



# Compass Points

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## April 2011 Compass Points

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## Notice: 2011-2012 AYC Board Nominees

April 2, 2011 5:59 am



In accordance with Arizona Yacht Club Bylaws the following candidates have been nominated for the positions noted.

### 2011-12 AYC BOARD OF DIRECTORS BALLOT

- Sr. Staff Commodore - Greg Jackson
- Jr. Staff Commodore - Joe Motil
- Commodore - Emory Heisler
- Vice Commodore - Philip Freedman
- Rear Commodore - Mike Ferring
- Fleet Captain - Trey Harlow

- Cruising Captain - Mike Parker
- Membership Director (1 year) - Roger Butterwick
- Membership Director (2 year) - Brenda Shears
- Treasurer - Tony Chapman
- Secretary - Cindy Pillote

Between April 1 and April 15, 2011 Election Ballots shall be sent to all members of record as of 4+1+2011. Ballots must be received by mail by May 09, 2011 (mail to Joe Motil, 1404 E. McNair Dr., Tempe, AZ 85283), or delivered by hand prior to 6pm May 10, 2011 at the May General Membership Meeting where Ballot Counting shall occur at 6pm on May 10, 2011 at 19<sup>th</sup> Tee Restaurant, Rolling Hills Golf Course- 1415 N. Mill Ave. Tempe, AZ 85281.

## Commodore's Corner

April 2, 2011 5:58 am



My year as Commodore is nearing its end and that can only mean IT'S TIME FOR THE COMMODORE'S BALL!

The Commodore's Ball will be held "lake side" on May 14, 2011 at the Chart House Restaurant in Scottsdale on McCormick Lake. We have a very nice lineup of exciting evening events scheduled, I hope you can join us for the annual celebration of the Arizona Yacht Club.

Registration is available online and additional details will be mailed out in with the 2011-2012 Board of Director Ballots. To register [CLICK HERE](#).

Speaking of elections, I want to thank all our volunteers that have stepped up to fill in all the seats for the 2011-2012 AYC Board. I'm looking forward to working with Emory and the new team from the Jr. Staff "chair."

Enjoy the rest of spring! Hope to see you on the water!

Joe

# Olympian Mark Reynolds - AYC April Meeting

April 2, 2011 5:57 am

Join us Tuesday 4+12+2011 for an evening with US Olympic Sailing Gold Medalist Mark Reynolds!

Where: Rolling Hills 19<sup>th</sup> Hole - 1415 N. Mill Ave. Tempe, AZ 85281 • (480) 350-5275 (across from Salt River Project)

When: 6pm Social Hour, 7pm Program



When Mark Reynolds walked into Opening Ceremonies at Sydney's Olympic Games, he made U.S. Olympic Yachting history as a four-time consecutive Olympic representative in the same event. Well-known as the "Star of the Star class," Reynolds has the resume to back up the well-deserved nickname: two world championship titles ('00, '95) and three Olympic medals (1992 Gold, 1988 Silver, 2000 Gold) in arguably the most competitive one-design class in the world.

Reynolds was introduced to the sport at age four by his father, Jim Reynolds, himself the 1971 Star World Champion (as crew for Dennis Conner). As a sophomore in college, Mark was All American on the San Diego State University sailing team in 1974. Mark led the team to a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish both in 1974 and 1975 in the North American Dinghy Championships. A protégé of Conner's, Mark started his first Olympic campaign in the Flying Dutchman class. Sailing with Miami's Augie Diaz, Reynolds' Olympic dreams were sidelined when the US boycotted the 1980 Games. A Star campaign, founded in 1986 with Hal Haenel (Los Angeles, Calif.), earned him four trips to the Olympics. In 1988 Reynolds/Haenel found themselves in the medal hunt in Korea. Unfortunately, their bid for Olympic Gold was undone in the final race of the regatta when a control line failed and their mast came tumbling down in the incredible winds and waves off Pusan. They settled for the Silver Medal.

Aware that no American Star sailors had ever repeated as Olympic representatives, Reynolds/Haenel kept their focus for the '92 Olympic Regatta, where they never finished worse than third in any race, and enjoyed the luxury of being able to sit out the final heat. They returned home from Barcelona with Gold Medals. The challenge of competition fueled their desire to compete in a third Olympics, and Reynolds/Haenel placed 8<sup>th</sup> out of 25 boats at the 1996 Olympic Regatta in Savannah, Georgia.

