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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.

TRACY TUMLIN ALLARDICE

TRACY'S TACK-TICS



Summer is here, interest in sailing is hot and the club has been sizzling with activity!

For this year's Ladies' Luncheon, Darryl and I wanted to mix things up, so we did! After a lovely al fresco meal under our new tents, our guests were treated to some lessons in Mixology, both leaded and unleaded versions. I want to thank my Jr Week Cabin Crew of "now men" for coming back to help with serving and shuffling, and of course, huge thanks to my friends and family who helped with planning, fetching, setting up and all the execution.

Over the 4th of July weekend, I overheard that Emeritus member, Mitzi Wade, did not know any of the people in the kitchen. I am a "fixer" and a "rescuer" by nature so I jumped at the opportunity to make introductions between some of our old-timers and some of our newer-timers. The smiles, kindness and genuine interest I witnessed warmed my heart. We are a stronger community when we know one another and it is ok to ask someone their name more than once – most of the time they are relieved you asked because they do not remember your name either. Names are important and people like hearing their name, so I challenge you to learn some new names. You will be glad you did. When you see me next, please consider telling me about some new names you have learned – we have an abundance of interesting members.

Interest in membership is growing. To address the interest, we have expanded the membership committee, led by Robert Mitchell, to include marketing and added more people to help vet potential members. New tools have been created to help communicate the different types of membership and to gather more information about prospective members. Streamlining the application process is in the works, too. (check out our web site under ABOUT US => CLUB MEMBERSHIP).

June 26, AYC hosted our annual Open House. Thank you to Lavon Hatcher for orchestrating the event – it was a major success and I am so proud of the way our members stepped up. We shined brightly. We hosted nearly 70 people throughout the day and approximately 25 sailboats took our guests out for a sail. The weather was gorgeous, the tempo was high, some guests have already been back and applications are rolling in. As of publication date, we were over 220 members.



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While we are thrilled to have this amount of growth, growing pains are to be expected. My ask to you as members is, if you see pain or experience it, lean into it and help be a part of the solution to alleviate it. Complaining and gossiping squelches positive momentum. Our Junior Week campers ran with an immensely powerful message throughout the week - "Kindness Matters" – let us spread kindness throughout our community and help one another.

Our web site continues to look great and is one of the key ways people find us. Every week, AYC sends out a "weekly email" that contains important messages and what is coming up. Larry Bull has been pulling these weekly emails together for years and has done a wonderful job and is now ready to pass this task along to someone new. Thank you, Larry! A new email address has been created and will be monitored by the Communication team for content to be included. I recently learned from 3 people that they have never seen the weekly email! Every member and spouse should receive this email (unless you have opted out). If you are not receiving a weekly email from Atlanta Yacht Club, let the Communication team know so they can investigate and make sure you get them (but please, check your Junk/Spam mail first please).

Do you know that one of biggest annual expenses is insurance? Rates increased substantially this year; ours by 13%. AYC is part of The Burgee Program which is a comprehensive insurance program developed to meet the needs of all kinds of sailing organizations. For perspective, other classes of business saw 20-35% increases. We are in the process of doing an insurance audit to confirm we have all our assets appropriately covered. This is being led by Jim Womble (Commodore 2008) who is also serves as our insurance committee chairperson.

There is so much good going on at the AYC these days! A special thanks to the volunteers who step up and lead our events and programs, and applause for the people who support them! The more you volunteer, the richer your experience will be at AYC. If you are struggling to find a way to connect at AYC, come talk to me or any of your Flag officers or Board members – we will help get you plugged in!

See you on, in and around the lake! Happy Summer.



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.

Everything On the Water

Garland "Winky" Williams

If numbers are any indication of "pent up sailing fever", then AYC has the fever in a really bad way. Take a look. 19 new sailors took the Spring Adult Sailing Class – probably the largest class ever and was limited simply by the number of training boats that we have. We had 12 on the waiting list that never made it into the class! 42 kids are in the middle of Junior Learn to Sail. And we had 51 kids in an incredibly successful Junior Week. Thanks and kudos to the AYC volunteer leaders who are making these programs happen in such a HUGE way – Henry Taylor, who is in his 5th year heading up Adult Sailing; Trixy and Joe Hanson, who not only head up Junior Sailing but also the Junior AYC; and Eddie and Amy Kuznicki for taking on and executing the Junior Week 2020 plan, rebooted for 2021. I know that there is a long list of volunteers behind each of these program leaders . . . but if we listed them all, that would take up the entire Scuttlebutt, and then some. So THANK YOU!!! You know who you are.



We are also having a great turnout for our fleet races, with decent wind . . . most of the time. Even if the wind dies and we are sailing backwards, we are still sailing! Thank you so much to Len Wert for heading up the Race Committee, with PROs who make sure our races are executed in accordance with US Sailing standards, with safety at the forefront of everything they do.

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.

And we have already had SIX really successful regattas this year, with a ton of boats on the starting line and great wind for every single race: Y-Flyer MidWYnters, headed up by Nile and Lavon Hatcher; the AYC Open, headed up by David and Johnny Sinclair; Junior Olympic Sailing event May 1; The New to AYC Mother's Day Junior Regatta; The Dixie, headed up by Steve and Stacy Mitchell; and the Memorial Day Laser regatta, headed up by Ed Marks. We didn't think the weather would cooperate for the Open, but after a delay of about 30 minutes for the first race, the clouds parted and we had fantastic sailing.

In the midst of all of this fun on the water, we have faced some pretty significant boat maintenance challenges. You probably have seen RC1 and the Jet Boat on shore for the last couple of months which greatly impacted safety boat availability for classes and races. The good news is that the brand new Yamaha 75 HP motor for RC1 has finally arrived and RC1 is now operational. For the Jet Boat, we are still waiting on some parts; all marine parts are significantly delayed due to supply issues. The Optis and 420s have had some parts repairs and



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seem to be relatively maintenance free. We continue to work on some bailer issues with the 420s, but that is going to be an ongoing maintenance issue that we will just have to stay on top of.

Finally, the docks. One of the questions that I keep getting is “when are we going to finish putting the tires on the docks?” We gathered all of the tires we needed to complete Dock 2 and that Dock Party was held on July 20. We also want to put tires on Dock 3 and the Launch Dock. The issue with the Launch Dock is that it also needs a repair . . . and the part is still on order. Once we get the part, the dock will be repaired, and the tires will be placed. For Dock 3, Barry and Branson will start gathering those tires once Dock 2 is complete.

