



Compass Points

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What a great Fall Season! And as it nears its end our AYC Holiday Season gets going with December 13, General Membership Meeting and the "Buccaneer Gift Exchange!"

Help us with Compass Points and please submit your stories or photos or both about all your "Winter Cruising" trips into the "Lower Lattitudes."

And remember to get your Leukemia Cup Fund Raising going for the January 2012 Arizona Yacht Club Birthday Regatta and Leukemia Cup to help the Leukemia Lymphoma Society in their mission to cure blood cancers!

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Commodore's Corner - December 2011 - Great Fall Season!

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Ahoy AYC Friends and Family! What a great Fall Season we've had for the Arizona Yacht Club! Along with our standard fare of LP and TTL sailing with warm breezes and cool water we've had some of the best Membership Meeting programs on record

thanks to the great works by Mike and Maryellen Ferring!

And if you happened to miss out on these great meetings you can get an excellent "taste" of what you've been missing by checking out the video Mike Ferring put together from Peter Isler's visit ([CLICK HERE](#)). Thanks again to Mike for sharing his expert A/V and editing skills with us.

Whether you're an AYC "Los Viejo Marinero", a new AYC member, or just joining the fray in Start Sailing Right, we've had lots of fun for everyone to enjoy this Fall.

Next up???? Buccaneer Gift Exchange 12/13/2011! And then on into the New Year!



December's membership meeting brings the annual AYC gift exchange, a gift exchange with a twist. You might say *twisted*, even. The meeting is at 7 pm, Tuesday, December 13, at the Caddy Shack @ Rolling Hills, 1415 North Mill Avenue, Tempe.

Here's how the gift exchange works:

- You bring a wrapped gift valued at less than \$20.
- You pick a number from a hat to determine the order we select gifts.
- We'll have two people called to the front of the room at the same time.
- Each person can choose to pick a wrapped gift from the pile or play pirate and take the gift from someone who's already opened one.
- Gifts can be "pirated" only twice before they're safe from further theft.



Consider giving AYC goodies as Christmas gifts. The Ship's Store will be open at the meeting. Other gift suggestions: Liquor always seems to bring applause!

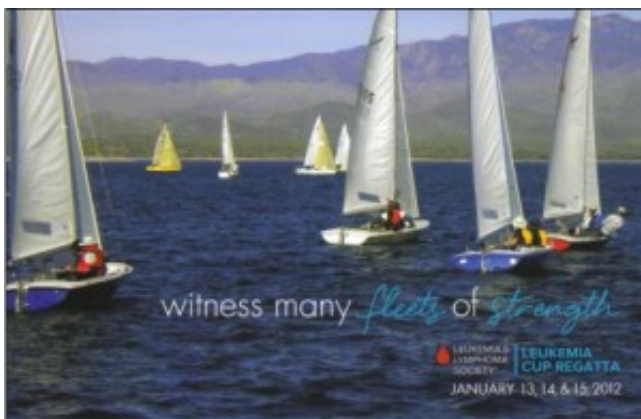
Have a great Holiday Season! I hope to see you at the General Membership meeting next week, and at the re-scheduled Governor's Cup, otherwise I'll "see" you in Compass Points next year!

Emory Heisler
AYC Commodore



Leukemia Cup Fund Raising – Help Cure Blood Cancers!

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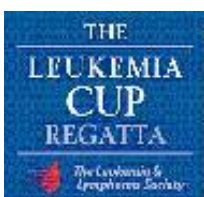
Fund Raising Sign-up continues this Tuesday night at the December AYC General Membership meeting. Our Desert Mountain States (DMS) Leukemia Lymphoma Society (LLS) partners will be on hand to register sailors for Leukemia Cup Regatta Fund Raising....and chances to win cool prizes.

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 14th, 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 and she'll keep it safe until the Birthday Regatta.

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



Peter Reggio Blitzes AYC Meeting

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Race Officer Peter "Luigi" Reggio speaking to the November AYC meeting. Photo: Mike Ferring

International Race Officer Peter "Luigi" Reggio says he's worried about whether the next America's Cup will go off smoothly or whether there will be enough strong contenders, but he also thinks it's worth a shot—a reasonable gamble in a sport that could use a bolt of excitement to attract casual fans.

Luigi told a packed room at the November AYC membership meeting that he was worried that the America's Cup organizers were trying to do too much too fast. And he said he had an uneasy feeling that Oracle billionaire Larry Ellison was trying to stack the game too much in his favor. But he also said he thought the technology and showmanship could advance a sport that doesn't translate well to television.

Luigi is a rarity among race officers: someone who's earned his living running races for the last 15 years. He's done America's Cup, Louis Vuitton Cup, the Olympics, and a host of other races from Finns to Melges. During 2008 he says he was so busy running races that he spent only 35 days at his Connecticut home.



