



# Compass Points

## The Journal of the Arizona Yacht Club

## November 2011 - Compass Points

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The Fall Season is in full swing now, and that means the 2012 AYC Birthday Regatta and Leukemia Cup are just around the corner. Join us November 8<sup>th</sup> to kick off the our Leukemia Cup Regatta fundraising season and help the Leukemia Lymphoma Society in their mission to cure blood cancers!

Before we get to 2012 though we still have lots to do in 2011. check it out in this month's Compass Points!

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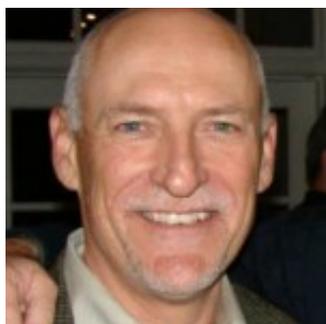


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## Commodores's Corner - November 2011 - Help!?!

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Ahoy Mateys - Your Board of Directors, your entire club in fact, is in trouble, again, and we need your help. Similar to the past several years, our board of directors has two empty chairs, again. But that's not all.

Unfortunately our Vice Commodore and one of our Membership Directors have both had to step down for health or job reasons. We all appreciate Philip Freedman and Roger Butterwick for their service to the Arizona Yacht Club, but we also have to recognize that their departures just widen the gaps that we have been facing now for a couple of years.

Their departure leaves all of us with a challenge. We all need a full board to operate our club and to provide the benefits and value that have kept the AYC alive and active for over 50 years. Frankly, we also need more help AROUND the board of directors too. Your club's success depends on YOUR participation, above and beyond showing up for racing and occasional RC. Please, don't wait to be asked. Step up. Ask a Board Member, "What can I do to help?"

Please don't wait to be asked to do a what you know you can do and you can see needs doing. Step up. That's what sailors do. For myself, being a latecomer to the sport, that "take care of each other" sailor attitude has always been one of my favorite aspects of sailing. "What can I do to help?" It's what we do, whether it's as big as a MAYDAY call, or as small as helping a short handed boat coming into the docks...or a making a couple phone calls, or pumping out the LP "barge" head, or helping to upgrade the rigging on one of our shared TTL boats.

OK, so you ask, "What can I do to help?" Well, here are a few things you can do, some big, some very small and simple but still very meaningful.

1) **JOIN THE MEMBERSHIP WELCOME COMMITTEE:** This committee will greatly assist the welcoming and "on-boarding" process for our club. We need to be more welcoming and helpful to our new members, but that's a tall task for the small group left on the Board. This task only asks for one hour a month to make a couple calls and chat about AZ sailing with prospective or new AYC members. This one is EASY! Please contact Brenda Shears to join the Membership Welcome Committee.

2) **EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE:** First here, we can all help here by just being "gentler" on our AYC boats. If we all just treat our AYC boats as if they are our own - they are - and with preparation considerations for the next time they'll be used, then less maintenance will be needed. Our committee boats and safety boats aren't "rentals" with a hired staff to perform maintenance. We need to care for OUR boats as they are OUR boats, because they ARE OUR BOATS. In addition, just like our own personal boats, AYC boats need routine and even "special projects" efforts now and then. To lend a hand here, please contact Trey Harlow for LP boats and George Tingom for TTL safety boats and to help out with routine maintenance on the ASF/AYC fleet at TTL.

3) **VOLUNTEER TO BE THE VICE COMMODORE:** This is the biggest request of the bunch because it also implies you will run for Commodore next year and stay on the board the next three

years as Commodore, Jr. Staff Commodore, and Sr. Staff Commodore. Primary short term duties for the VC is coordination and editing of Compass Points, and if we had a MARKETING COMMITTEE the VC would also Chair that committee. Contact Emory Heisler (602 / 679 0462) or any Board Member to discuss this position.

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Emory Heisler  
AYC Commodore



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## Leukemia Cup Fund Raising – Help Cure Blood Cancers!

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Fund Raising Sign-up begins this Tuesday night at the November AYC General Membership meeting. Our Desert Mountain States (DMS) Leukemia Lymphoma Society (LLS) partners will be on hand to register sailors for Leukemia Cup Regatta Fund Raising....and chances to win cool prizes.

If you can't make the meeting, contact Tiffanie Hawkins at DMS/LLS to get your Fund Raising web site up and running!

And also, if you have loot for the LCR auction on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 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.

