20s party hosted by Sunny Bolles and was a great end to our entertainment calendar.

Many thanks to the heads of all of Rear Commodore committees and their teams for helping make 2019 another fabulous year at AYC. I look forward to serving as your Vice Commodore in 2020 and seeing you on the water. Go ahead and mark your calendars for the two Winter Seminars on Saturday, February 1, and Saturday, February 29, with more details to come. Also keep an eye out for a club-wide clean up date, coordinated by your 2020 Rear Commodore. We’ll be working inside the clubhouse and as usual, outside.

As we reflect on the 2019 sailing year at AYC, it has been another remarkable time of memory making on and off the water, and a great social year of developing new and enhancing existing friendships. Hoping all AYC member families had a very happy holiday season.

Yours in Service,
Tracy Tumlin Allardice



Tracy Allardice
Rear Commodore 2019



THISTLE REPORT

The Thistle Fleet has been supercharged this fall, doing its best to live up to our mantra of *More People + More Boats = More Fun*. If I were to pick one day as the highlight of our season, it would be October 5, our third and final mega-rally of the season, for which we hosted the last class of Adult Learn-to-Sail students, plus 13 Scouts who participated in the Great Lake Allatoona Cleanup that morning and a host of other members, guests and fun-seekers. Put them all together and we had some 85 people(!) for complimentary lunch in the clubhouse, followed by Thistle show-and-tell on the water.



Races for the day had been canceled due to high winds and challenging gusts, but that did not stop Bryce from making sure that everyone who wanted a Thistle ride was assured the opportunity. A handful of confident skippers took turns flying across the lake all afternoon with almost 40 people who had never experienced the thrill of a Thistle on a planing reach. Never mind a few capsizes (nobody's naming names!) — all boats were righted, and their crews survived the excitement with huge grins. Leave it to Bryce to look at a recklessly windy day and see a teaching moment! A great opportunity, as he put it, to dispel the concern and angst of heavy air sailing.

At our meeting the same day, we welcomed guest John Howell, TCA Vice-President for Growth and Promotion, who came down from Raleigh, NC, to see for himself what these rallies are all about and to borrow tips from our model to share with other fleets. Highly

complimentary of our energy and hospitality, John also talked to us about results of the recent TCA member survey, as well as a capital campaign geared toward new ways to revitalize the class by addressing the different needs of our “under-40” and “over-40” members. It is exciting to see the class start to step outside the box to roll with the times and grow the next generation of Thistlers. Whatever it takes!

Our fleet race season, now wrapped up, has hugely benefitted from the rallies, the Mentoring Initiative, and all the new people these programs bring in to put a fresh face on our fleet. We see a lot of “up-and-comers” working toward challenging the seasoned top sailors in the near future — good news for all of us! But for this year, at least, the season winners will come as no surprise. Remember, scores are tallied on the basis of both finishes and number of races sailed — rewarding not only skill but also participation. All three of our top Thistlers finished highest in *both* categories, a strong clue that the two work hand in hand: Dave Shively and Diane Vandeputte, with 36 races and 110 points; Len Wert, with 52 races and 80 points; and Keegan Musser, with 43 races and 55 points. Congratulations to all, the best of our bunch!

On the regatta scene, Len Wert and Bob McCormack continue to keep Fleet 48 on the scoreboard, with several others dovetailing in part-time. Twenty Thistles participated in the Old Salty Regatta at Lake Norman Yacht Club, Oct 5-6, in refreshingly cool and breezy weather. AYC had two boats finishing in the money with Scott McCormack (with Gavin crewing) in 4th, and Bob McCormack (Alex Padgett crewing) in 5th. Len Wert (with Bryana Shook) finished 16th.

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Twenty Thistles participated in the 2019 Great Pumpkin Regatta at Birmingham Sailing Club, Oct 19-20. As always, the pumpkin rolling was very entertaining. AYC had two boats sailing: Bob McCormack (with Alex Padgett) finished eighth, and Len Wert (with Nathan Burnham and Elliott Newnham) was 14th.

