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Ahoy Sailors!

Don't miss the first major AZ Regatta of 2011! It's time to get ready for the Arizona Yacht Club Birthday Regatta and the 12th Annual Arizona Leukemia Cup - the first Leukemia Cup Regatta of 2011 January 14th through the 16th, 2011.



AYC and the Desert Mountain Chapter of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society invite you to join in for a full range of on-water and on-shore fun. Activities will include three days of racing Friday through Sunday with meals, entertainment and a special dinner Saturday. Our keynote speaker Saturday night will be **Paralympic GOLD MEDAL WINNER** and newly elected U S Sailing Board of Directors Member, **Maureen McKinnon-Tucker** in addition to our outstanding special auction to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Racing will be from Friday through Sunday (Friday optional, each class will determine two or three days of racing), with the Leukemia Cup being held on Saturday.

Don't miss Friday night's dinner. It is being prepared by the legendary culinary skill of our current **Club Champion, Rick Johnson**.

Our race committee will have a special look this year too! Andrea Caroe from Mission Bay Yacht Club in San Diego will be our PRO! Many of the Buccaneer and 14.2 sailors will remember her Pink RC flag from their events held at MYC.

Please check the RACING page of www.arizonayachtclub.org for the notice of race, registration and sailing instructions and other updates. Other questions can be sent to me, Regatta Director Greg Jackson, at jr.staff.commodore@arizonayachtclub.org.

So come out and enjoy our desert hospitality up at Lake Peasant, January 14th through the 16th and help us help others through the

Leukemia and Lymphoma Society!



A Message From The Leukemia/Lymphoma Society

December 2, 2010 3:35 am



Dear Arizona Yacht Club Members,

We are thankful all year for our wonderful friends, but this season of caring reminds us of how fortunate we are to have such generous people around us. The work you are doing through the Leukemia Cup Regatta has resulted in there being three researchers funded by The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. I just wanted to convey once again the impact you have on blood cancer cures. You are very generous with your time, and it helps tremendously.

On behalf of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, thank you for joining us for our 2011 Leukemia Cup Regatta with gold medalist speaker Maureen McKinnon-Tucker. **Dojiggy fundraising pages are ready to be reactivated! Please just email me at kerrri.weiss@lls.org.** By agreeing to participate in our 12th Annual Leukemia Cup Regatta, you have joined thousands of fundraising sailors nationwide to help support the Society's mission to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life for patients and their families.

As you know, this is a fundraising regatta, and you and your crewmates are encouraged to raise as much money as possible. Every dollar helps support blood cancer research and the Society's education and support programs. You can also earn great fundraising prizes and the chance to win a trip to our annual Fantasy Sail Weekend next Fall in New York.

Since its inception in 1949, the Society has invested more than \$483 million in research, leading to breakthrough drugs like Gleevec® designed to fight chronic myelogenous leukemia. Currently, the Society underwrites the work of over 400 cancer researchers throughout the world, and provides a wide range of patients services including financial aid, support

groups and educational seminars. None of this could happen without the support of fundraisers like you.

Thank you for joining our "crew", as we race for a cure. We appreciate your efforts on the Leukemia Cup Regatta, and wish you and your family a joyous holiday season.

Sincerely,

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Bucc's Eat Turkey in Long Beach...AND on Catalina Island

November 27, 2010 5:59 am



Heisler, Vaillancourt, Rawstrom — LB Turkeys 2010

Three hearty Buccaneer 18 teams skipped the AYC Gov's Cup to join in the "umpteenth" **Alamitos Bay Yacht Club Turkey Regatta** to sample the legendary sailing inside the Long Beach sea wall, and to get some early turkey dinner. The sailing and the turkey more than lived up to their reputations!

Day 1 started out with some steady rain and good 10-15mph winds but only two Buccs on the line. Sacramento road warrior **Carole Vaillancourt** and skipper **Ryan Scofield** on "Wind Me Up" faced off with **Emory Heisler** and his **brother Tim** in "Erin Mogan" for the first race, a 2 lap W-L course. Ryan and Carole lead easily at the first W mark and stayed there down to the gates as Emory and Tim sailed without the chute. A problem at the gate for Ryan and Carole though let Emory and Tim sneak ahead by the 2nd W mark. However without the spinny they couldn't hold their position which gave Ryan and Carole an easy 30 second win.

Turkey Day Pirate Mayhem

Before race 2 could start Emory and Tim headed for warmth and turkey as the rain continued and the early signs of hypothermia started for Tim. That left race 2 as a one-boat bullet for Ryan and Carole, but by the time Race 3 began **Dave Rawstrom** and crew **Bailey Marra** in "Red Fish Blue Fish" had found the course to put some competition back in the sailing.

Dave and Bailey sailed neck and neck with Ryan and Carole upwind until a blown tack by Ryan and Carole at the layline sent them from two boat lengths ahead to two boat lengths behind Dave and Bailey at the weather mark. Ryan and Carole once again sailed their spinnaker against a team not ready to set the chute in the heavy conditions allowing them to pass Dave and Bailey for another easy win and 3 bullets for the day.

