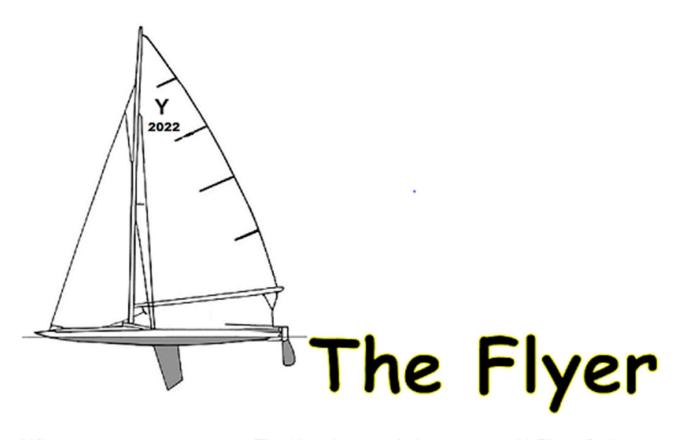
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The Newsletter of the American Y-Flyer Sailing Association



## **Our New Y-Flyer President**

#### Fleet 1 member Amanda Smith Hodges (Y-2660), Atlanta Yacht Club

I am honored to be elected the Y Flyer class President for 2023. I am a 3rd generation Y sailor and married to an expresident. (Of the Y class, that is) I am proud that five of my six children continue to sail Ys and four of those own their own boats. Many of our dearest friends and fondest memories are associated with sailing Ys. After over 60 years of being around Y Flyers, I guess it's time I gave back and served. I hope I make you proud, Granddaddy.

Bob Turner handed over the tiller of a solid and growing class. There is keen interest in our boat wherever we show up and sail. It has been invigorating to be approached at an open regatta by an interested sailor and asked about the boat I'm sailing. Attempting to put into words the appreciation for such a solid, well designed, family racing boat reminds me of why I continue to own Y Flyers. Heck, I sound so good that I think I need to go out and get another Y!

As I am observing the boat experiencing a resurgence of popularity here in the Southeast, I feel more and more a sense of urgency for us to find the perfect boat builder to provide for the demand. Cross your fingers that the search will be over soon. Generational activities are gaining in popularity and the Y is the perfect boat for that. Sailors I raced against as a junior are coming back to the boat with their family. I'm old enough to see some of their grandchildren hopping on to sail.

So, as we get ready for the upcoming holiday season and are looking forward to next year's planning, make sailing and racing Y Flyers one of your New Year's resolutions. Commit to put on the calendar one more regatta than you sailed last year. Or, perhaps, to make 2023 the year you sail in your first Y regatta.

My wish for this holiday season is that you hold your friends and family close and remember that time is all we have on this earth, so spend it doing worthwhile endeavors. Like sailing.

The Sovereign Siren, Amanda Smith Hodges Y - 2660

# **Fleet Building**

#### by Amanda Hodges

Hot summer days and cold cocktails make for slow sailing and fast friends......A fleet building idea.

In supporting the sailors who brave the heat and drifting conditions to come race, we have done a casual get together at the point on several Saturdays called the "Last Mark Party". A signature cocktail is brought down to the point pavilion and all the sailors hang out and share a drink and the day's events together. It has been a great way to bond together with drinks like 'The Little Mermaid' and 'Going Bananas'.

As we look to expand our Atlanta fleet, we welcome 5-year-old Kennedy Rose to the Y Flyer family of sailors. Kennedy has been on the racecourse twice as of this writing and is a self-proclaimed "racing sailor".

Being her mother's daughter, she asked to hold the 'steerer' during an upwind leg and promptly pointed the boat straight at the mark. "See, Mommy," (Kate Hodges Rose), "THAT is where we are going!"

The reply? "We're <u>not</u> moving, Ken. What are you going to do now, expert Sailor?" Kennedy promptly dropped the tiller and went back to playing with her squirt gun. But, to her credit, she never voiced that she wanted to quit and go in. She finished the races and *then* begged to go swimming.

Her special crewing skill on a Y?.....scooting up to the front of the boat as soon as the pole is set and dangling her feet (read that as DRAGGING her feet) in the water on the downwind legs just like her mom did 30 years ago. She is getting

pretty good at ducking under the jib when the boat jibes. Now if Kate can just get her to stop dropping her squirt gun off the side of the boat during a race........



Kennedy Rose,5-year-old 5th generation Y-Sailor. Sailing with her Mom, Kate Hodges Rose

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### The Canadian Corner

**Ahoy There!** 

In 2023 we'll have a north-south Alberta Y Flyer series.

