



Compass Points

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Hallelujah! Fall has fell! And it's no longer hot as...exactly! AYC is back on the water in full force. This month you can check out our Fall Fleets, and remember it's time to start planning for the AYC AZ Centennial Birthday Regatta and Leukemia Cup Regatta!

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For Sale! Want Ads!

Commodore's Corner - October 2011

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"I'm SAILING!!!!!" We've all seen Bill Murray strapped to the mast shouting for joy that HE IS SAILING! I'm sure many of you had the same feelings as the fall season began this month and you and your crew headed back out on the water together.

As soon as Fall Season starts that also means it's time to start thinking about the AYC BDR - the BIRTHDAY and LEUKEMIA CUP REGATTA!! Start going through your contact lists and get yourself ready to be part of our biggest AYC community service event of the year.

Lots of volunteers will be needed, as always, so be on the lookout for emails and phone calls from the BDR Committee to see how you can help to make this year's installment another great success for sailing and for helping to CURE BLOOD CANCERS!

Hope to see you on the water!

Emory Heisler
Commodore



Birthday Regatta /Leukemia Cup - Start Planning!

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Heave open your pirate chests and help us build a Treasure Chest of loot for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society! Our auction on January 14th needs booty, so come on, put up your share!

Ballgame tickets, time-shares, art, sports memorabilia, even a bottle of rum - they're all worth silver and gold and will help us in our cause to Cure Blood Cancers!

Click here to contact Katherine Motil. or call her at (480) 967-6990, or contact Lisa Heisler or Cindy Pilote and they'll keep

it safe until the Birthday Regatta.

Fundraising website information will be out soon! Have other questions? Contact me and I'll do my best to help you out!

Joe Motil (480) 967-6990
Birthday Regatta Chairman
Junior Staff Commodore

2011 Fall Racing Season Entries

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63 Boats in 11 Fleets are signed up for the AYC Fall Season (only 8 Fleets are "ACTIVE" - those with 5 or more boats registered):

LAKE PLEASANT



Lake Pleasant at "low tide," the annual water level drop. Photo: Stacey Loula

8-LP Catalina 22
8-LP PHRF Spin
6-LP Sportboat
6-LP Thistle
5-LP PHRF Non-Spin
4-LP Green
4-LP Portsmouth

TEMPE TOWN LAKE

8-TTL Capri 14.2
5-TTL Buccaneer 18
5-TTL Portsmouth
4-TTL Laser

Congratulations to the NINE Sailors sailing "both ways"
and registered at both LP and TTL:

-Joe Barnett (LP Portsmouth-505, TTL-Portsmouth-Megabyte)
-Steve Brown (LP Portsmouth-Bucc, Bucc)
-Tony Chapman (Sportboat, Bucc)
-Mike Ferring (Sportboat, 14.2)
-Rob Gibbs (Green, Laser)
-Bill Hutchinson (PHRF, 14.2)
-Mike Parker (LP Portsmouth-Bucc, TTL Portsmouth-Megabyte)
-Clay Poulson (LP-Portsmouth, TTL-Portsmouth in Fire Ball)
-George Tingom (Catalina 22, 14.2)

Learn to Sail - TTL is Full, and So are ASF Classes

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What a difference a year makes! Last year we were "high and dry" with Aligators eating the TTL leftover fish.



FIFTY SEVEN students are signed up for ASF Classes this Fall!

High School Sailing 6 Intro to Racing 10 Opti 1 10 Opti 2 10
Single Hand Skill Development 4 Start Sailing Right 17

Late September "Haboob" at TTL

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During the 9÷24÷2011 ASU-USC football game a spectacular "Haboob" descended on Sun Devil Stadium. It helped shut down a USC drive, but also had its way with the TTL SRP Marina.

A picture, or two, are worth several thousand words...
Strap down your boat....chalk the trailer tires....
TIE THE TRAILER DOWN!!!



ASF Boats all a-kilter



“Unhappy Campo”

Plan of a Tack: Sailing to Fitness

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Arizona Republic reporter Ashley Macha interviewed Commodore Emory Heisler for the Republic’s series about outdoor activities to enjoy here in Arizona,

by **Ashley Macha** - Sept. 23, 2011 11:08 AM
The Arizona Republic

You don’t have to live near the ocean to set sail. Arizona has many lakes and ideal weather for year-round sailing.

Emory Heisler, Commodore for the Arizona Yacht Club, has been sailing and racing in Arizona most weekends for the past decade. “Over the years, sailing has filled the adrenaline void for me when I haven’t been able to get up to the mountains for snow skiing,” he says. “It’s a stress that takes you away from your other stresses. But it’s a fun stress.”

Heisler, 54, an IT manager for United Health Care, first picked up sailing on trips to San Diego and started testing out Arizona waters by joining the Arizona Yacht Club. “Conditions over here are so variable, you really have to pay attention to the wind,” Heisler says. “But it can help build pretty good sailors.”



Tony Chapman tries to overtake Steve Brown after rounding the east mark. Photo: Mike Ferring

You don’t have to live near the ocean to set sail on the water.

Arizona has many lakes and ideal weather for year-round sailing.