A very competitive fleet of 24 Thistles enjoyed beautiful fall weather during the 2019 Bloody Mary Regatta at Western Carolina Sailing Club, Nov 2-3. Three AYC skippers participated: Gavin McCormack (with Charlie Clark) finished 10th, Bob McCormack (with Alex Padgett) was 12th, and Len Wert (with Tanner Shultz) was 14th. (Go, Len!) Also, Cammie McCormack sailed with her Dad, Andy Russell.



The fleet meeting was incidental — it was ALL about the oysters. Some 40+ Thistlers and at least a dozen kids gathered around the Mitchells' backyard fireplace grill to watch Oysterman Steve put on a real show (he's obviously done this before!), roasting a mere 400 oysters to be served up for an all-you-can-eat culinary feast. Crispy fall air, clear skies and a full moon to boot — it just doesn't get any better! Although...Will Stout surely gave it his best shot. Now that Will's lake house renovations are finished at last, he stepped up to host our fleet Christmas party in extraordinary style, and unmistakably his own. Beef tenderloins, slow-cooked on the grills along with salmon, and an array of homemade side dishes and desserts made for a true holiday party inside the house, the boat barn and the wonderful decks and patios.

Finally, we are delighted to see the makeup of the 2020 AYC Board of Governors, whose two newest members are Bryce Dryden and Len Wert. With the addition of the Thistle Fleet's best "sail power" at the helm of our ship, 2020 promises to be an exciting year for AYC!



Front Cover Photo — A very blustery day turned into an excellent Rally Day for the Adult Sailing Class and our fleet. Photo credit: Diane Vandeputte

THE NICEST PEOPLE SAIL Y-FLYERS

That's right. "The nicest people sail Y-Flyers". As my Fleet Captain duties end, I reflect on many fond memories. My first thought is always what great fleet members we have promoting sailing, contributing to AYC, representing the fleet and club abroad and welcoming sailors from all the fleets to the lake fellowship at final mark gatherings.

What a tenure I have had. In the past two years, we were blessed to watch AYC Fleet #1 bring home the Y-Flyer National Championship, Women's National Championship and Junior National Championship. AYC and Fleet #1 was selected to host the Championship of Champions and we were able to see AYC represented by two Y-Flyer sailors in the Championship of Champions. Thanks to the fleet members who loaned their boats without hesitation to put AYC's best sailors on great boats and to Nile for putting on a great show.



Some of the proudest moments this fleet captain remembers were on the water. Seeing AYC represented by several boats at most every regatta venue and winning the Fleet Award at the Y-Flyer Nationals is a big part of who this fleet is. Additionally, I want to thank the fleet for supporting Adult Learn to Sail with 15 boats and skippers showing up to support Henry and his team. Henry works tirelessly to promote sailing and I was thrilled Henry's fleet supported him. What a great day that was!

Amy and I hope everyone had an awesome and safe holiday season. As I write this, I can't help

but look forward to starting the 2020 Y-Flyer sailing season at the Midwinters in March. I look forward to helping Fleet Captain Amanda Hodges continue to grow AYC Y-Flyer Fleet #1.

Eddie



**MidwYnters 2020
The Goldfish Bowl II
March 20-22**



Leif Carlson is honored for being the 2019 AYC Outstanding Sailor for his accomplishments in sailing at AYC, but also for his finishes at junior events on the road.



Daniel Escudero accepts The Outstanding Junior Award from Commodore Maassen for travelling the world and competing under the AYC burgee. Daniel's list of finishes the past few years in Laser regattas are often top ten.



Trixie Hanson accepts the 2019 Women's Championship Regatta trophy on behalf of her sister and skipper, Kate Rose. This was the second year in a row the sister pair has taken first place honors in this event.

THE SANTA CRUISE

CHRISTMAS PARTY & AWARDS BANQUET



Len Wert sailed in more AYC fleet races than any other skipper on the books for 2019. The Charlie Chase award hangs in the adult lounge. Come see his name!



Commodore Kirk Maassen, Mamadore Anne Maassen with rising Commodore Steve Guebert. Thank you for your commitment to our club!





Evie Blauvelt, 2019 AYC Junior Championship Regatta winner, with the loving cup that will forever show her name..



Aaron Smith and family joined AYC in 2018, but in that very short time, Aaron became a familiar face on the race course, but also freely gave his time to events large and small, and across the board of fleets.



