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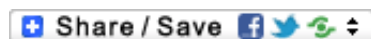
What a great March! In like a Lion! Out like a Lion! March was full of heavy spring breezes in AZ and at the SD NOOD Regatta, and if great sailing wasn't enough the month was topped off by a personal visit to AYC by Anna Tunnicliffe – Olympic Gold Medal Winner, #1 Ranked Women's Match Racer and ISAF World Sailor of the Year (her second) for our Membership Meeting 3÷13÷2012.

Nominations are set for 2012-2013 Board of Directors and so next up must be Tall Cactus Regatta, the AYC Club Championship and our AYC Annual "Closing Ceremonies" – aka THE PARTY – coming in May.

It's time to RACE our way to the finish of 2011-2012 sailing year!

Check it all out in this month's COMPASS POINTS!

1. Commodore's Corner - Heading for the Docks, and THE PARTY!
2. AYC Bylaw Changes /Nominations Up for Vote
3. This Year's Commodore's Celebration – dubbed "THE PARTY"
4. Olympic Gold Medalist Anna Tunnicliffe Visits AYC
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Commodore's Corner – April 2012

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Spring Training may be over, but the 2011-2012 AYC season sure isn't and as always we're saving some of our best events for last!

Final races at LP and TTL are on tap of course and April means time to kick-back and cruise to Humbug with the gang for Tall Cactus Regatta.

In addition to Tall Cactus we'll have a busy month for "paperwork" with Election ballot mailing – hopefully the last via snail mail – and two recommended AYC Bylaws changes to vote on. Please give your serious consideration to both these motions from the board:

1. Expansion of "Junior" membership to sailors 25yrs and younger (currently up to 21) to allow more of our ASU students to join us on the water at "Junior" rates.
2. Modification of votion procedures to allow members to "Opt" to vote electronically rather than requiring mailing of paper ballots.

Both of these changes look like good improvements and I hope you'll "bounce around" these ideas with your crew and friends and share your feedback with us online with comments and on the AZYC Yahoo Group.

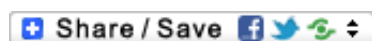
Have a great April!

April 2012 Calendar of Events

- Sunday, April 1
 - 9:00am LP Race Day 8
 - 1:00pm Opti 1-2 Sailing Classes (TTL)
- Tuesday, April 3
 - 4:00pm High School Sailing Program
 - 6:30pm AYC Board Meeting
- Saturday, April 7
 - 9:30am ASF Start Sailing Right Day 4
 - 1:00pm ASF Sailing Skills Development Day 4
- Sunday, April 8

- Easter Sunday
- ASF Opti 1-2 Day 4 (TTL)
- Tuesday, April 10
 - 4:00pm High School Sailing Program
 - 7:00pm AYC General Membership Meeting
- Saturday, April 14
 - 12:30pm LP Race Day 9
- Sunday, April 15
 - 9:00am LP Race Day 10 - FINAL DAY!
 - 1:00pm ASF Opti 1-2 Day 5 (TTL)
- Tuesday, April 17
 - 4:00pm High School Sailing Program
- Sunday, April 22
 - 3:00pm TTL Race Day 8
- Tuesday, March 27
 - 4:00pm High School Sailing Program
- Saturday, April 28
 - 9:00am Tall Cactus Regatta - Skipper's Meeting
 - 11:00am Tall Cactus Regatta
- SATURDAY, MAY 5
 - AYC CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP!!!
- SATURDAY, MAY 12
 - 6:00pm THE PARTY! Food! Music! Friends! Fun!!!

Emory Heisler
AYC Commodore



AYC Board Nominations and Proposed Bylaws Changes

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The AYC Board of Directors is proposing two changes to the club bylaws and voting on the changes will happen at the same time as the election of a new Board of Directors.

The two changes are these:

1. To **extend the age eligibility for Junior Membership** from the current 21 to 25. The intent is to try to draw more Junior Members, including more college students. Junior Members may not vote in elections, but can carry membership cards and enter club races as members.
2. To **permit electronic voting** in club elections. It's now possible to conduct secure, online elections, reducing the difficulty and cost of conducting the annual club election, which the bylaws require be done by mail. As of this time, all but two or three club members have email addresses and online access. The change in the bylaws would allow these few members to continue to vote by mail, if they wish.

Here is a PDF of all the changes.

And here is the link to the current bylaws.