Reynolds teamed up with Magnus Liljedahl in 1997 with the express goal of winning another Olympic Gold medal, and making it an unprecedented fourth trip to the Olympics. In three years a lot did happen. They won the prestigious Bacardi Cup and the European Championship two years running ('97, '98), the

Spring Championships of the Western Hemisphere ('97), the North Americans ('98), and were runner up at the World Championship ('97). The top ranked US team for two years, they went into '99 as the top ranked team in the World. Then tragedy struck in June of '99 when Magnus' lovely wife, Agneta, was diagnosed with Ovarian cancer. After a hard battle, she passed away in October of that year. Between June and November of '99, Reynolds sailed 10 regattas with 11 different crews while Magnus remained by his wife's side. Reynolds/Liljedahl resumed their training in December and in February took possession of a new boat that Reynolds had overseen the construction of.

## Mark Reynolds

Personal information		
<b>Date of birth</b>	November 2, 1955 (age 55)	
<b>Place of birth</b>	San Diego, California	
	<b>Sport</b>	Sailing
<b>Country</b>	United States	
<b>Club</b>	San Diego Yacht Club	
Achievements and titles		
<b>Olympics</b>	Gold Medalist	
Medal record		
Competitor for the  United States		
Sailing		
Olympic Games		
Silver	Seoul 1988	Star
Gold	Barcelona 1992	Star
Gold	Sydney 2000	Star
Kiel Week		
Gold	1979	FD
Gold	1986	Star
Gold	2000	Star
Gold	2002	Star
Pan American Games		
Gold	Puerto Rico 1979	Snipe
Goodwill Games		
Gold	Estonia 1986	Star

Reynolds has acknowledged that preparing for and competing in the Trials and Olympics this time was more challenging than ever. Unlike many sailors who put jobs and school on hold during their Olympic campaigns, this husband and father of three maintains a full-time job. While being his own boss makes some things easier, as the predominate sailmaker in the Star class with a steadily rising market share, Reynolds had a lot to deal with business wise. Mark's business, Quantum San Diego, makes sails for most of his competitors. While preparing for the Trials and

Olympics, Mark's loft was making sails for almost all of his competitors in the Star Class. He also consults with his customers (also his competition) before and during regattas. His Star sails have been used to win 13 of the last 15 Olympic medals.

When Mark and Magnus arrived at the Olympics, they were picked as the favorite Star team to win the Gold Medal. They got off to a rocky start, in the tough conditions and a even tougher fleet that already held 11 Olympic medals. After the 6<sup>th</sup> race, Mark and Magnus were in 8<sup>th</sup> place. However, in typical style, Mark and Magnus persevered in the second half of the regatta to have an average 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in 5 races to pass those ahead of them and win the Gold Medal. Recognizing their exemplary performance for the year 2000 Mark and Magnus were awarded the ISAF/Sperry World Sailor of the Year award.

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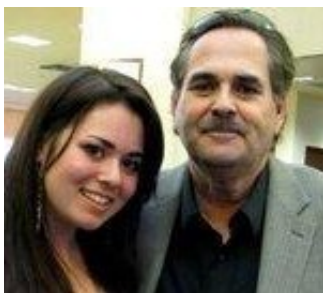
## New Members!

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Three new members joined the AYC in March: Pat Byrnes, Chad Cornell and Philip Freedman!

Pat is no stranger to the AYC having attended many Birthday Regattas. He is father of ASU sailing team member Gerald Byrnes and has been a strong supporter of our club for many years He's finally he's a member! Pat hosts many wonderful photographs for us of the Birthday Regatta on his blog site. Welcome Pat!

Chad Cornell hails from Prescott and looks forward to joining us for Lake Pleasant sailing! Hope to see you at the Tall Cactus Regatta Chad!



Philip and Daughter Carina

Philip Freedman is the ASU Sailing Coach, a former Olympic Star Class competitor (and old nemesis of our April meeting speaker Mark Reynolds. Philip has dived right into club activities and volunteered to be our candidate for the vacant Vice Commodore position. His experience in all levels of sailing, from kids to the America's Cup will be a great addition to our club.

Welcome all!

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## Obama: Bucc 18 Sales Signal Recovery

April 2, 2011 5:55 am

President Obama and the Governors of both California and Arizona hailed the recent sales of Buccaneers between AZ and CA as proof that President Obama's economic reforms are producing intended positive results.

"Matt Davis is a force I tell you! It's outstanding to see these boats off the pavement and on the water. That's what our policies are all about! More sailing for everyone!", said presidential spokesperson and former Bucc owner Rob Gibbs.



At the center of this action is Matt Davis who sails out of Arizona Yacht Club in AZ in the winter and White Trash Yacht Club in OR in the summer. His first move was bringing famed Bucc #5100 "Blur" back to racing action as the renamed "Slur." And then if that wasn't enough, he loved sailing Bucc's so much he upgraded to #5250, "Wonderful" and brought her off her sleepy TTL pavement home to sail in the recent San Diego NOOD Regatta.