Henry and Jeanette Taylor accept the prestigious Commodore's Award for their incredible dedication to the Adult Sailing Program. Not only has the program bloomed under their tutelage, but it has also brought us many great new members and increased our visibility in the sailing community. Bravo, Henry and Jeanette!!



Tish Spearman accepts The Goodwill Ambassador award for generously giving her time to the club as a board member, organizing sailing events and carrying our burgee across the country and even to Europe.



Joy Finch and her friend, Rachel, won the party! There wasn't a contest, but it sure made the evening that much more fun!

**These are the 2019 voyages of the Snipe Fleet 330
The one-year mission was to explore strange new waters,
To seek out new regattas and to boldly sail
where no Fleet has sailed before!**



There have been many accomplishments this year, from on the water races to events on shores. Everyone did an amazing job on making the fleet set sail. Many people have graciously donated their boats to for new and outside sailors to use. Members from the fleet gave up their time and pitched in at the Ship Shape Shop to make sure the boats were up in sailing condition.

There have been a number of sailors attending away regattas this year, including Valdosta, Charleston, and the Colonial Cup.

After the 2018 successful Marshmallow Intergalactic Championship, the 2019 was double successful! More new people and their families participated. S'mores kit and personalized bags were handed out to the winners.

The 2019 Skipper awards were awarded in the November meeting to Don Hackbarth (1st for Spring and Fall season), Greg Kibler and Trey Shipp (2nd for Fall season), and Ian Elliott (3rd for Fall season). Not only did we acknowledge the skippers of the season, we also gave out awards to the top crews! With Connor Milam as 1st, Rita Fullick as 2nd, Anna Elliott, Ben Shipp, and Dawn Shipp all for 3rd. Most Improved award went to Terry DeGan for mastering the art of sailing his boat and Outstanding Service went to Mike Carlson for his huge help on making the fleet in top shape. The Bill H. Lynn Memorial trophy went to David Muhlhausen for sailing the most out-of-town events. This year we gave out Special Masters Awards which acknowledged all the loyal sailors who have been here for all these years.

Our new officers for 2020 are Joy Finch as the Captain and Amy Durrett, Vice Captain. Mary Williams and Terry DeGan will continue their positions as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively.

It has been a privilege to serve as the Snipe fleet captain this year. I have learned a lot about the heart of sailing and its community.

Captain Claudia Bolles, signing off.



Live long, and prosper



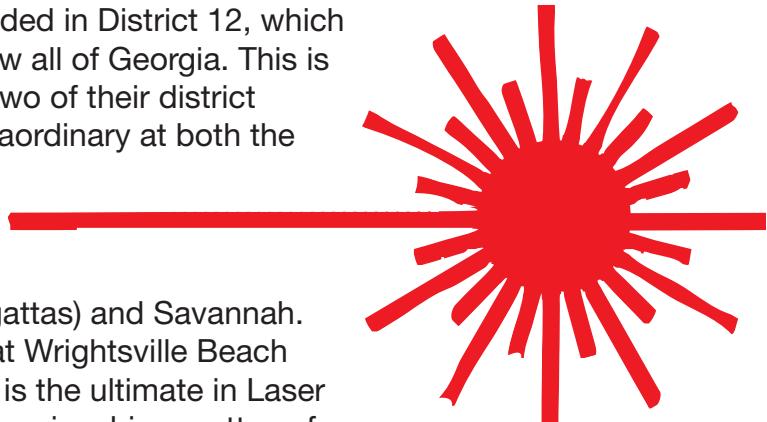
Master Skippers in group picture: John O'Donnell, Don Hackbarth, Frank Briggs (not pictured, Margaret Ann Briggs), Bill Hooper, Titu Doctor, Greg Kibler, John Muhlhausen, Kitza Muhlhausen, Peggy Davis, Means Davis, and Tarasa Davis.



LASER FLEET 116

So, the big news of 2019 was Atlanta was included in District 12, which includes North Carolina, South Carolina and now all of Georgia. This is a very active district that had over 50 boats at two of their district championship regattas. The competition is extraordinary at both the junior (4.7 & Radial) and senior levels.

