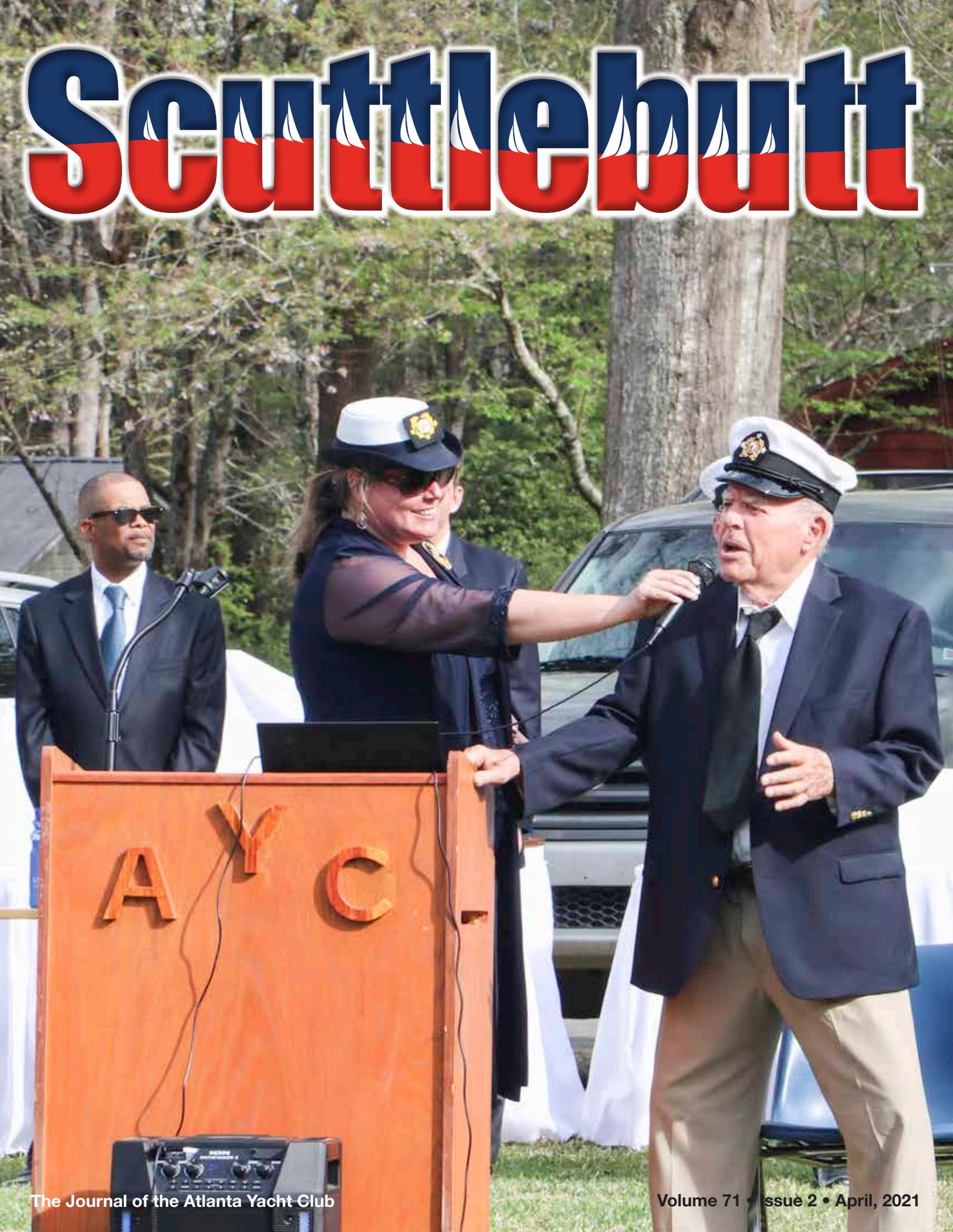


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pleasure of being on the water.

TRACY'S TACK-TICS

Hello, AYC family!

Did you know that all of the Scuttlebutts since 1950 are available to you in the members only section <https://atlantayachtclub.org/scuttlebutt> on our website? You will want to check out this treasure – there are some great memories and ideas that are worth recycling. I was quite amused by some of the titles of the Commodore's articles: Dale Boyd's "A Boyd's Eye View", Woody Norwood's "Woody's Words" and Bill All's "Close Hauled with Bill All" so am trying one on. Many thanks to our historians, Buz Benzur and Means Davis, for maintaining our archives; Nile Hatcher for scanning them; and Darryl Allardice for getting them uploaded.

Interest in membership is booming right now – people are coming out of the woodwork to reconnect with sailing after many years of stepping away from it, or they are seeking to learn how to sail. The membership team, led by Robert Mitchell, has their hands full and is working on several tools and has a new sub-committee, headed up by Lavon Hatcher focused on public relations and communications that promote the values and purpose of the club. Lisa Woods, supported by members on the Communication team, has done a bang-up job on the web-site redesign – what a fantastic marketing tool with a classic look and feel. She is working with various members to get content updated.

Trixy Hanson put on quite the Commissioning event – March 27 was an evening I will remember for the rest of my life – thank you, Trixy, and the Hanson family.





One of the highlights of the Commissioning Ceremony was getting to recognize our Dockmaster Barry Hasty for his 33 years of dedicated service and infinite knowledge of everything AYC land, water and mechanics. We are blessed to have him today and in the years to come, keeping our club ship-shape and lookin' good.

Other outstanding moments for me were the opportunity to stand at the podium next to Gordon Thompson, our most senior, still active Commodore (1969) while he expressed his love for our club, and to have my uncle, Woody Norwood, Commodore (1989) say a few words at the same podium. My dad, Bill Tumlin, Commodore (1993) was just a few steps away, keeping me calm and composed.

