



# Compass Points

The Journal of the Arizona Yacht Club

## July 2011 - Compass Points

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Mid Summer Night's Dream? You bet! Where do you want to be in July, in a boiling nightmare in Phoenix or.....sweet dreams on Catalina Island? Check out AYC summer fun going on from near to far and here to there. AYC fun is everywhere!

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## Commodore's Corner - July 2011

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"Help Wanted! Inquire Within!"

Many wonderful ideas have been flowing in from you all in the past months since I became Commodore, and now YOU can provide the hands, heads and hearts to bring them to life.

Here's your chance to fill in some of that "free time" you have (ha, ha) by helping out the sport you love. Volunteers are needed to both lead and support several Arizona Yacht Club special committees: Here are just a few places where you and your special talents and interests can help improve your club.

**Juniors:** The junior program's activity level has always been "parent driven", and that activity has dropped off in recent years after "graduation" and relocation of several of those families. If you have kids and want to see more Kid-Friendly sailing and

social activities, this is the committee for you!

**Equipment:** Got a special talent for "messing around with boats"? Love the smell of curing epoxy and fiberglass? Got a trailer-hitch and a little free time to haul a boat down to Phoenix Fiberglass? Keeping up with all the little repairs and preventive maintenance on our AYC/ASF Fleet is a never ending job - opportunity! - for you if any part of this sounds like what you like to do in your spare time.

**Adopt-a-boat:** This one is pretty simple. If you want to adopt a boat, we need to have someone to manage the adoption process. This is a perfect position for someone that wants to sail at TTL, but doesn't feel a big need to race. Yes, you can manage your own adoption paperwork! Like everything in AYC, it doesn't happen on it's own.

**History:** As we've "gone digital", and simply by the passing of time, we've lost visibility of our history, and many have suggested that it would be wonderful to see that history at club meetings, and online. This one calls for a little bit of the "librarian" in you for researching and organizing club's history from the many cabinets and boxes of material, AND for some folks with high speed scanners to help get it into online form.

**Marketing:** From "brochure" design, to "working a booth" (or a boat) at local events, this is a great role for someone that loves to tell the story of AYC to others at events like Tempe Arts Fair, Lake Pleasant events, TTL events, REI "water sports day", etc. Help us get the word out about what a great club we have!

You'll keep hearing me say this, "Many hands make light work!" Please give me a call (602 679 0462) or drop me a quick email to let me know where you can help bring more life to the ideas that keep coming in about these types of activities and services in our club.

Emory Heisler  
Commodore



# Survey Results and Summer Guest Speaker Series Update

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□Almost 70 people responded to a survey we put together to figure out how members would like to receive word of meetings, events, and news about our club. Thanks for helping out!

Here are some headline results:

- E-mails are the best way to get the word out. An overwhelming number of respondents said they wanted a club e-mail to tell them what's happening.
- The Yahoo list is a good supplement to the members-only e-mails, especially for nonmembers, of course. We now have about 390 people who receive the Yahoo e-mails. And the Yahoo respondents said they were happy with what they get from the list, even with the sometimes snarky debates that can pop up there.
- Most people check the AYC website for information, though they're not always happy with how it works or how it looks. Your comments are in the hands of Webmeister Rob Gibbs to guide him in tweaks. Already: The calendar includes more information, including start times of races.

Also: I've just gotten confirmation that Garth Reynolds will be able to make our next membership meeting, **Tuesday, July 12 at 7pm.**

Garth is a one-design sails expert at North Sails in San Diego. He plans to offer a program like the one he just gave to 85 people at the San Diego Yacht Club, with lots of give-and-take about how they tune sails to make them just that much faster than their (and your) competition.

Maryellen is also planning to make this an ice cream social, with root beer floats and sundaes. Try the float with a dash of Jack. Mmmm.

We'll be starting precisely at 7pm at the 19<sup>th</sup> Tee in Tempe

(1915 N Mill Ave).

And, get ready for a year of top-rated speaker entertainment, including multi-America's Cup dude Peter Isler; the high-personality act of Peter Reggio, famed America's Cup Principal Race Officer (PRO); and Laser Olympic Gold Medalist, twice Rolex yachtswoman-of-the-year and ISAF Sailor of the Year Anna Tunnacliffe. Anna is preparing for a match racing challenge at the 2012 Olympic games and is fresh off victories in England and Germany.

Cheers,

Mike Ferring - Rear Commodore



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## Renew! Renew! Renew! 2011-12 Membership

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Renew! Renew! Renew! The AYC annual membership renewal season is well underway. Don't wait till the last minute...CLICK HERE to register now, or if you need some help come on down to the July membership meeting at Tempe Rolling Hills Golf Course (Tuesday, 7÷12÷11) and we'll get you signed up there and then!

We have a newly designed membership card in the works, which will be personalized in a batch run - make sure you get your renewal in before the end of July so that you don't miss out on the permanent annual card AND listing in the annual membership roster.

Prefer to use the good old US Mail and a pen or pencil? Drop an email to one of our "Ace" Membership Directors and they'll get you a hardcopy form to fill out and you can mail in your check. Time's a waistin! Renew your membership today!

Roger Butterwick - Membership Director  
Brenda Shears - Membership Director

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# June is for Fun – AYC Family Night!

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Maryellen Ferring plays Alex Trebeck in front of the AYC crowd at the June membership meeting. Ten teams vied for prizes by answering sailing questions. Photo: Mike Parker

Sailors ate limes to prevent scurvy, right? Michael Bernard won the AYC Laser fleet this year, right? Right. And if you got those right, you were cheering Tuesday night (6+14) when your team faced off against 9 others to score some prizes at the AYC membership meeting.