Also, the sailing venues are incredible as well. Three very challenging regattas with tides are sailed in the rivers in Charleston (2 regattas) and Savannah. After those regattas, racing in the open ocean at Wrightsville Beach is where big wind and waves rule the course. It is the ultimate in Laser sailing in my opinion. Plus, the first and last championship regattas of the year are inland lake regattas. In 2020, the first championship regatta will be the Laser Southerns at Lake Lanier the week after the Frostbite series ends, March 7-8. So now you have to sail in the Frostbite to jumpstart the season!



I know Mike, Clint, Trey, Bob, Gavin and myself have all committed to sailing the Frostbite. Come join us for the best lake sailing of the year. Frostbite starts January 11 at 1:00 and we sail every Sunday through March 1 and then Laser Southerns, March 7-8.

Once we get into the 2020 spring sailing season, we will be organizing regatta trips to the different venues with the 4-boat Laser trailer. It will be first come, first served. The complete D12 Laser schedule will be solidified at the January SAYRA meeting and it will in the first Scuttlebutt article of 2020, plus it will be published in the Yearbook.

Laser Sailing, you gotta love it!

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Ed Marks





More than 120 volunteers, 28 Racing teams and 5 junior regatta teams worked their magic to create a wonderful regatta! Participants traveled from 7 states, as far away as Maryland and Colorado, and enjoyed an old western theme including straw bales, bandanas, lassos and “Flat” the welcoming “boat” hand (artfully created by Susan Vernon).

Gayle McLean organized the chuck wagon and gathered over 20 pots of chili to share, and fortunately all of them were delicious and ranked mercifully on the Scoville scale. The

AYC juniors organized children's activities including milk the cow, pan for gold, shoot the cans, and the traditional haunted junior room! Trixie and Joe Hanson organized a candy posse and the children rode out to search for candy, and none were so tempted as to go against the law and hold up innocent cabin colonists for all the chocolates and skittles they received.

AYC juniors sailed in windy conditions on Saturday morning with Clint Hodges as the PRO. Ellie Spearman and Josie Sherry crossed the finish line to win the junior races. Lucy Spearman and Leif Carlson followed in 2nd with Ji-Soo Bolles and Colin Sherry in 3rd. Daughter/father duo, Charlotte and Dave Fedewa, won the junior skipper/adult crew category. Brett Woods, serving on junior race committee, provided a chilly water rescue to add to the excitement.

Alex Pline took the gold for the first-time in this regatta with Lisa Foulke Pline as crew- he's been working on it for 30 years! Everyone assumed that second would be between Chris and Lindsey Stang and Don Hackbarth and Connor Milan, however, both were OCS – oops! Gene Soltero and Keisha Meyers were happy to take the honors, with David Muhlhausen and young Lucy Spearman in 3rd.

Lauren and Chris Mershon, from North Carolina, sailed into first place in the goblin's division, followed by, Andy Finch and Robert Holden in second, and Nam-Suny Bolles and Joy McDonald, third. Special awards in the Halloween Regatta went to Top Placing all junior team – Ellie Spearman and Josie Sherry; Top Master (55+) – Gene Soltero; Top Woman Skipper – Tarasa Davis

Serving Mediterranean fare, the Saturday evening hoedown kicked off with an amazing serve team complete of 15 volunteers, including 5 from adult sailing classes. The costumed team set the atmosphere to cheerfully serve the 150+ meals in record time. The meal was followed by sweet baklava, baked by Claudia Bolles, and a variety of pies. Traveling all the way from Texas, Gene Soltero, entertained us with live “whipping” followed by line dancing and costume contest all backed by the skilled sound mechanics of Mike Guebert, DJ.

A huge, “Thank you!”, to all who participated on and off the water. The memories of friends and families spending time together are a treasure unsurpassed. Snipe Fleet 330 extends an early invitation to all to attend next year, October 23-25th, 2020.



NEW AYC MEMBERS

Welcome!

New member **Ernesto Bergeron** turned a few heads recently when he drove up to AYC pulling a new Jibetech Snipe. A Snipe veteran from the age of 13, when he learned to sail in the Canary Islands, Ernesto is also a member of the Larchmont Yacht Club in New York, where he and his wife Renee lived for 15 years, and occasionally sails a Finn at the Buccaneer Yacht Club in Mobile. He has just returned from the Snipe Nationals in Boston, where he competed with his 25-year-old daughter Elena crewing. While the Bergerons' son Alex is presently at UGA, Elena lives and works in Atlanta, so Ernesto especially hopes to involve her in Snipe sailing at AYC. Arriving with a lifetime dedication to one-design sailing, Ernesto promises to be an involved member and has already launched his new boat several times at the lake. A self-employed real estate investor, Ernesto also enjoys squash, while his wife Renee is a gardening enthusiast.