Davis then spun a web of deals with the State of California to send "Slur" on to Bakersfield, CA and new Bucc owner and long time AYC member Dennis Martinelli of Spira/Martinelli fame. California Governor Jerry Brown lauded the event. "The entire Central Valley will turn out when "Slur" makes its way to its new home here in Bakersfield!" "I wish Harry Sindle could be here to witness this event!"



And if that weren't enough to show that the recession is over, Arizonan Ramon Rivera is now the proud owner of #4346 "Hailey's Comet". The "Comet" has had a long journey from TX, to Phoenix, to Lake Havasu City, and back to Phoenix. Along the way she lost her "Tomato" spinnaker but gained a spinnaker launch chute and Ramon is ready to get her racing again. Ramon and Coronado 15 sailor Marcos Monetti (soon ALSO to be a Bucc owner we expect) will be campaigning "Comet" in Arizona Fleet racing....and....you just may see her crossing the border to

California too!

Welcome new Bucc owners!

Matt Davis - #5250, "Wonderful" (for now)

Dennis Martinelli - #5100, "Slur"

Ramon Rivera - #4346, "Hailey's Comet"

Arrrr!

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## The Big Cactus is Coming!

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As in.....The Tall Cactus Regatta and Siesta - Lake Pleasant, April 30, 2011. SKIPPERS MEETING 9AM. START TIME 10:30am

Yes, it's time to wrap up the general club activities at Lake Pleasant for the season with a final Fun Race and BBQ before we spend the rest of the 100+ degree summer daze hiding from Del Sol.

The lake should be brimming full for us to venture out from the safety of the lower lake and explore the upper reaches and coves with a finish line the north end of Humbug Cove.

The cove is bordered with high cliffs and is fairly wide. About mid-afternoon, the winds are typically blowing out of the South for an exciting spinnaker or wing and wing run. The sight of a half dozen colorful spinnakers drifting down the cove with the deep blue water and sky, the canyon walls turning many shades of red, passing around and through the on looking crowds is amazing.

If you are able to weave you way through the party boats, and resist the sirens calls to join them, the cove opens up nicely to a large basin to the finish line, with good anchor holding. You should finish with time to relax, take a swim, board other boats to revel, or take a nap.

The cove also has a few excellent spots for a secluded sunset dinner under the stars. There is also plenty of shoreline for any daysailors to beach, or tie up to a furniture boat for the post race activities.

Dinner this year will be steak or chicken, corn on the cob (campfire style) with salads, desert, and my now infamous Spiced Rum Punch!

This is it for the NOR and Sailing instructions will be handed out at the skippers meeting Saturday at 9am. If you would like an electronic copy, I will post it on the web and send return emails to those requesting.

The start will be a 10:30am near the PH Marina Dam side entrance with a reverse PHRF order so the faster boats starting after the slower boats. The idea is to have everyone finish at the same time.

There will be a ferry barge to shuttle participants to and from the campsite to your boat at posted intervals, typically one roundup to bring you in and one or two (depending on finding a skipper) to take you back to your boat. Bring a dinghy if you can. The barge has a limited use bathroom for participant use.

Campers are able to reach the site by truck, but I would not drive a low clearance minivan or small tire car there. Maps of the

campsite will also be available.

Cost is \$25 per boat, that includes one dinner. Additional dinners are \$10. Kids (16 and under) eat free. Sign up should be online soon. If you prefer, you may email me your entry and bring a check or cash Saturday.

DEADLINE FOR DINNER REQUESTS IS:

@@ IN MY HAND APRIL 25 @@

You don't have to pay by then, but I gota know cause I am shopping Tuesday.

Questions, comments, observations: reach me at [azexpedition@gmail.com](mailto:azexpedition@gmail.com)

Fair Winds

Michael Parker

Crusing Captain

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## ASF-AYC Picnic 4-16-2011 Tempe Town Lake

April 2, 2011 5:53 am

Don't miss it! A full day of sailing activities at Tempe Town Lake!!

The day begins with AZ High School Sailing Championships from 10am-4pm. Click on the RACING PAGE for NOR, SI and Sign up forms.

The final ON THE WATER session of Spring ASF Start Sailing Right runs from 1pm to 4pm.

And then ASF hosts a Spring Sailing Picnic on the "grassy knoll" from 4pm-7pm.

Bring your lawn chairs! Bring your boat! Or launch one of the AYC Sunfish or Lasers.

To RSVP and for more information contact John Mayall (480 290 8510) or Emory Heisler (602 679 0462).



Tempe Town Lake bristles with ASF sails. Photo: Mike Ferring

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