Peter Reggio wonders whether the America's Cup will come off as planned.

His winning philosophy: he's there to serve the sailors. He knows that his job is to provide lots of good races so sailors go away having had a good time on the water.

With the big-time races, sometimes that proves challenging, with commercial and political interests putting pressure on the PRO to put them first. One of those times came during the 2008 Olympics when at the very end of the racing day, organizers demanded that he start the 49er finals even though conditions were terrible and the forecast for the next day was much more favorable. All the 49ers crashed or capsized in rough water and heavy wind, setting off a wave of protests and complaints.

Luigi came to AYC as part of the US Sailing Speaker Series, sponsored by Old Pulteney Single Malt Whiskey. His trip to Phoenix was bracketed by work in Korea and the Canary Islands as he circles the planet running sailboat races.

Coming up: ISAF Sailor of the Year Anna Tunnicliffe tells us she thinks she can make the AYC February meeting!

Governor's Cup Blown Away

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GOVERNOR'S CUP TENTATIVELY RESCHEDULED TO 12/26/2011....BECAUSE...

In the days leading up to the Governor's Cup regatta, the wind forecast was rising. By Saturday morning of the race (11+26), the wind was blowing over 20 with gusts to 30+ and no sign of slackening. Race organizer Mike Parker occasionally lifted his yellow wind gauge into the blast just to make sure, while walking from boat to boat to find out what people planned to do.

"Not race," was the usual response. Keep the boat on the trailer. Some of the 18 entrants had rigged their boats and were standing by to see what happened. A little less wind and it would have been a great event. With this much, it was a scratch. Not that some weren't ready to risk their equipment to give it a try

and we understand some sails were trashed in the effort.

The revived Governor's Cup is a long-distance race that threads around the edges of Lake Pleasant in order to reach marathon length: 26.2 miles. Last year the wind was good but not *this* good and the racers all finished quickly. Not this time. This time the giant Governor's Cup trophy IS TENTATIVELY RESCHEDULED TO 12/26/2011.

Maggie Blumm and Carina Freedman Win Ruth Beals Cup

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2011 Ruth Beals Cup Winners (left to right) Carina Freedman and Maggie Blumm and reigning champ Amy Grothe

The ASU/AYC member racing team of Captain **Maggie Blumm** and crew **Carina Freedman** dominated this year's annual Arizona Yacht Club Ruth Beals sailing regatta, winning four of five races. The competition took place on Tempe Town Lake Saturday, November 12, and required women at the helm.

Ruth Beals was the woman who founded the Arizona Yacht Club in 1958. She died this year.

Racing was held at the east end of Tempe Town Lake in light breezes reaching up to 10 knots, directed by AYC Race Officer David Rawstrom and his team. All races went off without incident or protest.

Both Maggie Blumm and Carina Freedman attend ASU and are up-and-comers on the ASU Sailing Club's Women's Racing Team. Maggie is a native of Arizona and Carina is from Southern California.

Former Ruth Beals Cup winner **Amy Grothe** finished in second place with crew **Kory Deleado**. And **Cynthia Pillote** with crew **Mike Ferring** finished third.

ASU Racing Coach **Philip C. Freedman**, a former America Cup skipper watched Maggie and daughter Carina snatch the cup, saying "These young women sailors had strong starts and sailed smart, strategic races, both up and downwind. I'm proud of them!"



Tight turn at the mark.

AYC Rear Commodore Mike Ferring added, "We want to involve

more women in the sport and this annual event is a great way to let them show their skill."

The Ruth Beals Cup will happen at the same time and place in 2012. All women are welcome to compete and anyone may volunteer to help or watch from the viewing area or on the water.

For further info and photos of the event visit Facebook/Ruth Beals Cup 2011.

Fleet of the Month - PHRF Sport Boat Fleet

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A-Sail Racing Action

The Sport Boat Fleet is built for speed.

It's the new home of the **Viper 640**, the light, rapid, carbon-fiber-rich 21-foot, scoop-tailed speed boat.



Viper 640 at speed. Photo: Chris Smith

And suddenly AYC has picked up **a bunch of J/80s**. These 26-foot speed machines fly in a breeze with lots of sail area and a deep keel.

And we hear that 2010-2011 PHRF Spin fleet champ Dave Christensen will put his new, fabulous, home-built **Mini 650** on the line.

Exciting, right?

PHRF Sport Boats are monohulls flying asymmetrical spinnakers. They conform to the SoCal PHRF rules.

US Sailing PHRF Ratings List

Southern California PHRF rules

For further information, contact Fleet Captain Mike Ferring



Fleet Captain Mike Ferring

For Sale! Wanted! Classified Ads

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To place an ad, contact Web Master



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 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 at (480) 967-6990 and she'll keep it safe until the Birthday Regatta.



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 bobstropicals@qwestoffice.net

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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 CompPac 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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