Many will need NO introduction to the smiling face of new Associate Member **Kevin Guebert**, shown here with his fiancée Halie Johnson. A third-generation Guebert member (son of Steve and Judy and grandson of Wes and Carol), Kevin earned his water wings at AYC at an early age, becoming a competitive junior sailor, a seven-year Junior Week veteran, a Junior Championship winner and US Sailing Level I instructor. Following a two-year adventure in Colorado playing in the snow and working for *Outside Magazine*, he has just recently moved back to Roswell, bringing his job with him and looking forward to reconnecting with his Lake Allatoona roots. It won't be long before he and Halie find a Laser or a Snipe to launch, and we expect to see them on the race course, the RC barge, and everywhere enthusiastic new members would want to be. As co-sponsor Tracy Allardice says, "Kevin is an engaging young man who is smart, helpful and full of knowledge about sailing and AYC history...the type of member AYC seeks!"



**SAVE THE DATE!
2020 COMMISSIONING
Saturday, March 28**

ADULT SAILING CLASS

The 2019 Adult Sailing Class season ended October 5 with a great afternoon of sailing with the Thistle Fleet. The wind was high but not as high as the spirits of all the students and AYC guests who came out to experience sailing at its best. Amy Thompson and I completed the last of 5 classes in the Fall session that day and the Thistle Fleet hosted the class and guest to a great lunch and time to sit down to meet new friends and catch up with old ones.

For each fleet, there is one day in the Spring and one day in the Fall that they come to take the students out on the water. But actually, these days are so much more than that. The Thistle Fleet has used these days

as Rally Days and have made a big push to get all members out on the water for an afternoon of fun, games and mentoring newer sailors. The Snipes have followed a similar idea and used these days to get all sailors regardless of skill on the water enjoying an afternoon and fellowship and sailing. This past fall, the Y-Fliers had 16 boats on the water. It was great to see that many Y's sailing with guest smiling and laughing. One of the biggest smiles was on a female student who slid down the deck into the water as Heather tacked her boat. We could all hear them laughing across the lake.



These afternoons are a great opportunity for AYC. These are the best way to show the heart and spirit of AYC to guests. This is also a great time for each of the fleets to have a dedicated afternoon for all their skippers to turn out and enjoy tiller time. We want to thank all the fleets for making each of these afternoons during 2019 memorable and a great success for all. Your support of hosting the Adult Sailing Class sets the AYC program apart from all others. I have not found another program that is as supported by the entire club as what we have at AYC. Our goal is to promote sailing and build the sailing community. Your fleet involvement is key to that success.

As we say goodbye to 2019, thank you again for all your support of the Adult Sailing Program. We look forward to continuing to grow the program in 2020 and to spending more time with each fleet on the water.