Maryellen and Mike Ferring brought the questions and some high-tech gear to simultaneously score 10 teams on 21 sailing questions—and mostly to have a good time on Family Fun Night.

It was a close finish, with the “Spinnaker” team of David Rawstrom, Mike Parker, Tony Eanes, and Mary Kay Farrington Lorch squeaking out a two-point victory.

In the night’s other contest, Dominic and Marek Sycamore (ages 11 and 9) walked off with the biggest prizes and the biggest smiles after correctly identifying more Opti boat parts than the other kids in the room. Dominic clutched an iPod Shuffle and Marek an LED headlight.

It was enough fun that the crowd of 65+ chattered into the evening against a video backdrop of Australian Skiffs committing mayhem in Sydney Harbor.

Join us next month, July 12<sup>th</sup>, for a “new twist” on the Ice Cream Social!

Mike Ferring - Rear Commodore



# J-80s Hot New Boats at Lake Pleasant

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I really did consider my decision to go out to Lake Pleasant when the forecast was for 103 degrees but the opportunity to sail on one of the new fleet of J80’s that have recently arrived in AZ was too tempting. We rigged Mike Ferring’s new boat at the marina and motored out to a flat and calm lake. We bobbed around for close to an hour but then the breeze filled in nicely and we had some great sailing. Things got even better when Chris Smith (see photo) joined us for the maiden voyage in his similar boat and we did a little speed testing together. The breeze remained strong all day and we even saw some whitecaps for a while. It was hot but a lot of fun. Congrats to Mike Ferring, Chris Smith and Peter Hartleb on their new boats. Leaving the lake, the only remaining question I had was whether the spinnaker was HOT PINK or what. Ask Chris what color it is next time you see him.

# ASU Sailors visit U of M Sailing “Compound”

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This week my daughter Carina Freedman sailed with the University of Michigan Sailing Team. They sail on Baseline

Lake about thirty minutes from Ann Arbor Michigan.

The Michigan Sailing Team has quite a setup on their lake. Maybe forty boats with a hundred foot dock which comes out of the lake during the winter months. Michigan is ranked #3 in their conference and sails by the 20 - 20 rule. The 20 -20 rule is if it is blowing over 20 mph they do not sail if it goes under 20 degrees.

That Saturday we had lunch with Tom Ehman and his father Tom Ehman Sr. at Portage Lake Yacht Club on Portage Lake Michigan. Portage Lake is right next to Baseline Lake and is a wonderful family yacht club. Tom junior flew in from San Francisco to sail with father for the weekend. Tom Sr. bought the land for the Yacht Club and moved the YC to its present location in 1951.



Tom Ehman Sr. & Carina Freedman

Google Tom Ehman - you will see that he is the former head of the America's Cup and is the current head of ORACLE in San Francisco defending the America's Cup which will be sailed in San Francisco in 2013. Tom Sr. also started and created the 360 and 720 penalty turn rule in sailing, They are both good friends of mind. Tom junior took my French fries at lunch.

At lunch we discussed one main topic. Kids today just don't want it that bad anymore. It's simple: WANT IT MORE THAN THE OTHER GUY IN EVERY WAY. Beat your competition in hull preparation, sail knowledge, and sailing skills. **Simply put: BEAT YOUR COMPETITION TIMES TEN and HAVE FUN [asusailing.org](http://asusailing.org)**

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## For Sale! Classified Ads!

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Martin 242 Team Gravity: Proven winner on the lakes and off-shore, five-year PHRF Spin Champion, fleet second place Coastal Cup (San Fran to Santa Barbra.) Carbon mast, carbon spinnaker pole, 3.5 Nissan outboard, Vang Master, all Harkin blocks and cleats, running rigging arranged for super-fast sail changes and the best sail handling, spectra backstay with kicker. Garage full of sails, off-shore racing equipment. Two-axel Aros trailer set up for ramp launching, stepping mast to stand rig. \$10,000 Rick Johnson 602-762-9797 **TeamGravity@q.com**

(7/2011)



For Sale: Hutchins ComPac 16. \$4,500.00 Beautiful 16' sloop. Perfect for beginning sailors or old salts ready to downsize. Includes main, jib, trailer, 2hp Johnson outboard, many little extras. Cockpit seats 4 adults easily. 2 berths. Can be seen in Ft. Hills. Contact John Birkemo (480) 717 4012.

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Boat For Sale: A fast, easy to launch 2003 Capri 22, "Kicks". Fully equipped to race [incl. spinnaker gear] or cruise. Full inside/outside cushions, stainless BBQ, etc... \$ 15,000.00. Boat is in A1 condition and can be seen at the "Sailboat Shop": Call Tom at 928-501-7245. (5÷2011)

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# SolarPower2Go - New AYC Website Sponsor!

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I'm happy to announce that the AYC Website has a new sponsor: SolarPower2Go! They specialize in high performance, portable solar charging gear for your devices. Their backpacks and computer bags come with embedded solar panels that charge a state of the art battery pack, able to charge your cell phone, iPod, GPS, DSI, Camera, iPad or even a laptop & more! These bags are tough, lightweight, waterproof and made from recycled materials. Check them out at [www.MySolarPower2Go.com](http://www.MySolarPower2Go.com) and watch for them in the Compass Points and on our website.

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