The Board unanimously recommends passage of the changes. Mailed ballots will go out after the first of April.

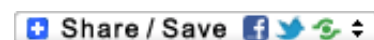
On those ballots we will also have the following candidates nominated by our Nominating committee!
POSITION-NOMINEE-NOMINATED BY

- Commodore - Mike Ferring - Sport boat (Ferring)
- Vice Commodore - Decker Williams - Sport boat (Ferring)
- Rear Commodore - Bob Whyte - Sport boat (Ferring)
- Fleet Captain - Greg Woodcock - Spin (Andress)
- Membership (2 year) - Thom Dickerson - Thistle (Dickerson)
- Cruising - Mike Parker Buccaneer - (Davis)
- Staff Commodore (2 year) - Emory Heisler - (bylaws)

And two more volunteers that are scheduled to be nominated and elected by the Board

- Secretary - Peter Lehrach - Sport boat (Ferring)
- Treasurer - Tony Chapman - Sport boat (Chapman)

Thank you one and all!



This Year It's The Party! Saturday Night, May 12

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What it is: The Party

Where it is: The Fiesta Inn, 2100 South Priest, Tempe

When it is: Saturday night, May 12, with cocktails at 6, dinner at 7 and dancing as late as you and the band can hack it.

Why: We need a reason for a party?

Dress code: Business casual or whatever moves you. (Dave Christensen can wear his flip flops.)

The band: Los Big Grandes with sailor/guitarman Chris Smith



Los Big Grandes with Chris Smith on the right.

Oh, sure, we'll pass out some awards and swear in (or at) the new board, but mostly it's a time to come have fun with your sailing pals, enjoy a nice dinner and rock out. We promise to keep the speeches to an absolute minimum and the fun to an absolute maximum.

The band is led by J/80 sailor Chris Smith, the band coyly called *Los Big Grandes*, and they're huge. Muy humongous gigante. Rock and roll. Yes, they're loud, but we'll have room for people who just want to talk, too. But come dance.

The dinner: You have a choice of four main courses, all including salad and dessert.

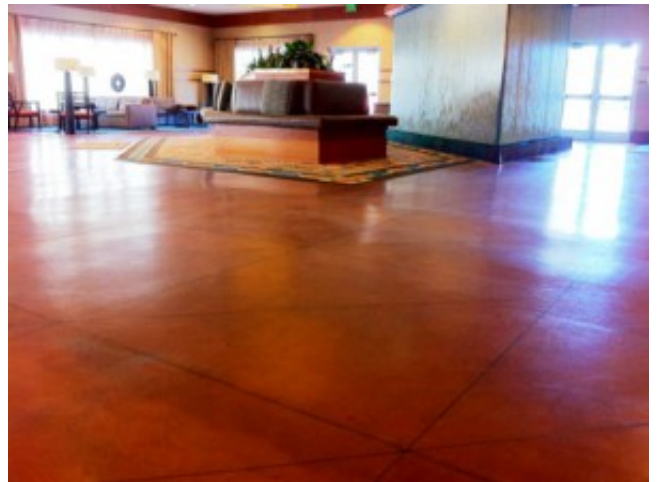
1. Citrus Marinated and Grilled Chicken Breast with Mango Pineapple Salsa
2. Roulade Medallions of Pork Loin stuffed with Apple Chutney and topped with Demi-Glacé
3. Oven Roasted Fillet of Halibut with Basil Butter topped with Tomato, Kalamata Olive and Red Onion Balsamic Relish
4. Chile-Rubbed New York Strip topped with Mushrooms, Onions and Bacon Ragout. Served with Merlot Sauce

The chicken, pork and halibut dinners are \$39.95 if you register by May 1. \$44.95 after May 1. Steak is another ten bucks. And registration will close on May 10. [Click here to register.](#)

Children? Bring them! We have chicken fingers or mac &

cheese for the kids at \$14.95, cheaper than a baby sitter and more fun by far.

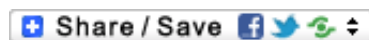
Questions? Contact Mike or Maryellen Ferring.



The entrance to The Party. The bar is just to your left. Belly up.



The room before we've filled it with tables and Maryellen has decorated it with centerpieces. The band will be off there to the left.



Anna Tunnicliffe Visit Captivates AYC

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Anna Tunnicliffe helps ASF high school kids. Photos: Mike Ferring

Accomplished. Humble. Determined. Nice. All Anna Tunnicliffe.