Stop by and see the new merchandise in the Ship Store! Three



new products were added this year using Alan Thompson's flying burgee design, and another incorporates part of the 70 years of Sailing logo that Suny Bolles created last year. The Ship Store will be open at all major regattas and club events. Ron and Leah Redner, along with Peggy Padgett, do such a great job – and for those who know Peggy, it will be no shock that she is recruiting juniors to help in the shop with sales – absolutely brilliant succession planning, if I do say so myself.

There are a lot of new faces and I encourage you to introduce yourself to new members and help make them feel welcome. If you are a new member, I encourage you to jump right in – start volunteering immediately as you will get to know other members and sail, sail, sail – there is no replacement for tiller time. But not everyone has to be a skipper. Personally, I have always enjoyed crewing over skippering.



As I hear the whisper of my father's words, "Tracy, wrap it up ... I move we adjourn," I will end with one of my favorite sayings.

"There are good ships, there are wood ships, there are ships that sail the sea, but the best ships are friendships, and long may they be." ~Irish Proverb

*** AYC is where I have found the best friends. It is an honor and privilege to serve as your Commodore this year. See you on the lake!

Tracy Tumlin Allardice



This guy, my husband and grounding force, Darryl Allardice, deserves all the kisses, but I am always thrilled to get them from him. Thank you, D, for being the love of my life and supporting me and my love for AYC.

It shall be the duty of the Commodore to command the squadron, to preside at all club meetings, to fill a vacancy in any office of the club until an election can be held, to appoint all committees (except otherwise provided for) and to enforce the laws and regulations. The Commodore shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

2020 ANNUAL AWARDS

The 2020 Annual Awards were presented after the 2021 Commissioning



Commodore's Award
George Willis



Atlanta Yacht Club

Goodwill Ambassador
Mike Carlson
(not pictured)



Sportsmanship Award
Anne and Reid Thompson



Club Champion
Bryce Dryden



Junior Champion
Evie Blauvelt



Women's Champion
Lucy Spearman



Outstanding Junior Sailor
and
Outstanding Sailor
Evie Blauvelt

Everything On the Water

As I write this, I'm trying to figure out how can I possibly get everything in. It's only April and so much has already occurred to prepare us for the 2021 sailing season. To kick off the year and to ensure sailing wasn't far from our minds, we held two incredible winter seminars - one presented by Bryce Dryden on his "Love of Sailing" and the second was the "2021 Rules Seminar" update by Dave Perry. If you missed these, you missed some quality discussion and instruction which will only make our own sailing experiences better - we learned from some of the best. The recording of Dave's presentation is still available on the AYC website; Club Events; Winter Seminars; see link and passcode for access.

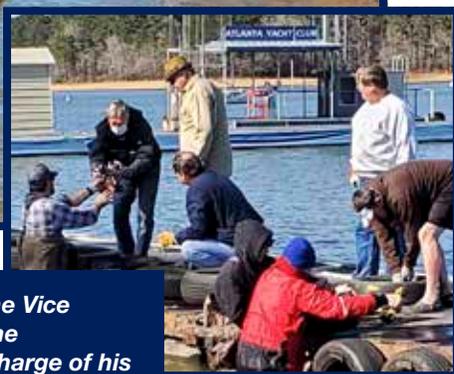
In the midst of these seminars, we received approval from the Corps of Engineers to "re-tire" our 3 sailing docks. Taking advantage of some dock tire research completed a few years ago by Buz Benzur and using some personal relationships I had from my Army days, the Board of Governors presented our case to the Allatoona Project Office in the hopes that they would reverse their decision about disallowing having tire bumpers on our docks. It worked!

To date we have 're-tired' dock #1 with docks #2 and #3 to follow this sailing season. We had an initial group of 20 hardy volunteers that worked on the first dock and we will be scheduling follow up dock parties once we gather additional tires from our local source. We hope to see you there.



To ensure our race committees are ready for the season, Len Wertz hosted PRO and race committee refresher training ensuring that the changes to the new racing rules are fully incorporated into our race committee practices. Len also instituted some new safety rules to include mandatory use of the kill switch lanyards on all RC boats. This safety rule was further enforced by motorboat safety training in the afternoon lead by Clint Hodges.

See WATER, page 6



It shall be the duty of the Vice Commodore to assist the Commodore in the discharge of his or her duties and, in the absence of the Commodore, to act as Commodore. The Vice Commodore will govern Everything Water Related.



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And then, we were out on the water with a Super Saturday of Laser racing, followed by the 2020 2.0 2021 Y-Flyer MidwYnters Championship Regatta. This was the first major regatta held at AYC since the fall of 2019. In line with the event T-shirt, "Come Hell or High Water" we were going to sail and had 34 boats on the water. Great wind, great sailing, and a true champion came out on top. Congratulations to Bryce and Darby for winning the gold.



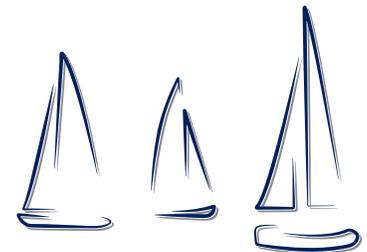
Once our sailing season was officially commissioned, the first fleet races took place the next day. The Snipes topped the turn-out on the blustery day and it has been wonderful to see everyone back on the water.

Moving forward, we have a ton of events on the docket: Adult sailing class led by Henry Taylor that has a waiting list; Junior training by Trixy and Joe Hanson that continues to create our next generation of sailors; continued work to set up Level 1

Instructor certification coordinated by Clint Hodges; several more regattas, and fleet racing with 6 fleets potentially on the line on any given Saturday or Sunday.

Come on out and show us what you've got. I'll see you at the lake!

Garland "Winky" Williams
Vice Commodore



ADULT SAILING CLASS

Our Spring 2021 Adult Sailing Class is full. Each of the three main fleets will be hosting a class with an Introduction Lunch and afternoon sailing opportunity on their fleet's boats.

During these lunches, club members interact with guest one on one; discuss sailing; talk of their love of sailing; why AYC is special to them and what it could mean to potential members. These occasions are excellent opportunities to show AYC at its best and bring each fleet together for a meal and connect with potential new members.