That’s it for “all things water”. Thank you to everybody who has graciously volunteered their time and expertise to making AYC the premier sailing club in the world (it’s not bragging if it’s true). See you at the lake!



Garland “Winky” Williams
Vice Commodore

LASER FLEET 116

Ed Marks



The Laser Memorial Day Regatta was a success with 15 registered boats split fairly evenly between full rigs and 4.7s. Leif Carlson ran away with 1st place in the 4.7s with Peter Yang in 2nd and James Folk in 3rd. In the full rigs, Mike Carlson schooled us all. Steve Guebert and Ed Marks tied for second with Ed winning the tie-breaker. Steve sailed very consistently all day, but Ed snuck in a couple firsts to beat Steve out.

I know this sounds impossible, but we actually ran the regatta without Susan Carlson. However, I did screw up all the scoring, so Susan was dearly missed.

All in all, it was a great day on the water. Next up in club Laser racing is the Labor Day regatta. Below is the listing of D-12 regattas:

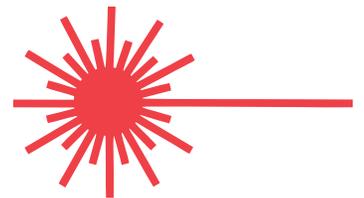
2021 D12 Championship Series

- 5 – CYC-NC, (Wrightsville Beach) – CYCNC SAYRA Open Regatta – August 7-8*
- 6 – LNYC, (Lake Norman Yacht Club) – LNYC Board Bash – September 25-26*
- 7 – ASC, (Augusta Sailing Club) – ASC Halloween Regatta – October 9-10*
- 8 – CSC (Columbia Sailing Club) – Midlands Regatta – 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.

Laser Sailing. You gotta’ love it!



FLYING SCOT FLEET

In case you have been wondering whether and when AYC's fledgling Flying Scot fleet was going to live up to its claims and really take off, wonder no more! What you see is NOT necessarily what you get, because there is so much going on behind the scenes that is just now starting to build momentum. When our charter for Flying Scot Fleet #211 was granted in early January of this year, we were a total of four Scots — two older, seldom used boats lying dormant, and two almost-new boats that sparked an astonishing amount of interest the moment they showed up. Now, six months later, that interest has ballooned and given rise to more growth than we thought we could hope for.



Which leads me right to the subject of fleet building! Since January, we have added another four boats to our roster: John and Nadja Aquino's historic #35, recently arrived here from Rhode Island; Kathy Bronaugh, Rita Fullick and Greg Kibler's #5965, co-owned and raced by all three; the Bauer family's #4785, which Steve will be sharing with his brother John; and brand-new club members Greg and Barbara Williams' #1244, which they brought with them when they joined.

But it's the undercurrent that bears watching. Over just the past few weeks we have identified SEVEN MORE potential potential fleet members, several of whom have either already applied for club membership or let it be known that they intend to do so. Some will be beginners, some experienced racers, some day sailors, some multi-fleet members. But all will be Flying Scot sailors at some level, meeting the needs of an apparently underserved population at AYC. The Membership Committee is going to love us!

So what happens next? Ironically, now that we have interested sailors, we have an unexpected kind of challenge — we need boats! A used Flying Scot is hard to find, as boats are in high demand and sell quickly. So please, regardless of your fleet affiliation, keep your eyes and ears open and pass along any possible leads to Fleet Captain Larry Snyder — or for that matter to any 'Scot member. We are ready to go, ready to grow, and will welcome all the help we can get!

Editor's Note: Rumor on the water is that at publication time are now a dozen Scots flying off the north dock.



Flying in a Scot for the Mother's Day Regatta, three generations of Tumlin women take to the water.

Jennifer Tumlin Garrett at the helm, with sister, Tracy Tumlin Allardice as crew, The Momma Beth Tumlin up front and granddaughter, Addie Garrett, ready at the rail.



SNIPE FLEET 330



May 22nd was a fabulously busy day for Snipe Fleet 330!

As part of our plan to utilize the fleet boats, Don Hackbarth and John Muhlhausen presented a Snipe to the junior sailors in the morning. Other sailors assisted with hosting members of the adult sailing class. We gathered for lunch at the BBQ pavilion for grilled hamburgers and hotdogs. Greg and Teresa Kibler were assisted by Mary Williams, Kathy Bronaugh and Susan Carlson. Other volunteers

brought delicious sides to compliment the meal. Fresh-made hamburgers were a favorite choice. We were so busy with interactions with the guests that no one even remembered to take pictures until later in the day! What an eager group of new sailors! In the evening, the clubwide summer cookout season kicked off with Snipe Fleet as hosts. With threat of strong evening storms, the fleet made up for attendance with good food, spirit, and community with one another.

June 26, Fleet members rallied to help with the AYC Open House. Snipe spirit was everywhere from the gate welcoming crew, helping with meal prep, boat launching and welcoming and hosting guests for afternoon sailing, to clean up and follow up. It was a beautiful team effort! The moderate afternoon wind provided a great experience for many first-time sailors to have an introduction to sailing. There were many tired but smiling faces by day's end to share the meal and program at the clubhouse.



The evening was topped off by a visit from Peggy and Means Davis! Their children, Means and Tarasa, shared the celebration of their 80th birthdays (Peggy 6/26 and Means 7/8)! Tarasa's comments regarding her years growing up in the club, sailing, and her appreciation of her parents' contribution to the club, as well as the sport of sailing, were echoed by everyone. It was such a blessing to share this double milestone with the Davis family.

(Editor's Note: This was Means' last visit to the club, making it all the more special in our memory.)



EC 12 METER FLEET

By John Muhlhause

Spring at Allatoona holds all sorts of challenging conditions for model yacht sailing. From flooded conditions with lumpy waters, to fresh breezes on a lake smooth as glass, to gentle zephyrs that dot the distant horizon like little cat paws, we sailed them all.