We're still dazzled that she took time from her Olympic training schedule to come to Arizona to talk with the club. That she even slipped into shorts and stepped onto one of our ASF Laser Radials to spend more than an hour teaching raw beginners a thing or two about roll tacking.

In just two months this world #1-ranked women's match racer will know whether her team will compete in this summer's Olympic Games and take a shot at winning her second Olympic gold medal. Tuesday night (3÷13) she posed with dozens of us holding that first gold medal and talked about the race that won it—a race that began by turning around to restart after she thought she might have been OCS (on course side), one where she picked the wrong side of the course for the wind, where a shift suddenly vaulted her into medal position, where she sat still on her boat during the final leg to avoid being called for a Rule 41 (propulsion) violation and held her breath to the finish, where she flew into the water in celebration, but only felt the joy and weight of the accomplishment after she sat alone in her hotel room that night, crying after having achieved a dream that took so much effort and concentration.



Anna coaches roll-tacking.

Now she drills with coach Dave Dellenbaugh and teammates Molly Vandemoer and Debbie Capozzi on an Elliot 6 meter, a boat she describes as being hugely physical, getting fully-powered-up in 8-10 knots of breeze and then demanding a crew that will fight her to keep her moving. Anna is clearly up to the job physically. She's rock hard and toned. And she matches it mentally: she's focused and determined (one of her four "Ds" that keeps her driving).

After saying good night to the AYC audience Tuesday night, she headed off for a brief night of rest and a 4:30 airplane back to Florida and more time on the water. Thanks, Anna. It was a fabulous few hours.

Go [here](#) for quick donations to Anna's Olympic campaign, [or here](#) for tax-deductible contributions, [or here](#) to keep track of her exploits.



The Bucc Bunch at the AYC meeting: Matt Davis, Cindy Pillote, Brenda Shears (with the gold medal), Anna (with the burgee), and Emory Heisler.

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Roll Tack with Anna Tunnacliffe

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Want to know how to roll-tack a Laser? Tony Eanes did. And when Anna Tunnacliffe visited the ASF high school program, Tony asked her to show the students how to do it.

In light air, Anna went through the steps below while the students watched and Mike Ferring snapped a sequence of pictures. Just do it *this* way!



Step one: heel the boat to windward (All photos: Mike Ferring)



Step two: WAY to windward.



Step three: tack



Step four: when the boat is about to capsize, time to bring it back up



Step five: Plant it!



Step six: using all your strength and weight



Step seven: trim in sail and sail on (faster than when you entered the turn)

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Arizona High School Sailing Championship

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The Fourth Annual Arizona High School Sailing Championship is scheduled to be held on 21 April 2012 at Tempe Town Lake.

Last year Alexia Lorch won and her crew was Scott Soethe. She is was junior at Xavier College Preparatory and Scott was a student at Brophy College Preparatory. A perpetual trophy to display at the school of the skipper for half the time until next years race (the other half of the time to be displayed at the school of the crew) was presented after the races. Individual trophies were presented for the winners to keep.

This year's competition promises to be great. For more information and to get your race documents visit this link: <http://arizonayachtclub.org/arizona-high-school-sailing-championship/>

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Tall Cactus Regatta - April 28, 2012

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What is the Tall Cactus Regatta? It's a regatta that will return

you to the days of yesteryear, back to the days when sailing was just for FUN and the great people you get to hang out with at the Event Party. The only pressure was on the mainsheet, and the only stress was on the rigging.

Tall Cactus is the sailing event for everyone, whether you have a stripped-down racing machine, a simple but well appointed "furniture" boat, or you—like so many old sailors who refuse to die—got a little dinghy.

I have in mind a few unconventional scenarios that I hope will make the sailing a bit more challenging than merely setting the pointy end towards the next buoy. But, I will be keeping that under my hat for now. What I can tell you will sound fairly familiar:

- Date - Saturday, April 28th
- Skippers Meeting - 9am Spinnaker Point - is where you will get YOUR sailing instructions.
- Start - 11am
- Finish - Humbug Cove between R/C boat and shore (aim is 3pm finish)
- Dinner - Steak - Chicken - Salmon Patty served open face sandwich-style with salad, beans, and dessert and my special Party Punch!
- Friendly competition between clubs to determine who gets to clean the bean pot.