Joe Motil (480) 967-6990  
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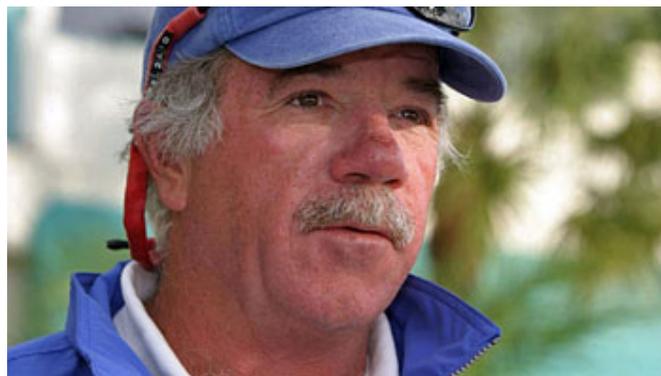
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## Peter Reggio: "A little too honest"

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Peter "Luigi" Reggio is one of the top race officers in the world and certainly the most entertaining. In fact, he confesses, "I'm probably a little too honest with what I say."

Perfect! Just what we need for a lively AYC membership meeting and Luigi will be our guest speaker for the Tuesday (11÷8) gathering, starting promptly at 7pm at the Caddy Shack @ Rolling Hills (previously known as the 19<sup>th</sup> Tee).



AYC November speaker Peter "Luigi" Reggio

He comes to us as part of the US Sailing Speaker Series, accompanied by a tasting of Old Pulteney Single Malt Whiskey, for those so inclined.

Why "Luigi"? He told *Sailing World* magazine: "There were five guys on the floor named Peter when I worked at North Sails-Connecticut in the 1970s. I got Luigi because of my last name. The [nicknames] for the other four are unprintable." His has stuck through nearly four decades of sailing experience, including serving as the Principal Race Officer for a host of national and world events, including the America's Cup. But what about that AC job?

He told the members of the Golden Gate Yacht Club in April, "[In past AC races] they'd leave the starting line and speed test [to the windward mark] for seven minutes. That's just boring, I'm sorry. I can't tell you how boring an AC race is to run anyway. Well, 3½ mile beat! Snore."

So Luigi is part of the brain trust coming up with a far more exciting plan. Here's another quote from that same GGYC meeting: "What we did was set a windward mark and give them... two minutes upwind, round to starboard, set [spinnaker], and you have to jibe instantly to get back to the starting line. There's a lot of stuff going on! They've got three or four minutes of the entry, that's going on, they go upwind, they get there together—I guarantee you in two minutes they're going to get to the top mark together—then they spin around and have a crash jibe which is usually really spectacular, especially in catamarans—when things go bad it's kinda cool... The person watching TV is like, 'Maybe something else bad will happen, maybe I'll stick around.'"

If you saw the video from the AC45 World Series in Plymouth,

you know it was anything but "just boring." I think you can tell something from this little taste of Luigi. Anything but boring!

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## Welcome New Members!!

November 7, 2011 5:16 am

Bill Dingwell has his US sailing certification to Bareboat. He enjoys cruising and now wants to get involved with racing. He has two children and lives in Scottsdale.

Chuck and Irma Moretti are new members from Scottsdale who sail a J80. They are interested in participating in racing activities. They have a daughter and also look to contribute to the Junior Sailing program.

Daniel and Jillayne Packowski of Phoenix are on their 3<sup>rd</sup> boat: first a Catalina 38, then a Catalina 30, and now a Jeanneau 36. They love to sail and have joined the club as a way to connect with other people who are like minded.

Gary and Elizabeth Roe, of Phoenix, have sailed in the past and want to get re-involved and meet other sailors through participation in AYC. They now have a Catalina Capri 22 and want to improve their skills and possibly race.

Katie Rannels is our newest member. She is interested in participating in various aspects of our club including sailing instruction, junior sailing, publicity, and social activities. We can use that kind of commitment and participation. Welcome Katie!

Nick Warren is from the UK and has been racing dinghies since he was 8 yrs old. He moved to Phoenix last August and wants to get back to doing some sailing. Nick, we hope you find fair weather here most the time!

Richard Warren is a Tempe resident is interested in cruising and racing. He is looking to AYC to connect him with others with a like interest in sailing and to gain more experience.

Marc and Heidi Wildy have lived in Arizona for about 17 years, both originally from the North-East. They have two young sons. Marc has been sailing for years and describes his experience: "I remember first sailing on a lake in New Hampshire when I was about 10, one of the other kids had a small single sail boat and he gave us rides and let us sail it ourselves when he wasn't using it. I have been sailing recreationally on and off ever since whenever I get the chance. I also remember receiving some kind of certification in Colorado many years ago, but only after requesting that they draw pictures to show the wind direction and what direction the boat(s) were heading for each question, as I had no knowledge of official sailing lingo. In fact, I would most certainly have pronounced the 'w' in 'leeward' (gasp!) until reading never to do so just a few weeks ago! What is unique about sailing to me is that in other sports like golf, soccer, etc, I have good days and I have bad days. But I've never had a bad day when I was able to get out and sail."

Dave Willis has crewed the past few years with Skip Kempff in a Thistle. He is looking to "start learning the other end of a boat." Dave hails from Glendale and was hearty enough to get involved with our Heat Stroke series this summer.