The South: On the weekend of July 1-2, Y Flyers will meet at St. Mary's Sailing Club, located southwest of Lethbridge, for 2 days of races and fun events on and off the water. SMSC will fill its 3 club Y Flyers with club sailors, to join with club Y owners and visiting Ys. There's rustic camping onsite and hotel accommodations nearby in Cardston (15km) and Lethbridge (65km).

The North: On the weekend of August 5-6, Y Flyers will meet at Itaska Yacht Club on Pigeon Lake, located southwest of Edmonton, for the Western Y Weekend - a day of fun events and then a day of racing. Camping is at Pigeon Lake Provincial Park and Zeiner Park, there are some B&B options nearby and hotel accommodations in Leduc (60km).

Mark your calendars! More info will follow as we get closer to the dates.

**Richard Quinlan** 



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# Augusta 68<sup>th</sup> Halloween Regatta Y-Flyer Results

Y Flyer (5 boats) (top) Series Standing - 6 races scored Information is final.

Regatta results last updated: Sunday, October 09, 2022 12:29:43 PM CDT

Click on race number to view detailed race information.

Pos	Sail	Boat	Skipper	Yacht Club	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total	Pos
1	2786		David Loring	Ccs	1	1	[2]	1	1	1	5	1
2	2639	Road Kill	Bob Turner	BYSC	2	2	3	[4]	3	2	12	2
3	2377	no name	Ed-o Durant	ASC	[4]	3	1	3	4	3	14	3
4	2759	Gratum	Henry McCray	Sea Island Yacht Club	3	4	[5/DNS]	2	2	4/DNS	15	4
5	2619		Jeff Butts	Greater Richmond Sailing Association	5	5	4	[6/DNC]	6/DNC	6/DNC	26	5

#### From the archives:

#### 1963:

AUGUSTA SAILING CLUB - HALLOWE'EN REGATTA: Citadel cadet WHIT SMITH brought home first place silver in the Y class; Jack Croley of Atlanta was second and Ted Turner of Macon (now of Atlanta) was third. Understand they had everything from drifters to howlers in the three-race series. Another Citadel cadet, David Sikes of Charleston, had an unfortunate accident while returning home to Charleston. His Y came off the trailer while underway, causing considerable boat damage.

#### 1965:

AUGUSTA, GEORGIA "HALLOWE'EN REGATTA: MARTIN JONES of Columbia, S.C., with Shep Wagoner crewing, took home first place silver in this Regatta at beautiful Clarks Hill Reservoir! Winds were moderate to heavy. especially on Sunday! Second place was won by SALLY DuVAL, Camden, S.C. 'Our gal Sal' had daddy, "Mo", crewing for her and she was thrilled to win her first out-of-town trophy! GORDON SMALL, JR., Columbia, S. C. was also happy with his first Regatta silver in the Y Class! "Wiggie" Jones crewed for Gordon. Wish we had the list of all participants! Congratulations to the winners!

# "The Flyer" Final Rankings of 2022

2022	Y-Flyer Final	Rankings			
Final Rank	Skipper	# of Regattas	Score		
1	David Loring	2	0.162	Charleston Community Sailing	SC
2	Jeff Rodgers	3	0.21	Grande Maumelle SC	AR
3	Drew Daugherty	4	0.232	Grande Maumelle SC	AR
4	Kevin Black	6	0.237	Indianapolis SC	IN
5	Amanda Hodges	3	0.246	Atlanta YC	GA
6	<b>Howard Roeschlein</b>	3	0.249	Indianapolis SC	IN
7	David Irons	2	0.267	Lake Mattoon SC	IL
Tie 8	Anthony Passafiume III	5	0.297	Harbor Island YC	TN
Tie 8	Will Hanckle	3	0.297	Carolina YC	SC
10	Mark Barton	5	0.323	Grande Maumelle SC	AR
11	Doug Kinzer	3	0.399	Bloomington YC	IN
12	Carlin Hodges	4	0.404	Atlanta YC	GA
13	Shelby Hatcher	2	0.417	Atlanta YC	GA

14	David Buckley	2	0.431	<b>Charleston YC</b>	SC
15	Henry McCray	4	0.446	Sea Island YC	SC
16	Sammy Hodges	2	0.447	Atlanta YC	GA
17	Steve Roeschlein	3	0.477	Indianapolis SC	IN
18	Mark Buchanan	3	0.503	Atlanta YC	GA
19	Kate Rose	2	0.504	Atlanta YC	GA
20	Bob Turner	4	0.526	Beaufort Yacht &	SC
				Sailing Club	
21	Mike Stewart	2	0.559	Indianapolis SC	IN
22	Lenny Krawcheck	4	0.586	Carolina YC	SC
23	Nile Hatcher	2	0.616	Atlanta YC	GA
24	Eddie Kuznicki	5	0.617	Atlanta YC	GA
25	Bill Totten	3	0.654	Lake Mattoon SC	IL

To Be Ranked:

Minimum 2 Regattas

Regatta minimum of 5 Y-Flyers

The Flyer Final Rankings include 13 regattas.