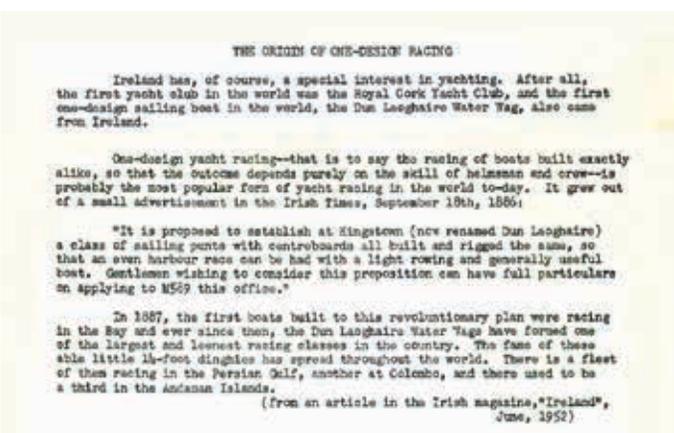
Rising up like a “phoenix above the zephyrs”, Ian dominated the various conditions and is our Spring Series champion for 2021. Following in his limpid wake, were Scott Vernon and John Muhlhause. Also participating, but not qualifying, was Bill Tumlin. Sorely missed were George Willis and Robert Mitchell.

Now that summer has arrived, our fleet has shifted gears and moved our official race dates to Thursday afternoons...and the ROPs (retired old people) love it; however, we are considering racing on Sunday mornings to accommodate our hard working-class members, since they are paying into the Fund that sends the ROPs monthly checks that allow them, the ROPs, to compete on weekdays. It’s called COMPROMISE.

Again, congratulations to Ian, our champ.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

From the September 1952 Scuttlebutt



Other interesting tidbits from this edition include:

- The Thistle Dixie Invitational used to be held over Labor Day Weekend.
- There were clubhouse troubles. Rumor was that the exuberance of youth was fraying the nerves of the older more subdued members of the club. Radios, the piano and record changers were being played too loudly, and some card games were becoming too much vocally competitive.
- Auctions of Lost and Found items were held and bargain hunters were encouraged to attend.

For more great reading, and to learn new terms like “a rhubarb almost happening at the starting line,” go back and read the old editions of the Scuttlebutt, in the Members Irish Section of the website.

THE DIXIE ROARS IN '21

So COVID may have caused us to crash in 2020, but in the spirit of the original '20s, the indomitable Thistle Fleet rose up a year later to ROAR with the most odds-defying, energized Dixie ever to take over the AYC campus! It was (and is) still the “Roaring Twenties,” right? So why not make up for lost time? Everyone was harboring two years worth of pent-up demand, just champing at the gate ready to misbehave, sail hard, speak easy and party like Gatsby. Turns out the “Lost Generation” wasn’t lost at all, just hanging out in limbo awaiting the repeal of Prohibition!



For starters, in this unprecedented year we had no idea whether the turnout would be light, extra heavy or somewhere in between. We were ecstatic to end up with 54 boats, 24 of them from out of town and 13 first-time Dixie attendees. All that tallies up to over 700 meals served — no small undertaking! Fortunately, Fleet 48 has the peoplepower to pull that off, and especially with our new “Twin Peaks” outside on the lawn, AYC provides the perfect venue.

And by chance does anyone remember what the wind was doing during the dates of last year’s aborted Dixie? I will remind you — NADA!! Zero gusting to one the entire weekend, if memory serves me right. So some things have a way of turning out right! And just like the number of participants, the “turnout” of wind this year exceeded everyone’s expectations, maybe the best Dixie weather EVER! Amanda Hodges had a photographer’s dream weekend with a backdrop of full sails, billowing white clouds, sunshine and sparkles and action on the water. Thank you, weather coordinator!



Long before the big weekend arrived, Susan Weiler’s classy, sassy graphics set the scene for us to encourage attendance, and Nancy Molitor added the copy for web team Ashley Davis and Lisa Woods to get the word out. Len Wert, who has come to “own” our gate art, masterminded a banner that made sure anyone coming through the gate knew they had just entered another world of glitzy fun. Coral Reef also did a great job of creating memorable merchandise with Susan’s artwork that could be ordered ahead — or afterward — ensuring a no-risk way for us to offer memorabilia without trying to second-guess the order.

Paying homage to safety, we did things a little differently this year to make sure everyone who wanted to, could, socially distance. But the big pieces remained the same, beginning with our welcome party at the “AYC Hideaway” as guests rolled in on Friday. Lavon Hatcher took on as apprentice for Miss Beth’s spaghetti dinner that evening, with originator Beth Tumlin coaching from the sidelines to make sure no noodle was left unsauced. Meanwhile registration opened with the Beth and Tracy team spearheading, their seasoned assistants chiming in the next morning. No cabins this year — but such delicious weather for our slew of campers!

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Left unchanged was Rita McCormack's infamous brunch on Saturday, kicking off a beautiful morning for adults to gather and get reacquainted while the Juniors set out to sail. The four boats included go-getters Lief Carlson, Jack Bauer and the Ospina family, who sailed with Bryce mentoring. In undisputed first place was Ben Woods, with crew Josie Sherry and Darby Dryden. Great sailing, all!



Sometimes the kids use up all the good wind and leave the adults nothing but table scraps, but this year was different. It was gorgeous! As is our custom in a field this large, we divided all boats into four sub-groups, each designated by a different

color pennant. There were two starts for each of the three races (two Saturday, one Sunday), each of which included two of the sub-groups, which is why we end up with two firsts (and two everything elses) for each race. RC Chair Don Hackbarth and his crackerjack Snipe team had their hands full but did a banner job of keeping it (and us) all straight.

All that said, and despite the role of “chance,” it never comes as a Dixie surprise to see the eventual leaders break away early on. At the end of the day (literally), two-time Dixie winner Brad Russell was already the guy to beat, his 2-1 finishes adding up to a mere three points. But by no means was it a done deal for Brad, as of the eleven leading boats none had more than ten points! It promised to be a fun Sunday sorting it all out, but for now it was just the right time to sail in, change hats and PAR-TEE!