**If you are a new member and have not been introduced through Compass Points, please send a brief writeup about you (and your family) to [membership@arizonayachtclub.org](mailto:membership@arizonayachtclub.org).**

Brenda Shears

Arizona Yacht Club Membership Director

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## Sign Up for Governor's Cup Regatta - Nov 26, 2011

November 7, 2011 5:12 am



*Tom Comtois, Dennis Lynde, & Cliff McCrum  
First Place in First Annual Governor's Cup  
Regatta at Lake Pleasant near Peoria, AZ.*

Ahoy AYC Friends and Families!

I am excited to announce the 2011 Governors Cup Regatta at Lake Pleasant, 11am Saturday, November 26 2011. (Click [HERE](#) for Entry Form)

This year, as last, we will be sailing a 26.2 statute mile Marathon around and about most of the lake attractions and amenities. I will conduct a Skippers Meeting at Spinnaker Point at 9am, just east of the Sailboat Shop. The start of the race will be at 11am in the Pleasant Harbor side of the lake, in the North Launch Bay. We will sail up and down the lake, around islands and floating bathrooms, within "care package" delivery by our local pubs, and finally finishing at the same marks as the start. There will be no penalty for leaving the course and stopping at any of the comfort stations as long as needed. There will be a minimal entry fee of \$5 for each participant.

All participants will be required to check in (as indicated on the course chart) as soon as safe and possible if retiring and upon finishing. When a participating boat finishes, I will need your finish time INCLUDING SECONDS, boat ahead, and boat behind (if available).

I will have an "official" course chart available Online at [www.arizonayachtclub.org](http://www.arizonayachtclub.org) on or before Wednesday, November 23 and also at 8am Saturday .

There will be several classes divided by racing abilities, potential, and Regatta Chairman caprice. Entry Forms will be available Online and Saturday at the lake. Entry Forms will be accepted by mail, in person at Monthly Membership Meetings, Saturday at the lake.

Last year was sailed by every class of boat from 14' dinghies to 33' racing machines. The top 10 boats to finish were separated by 3 seconds, and everyone was off the lake by dark. The USCG Auxiliary was on hand and we anticipate they will be available for monitoring for any emergencies.

Please contact me for further info and check the website often for updates.

Regards

Michael Parker

AYC Cruising Captain

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## Fleet of the Month - Merit 25

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This boat is a classic 25' symmetrical spinnaker racer. The AYC Merit Fleet includes over a dozen boats in Arizona imported from all over the country.

Merit 25 Specifications

- LOA 24.4' , LWL 20.5', Beam 8.0', S.A. (Sq. Ft.) 286, Displacement 2900, Ballast (lbs) 1050, Draft 4',

Boasting a speedy PHRF rating of 168, these sleek fiberglass racers offer a roomy cabin with full sitting headroom, a 7.5' V-berth, two additional cabin berths 7' long, and a Lexan foredeck hatch.

The large, self bailing cockpit offers two lockers and backrests on the cockpit seats. Harken hardware is included, and all halyards are led aft to the cockpit. Jib tracks with track cars, Cunningham, split backstay, and 4:1 internal outhaul are all standard. In addition, each is equipped with two-speed primary winches and additional single-speed winches located on the cabin top. And, of course, full spinnaker gear.

**Contact Steve Kusic for additional Merit 25 Fleet information, especially if you know of additional Merit 25's available in the region.**

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## Your Photos on Our Website!

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We've updated the AYC Website to allow you to POST your photos directly to the site! Of course, we'll have to take a quick peek at them before we let them show up - it is a family friendly club after all...

Anyway, you can navigate to the page from the menu on the website or you can go directly to the page here:

<http://arizonayachtclub.org/member-photo-submission/>

We look forward to seeing your fantastic photos!

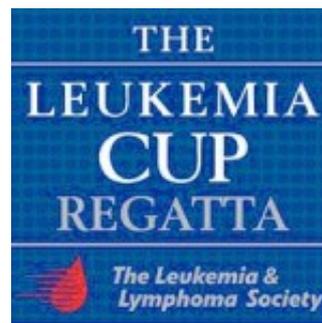
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## For Sale! Wanted! Classified Ads

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**WANTED: Auction donations!** Heave open your pirate chests and help us build a Treasure Chest of loot for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society! Our auction on January 14<sup>th</sup> 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 at (480) 967-6990, or contact Lisa Heisler or Cindy Pilote and they'll keep it safe until the Birthday Regatta.



**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:** 15 foot Javelin O'Day. Trailer raises manually like a dump truck to simplify solo launching. This day sailor is rigged for solo sailing. Jib has a roller furler. All rigging upgraded. Stern needs some maintenance. \$350. Flagstaff. 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 daysailor or equivalent, in reasonably good condition w/a trailer. Please call Bob @ 602-788-1218 or email me at bobtropicals@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 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. (6÷2011)

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