Please keep in mind that each of these three afternoons is not just for the students in the sailing class, these are opportunities for anyone to invite a guest up to see the club.

On May 15th the Y-Flyers will be hosting the noon meal and afternoon sailing. May 22nd the Snipe Fleet will sponsor lunch and afternoon sailing. The Thistles will sponsor lunch and afternoon rally on June 5th. If the Flying Scotts would like to join one of these afternoons, please contact a fleet captain to arrange.



FLYING SCOT FLEET NEWS

Kudos are in order! If you are reading this, it is thanks to the Flying Scot Sailing Association for granting us a charter for Fleet #211 and to AYC for granting us fleet status. In a period of mere months, we have grown to seven Flying Scots, with more interest and inquiries lurking both above and below the surface. The RC has us on the racing schedule for the entire year, and our inaugural regatta splash will be at the AYC Open in April, with the bonus of North Carolina Flying Scot competitor, promoter and advisor Bill Ross, who will be here to race with us and to officially present our charter. Scot sailors, don't miss it — and everybody else, take note!

Who we are (according to Robert's Rules of Alphabetical Order)

John and Nadja Aquino — FS 35 “Sofija”

Historic and photogenic, Sofija was Nadja's birthday present in 1991. The Aquinos have sailed her ever since, first on Lake Michigan in Chicago, and eventually to Jamestown, RI, where they spend much of the summer. They plan to ship her to AYC this summer, where she will have a new group of friends and berth alongside their Thistle.

Steve Bauer — FS 4785 “Serenia”

Partial to Sandy Douglass designed boats (Thistle, Highlander), Steve will share Serenia with his brother John, who refinished and re-rigged her but whose business keeps him away from sailing from April through October. So, Steve will crew for John in Florida in the winter, and Serenia will reside at AYC the rest of the year, where Steve hopes to engage Gillian with the Scot's ease on the crew while his Thistle is nearby on call for more athletic racing.

Kathy Bronaugh, Rita Fullick and Greg Kibler — FS 5965

Mulling over the possibilities for a new sailing experience, Kathy and Greg set out to track down a Flying Scot as soon as they saw that a fleet was going to grow here. Greg's Snipe crew, Rita, rounded out the trio, and they traveled together to Lake Norman, where Bill Ross found them a boat and coached them for the day. Larry and Karin Snyder met them on arrival at AYC to help them get the mast up and the jib sheets unscrambled. Since then they have been on the water more days than the rest of us combined, making friends with the spinnaker and taking turns at the helm. They will already be one up on the rest of us when they sail their first regatta, the Chattanooga Cho0 Choo in April.



Art and Nancy Molitor — FS 6149

After 50 years of sailing Thistles, the Molitors thought they were bowing out of one-design racing, until Bill Ross convinced them the Flying Scot was the perfect way to keep on keeping on. He found them a beautiful boat with a deal they couldn't refuse and even delivered it himself, with a tutoring session thrown in. These old dogs look forward to learning new tricks and invite anyone interested to come along for the ride!

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Conrad Roos — FS 1141

Conrad came to AYC with a Flying Scot that his father had owned, but there was not a fleet here at that time. Eager to race, he bought the Molitors' Thistle and set the Scot aside for daysailing with friends. Now that the Scot Fleet is official, Conrad will be able to race both, happy to be a double dipper.

Larry and Karin Snyder — FS 6068 “Tangerine”

Lover of classic designs, Larry was smitten with the first Flying Scot he saw in 1975. Karin picked up a promotional flyer, and they have kept it under wraps ever since. Competitive Thistle sailors for 30 or more years, the Snyders retired from racing when they sold their boat seven years ago. We have seen little of them since, but when they heard a Flying Scot fleet was in the wind they re-emerged with lightning speed and enthusiasm, and Tangerine showed up within the week. Larry is our new (first!) fleet captain, a great organizer and good promoter. If you have an interest in the Flying Scot, he's your guy.

Kris and Darrell Van Hutten — (FORMER) FS 5848

Since we wrote recently that Kris and Darrell planned to sail with us this summer, it is only fair to announce that — alas! — they have recently sold their Flying Scot to a sailing friend in western Maryland, freeing them up for at least three summers of extensive RV travel. As they are still AYC members with a part-time home here, we can hope they will eventually come back to us and bring a new Scot with them.

Orie and Jeannie Wade — FS 1652

Over the years both a Thistle and a Snipe sailor, Orie has owned this Flying Scot for some years now, with plenty of upgrade work to keep him busy but no group to affiliate with. Now that Fleet 211 has become a reality, he has pledged to step up the pace and come out and sail with us, hoping to bring Jeannie aboard, too. Since they are both sailors since birth, it will be good to get them out of retirement and back on the water where they belong.

So, we are growing, one boat at a time!

In closing, here's a nice comment from Darrell Van Hutten about the appeal of the Scot:

“Maybe once we get the RV itch scratched, we will return to sailboat racing, and likely in a Flying Scot. It has a very strong class. It is very stable, well-built with a committed boat builder, and does not require the athleticism of other classes to sail competitively.”

AYC CALENDAR NOTICE



Please be sure to open and read the weekly email blasts that are sent out on or around each Monday.

These notices will be your best way to keep up with opportunities to come out and enjoy your club and keep you abreast of any changes that may happen.

COVER PHOTO

Our most senior, still active Commodore, Gordon Thompson, steps up to the podium at Commissioning with our 2021 Commodore Tracy Allardice, to share memories of his family's treasured years at AYC. Gordon was Commodore in 1969, and is Emeritus Member status (50 or more years of continuous membership). He and his wife, Mary, raised their three children with AYC as a focal point for social and sailing fun.

Cover Photo — Ashley Davis

JUNIOR KICK OFF 2021 - CLINIC AND BOAT WASH

Joe Hanson

What a fantastic weekend! April 10-11 we saw 30 juniors participate in the sailing clinic and over 35 juniors helped with the boat wash. Both the clinic and the boat wash were huge successes. This was also a time for our juniors to bond again after being away from Junior AYC sponsored events for over a year. They left off right where they were in 2019.