By the time we showed up for the appetizer party, Dixie chairs Steve and Stacey Mitchell and Terri Marks had already transformed the Clubhouse into a den of low lights, black and gold and silver glitz inside and out. Bar Meister Jeffrey Martinroe was spooning up the verboten giggle juice (a.k.a. margaritas), and the



appetizers were carefully packaged to keep us away from the dreaded Double Dipping. But it was the clientele that made the yard sparkle — wandering in from all sides were happy flappers in their shockingly short spangled dresses, beads galore, bright red lipstick and bobbed hair with feather headbands and (oh the horror!) cigarettes! Nattily dressed sheiks, sporting vests and suspenders, bowler hats and pin-stripe suits, were upstaged by a few bootleggers packing heat, with just a nod to the Mob. Jeepers creepers, they were all outrageous!

Moving on to dinner, we polished off a boatload of Henry's “chicken ooh-la-la” and an array of sumptuous dessert minis before the dance music kicked in for the night. But just around the corner under wraps was another party going on, where that scandalous pair of flappers, the Stacey and Trixy duo, had repurposed the Adult Lounge into a bona fide Speakeasy. Dark and cozy, with martinis, old fashioned, other specialty drinks, and its own vintage music, the Speakeasy had an (almost?) historically correct trading floor based on the massive stock gains that preceded the hard crash in 1929. Everyone had four

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stock options — Sinclair Realty, Doug Laber Boatworks, Griffin Brothers IT Services, and Stout Transport Services. Each skipper was provided one stock at the skippers' meeting along with a \$100 bill. That got everything started, and the kids with the candy cigarette trays also offered additional \$100 bills through the night. Brilliant! Kudos to Darryl Allardice for masterminding this scheme while somehow escaping police intervention. How it ended I'll never know, as this writer crashed well before they shut the joint down. One for the history books!

The hotly contested third race on Sunday morning had a few unexpected twists.

Close contender Bryce Dryden had to leave and so dropped off the scoreboard, while Paul Abdullah took a bullet that would have made him a front-runner were it not for a DNF on Saturday. Our last Dixie champion (2019) Scott Griffin came close to hanging on to his title, but in the end nobody could touch Brad Russell, who "only" took a second in the last race but still won the regatta with an incredible five points total.



Trophies, beautifully embroidered duffels, went first to the top five:

5 - Gavin McCormack; 4 - David Reddaway; 3 - Mark Gise; 2 - Scott Griffin; and 1 - Brad Russell. Also touted were Jack Finefrock, Fastest over 60; Josie Sherry, Top Junior AND Top Female Skipper; and Gary Bonner from Philadelphia, this year's Dixie "Road Warrior." And then there's the coveted Potted Thistle, which was handily won by Fleet 48's Assistant Fleet Captain George Willis, undisputed party winner. Complete results will appear in the Bagpipe, though it will be awhile before that issue shows up.

It was a bonus having two special people here — Doug Laber, our Great Midwest Thistle builder since 1975; and new owner and Doug's recent successor Alex Beacon. A new era begins! Also adding to the fun of family Thistle sailing were a few high water marks: Two boats had three generations aboard — Bill Tumlin, with daughter Jennifer Tumlin Garrett and granddaughter Addie Garrett; and former AYC member David Hartman, who "came home" to sail with his son Michael and Michael's son Asher. Finally, celebrating 50 years of Dixies together, Art and Nancy Molitor could not squirm out of the fuss their daughter Lindsay was determined to orchestrate on their behalf. All a testimony to family, to tradition, to Thistling, and to the awesome sport of sailing right here at AYC.

When the sailing conditions are this good, everybody has a good time no matter where they finish! But it also takes an entire fleet to pull off an event like this one. We appreciate our volunteers!! If I've left you out, it's my fault and not yours. Thanks especially to our Thistle Fleet Boss David Sinclair, and to the most energetic and inventive of all Dixie Chairs imaginable, Steve and Stacey Mitchell, who have known for two years now how to "Sail Hard and Speakeasy!"

FOURTH OF JULY PADDLE-SKEDADDLE DRAWS A COLORFUL CROWD OF LUCKY 13

Wildlife tally: One turtle, one hawk, one loon!!! one snake, one heron, zero eagles, and thirteen paddlers!





We finally awarded our COVID season trophy to our top sailor of 2020 to Winky Williams! While he was being a Rear Commodore, he sailed like the champion he is and won the Woody Orrell Trophy. Because he missed the meeting we presented, his 'sisters' accepted the trophy and gave it to him later. Congrats!

The Y fleet is growing in a number of ways!

We have acquired several new sailors this season with Mark Buchanan and partner, Denny (Y-2624), Nathan and Stephanie Bell (Y-2696), Zack and Katherine Webb, and officially added student AYC member, Savannah Hatcher, to our group.

On May 20, Kate and David Rose welcomed David Scott Rose III (Tripp) to the Y Fleet family. And on July 7 Rae Traina agreed to join the Hodges family and the Y Fleet by accepting Clint's proposal.

The Springs Series brought 21 different boats hitting the starting line for our Y racing. We have fun times on and off the water, racing is fierce, camaraderie is strong, and our Fleet is growing.

Y Nationals is at the end of the month in Little Rock, Arkansas with 4 AYC boats going to represent us. We will report back at the August fleet meeting.

Summer sailing is good and being at the lake is better. Get on up here before school starts, football season kicks in, and deer season is upon us.



Bobbie Durham Bogle, of Atlanta, passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 18, 2021. Bobbie was born on December 20, 1934 in Greensboro, NC and was the daughter of the late, Robert Lee and Louise Gorrell Durham. Her brother was the late Edward Lee Durham.

She is survived by her husband of 65 years, Charles W. Bogle, Jr; son, Charles W. Bogle, III (Stephanie); daughter, Susan B. Turner (David); and grandson, Max Bogle.

As a girl, Bobbie lived in Atlanta during the summers, as her father was Atlanta Crackers baseball pitcher 'Bobby' Durham. Other residences have included Westchester Co., NY and Greenville, SC.

Bobbie graduated from Alamance High School, Greensboro, where she excelled in art and music. She attended Women's College of the University of North Carolina (known as 'WC'), now the University of North Carolina Greensboro.

Bobbie was active in the Burns Club of Atlanta and a member of the St. Andrew's Society. Bobbie and Charles have been part of the Atlanta Yacht Club since 1972. She was previously a member of Rock Springs Presbyterian Church.