Henry Taylor



EC12 METER REPORT

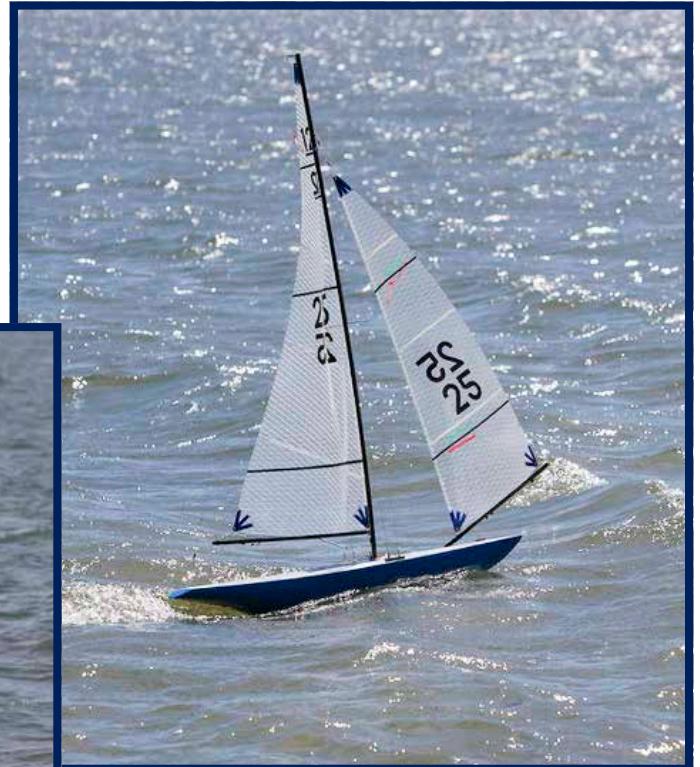
By John Muhlhausen

After completing nearly 150 races over a twelve-month sailing season, Robert Mitchell, Bill Tumlin and Scott Vernon have emerged as our top three skippers for 2019. Thanks go to Scott for placing marks and handling scoring for our Winter Series held at Murphey-Candler Pond and to Robert for doing the same during our Spring and Fall series at AYC. Again, Scott was our most active out-of-town regatta participant.

This past year junior skipper, Gabe Berris joined our fleet. We look forward to having more juniors abandon their video games, mix it up with the "old salts", and hone their sailing skills skippering an EC12.

Special thank yous and other nautical appreciations to Robert and Scott for successfully completing their two-year terms as our Fleet Captain and Vice-Captain, respectively. By the time you have received this issue, our officer campaigning season, debates and primaries, and fleet convention would have been completed and new officers sworn in; all done without increasing fleet dues, without calling AYC members for donations, and without outside PAC funds.

Our Winter Series is well under way at Murphey-Candler. Weather permitting (sustained winds under 50 mph, temps above 5 degrees F and no ice on the pond), we are racing every other Sunday throughout January, February and March.



MOTORBOAT FLEET REPORT

The Motorboat Fleet has had a very busy year, one that has focused on service to the club, so we may have been hidden from your view. (Maybe.) As the year started we moved our annual St Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner to the clubhouse and opened up the table to all club members. We celebrated a little bit early (February), so guess what? We celebrated Valentine's Day at the same time. I tell you we had a wacky winter calendar as we wanted to be out on the lake and with our good friends...it was so much fun ...we will probably do it again, because it pulled more friends out to the lake and we did not have to wait until the Commissioning Party to see them. Just stand by for more info.

Then we started thinking about what we wanted to do to assist the club. We came up with an idea to have a "Ship to Shore Liaison" for the big regattas. Our purpose was to be an on-shore emergency contact person who could be called to notify 911, open the gate and direct Emergency Personnel to the right location. We planned our emergency packets very carefully with the help of our Nurses, Rear Commodore and other Flag Officers that we got involved. We wanted to be sure we had covered all situations. We had radio instructions, Hospital and EMT information. We introduced our liaison to the PRO of the regatta so that they would know that we had their back if needed.

We had great participation from our Fleet members and heard a lot of nice comments from the Race Committee Staff of each regatta. We are going to try to do it again this next season and will be opening the opportunity up to not only fleet members, but to any club member who would like to assist us. If you aren't sailing in a regatta, and you would like to join us as part of the Ship-to-Shore crew, please call the Fleet Captain, Mary Williams.

While "sitting by the dock at the lake", we took notice of some things in need of repair. We moved for a donation help support the fix. It wasn't big, but our eyes were searching for way to be helpful.

In July, we heard the call from the coast, and we hauled up the shrimp and had a wonderful Shrimp Boil! Once again, we invited our club friends and everyone had a nice serving of shrimp, potatoes and all the other fixings of a great Shrimp Boil. My father used to cook the shrimp way back then so I know that the history of this event goes back as far as I can remember almost 60 years.....what a great tradition.... Why don't you come and join us next July?

As you can see, we like to have fun and be of service. Our Fleet dues are the cheapest (yes, I did say that) of the fleets at \$15.00 a year and you don't even have to have a motorboat, just the desire to come and have fun with us and show a giving spirit to be of service . Come join us. Contact Fleet Captain Mary Williams or Treasurer, Bill All and we will gladly enroll you in our fleet for the 2020 season.

Fleet Captain, Mary Williams