Our boat wash raised over \$1,650.00 which will be used to support the program and get the juniors out on the water.

Special thanks go to Kathleen Willis and Jennifer Garrett. They were instrumental in making this a big success. Claudia Bolles and Isabel Ospina provided us delicious lunches for all the juniors and adult volunteers both days. Nile Hatcher was so amazing helping us move boats Saturday and making sure they all went back to the correct spot (hopefully). Charlie Clark, Steve Mitchell (also provided music), Mike Garrett, John and Susan Weiler, and Doug Folk, thank you for putting in extra time to make sure the boats got some-what clean. Thank you, Conner Milam, for your help in planning. And a big thank you to all those who over-paid for a boat wash.



Saturday evening, we all gathered around the firepit for supper, a meeting, and roasted marshmallows (of course!) and rested up for MORE boat washing on Sunday.

Thanks to Trixy Hodges Hanson for planning the clinic. A beautiful person who came up with the idea in the first place and made this seminar happen because it was exactly what was needed after a year of no junior training. Thanks to Rita Fullick and Steven Mitchell for working a safety boat while the kids were out on the water. But most of all, a big thank you to Sammy Hodges, who conducted an amazing seminar. We are all in awe of how good he is at coaching kids. There is a true talent and gift there that we are so lucky he shares with our AYC Junior Sailors.

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Junior Training begins in May and Junior Week launches June 6. We have an entire summer of kids in boats. Is your family signed up yet? Are you available to volunteer your time and talent?



And finally, a HUGE THANK YOU goes out to all the juniors who participated this weekend. This is YOUR program we raised money for and it is your efforts that will make the Junior Yacht Club a success.



DARBY DRYDEN WINS CHARLIE CHASE SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

During last year's club races, Screamin' Yellow Zonker was a fixture on the Thistle start line, skippered by Darby Dryden.

Even with the shortened season due to COVID-19, Darby sailed in 49 club races, earning her the Charlie Chase award, given to the AYC sailor who follows in Charlie's unique footsteps of sportsmanship by participating in more club races than any other sailor. Not far behind Darby was Len Wert who sailed in 46 races, and Reid and Anne Thompson who sailed in 42.

Etched into the trophy of Charlie Chase award is the quote, "The wind is never too light, the water too cold, nor the day too late. Find a friend and let's go sailing! If you do your best you can't lose, and the race is going to be a fine one."

What a great perspective to kick-off the 2021 sailing season!

LEE BRADLEY JUNIOR REGATTA FUND

Courtney Bradley

A fund was set up in Lee Bradley's memory to promote AYC junior sailing in regattas by reimbursing the regatta entry fee. Lee did not want costs to deter sailing and funds are available for the 2021 sailing year.

Eligibility:

- Dependents of AYC members in good standing, who have not yet celebrated their 19th (nineteenth) birthday in the year of the regatta
- A maximum of 5 entry fee reimbursements, per skipper, per calendar year
- Reimbursements for regattas from January through December 2021 are eligible for consideration

Reimbursement:

- Provide a copy of the NOR and score sheet to Anna Lee Bradley (administrator)
- Upon the administrator's approval, the AYC treasurer will issue a reimbursement check.

Lee's family encourages you to take advantage of this fund and submit your request to Anna Lee at bradleyannalee@gmail.com or mail requests to 751 Windsor Court, Alpharetta, GA, 30009.



LASER FLEET 116

Once again the Laser Fleet leads the way for racing in 2021. We had great participation in the Frostbite series over at LLSC with a total of 9 skippers racing. AYC represented 3 of the top 5 with Bryce edging out Mike



Carlson by one point for 3rd and I pulled up the rear for 5th. However best of all, was young Leif Carlson's 1st place finish over the 8-week series in 4.7's. Darby Dryden also qualified with 21 races sailed.

But it only gets better. The Georgia Southern's, which is part of the D12 Championship series, was held March 6 & 7 at LLSC and AYC dominated the field in very difficult light air conditions. Bryce Dryden emerged as the winner in full rigs while Leif Carlson once again took first in the 4.7 rigs. I see a pattern developing with Leif!

Then the very next weekend, Laser Fleet 116 sponsored Super Saturday. There were 14 boats on the water with a large contingency (5) coming down from PYC in Chattanooga, including one of our own, Pete Gregory. He was sporting a brand new Laser.

The top 5 full rig skippers all sailed very consistently, but it is was the dropped race that separated every one at the end. Bryan Anderson dropped a 7th and won the

regatta with only 7 points. The drop also eliminated a tie with Mike Carlson who dropped a 5th to come in 2nd with only 9 points. Pete Gregory from PYC, who learned how to sail at AYC, came in 3rd. Finishing 4th and 5th respectively was myself and Clint Hodges. As Clint so eloquently stated, "where else can you race 6 races, with your worst race being a 5th, and finish 5th?"

I also want to give a big shout out to Susan Carlson who seems to carry the weight of the Laser Fleet. Not only did she run registration, but she picked up the awards and entered and calculated all the finishes. We couldn't sail without her!

Once again, our 4.7 star, Leif Carlson, finished 1st in his class and 6th overall, but this time he did it in radial rig! This was another impressive performance on the water by young Leif.

The great news is the season has just begun for the Lasers. We have some awesome regattas coming up in the D12 Championship series (see below) with more than half of them on the coast where the sea breeze comes up while others swelter on Lake Allatoona.

Lastly, On-Demand Laser Racing is still in play for 2021. If the wind is forecasted for 10 or above, then the fleet will either set up our own course like we did for Socially Distant Laser Racing and sail in the morning, or get a start with the fleet races in the afternoon. Also, once summer comes, we may have races late afternoon during the week if the wind is up. I will be sending out emails if the forecast supports us rallying for racing!



Laser Sailing, you gotta love it!