It was time for TURKEY! Back in the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club the 3 Bucc teams and Dave's family were joined by EX-AYC'er **Dennis Martinelli** who was also in town for Turkey and some hard core Laser sailing too. Of course the ABYC lived up to their reputation "with all the trimmings" and classic Yacht Club hospitality followed by a well deserved evening of recovery (except for Dennis and Emory that found their way to a bar showing the UFC fight! Imagine that????!!!).



Sunday dawned with "freight train" winds blowing chunks of palm trees down the street. Fortunately they "died down" to 20-25mph by race time. Seeing these conditions both Dave and

Emory lost their crews to the Farmers Market and teamed up on Emory's "Erin Morgan" to keep at least two boats racing...or so they thought.

With the wind blowing a steady 20 with gusts to 25 Carole let Ryan know that she felt it was too windy, and that left the "well balasted" Emory and Dave to blast and plane around the course. Ryan was appropriately jealous and Dave and Emory had some "profound revelations" during their 2 races "against the wind." Details? Sorry! Sworn to secrecy!

After the scores were totaled, Ryan and Carole's three Day-1 wins were just enough to win the Bucc class - AND a nice pair of frozen Turkeys (larger classes even had Cornish Game Hens for 3RD place LOL!)



AND THEN.....Emory and Tim jumped on a Catalina 30 Monday morning and cruised to Catalina and back (Tuesday) in beautiful 15-20 mph winds and calm seas. "It was like sailing with training wheels", said Emory, compared to the two Winnie the Pooh days in Long Beach. But THAT is a different Turkey Day Regatta story.

Next year we hope to see more Buccs and other AYC sailors on the line for a great event at a great venue.....with some great Turkeys!

Next West Coast Race....SD NOOD, March 18-20. See you there!

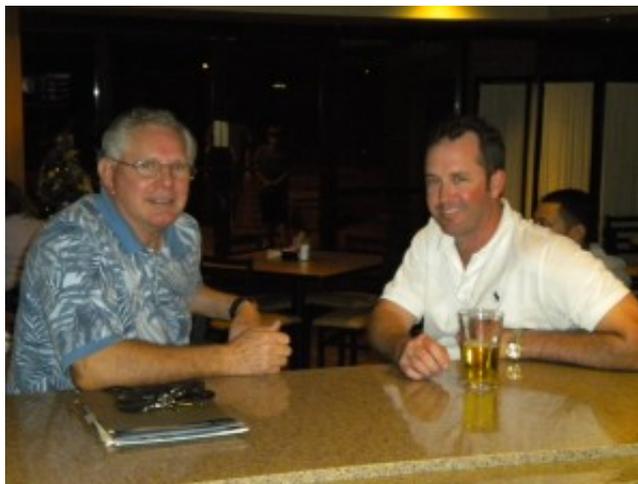
ARRRR! Ryan Scofield - "Wind Me Up", Emory Heisler - "Erin Morgan"



November Membership Meeting

November 16, 2010 7:05 pm

As usual a good time was had by all at the November membership meeting. We were able to introduce one of the newest members of our club Ed Triebel, pictured here with the Fleet Captain Trey Harlow. If you see Ed, or any of our new members "around the club" be sure to welcome them.



New Member Ed Triebel and Fleet Capt Trey Harlow

The guest speaker was former America's Cup contender Phillip Freedman one of the sailing coaches at ASU. He is starting a new intercollegiate competition here in the valley, the first one of its kind - the Cactus Cup. They are attempting to add it to the Pacific Coast Collegiate Sailing Conference's tour of schools and venues.



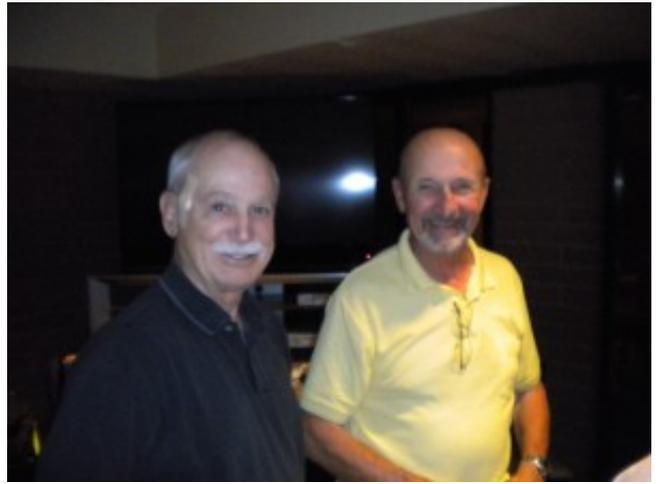
ASU Sailing Coach Philip Freedman and the Cactus Cup

We are working on getting them to bring some of their KILLER T-Shirts to a future meeting to raise money for their team. We'll get the word out well in advance so you can get yours!



ASU Sailing Team T-Shirt

The rest of the evening was filled with the usual pirate frivolity...





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AYC Junior Now ASU A-Team Sailor!