A celebration of her life will take place at a later date at the Burns Club of Atlanta. Her ashes will go home to the Alamance Presbyterian Church historic cemetery, Greensboro, NC.

JUNIOR YACHT CLUB

*Joe Hanson
Director of The Junior Atlanta Yacht Club*

After an uneventful year in 2020, our juniors are back at full force in 2021. Not only are they busy with our traditional activities like Junior Week, the JO Regatta, and junior training, some new awesome programs were added in 2021.



The year started with the Junior Kickoff Weekend. The weekend consisted of fun, work, and sailing. There was a sailing clinic for our juniors put on by Sammy Hodges. This was great for the juniors to have the opportunity to get back into the boat after the winter and get ready for the sailing season. Fun activities included a campfire, s'mores, and a huge game of manhunt Saturday night. The juniors also put in some work washing boats. Over 80 boats were washed by the juniors as a fundraiser.

Another new program was started to promote more juniors participating in fleet races and club regattas. With the help of Darby Dryden, the Junior Commodore, an incentive plan was put in place to reward juniors when they sailed during fleet races or club regattas. The fleet captains were asked for input and Ed Marks came up with a great idea of not only incentivizing individuals, but also make a group goal. The way it works is a junior gets a point for every day they participate in fleet races or a regatta hosted at AYC. At different point levels

juniors earn swag like stickers, hats, visors, etc. paid for with the boatwashing money. As a group, if they earn 175 points, a last mark party will be held for them the Saturday after they achieve this goal. To date, they have earned 153 points as a group. There are an average of 8 juniors participating each race day. The results are fantastic. And most importantly, it is getting our kids in fleet boats. George Willis stated that his son now wants to be on the boat with him so he can earn his points.

The Junior Yacht Club hosted the first ever Mother's Day Regatta. This was a great event where mothers went out sailing with their children. The moms were not allowed to help rig or launch boats. They relaxed, had a drink, and enjoyed a charcuterie board while the juniors and dads got things ready for sailing. The wind was very heavy making it difficult for a leisurely sail but the PRO, Brice Dryden, adapted to the conditions and made it fun for all. In the end, it was a huge success and based on the feedback from the moms who participated, this could become an annual event.



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The traditional events the juniors participate in every year are back and have been a huge success. Church services are back; 10 am Sundays. Junior training had 4 classes and 42 sailors. The JO Regatta was scaled back to a one- day event but was great to have junior sailors from outside AYC come join us in a day of competitive sailing. Junior Week returned and reminded us all how fantastic of an event this

is for our club, the adults who participate, and for the juniors who build bonds and memories that last a lifetime. This year's star of Junior Week was Nile Hatcher (a 55+ camper).

The Junior Championship is scheduled for Labor Day Weekend.

The Junior Yacht Club will continue to focus on promoting junior participation in AYC fleet races and AYC regattas. Please sail with our juniors. Ask them to be your crew or be their crew. Junior training has a double-handed class that focuses on how to rig, crew, and sail our fleet boats. The Junior Yacht Club at AYC appreciates all the support of our parents and AYC members. This is the future of our club and what a bright future it is.



JUNIOR WEEK 2021

51 Kids and nearly 100 volunteers joined together to “Sail Through the Decades” this year for Junior Week. The week was a great success with lots of sailing, singing, dishes, dances and doings activities related to the decades. We told the kids to get ready for some fun, old school style, and they got right into it.

Events kicked off Sunday night with a 50s Burgers and Shakes menu followed by some 50s inspired games (the Elvis game was particularly a hoot!) as well as a hula hoop contest and even a little Hokey Pokey and Bunny Hop dancing.

Monday morning the kids were up early kicking off Day 1 of sailing, and things never slowed down from there. The weather held up for us throughout the week and despite the occasional storm, every day ran like clock-work and rainy-day reserve games were not even needed during the day.

Amy Thompson led our coaching team, which was primarily made up of AYC volunteers and the approach was a big hit. The additional volunteers on the water made a big difference and the Juniors and Day Campers put forward their best effort each day. Plus, everyone still brought all kinds of great energy to the night-time activities as well -- a 20s-style casino night and Asian-themed dinner (who knew that Chinese food was popular in that decade?), a 70s-style night with Human Hungry-Hungry Hippos and make your own pizza, and an 80s night movie.

The big hit of the night-time activities had to be the new addition of a Lip Sync contest. Cabins were assigned a decade, given a 3 to 5-minute montage of songs, and asked to prepare a Lip Sync performance. The result was a night of entertainment on par with American Idol. Our esteemed judges will tell you it was a hard decision in the end, but with a special appearance by Nile Hatcher in the older boy's sing-off selection (it was down to them vs the older girls), it had to be the boys for the win.



Ben Woods with previous Junior Week Award recipients: Adrian Stout Warnken, Tracy Tumlin Allardice, Ben Woods, Jennifer Tumlin Garrett, Amy Thompson, Keegan Musser, Clint Hodges, Ji-Soo Bolles, Charlie Clark



The week was capped off with team regattas followed by the Awards Ceremony. Congrats to our regatta winners and to our Junior Week Award Recipient for 2021, Ben Woods.

A big shout out to all our fabulous coaches, cabin parents, cooks, volunteers, and kids. We are so proud to have had the honor to work with all of you!





CELEBRATING A MILESTONE

by John Muhlhause



I never imaged this milestone would be achievable until last year, then the pandemic shut everything down and all bets were off. Hopefully, we are emerging from the other side. I got my vaccinations and have remained healthy, and the once unimageable is now a reality. To celebrate this occasion, my son David and I stepped aboard my Snipe, Figaro, in July and set sail on Lake Allatoona, completing a 75-year sailing journey that began on Long Island Sound, on my sister's Snipe, July 4th weekend, 1946.

In am celebrating this event because few have been able. Some in the international Snipe community have sailed 75 years, but no one in Atlanta's Snipe Fleet 330, past or present, has.

In fact, I believe I am the only member of AYC who has enjoyed a sailing career spanning 75 years. However, I am certain I will not be the last.