2021 D12 CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

- 1 – LLSC, (Lake Lanier Yacht Club) – Done
- 2 – SYC, (Savannah Yacht Club) – June 5-6
- 3 – HYC, (Hobcaw Yacht Club) – July 10-11*
- 4 – CYC-SC, (Charleston) – July 24-25*
- 5 – CYC-NC, (Wrightsville Beach) – August 7-8*
- 6 – LNYC, (Lake Norman Yacht Club) – September 25-26*



- 7 – ASC, (Augusta Sailing Club) – October 9-10*
- 8 – CSC (Columbia Sailing Club) – November 6-7* **

*– Also a SAYRA Junior Event

* – Alternate Event. This event will only count as part of the D12 schedule IF any of our other events are cancelled in the 2021 season.

Ed Marks

CORNED BEEF, CABBAGE, SAFETY AND SHRIMP

MOTORBOAT FLEET

Mary Williams, Fleet Captain

The Motorboat Fleet has had a 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 Patricks' Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner to the Come -N-Get it Restaurant in downtown Marietta. Fun was had by those in attendance to see if they really did or did not have the Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner that we had pre-ordered. We celebrated a little bit early (February), I tell you we had a wacky winter calendar as we wanted to be out on the lake and with our good friends...We will probably do it again, because it pulled friends out to hibernation from social distancing and we did not have to wait until the Commissioning Party to see them.

As in the past two years, we started thinking about what we wanted to do to assist the club. We came up with the idea to have a "Ship to Shore" Liaison crew for the four main regattas. The job is fairly simple; an individual or two (the more the merrier) parked at the point or in the clubhouse (weather permitting) during regatta race time. The contacts are in communication with the Race Committee Boat by radio. Our purpose is 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 prepared a packet so that our volunteers would know what to do as soon as the call came that we were needed. We introduced our liaison to the PRO of the regatta so that they would know that we had their back if needed.



Shrimp Boil

Come
One!
Come
All!

July 24 @ 6:30 pm
AYC Clubhouse
Hosted by the Motor Boat Fleet

But our members said, "What about MidwYnters?" and so we added MidwYnters to the list *IF* we could get enough volunteers. And we did. So we now service 5 regattas.

Take a look at the club calendar for the 4 remaining regattas and if you would like to join us, please call the Fleet Captain, Mary Williams. We will be opening the opportunity up to not only fleet members, but to any club member who would like to assist us. It's a great way to participate if you only have one day available.

In our planning for the year July, the shores are calling us, the Gulf shores that is, and with our handy crews we will haul up the shrimp and have our wonderful annual Shrimp Boil, July 24! We invite all our club friends to come have a nice serving of shrimp, potatoes and all the other fixings. My father used to cook the shrimp way back when so I know that the history of this event goes back as far as I can remember, almost 60 years. What a great tradition. Put it on your calendar now so that nothing gets in your way.

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!

SAYRA HONORS BRYCE DRYDEN WITH WILLARD DAVIS SERVICE AWARD

Bryce Dryden is the first member of AYC to win the Willard Davis Service Award, established in 1986 to honor individuals who, over the years, make significant and outstanding contributions in service to the South Atlantic Yacht Racing Association (SAYRA). SAYRA is made up of more than 40 sailing clubs throughout Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina and is one of the strongest regional sailing associations in the country. Bryce has been AYC's representative for SAYRA since 2010, attending annual meetings on the club's behalf.

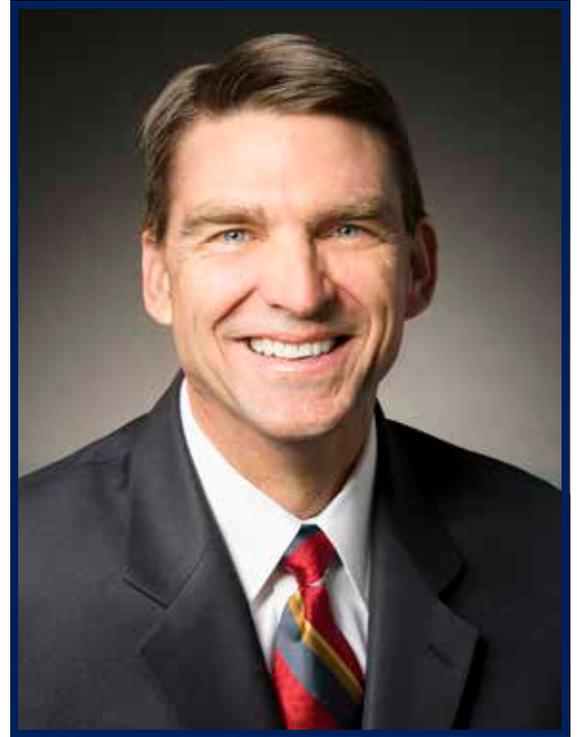
SAYRA Immediate Past Commodore Robert Key said the association wanted to recognize Bryce for his leadership, vision and dedication. Bryce served as head of the SAYRA Budget Committee followed by a two-year term as SAYRA Commodore from 2017-2018.

As Commodore, Bryce reinvigorated the SAYRA Annual Meeting and secured speakers such as Nick Hayes, author of *Saving Sailing*, and Greg Fisher, a former All-American and world-renown expert in the sailing community. He also put an emphasis on the social aspect of the annual meeting, organizing group dinner locations and opening up the hospitality room more times throughout the day. Through his efforts, attendance at the annual meetings increased by more than 20%, notably with a younger demographic representing a broader range of SAYRA clubs.

Bryce said the award really belongs to AYC as he has received so much support from club members throughout the years. Jim Roberts took on the role of Secretary and served as Bryce's right-hand man when he was Commodore. Katie Mitchell acted as Bryce's technical coordinator the years he ran the annual meeting, and Robert Mitchell handled the printing and a variety of tasks onsite. Art Molitor was a speaker one year, sharing about rallies and the resulting success introducing new people to sailing and increasing overall participation in club races. Another year, Tom and Liz Henderson and Steve Mitchell spearheaded the hospitality room, keeping the energy of the room high and helping to facilitate relationship building among fellow SAYRA attendees.