The entire Rankings scoring document can be viewed here:

**2022 Final Y-Flyer Rankings.pdf** 

(All skippers with 2 or more ranked regattas are in yellow) You will have to expand the document because of its large size.



# **Saratoga Vice-Commodore and Race Awards Banquet**



Club Y-Flyer Champion, Marek Czajkowski



Marek and Joanna at the banquet

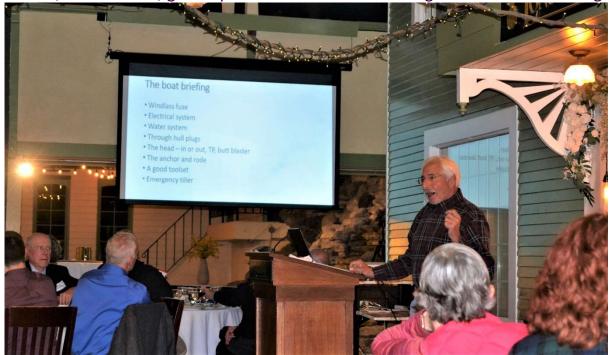
Vice Commodore and Y-Flyer sailor, Charlotte Osborne, was elected SLSC Commodore for the 2023 and 2024.





Outgoing Commodore and Y-Flyer sailor, John Smith, is leaving the position after 3 years.

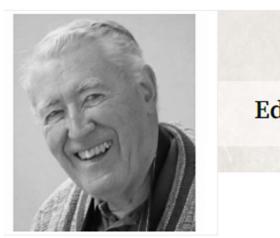
SLSC Y-Flyer member, Rick Manser, gave a presentation on "Chartering-A Tutorial on Cruising Internationally."

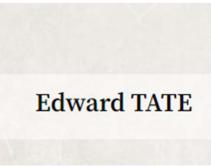


# The 63<sup>rd</sup> Midlands Regatta at Columbia Sailing Club Results

SAILORS	SAIL NUMBER	BOAT NAME	CLUB/ORG	NET	TOTAL	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8
Josh Putnam Stanton Bost	USA 2786	None	ASC	10	12	1	[2]	1	2	2	1	2	1
Carlin Hodges Amanda Hodges	USA 2716	None	Atlanta Yacht Club	23	30	6	5	3	4	1	2	[7]	2
Will Hanckel	USA 2748	None	Carolina Yacht Club	23	28	[5]	3	4	1	3	4	4	4
David Buckley	USA 2564	Chianti	Charleston	31	39	7	4	2	3	5	7	[8]	3
Bob Turner	USA 2639	None	BYSC	39	47	4	[8]	6	6	7	5	5	6
Chris Norman Donna Norman	USA 2692	None	Augusta Sailing Club	41	51	[10]	6	8	7	4	3	6	7
Lenny Krawcheck	USA 2557	None	Carolina Yacht Club SC	50	62	3	7	5	5	6	[DNC - 12]	DNC - 12	DNC - 12
Eddie Kuznicki TBD TBD	USA 2682	Mast Confusion	Fleet 1 Atlanta Yacht Club	55	67	8	9	7	8	[DNS - 12]	DNC - 12	3	8
Ed Durant Hank Bashford	USA 2377	None	Augusta Sailing Club	59	71	11	[DNF - 12]	DNC - 12	DNC - 12	DNS - 12	6	1	5
Henry McCray Stephanie McCray	USA 2759	Gratum	Sea Island Yacht Club	63	75	2	1	[DNC - 12]	DNC - 12	DNS - 12	DNC - 12	DNC - 12	DNC - 12
Dan Perrin Justin Walling	USA 417	None	Beaufort Yacht & Sailing Club	81	93	9	[DNC - 12]	DNC -12	DNC - 12	DNC - 12	DNC - 12	DNC - 12	DNC - 12
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# **Eight Bells**







Edward W. Tate, passed away on November 28 at age 92 after a long illness Ed was predeceased by his beloved wife Marion (Padfield).