Sailing is a good way to get and stay fit. “Smaller boats tend to be more athletic and keel boats less so, but not always,” Heisler says. “It takes lots of ‘sit-ups’ while ‘hiking out’ to keep a small boat from capsizing on windy days. And lots of agility and balance running around on a boat that’s heeling over one way and another.”

Heisler suggests that beginners start out by checking out different boats, working with a team or spending time on fellow sailors’ boats to build up skills and learn strategy, which plays a huge part in sailboat racing, he says. “Strategy is always a factor, and part of what makes it so much fun and what keeps your adrenaline going.”

The club offers classes for juniors and adults ranging from novice to advanced. Novice adult classes are composed of four 2 1/2-hour classroom sessions and five four-hour, on-the-water sessions for \$350. Participants also must be able to pass a swim test with a lifejacket before they can enroll. The class earns you a U.S. Sailing certification, although you don’t have to be certified to sail on any Arizona waters.

For Arizona Yacht Club members who demonstrate sailing skills and interest, a small fleet of boats is available on race days through an “Adopt-A-Boat” program where members can borrow a boat for the day. Races are regularly held at Tempe Town Lake and Lake Pleasant.

Heisler says Labor Day marks the end of sailing season in most parts of the country, but it marks the beginning of prime season in Arizona. September to December are the fall season, and February to April are the spring season, but he says Arizona waters are good to sail year-round as long as there’s wind.

Club members also participate in social gatherings, including camping trips and dinners. “It’s like belonging to a golf league. It gives you a scheduled reason to sail once or twice a month,” Heisler says. “It’s a lifelong adventure.”

Details: Arizona Yacht Club, arizonayachtclub.org.

Fleet of the Month - Capri 14.2

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What a fleet! The AYC roster shows about fifteen of these stable little “double-hander” boats owned by AYC members and ten more ASF 14.2s to draw upon for the Tempe Town Lake racing. Theoretically we could have twenty-five 14.2s on the water at one time, without a doubt the largest one design fleet in the Arizona Yacht Club.

You can build plenty of sailing skill on a 14.2 as you can see by 14.2 sailors represented on the AYC championship Trophy. The 14.2 Fleet has produced the overall Champion three times (Martinelli-once and Hester twice). And if you count the dual representation Martin Lorch of the Catalina 22 fleet has won two of the four times he has won with the boat sailed being the 14.2. Several times 14.2 members also have been crew on the Club Championship team.

The boat is easy to sail - has plenty of head room clearance to the height of the boom. And it is somewhat forgiving on skipper + crew weight. The hull is 14 feet two inches long. The mast is almost 21 feet and light enough for one person to easily rig from a trailer towing position. This sturdy boat weighs in close to 300 pounds. It is inexpensive to maintain (only Dacron racing sails allowed for instance) and fairly roomy and comfortable to sail. Also the 14.2 is nice for lazy day sailing for two or three folks.



Our local 14.2 fleet has sent several boats to the 14.2 Nationals held each year on the middle weekend of September at the beautiful Mission Bay Yacht Club. It's a welcome relief to those of us who get away. We Zonies have never won the gold fleet, but we have had lots of trophies come home to AZ. In the Silver fleet there have been first, second and third place trophies to AYC, and AYC 14.2 sailors have brought home Gold Fleet awards for all but first.

With the AYC Adopt-a-Boat program making 14.2s available to qualified AYC members on TTL race days (entry fees apply) why not give our fleet a try?

For more information Contact George Tingom (480 948 3814). He doubles as the 14.2 Fleet Captain and also as US Sailing level one certified instructor for High School students on Tuesday afternoons.

For Sale! Wanted! Classified Ads

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To place an ad, contact Web Master



WANTED: Auction donations! Heave open your pirate chests

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FOR SALE: For Sale: Tack Tick Micro Compass, a great racing tool. This standalone, solar-powered gadget is not only a precise digital compass, but also offers race start countdown and wind shift reading, giving you a quick measure of whether you've been headed or lifted off median wind direction without doing any math. \$500 new. Used \$250. Mike Ferring: mike@ferrings.com or 602.241.7123. (09+2011)

FOR SALE: Roller Furler - Need a roller furler for your jib? I have available a Harken Mark II-0. Luff is 35' can be adjusted 10" or so, or remove a section of the foil to shorten. One of the foil connectors is broken. I have a new connector. The forestay wire will have to be removed/replaced to fix or to shorten the furler. I'll make you a great deal. Call or e-mail me. Chuck Sears - 602-978-2543 searsjc@msn.com (08+2011)



FOR SALE: 18 foot Javelin O'Day. Trailer raises manually like a dump truck to simplify solo launching. This day sailer is rigged for solo sailing. Jib has a roller furler. All rigging upgraded. Stern needs some maintenance. \$600 or best offer. Flagstaff. Are you considering participating in the Kinnikinick Kampout? It would be a great time to take a look at this boat. Call Terry at 928-699-1138 or e-mail me at terryfemale@gmail.com (07+2011)

WANTED: I am looking for a late model used Catalina 14.2 daysailer or equivalent, in reasonably good condition w/a trailer. Please call Bob @ 602-788-1218 or email me at bobstropicals@qwestoffice.net (08+2011)



FOR SALE: 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 (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. (6÷2011)

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