There are many others who said "yes" when Bryce asked them to attend the annual meeting and represent the club on a committee or as a participant, and he said he is thankful to them all.

An interesting fact: SAYRA was the origin for club race officer and protest committee training. SAYRA developed the training, which was later adopted and then improved upon by U.S. Sailing.



Bill and Eleanor All have two new great grandchildren. The newest is the daughter of members Christine and Josh England. Christine is the daughter of members Ellen and Jim McNeel. Bill and Eleanor's hope is that their great granddaughter will be the family's 4th generation member of AYC.

SNIPE FLEET 330

Joy Finch

Fleet Captain, Greg Kibler, led the Snipe Fleet into the new year with renewed energy via the ZOOM January fleet meeting. New “sailing skills” include navigating the ZOOM application. Rita Fullick, was elected as fleet secretary and the fleet made decisions for updating the fleet racing scoring guidelines. A generous contribution of boat hardware was donated to the fleet. Don Hackbarth cataloged and priced the items for sale. The recipient of the funds from this project will be decided at a later date with input from club leadership. SCIRA 2021 Strategic Plan to promote Women's and U30 (under 30) sailing was also presented.



With eager anticipation of the sailing season, fleet members met for an in-person and ZOOM fleet meeting. The day included the annual Ship, Shape Shop, on March 14th. What a sight to have close to 30 members in-person for the meeting at AYC clubhouse, as well as those who joined virtually! Cooperation was the theme of the day, as snipe sailors readied boats and helped one another prepare for the 2021 Season. Boats were cleaned, retooled and repaired.



Outstanding achievements from the 2020 season were also recognized during the fleet meeting. The stars of the day were some of the fleet juniors. Lucy and Ellie Spearman, were presented with the Sam Norwood Award, the highest scoring junior skipper and crew. Leif Carlson and Tucker Mansfield, were presented with the Fred Pemberton Award, most improved skipper and crew. Having juniors involved in the fleet and growing in their love of sailing and sailing skills is a highlight for the fleet. We look forward to junior involvement in the year ahead.



A new season is off to an encouraging start with great representation from Snipe Fleet 330 on first race day. Five snipes were on the start to kick off the 2021 Season on Sunday, March 28th. Lucy and Ellie Spearman, Mike Carlson and James Folk, Leif Carlson and Tucker Mansfield, Greg Kibler and Rita Fullick, and Don Hackbarth and Connor Milam opened the season on a blustery and cool race day.



THISTLE FLEET



FINALLY! The robins must be back (too bad the geese never left) because signs of spring are everywhere at the lake. It was indeed a long winter, but things are looking up and you can feel the energy in the air as people come out of their caves, start cleaning the cobwebs off their boats, and talk about being back on the water.

The Clubwide Cleanup was a GREAT day, coupled with the Laser Super Saturday and a Thistle meeting under the twin big-tops now gracing the clubhouse lawn. The best thing about it was all the people milling about, with the promise of fewer restrictions and the excitement of slowly getting back to “normal,” whatever it takes!

Thistle Fleet Captain (second time around, for obvious reasons!) David Sinclair headed our meeting with the good news that the AYC Open is ON! for the weekend of April 24-25, and that he and brother Johnny are in charge. With meals by Claudia Bolles, a DJ outside, and a HUGE pent-up demand for sailing and socializing, the Open is likely to take on new life this year for all the right reasons. Be sure it’s on your calendar.

Also, at this point the Dixie is full steam ahead! The Bagpipe has already featured our re-purposed “Roaring Twenties Dixie” ad (well, it IS still the ’20s!) so of course there’s no going back — if the Y-Flyers can pull it off we certainly can, too! To squash any rumors to the contrary, this will be a two-day event, with some common-sense modifications expected. Moreover, our forward-thinking leadership team is predicting the possibility of good attendance, not despite the pandemic but precisely because of it, since the Dixie will be the first full-scale Southeastern Thistle regatta in a long, long time and people are hungry for fun! So perhaps any folks we lose will be replaced by others who are not normally here? And as always, the entire club is invited to go “flapper” for the best party of the year.

It will surprise no one that our chief sailing enthusiast/mentor/coach has been busy this winter fine-tuning his next teaching initiative. Beyond the “Rally Mentality” that has been so successful, and the mentoring program (which you may not witness but which goes on week after week at Bryce’s direction), we will be moving into another level called the “Learn-to-Sail Experience,” a one-day curriculum designed to supplement the rally, not to replace it. The Adult Learn-to-Sail classes have become so popular that they can’t handle the waiting list, so the goal of this short-term program is to take people who have never sailed before, put them in a boat in ten knots of wind or less, and by the end of the day teach them in very simple terms how to understand wind direction, feel the boat, get comfortable with tipping the boat, and bring it to the dock. Bryce and a small group of helpers ran several pilot classes last year to fine-tune the curriculum before launching it in earnest this spring. It sounds like an ambitious undertaking, but we have watched Bryce tackle things we never thought possible, and we trust his ability to pull this one off too. Each class will take up to ten participants, who will pay a fee of \$100 per class including dinner. They are starting in Thistles for now but are not limited to Thistlers or Thistler Wannabes, so if you are interested or know of someone who is, be sure to let Bryce know.

As if to validate the bright future of the program, new AYC member Mauricio Ochoa, already mentored by Bryce, spoke up at our meeting to say how much he was able to learn in a short time — AND that he and his family have now bought Thistle 3672! If Mauricio’s name is not familiar to you yet it may be because his wife, Isabel, goes by the last name Ospina. Enthusiastic as all get-out, you will soon get to know them both, along with their two junior-age sons Pablo and Diego.