Enter here. Or see Mike Parker. The entry fee is \$15 and includes one dinner. Additional dinners are also \$15. The deadline for dinner orders in the Tuesday before: April 24th at midnight.



Need more information? Contact me!

Michael Parker - 2012 AYC Cruising Captain
SailArrrr@gmail.com
602-770-0195



Fleet of the Month - PHRF Spinnaker

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Sail Very Fast

The PHRF Spin boats are among the fastest of the regatta, usually driven by larger crews over longer distances than the other classes. These folks are hard core—sailors who love nothing more than to win a close start or push the boat up on a plane.

The fleet is made up of a diverse collection of boats, made more or less equal through the PHRF handicap scheme and includes "big chute" boats from 20 to 30 feet and beyond! Check out the

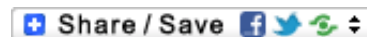
current fleet:



Crunch Time

1. Santana 2023
2. Ranger 22
3. J/24
4. Merit 25
5. Evelyn 26
6. J/29
7. Hobie 33 (prepping for Transpac 2013!!!)

Interested in joining us for a race, a day, a weekend or the whole series? Learn more by contacting Fleet Captain: Bruce Andress



For Sale! Wanted! Classified Ads

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To place an ad, contact Web Master

ASF Boats for Sail! Check out these boats donated to ASF. Contact George Tingom, John Mayall or Emory Heisler for more information or to make an offer on any of these boats!



1974 Buccaneer 18



O'Day 22



Flying Scott



Banshee

Buccaneer 18- 18ft dinghy. Good trailer. Good “starter” boat. [LINK](#) for more information about Buccaneer 18 sail boats.

Flying Scot-19 ft day-sailor. Needs some TLC to be in racing shape.

[LINK](#) for more information about Flying Scot sail boats.

Banshee-13 ft dinghy. Similar to a Laser. Excellent sails. (dolly not included).

[LINK](#) for more information about Banshee sail boats.

O'Day 22-22 ft. Needs mast. Lots of TLC.

[LINK](#) for more information about O'Day 22 sail boats.

FOR SALE: Capri 14.2 - The boat is in very good condition - standard sails and rigging, a very clean trailer with a spare tire. Vintage of the boat and trailer is around 1996 or so - haven't had a look at the data plate yet. Boat on trailer have been collecting dust for the last 4 years or so parked in our breezeway out of the sun. We have standard sails and rigging, we do have a tiller extension that makes sailing a bit more pleasant. New mast. Located Chandler and 101. Contact Mark Hardesty at 480-628-4122 for details. (1÷5÷2012)

FOR SALE: Catalina 22 - 1972 Catalina #1361, “Jammin” - Get it in time for the Birthday regatta & Spring series: Weight 2160 lbs as weighed at the 1996 Nationals, The third lightest out of over 60 boats weighed. 2 Mains, 2-150 genoas 1-jib, 16-1in boom, out haul, boom vang, split back stay, new keel-winch, ladder.

CONTACT: Paul Liszewski - Cell 480-797-1631
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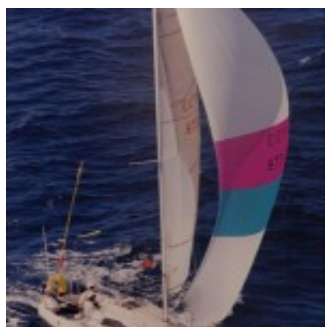


For Sale: Model 912 PowerWinch used to pull Mind's Eye up onto it's trailer. Comes with easy dismount platform, extended power cable, owners manual, etc. Pulls 3500 lbs direct pull or 6000 double line pull. The case was cracked in a couple of places, but has been repaired. It has worked great. Asking \$50. Contact Cliff Peterson, (480) 831 1241
(12÷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 bobstropicals@qwestoffice.net
(08÷2011)



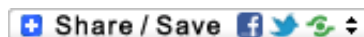
FOR SALE: Martin 242 Team Gravity: Proven winner on the lakes and off-shore, five-year PHRF Spin Champion, fleet second place Coastal Cup (San Fran to Santa Barbra.) Carbon mast, carbon spinnaker pole, 3.5 Nissan outboard, Vang Master,

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 TeamGravity@q.com (7/2011)



For Sale: Hutchins ComPac 16. \$4,500.00 Beautiful 16' sloop. Perfrect 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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