November 8, 2010 3:46 pm



Submitted by Pat Blumm

Many Arizona Sailors know my daughter Maggie Blumm. She has been sailing our desert waters for nearly 15 years and is a product of the AYC Juniors and ASF programs, as well as having raced locally in both Buccs and her 420. Recently she was accepted to ASU's Barrett, the Honors College.

She wanted to participate in ASU's Sailing Team, but her schedule is very demanding. And when the Team hopped in cars to attend their first regatta of this season, Maggie's college classes took precedence. She called home and asked if she could drive herself to Mission Bay to 'try out' for the team. I said let me drive you; so Friday night we departed on a beautiful full-moon drive to San Diego.

Saturday morning we showed up at the Mission Bay YC docks. Coach Philip Freeman assigned Mags to crew on one of the four FJ's chartered by ASU. Mags walked up to her assigned boat, grabbed the tiller and her crew member then shoved off into a moderate breeze.

Maggie's starts were a bit anemic, but good golly she was passing one boat after another. Six boats passed one race, eight

another; and these were all short w/l races! At a late afternoon shore break, I congratulated Mags on her passing skills, but reminded her it would be a whole lot easier if she better timed front row starts. I even threw in a minor incentive.



Next thing you know she wins the following two starts. Her dad's wallet is a bit lighter and she is smiling - big time!!

Sunday morning Coach Freeman moved Maggie to ASU's A-Team. To make a memorable adventure concise, Mags captured one third place amongst 13 teams, which included well funded PacTen teams. All in all, ASU scored a very impressive 4th in the San Diego State sponsored regatta.

The ASU Sailing Team is gelling, building sailing skills and confidence. Their next inter-collegiate regatta is this month in Santa Barbara. Go Sun Devils!

Maggie would not be where she is at without the support, skills and attitude she learned sailing with AYC and ASF. A special thanks to all AYC and ASF sailors who have assisted Maggie in fulfilling her dream of becoming the best sailor she can be.



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Eight Bells for AYC Founder Ruth Beals Insho

November 8, 2010 3:42 am

It is with a heavy heart that I reproduce this obituary from AZCentral.com for the AYC's Founder, Ruth Beals. The posting of this obituary can be found here, along with the guest book.

Ruth's life began in Pickerington, Ohio, and ended in Phoenix on Halloween morning, a favorite prank-filled holiday for her. She left her small town for work at a Columbus radio station and after the war was married to Sue and Margie's father in Palm Springs. They lived in Phoenix without air conditioning amid scorpions near 7th Ave. and Glendale (out in the country) and began to acquire wonderful lifetime friends.

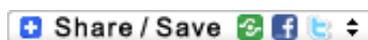
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For those of you who have found delight in the springtime flowers of Arizona, the thrill of rafting down the Colorado, the peace of trodding the Hillshire's of England along with the new perspective of driving on the left side of the road, the breathless accomplishment of climbing the pyramids of Mexico, trodding the cobblestone streets of San Miguel de Allende, enjoying summers in Alpine or Hawley Lake or Bisbee, sailing the silent lagoons and rolling waters of Bora Bora, watching a volcano erupt in Guatemala, marveling at Europe, surviving an Atlantic force-10 storm onboard a freighter crossing the ocean for two months, Ruth salutes you. Our loyal lady encouraged and inspired three men, their families, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and lived her life in grace, beauty and wit. Although "life could be grim at times" insisted, "You never know until you've tried. The worst they can say is 'No.'" She said life needed three things for success: security, identity and stimulaton and each person had to provide their own. For all of you who had the pleasure of knowing Ruth, survive her with joy in exploring and learning. That would be her wish.

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"Motil Mark" Unveiled at US Sailing Directors Meeting

October 31, 2010 5:41 pm



Some sailors, mostly outside of AZ, might think we live in a sailing "wasteland", but those of us that live here realize that is FAR from the truth.

One more example of how blessed we AZ sailors are is that the US Sailing Board of Directors meets HERE IN AZ every other year for their annual Board of Directors meeting. As US Sailing members, and on behalf of AYC - Arizona Yacht Club, not Annapolis - we get to join in on the fun and information sharing and help welcome them to our fair city.

Several AYC members showed up for the welcome reception at the PV Embassy Suites and it was once again a marvelous opportunity to meet with the leaders of our sport from across the country. Joe Motil took the stage with Gary Jobson to welcome participants, and George Tingom, Tony Chapman and I rubbed elbows with US Sailing leaders like America's Cup sailor Dawn Riley and rules "Guru" Dick Rose. We had a great time swapping sailing stories and discussing the many common problems in our sport that exist regardless of the kind of boat we sail or where we sail it.

A special feature of the evening - in addition to the awarding of the US Sailing Herreshoff Trophy to Jim Muldoon (CEO of St.

Mary's College in Southern Maryland) - was the unveiling of the "Motil Mark" created by our very own Commodore Joe Motil. My guess is we will see more development and in time you'll see "Production Versions" of Joe's simple yet effective Race Mark - The Motil Mark!

When US Sailing is here again - and I for one hope they continue to visit us every two years - I recommend this evening and the event in general as a way to get to know who is "at the helm" of our sport on a national level and to show that AZ sailing is active, alive and well!