COME HELL OR HIGH WATER, WE'RE GONNA SAIL

In the History Books

Nile Hatcher

Atlanta Yacht Club (AYC) played host to 34 sailing teams from Alabama, Georgia, Indiana, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, and Tennessee for the 2021 Y-Flyer MidwYnters Championship Regatta, March 20-21, 2021.



After a year-long hiatus, competitors began arriving Thursday afternoon, and by early afternoon Friday, most competitors were on property to ready boats and get in a little practice to ensure their sea legs still worked. Registration was opened and everyone seemed to appreciate the shirts and sweatshirts as they represented three different regattas. (2020 MidwYnters, MidwYnters 2.0 at the Beers and Come Hell or High Water 2021 MidwYnters. (It was great to finally remove the big boxes of regatta paraphernalia out of my cabin after storing it for 12 months.)

This year's event went off without a hitch as we saw 24 months of preparation finally come to fruition. The event started with a Welcome Aboard Party Friday evening with Lavon serving her famous potato soup and fixings, along with a big grin on her face cuz' she missed cooking for the masses in the AYC kitchen.

Saturday morning came with a higher than predicted wind speed, so PRO Troy Davis made the correct call to hold off going out on the water until the breeze calmed. So, lunch was served as early as possible, and a great taco bar was enjoyed by all. By early afternoon, the winds were in the perfect sailing range with the temperatures warming. Troy and his team of volunteers managed to hold three great races for both the gold and the blue fleets. It was great to see tired and hungry sailors come off the water, smiling from ear to ear, and telling stories of "if I had just tacked..."

Saturday evening included a great brisket dinner and a bourbon tasting hosted by Scott and Becki Berner from Ohio. The evening was well-attended with sailors catching up over libations as it had been 18 months since we had officially gathered as a class. After dinner, everyone raised a glass to toast our Canadian friends who could not attend due to the border being closed. We raised a glass to Susan Wilson Heckenberg, daughter of long-time Y-Flyer sailor Spike Wilson who donated \$500 to the event just because we were having the event, and to Noah Benton, one of our young Y-Flyer sailors who had unexpectedly passed earlier in the month.

Sunday morning brought sunny skies with a little cooler temperature and a lighter breeze, but PRO Troy Davis ran two great morning races to complete the five-race regatta. I think everyone was a little disappointed having to pack away their boats, but they were still smiling because we got to sail a regatta.

Lunch was served followed by the awards presentation. At this year's regatta we paid nine places in the gold fleet and three places in the blue fleet. Congratulations to AYC's own Bryce Dryden and Darby Dryden as he reigns as the 2021 MidwYnters champion. Sammy Hodges and Lucy Sweeney also from AYC placed second,



with third place honors going to Anthony Passafiume and Julie Bollinger from Harbor Island Yacht Club in Old Hickory, Tennessee.

Jonathan and Emily Kovach from Charleston, South Carolina took the blue fleet honors followed closely by Ania Gorska and Ray Marley from Harbor Island Yacht Club. Third place honors went to AYC's Josie Sherry and Ben Woods. Josie and Ben were the only junior team competing and did not disappoint our great junior



program as they posted three bullets.

The Merrill Callen Award is a unique trophy. Originally engraved and awarded to Alvin Youngquist, the creator of the Y-Flyer, in 1946 and 1947 as an over-50 skippers award. This actual historic trophy has been repurposed to recognize the highest placing MidwYnters over -50 skipper who did not place in the silver. This award was donated to the class by us in remembrance of a great and gentle man, fierce competitor, and one who was claimed by many as a dear friend. This year's recipient was none other than AYFSA President Bob Turner.

It takes a village to host a regatta and I would be remiss if I did not thank all of those who helped to make this event a success.

Our boat shufflers who made boat parking spaces for our guests, Brian O'Donnell and Jason Frost. All three t-shirt designs, Lavon Hatcher and Norma Rizer, HiRize Creative. Decals for the Bourbon glasses and crew awards, Lavon Hatcher and Mary Williams. Thanks to Diane Vandeputte and her water chauffer, David Shively, for taking all the action photos on the water. Scott and Becki Berner for hosting the Bourbon tasting.

We would all have gone hungry if not for the kitchen staff headed up by PKO Lavon Hatcher. Thanks to all those who helped prepare and serve: Mary O'Donnell, Mary Williams, Mike Fricker, Jim McNeel, Kathy Williams, Tracy Allardice, Scot and Becki Berne, and Jeanette Taylor. Jason Frost, Mike Fricker and I helped manage the clean-up process.

To keep everyone safe, the motorboat fleet provided ship-to-shore emergency services. Thanks to Bill All, Bill Hooper, and Bunny Williams. Special thanks to Mary Williams for coordinating.

Of course, it just would not be MidwYnters without Troy Davis as our PRO. Thanks to Troy and his staff of able-bodied race committee members. They made a great call Saturday morning and fantastic courses were sailed all weekend. Troy's crew included: Gabriel Benzur, Barbara and Fred Bradshaw, Jack Fasse, Scott Fricker, Christine Houk, Greg Kibler, Art Molitor, David Muhlhausen, Tom Plants, David Shively and Diane Vandeputte, Peter Tischner, Len Wert, Paul White (ISC Indianapolis, IN) and Kathy Yapp. Thanks to our judges Nancy Parson, Rita Fullick and Means Davis.

If I missed any volunteer, please accept my sincere thanks and gratitude as well my apology for missing you.

We hope to see everyone back for the 2021 Beers Regatta, October 9-10 and are looking forward to hosting the 2022 Y-Flyer MidwYnters Regatta March 19-20, 2022.



Everything On the Land

There is joy in the wind blowing across the lake. The breeze is daring sailors to partake in an awesome new sailing season and as vaccines are becoming a reality, folks are again frequenting our amazing club. To see the hustle and bustle of member activity is awesome and



as your Rear Commodore, I'd love to steer some of this energy toward volunteerism.

It takes a community to make AYC safe and in tip-top order. Barry and Branson already play a large part in making AYC hum, but in



addition to their hours, it takes hundreds of hours of volunteer service to make AYC the place we all enjoy.