When looking back over this love affair I have had with sailing, many memories come to light; stupid things I did as an impulsive teenager, opportunities presented and lost, encounters with the rich and famous, and to the many sailing accomplishments of which I am proud. Bookending this 75-year sailing experience are a near fatal drowning in 1955 and a battle with advanced esophageal cancer in 2003, both of which, if not for good luck and good medical care, would have rendered this celebration unachievable. I have many interesting memories over this time period, however, the major ones are:



1949 – Winning my first trophy as a skipper in my junior sailing program

1954 - 1963 -Ten years of teaching sailing programs to hundreds of children and adults

1958 - Organizing and running a boating safety class that became a pilot program for America's first and longest running community sailing school

1958 - Turning down an invitation to sail in the America's Cup Trials on *Weatherly*

1962 - Receiving an apology from JFK after a motorboat he was skippering ran through a junior race I was conducting

1967 - Turning down an offer to sail with 4-time Olympic Gold Medalist, Paul Elvstrøm

1971 – Writing and illustrating a sailing primer titled, **Wind and Sail**

1974 - Conceiving a Junior Week program for AYC's junior sailors

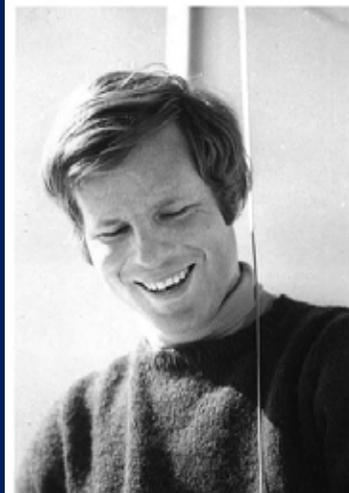
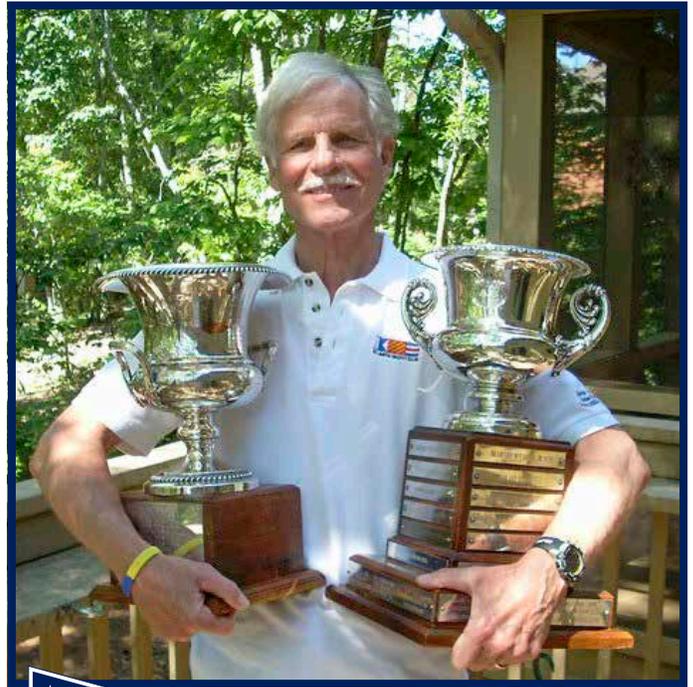
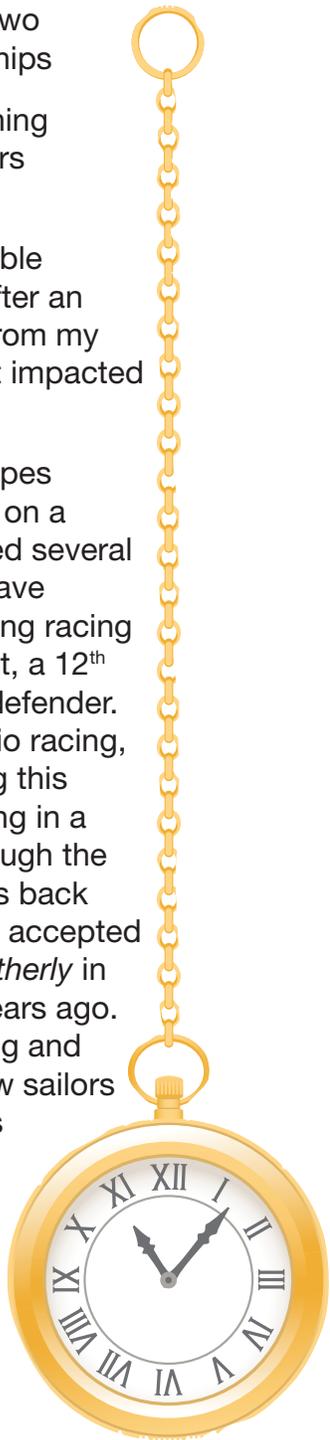
1979 and 1996 – Chairing two Snipe National Championships

1986 – Organizing and running the first Snipe World Masters Championship

2008 - Winning an improbable AYC Club Championship after an unexpected complication from my second cancer surgery that impacted my vision

I have continued racing Snipes at AYC for the past 9 years on a limited basis and have sailed several regattas. To fill the void, I have become active in radio sailing racing an EC12 Meter model yacht, a 12th size model of a 1958 Cup defender. I am not competitive at radio racing, but the serenity of watching this beautiful scale model heeling in a stiff breeze and gliding through the water gives me joy. It brings back memories of “what if” I had accepted the opportunity to sail *Weatherly* in the America’s Cup many years ago. Today, it is the love of sailing and the companionship of fellow sailors I seek; no longer the laurels of winning.

So now what? Well at my age, time horizons are short. However, I do see one significant milestone on my horizon and that is watching my eldest granddaughter, Ellen, learn to sail. If she falls in love with sailing and it becomes an integral part of her life, like her father’s, she will become the 6th generation sailor in our family. Sailing began with her great-great-great grandfather, John Prague, on Lake Pontchartrain in New Orleans in the late 1840s and early 50s, who became a well-known yachtsman in the New York area during the 1880s, and Commodore of another AYC, the now-defunct Atlantic Yacht Club on Coney Island in Brooklyn. Now that is a milestone worth waiting for!



WIND AND SAIL
by John Muhlhausen

In this "primer of sailing" John Muhlhausen gives basic information and techniques of sailing in a thoroughly practical and forthright manner, but in such a visually pleasing style that a youngster or any beginner would consider this book pleasure reading rather than textbook material. He uses color and a sort of "stylized Parcheesi board" pattern, to quote the introduction by Knowles Pittman, in a manner that shows the beginner where the wind blows.