Volunteers help to lead and participate in our events, and we have already held two of spring



events. The Clubwide Cleanup had a great turnout. 47 people, adults and juniors, came out on March 13 to wipe up, pick up, tidy up and generally spruce up the campus and clubhouse at our annual Clubwide Cleanup! A year's worth of dust and grime and sticks and even fallen trees were tended to by our volunteers, making for a huge burn pile up at the shop and lots of dirty kitchen rags to be washed. Thanks to everyone who came out, loaned their truck and equipment, and worked several hours, and to the ladies who fed us a nice, warm pizza lunch!



Commissioning was our other social/volunteer event to date, and what a great party it was. All of our events are member planned and member run, and if you have not yet signed up to work on a committee, I encourage you to check the calendar or ask me where your time can be used. There is something to help with at AYC every month of the year. Coming up is Junior Week, a Membership Open House, Fourth of July and Labor Day weekend, plus some regattas.

Thinking back to when our family joined AYC, Beth Tumlin told me "AYC runs on that volunteer spirit!" This message has stuck in my head ever since. Her words, and leadership by example, made it clear the AYC community was indeed special. I personally know the joy that comes from volunteering at AYC and encourage everyone to do their part and feel the same. Our events are a great way to socialize, meet other members and also help out our club. Volunteerism builds friendships and communities, so it's a win- win!

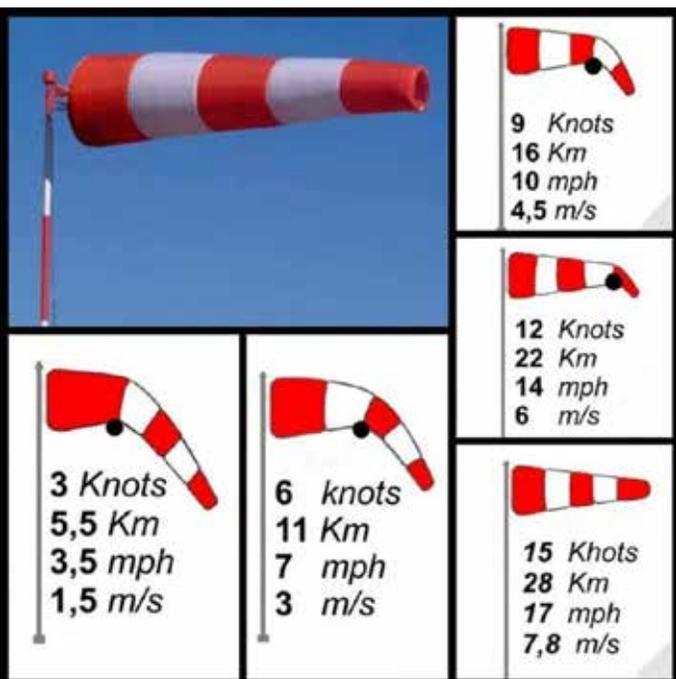
AYC now have two 20x30 tents which increase our seating capacity and allows for more space between you and your AYC friends. We will keep them up through the regatta season.



AYC offers an opportunity for everyone to share their superpower. Yes, we all have a superpower! Take a look around and you'll surely see someone applying their special power to make our AYC family complete. I am asking all members, especially those who are sponsors and friends of new members, to get with the new members and help them get involved. Show the new members "AYC runs on that volunteer spirit". Reach out to a member you haven't seen in a while or call a new member and invite them to help on race committee, cleaning up, organizing, assist chairing and participating in events. Take the opportunity to lead by example and to make volunteering fun and rewarding!

Looking forward to seeing you at the lake.

Eddie Kuznicki
Rear Commodore



It shall be the duty of the Rear Commodore to assist the Commodore and Vice Commodore in the discharge of their duties, and in their absence, to act as Commodore. The Rear Commodore shall govern all things Land and Entertainment Related.

NEW AYC MEMBERS



David Barry, a Greenville native, has always been interested in sailing. He briefly sailed with the Clemson Sailing Club, but only really began to sail after buying a boat several years ago and trailer-sailing on Allatoona. He and his wife Katie, who have been “learning by doing” over the past several years, had seen AYC from the water while sailing their O’Day Sailer 2 out of Galt’s Ferry. Tom Henderson caught up with David one morning near the Girl Scout Camp and invited him to check us out. Now they are here, planning to take the Adult Sailing Class, get acquainted with us and our boats and become part of the AYC community. David is pastor and youth minister of a church in Powder Springs, as well as a part-time professor at a local seminary, while Katie, a nurse, is for now, a stay-at-home mom to their young son Eli.



Zack Webb is a native south Georgian who migrated to North Georgia for college and then stayed there until work eventually brought him to Atlanta. Now living in Smyrna with his wife Katherine, Zack first came to AYC as a guest of Clint Hodges, who invited him up for a sail. Though Zack claims to be at “Level 0” on the Sailing Experience Meter, he has already parlayed his initial enthusiasm into crew jobs in Y-Flyers and Thistles last summer and a spot in the Adult Sailing Class this spring. Shepherded along by new friends and sponsors George Willis and Andrew Harris, Zack is eager to learn, has his eye on a used Thistle, and hopes to be sailing and racing with confidence by year’s end. He and Katherine love the outdoors, hiking, camping and DIYing, and a new baby boy is on the way to join them in June!

Scott and Renee Rains lived 17 years in Kennesaw, had a short interlude in Texas, and have now landed back in Marietta. With their three children grown, the Rains were looking for a new adventure and a way to spend quality outdoor time together. Highly motivated students from the fall 2020 Adult Sailing Class, they joined the club and are now eager to build onto their sailing skills and engage in our social activities as well. Sponsor Len Wert has had them on his Thistle several times, but at this point the Rains are interested in all our fleets and wisely want to try different boats before making a choice. Personable and energetic, this fun couple writes that they are “ready to learn and enjoy the free feeling of being on the water with the wind at our back.” Sounds like a perfect fit!