John has 18 years of sailing experience behind his new book, but then he started sailing at aged 6. At 14 he became an assistant instructor in a junior sailing program and started one-design racing in a Snipe at 18. He sails No. 19489 with his wife Kitsa as crew with Fleet 330 at Atlanta Yacht Club. He uses his knowledge of sailing, instruction and his professional experience in graphics and communication to good advantage in this book.

Quadrangle Books Price: \$7.95



Everything On the Land

Eddie Kuznicki

What an awesome year we are having at AYC! The lake is filled with sailboats. The onshore activities, participation numbers, and membership inquiries are exceeding expectations.

Our Open House on June 26 is bringing in several new members and expect to see lots of guests this summer. Please stop a minute and greet any new face you see around.

One of our great events each year is Fourth of July, and George and Kathleen Willis and team put on a great one! Food, fun and family activities filled the weekend. Traditional favorites like the bike parade and Mitzi's Fishing Contest were complimented by some new activities, like "how many rubberbands does it take to burst a watermelon."

A new event this year was Paddle Skedaddle and I expect it will be repeated, and probably be repeated before July of next year. 13 paddlers came out for a Monday morning excursion of bird and wildlife watching, and general camaraderie.

The Saturday night Clubwide Cookouts are well attended, and we really have some talented cooks bringing side dishes. One of the things I love about AYC is that we are a community that pulls together and gets it done.

When contemplating what was on my mind to share with Scuttlebutt readers, I recalled a recent interaction with a prospective member. This person asked me, "who owns AYC?" I was proud to say that it is our members who own this club. Wow! What a great thing it is to own something so wonderful.

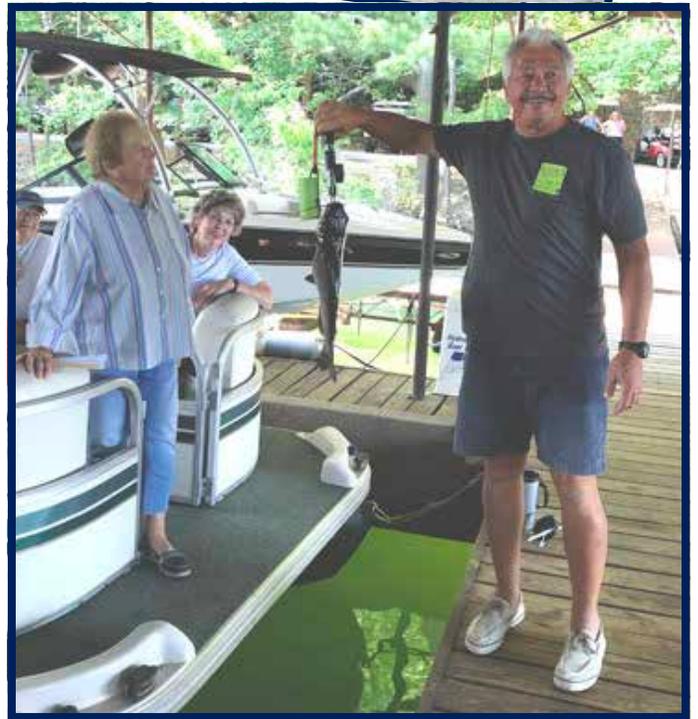
It is the combination of our people, this beautiful property and our shared experiences that make this OUR club. I would ask that all of us remember this. Use our beautiful facilities and resources and make lifetime memories, and also own your part of the responsibility. Please treat the club grounds, resources, assets, other members, and perspective members with respect and share your pride in ownership. Have a great time and please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance. See you on the lake!



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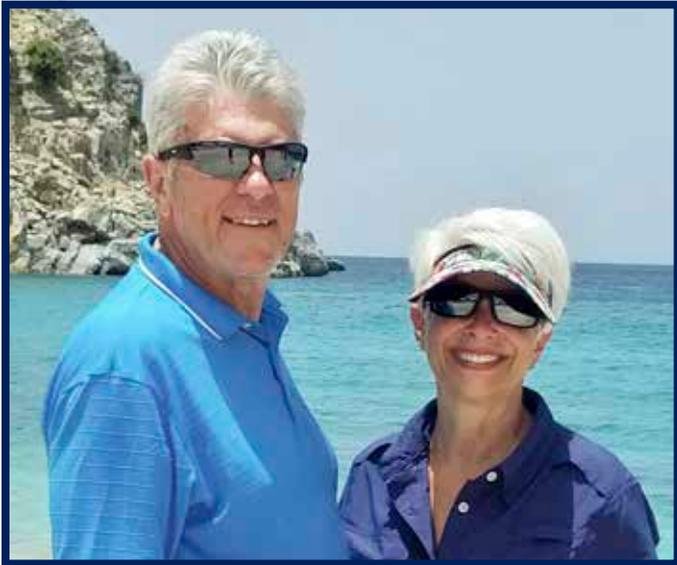
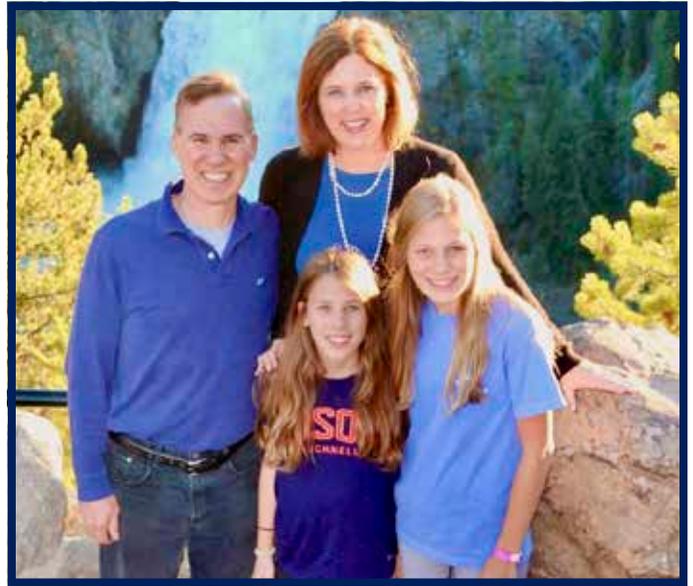


It shall be the duty of the Rear Commodore to assist the Commodore and Vice Commodore in the discharge of their duties, and in their absence, to act as Commodore. The Rear Commodore shall govern all things Land and Entertainment Related.



NEW AYC MEMBERS

David Sweeney may be new to AYC, but he is not new to competitive sailing! A past member of the Royal Canadian Yacht Club and Upper Stoney Lake Yacht Club, David has competed in the Laser Nationals, the Hobie 16 Worlds, the Pan Am Games, and three times in the summer Olympic Games sailing the Tornado for the Canadian team. His wife, Rachael, is also a lifelong sailor, as well as a skiing and scuba diving enthusiast. Their children, Catherine (21), Alexander (19), Victoria (14) and Elizabeth (11), sail summers with family in Nova Scotia. Elizabeth and Victoria also attend Camp Seagull, and Victoria and Alexander are on the Atlanta Classical Academy Sailing Team. Both David and Rachael are doctors of optometry.



Greg and Barbara Williams, new members who found us via a Google search. Marietta residents who have been day-sailing their Flying Scot from public ramps for five or six years, they saw an opportunity at AYC to rig and sail more easily, while becoming better sailors and growing some friendships. Greg has previously sailed a Sunfish, a Day Sailer, and a chartered boat in St. Martin. While he has little acquaintance with racing, he is game to learn about it and to try crewing. Now retired from corporate leadership, he and Barbara head a ministry at their church to foster healthy marriages, and are involved in a myriad of other activities and volunteer interests. They look forward to having their grown kids join them at the club.

Even if he is not wearing orange (not a chance!), you will not have any trouble recognizing this new Associate Member. The third of four siblings to join the club, Woody McLean has grown up at the lake, first jumping into an Opti at age eight. Since then, sailing has become second nature to Woody, mostly in Snipes, but he has skippered and crewed in all our boats, as well as participating in all of our junior programs. He plans to compete in as many fleet races and club regattas as his work permits. Woody's sponsors, Kirk Maassen, his former Scout leader, and Tracy Allardice, his Junior Week "Cabin Mom", were proud to fill out the application for someone who now wants to help with our juniors as a way of giving back to his AYC family.



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Mark Buchanan came to us with a Y-Flyer in-tow, lake friends and a boatload of sailing credentials. Mark grew up sailing his dad's Lightning at Fishing Bay Yacht Club. Coaching high schoolers and racing for the University of Tennessee club team in college, he was a competitor of both Clint Hodges and Greg Andrews. With both his USCG Captain's license and his US Sailing Level I Instructor's rating, Mark spent five summers teaching at Camp Seagull, and was Sailing Director his last year. When not sailing, he works for Coke and hangs out with his partner and sometimes crew, Danny. While Mark is sure to be an asset to both our Y Fleet and our junior training program, Clint also offers up this fun fact: "Stupid fast boat speed is his default setting..."

Welcome back, Dustin & Abbie Kays! Many of us remember Dustin, son of former members Steve and Ginny Kays, who grew up at AYC under the Snipe wing of sponsor Don Hackbarth, for whom he began crewing before his legs could even reach the hiking straps. A gifted sailor, Dustin became a keen competitor both as a Junior and as an adult. He married his AYC sweet-heart Abbie Bentley, daughter of member Candace Bentley, and joined the club for several years before taking a ten-year hiatus to raise a family of three boys and a 17-month-old foster daughter. Now living in Marietta, working for Lockheed, Dustin looks forward to being back on the lake in his Snipe, sharing his love of sailing with his own kids.



Michael Hatcher grew up in Smyrna but just now found AYC when he drove past our gate, which led him to sponsors Nile (the other Hatcher) and Brian O'Donnell. Michael and his wife, Elizabeth, are the parents of Chloe (19) and twins Ben and Anna-Kate (11), who have completed Junior Training and came to Junior Week. Their dad is no stranger to competitive sailing, having raced J-24s in Nantucket for seven years, along with Cats and Lasers. There is presently a Snark in the Hatcher garage, but Mike has not yet decided which of our fleet boats will work best for the family. The Hatchers are an outdoor family who enjoying hiking, the kids' sports teams and especially waterskiing — they had the kids on skis at age 2 and 3!

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Welcome to new Regular Member Nathan Bell and his wife, Stephanie, both originally from the South, who met while living in NYC. They came back eight years ago and put down roots in Canton. Drawn to sailing, Nathan tried keelboat lessons first, but after taking AYC's Adult Sailing Class he was hooked. He has been sailing with Jason Frost, now his sponsor along with co-sponsor, Winky Williams. He and Stephanie are planning to buy a Y-Flyer and learn to race. Expecting their first child in August, the Bells are enthusiastic volunteers who like AYC's culture and have already attended some of our social events. While they claim to be sailing novices, they are eager and willing to hop on board and crew with anyone willing to give them a few pointers!



Rob and Kait (Kaitlyn) Grier decided to join AYC as Intermediate Members after taking our Adult Sailing Class last fall. Midtown Atlanta residents married less than a year, they became interested in sailing watching YouTube videos during the COVID lockdown! Kait got Rob the sailing class for his birthday last year, and they have been eager to get out on the lake ever since. Their short-range goal is to learn to sail together and get comfortable in all our boats before choosing a fleet. As for a long-range dream, they hope to set sail in the Caribbean for an extended period! Tracy Allardice and Henry Taylor, the Griers' enthusiastic sponsors, have already seen this couple to be eager and engaged, "the kind of new members that will make AYC shine."

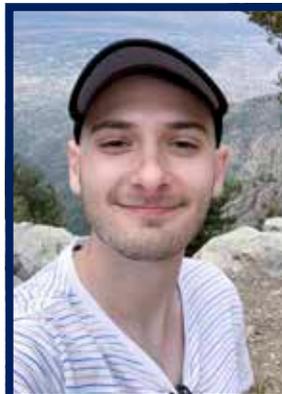


Please welcome these 3 new student members, all working on their Masters and all have racing experience under their life jackets. Amelia and Savannah both grew up at AYC; Peter came to us through our Adult Sailing class program.

Amelia Mclean



Peter Danis



Savannah Hatcher



Junior Week



Junior Week begins with a splash for decades of fun in '21!