Ed grew up in west Toronto, attending York Memorial and the U of Toronto. In 1969, the family moved to Sudbury where Ed joined the Ministry of Education.

In mid-life Ed somehow became interested in building Y-Flyer sailboats. He then raced them at the Sudbury Yacht Club, where he served as commodore.

He was also president of Y-Flyer Canada (CYFYRA) from 1990 to 2006.

When Parkinson's Disease made it no longer possible to sail, Ed renewed his interest in painting, eventually holding a show of his work to raise funds for the Parkinson's society.





# **John Bright**

Rush Creek YC

It is with profound sadness that "The Flyer" announces the passing of John Bright. Formally of Louisville, John and wife, Christine, moved to Texas to be closer to family after retirement.

"John was a fine father, person, and an excellent sailor. John and Andrea won the Y International Regatta at Chippewa in 2010 and again at Sudbury, ON in 2012. We all will miss John Bright." Paul White, Sec-Treasurer

"The Flyer" has borrowed some of John's pictures from his Facebook page. We think the pictures speak volumes about John:















## 2022 GILBERT BEERS MEMORIAL REGATTA GOLD RESULTS

RANK	<b>BOAT</b>	SKIPPER & CREW	<b>FLEET</b>	CLASS	<b>R1</b>	R 2	R 3	R 4	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>RANK</b>	<b>BOAT</b>
1	2797	Bryce & Darby Dryden		GOLD	2	1	2	1	6	1	2797
2	2739	Alex Padget & Will Thran	1	GOLD	6	2	1	4	13	2	2739
3	2752	Kevin & Wanda Black	8	GOLD	3	3	3	5	14	3	2752
4	2757	Anthony Passafiuem & Julie Bollinger	62	GOLD	1	DNS	4	3	16	4	2757
5	2716	Carlin Hodges & Nici Coryell	1	GOLD	5	4	7	7	23	5	2716
6	2763	Leif Carlson & Tucker Mansfieled	1	GOLD	8	DNF	6	2	24	6	2763
7	2624	Mark Buchanan & Danny Hannaman	1	GOLD	9	5	8	9	31	7	2624
8	2660 Kate Rose & Trixy Hanson 2682 Eddie Kuznicki & Mary Claire Stockmeyer		1	GOLD	7	6	10	8	31	8	2660
9			1	GOLD	11	7	5	10	33	9	2682
10	2746	6 Jennifer Garrett & Lisa Woods		GOLD	10	RET	9	6	41	10	2746
11	2688	Mark Barton & Jill Barton		GOLD	4	DNS	DNC	DNC	44	11	2688
12	2593	Winky & Kristen Williams	1	GOLD	RET	DNC	DNC	DNC	64	12	2593
12	2651	Dave & Charlotte Fedewa	1	GOLD	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	64	12	2651
12	2762	Nile & Shelby Hatcher	1	GOLD	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	64	12	2762
12	2767	Paul & Debbie Eberhardd		GOLD	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	64	12	2767
	DNF	Did Not Finish			*	8	*	*			
	DNS	Did Not Start			*	8	*	*			
	RET	Retired			16	16	*	*			
					R 1	R 2	R 3	R 4			

### 2022 GILBERT BEERS MEMORIAL REGATTA BLUE RESULTS

RANK	BOAT	SKIPPER & CREW	FLEET	CLASS	R 1	R 2	R 3	R 4	TOTAL	RANK	BOAT
1	2800	800 Frances Hanson & Sammy Hodges		BLUE	1	DNF	1	1	6	1	2800
2	2730	Joe Hanson & David Rose	1	BLUE	3	1	2	3	9	2	2730
3	2308	Ken & Kirk Maassen	1	BLUE	4	2	5	4	15	3	2308
4	2645	Gregg Andrews & Logan Little	1	BLUE	2	DNF	DNC	DNC	25	4	2645
5	2715	Brian O'Donnell & Bre Johnson	1	BLUE	6	RET	3	6	25	5	2715
6	2613	Zackery Webb & Clint Hodges	1	BLUE	5	RET	DNC	2	27	6	2613
7	2696	Nalu Tripiian & Christian Lei	1	BLUE	NSC	RET	4	5	29	7	2696
8	2634	Scott & Renee Rains	1	BLUE	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	40	8	2634
8	2714	Scott & Jenn Barnes	1	BLUE	RET	DNC	DNC	DNC	40	8	2714
	DNF	Did Not Finish			*	3	*	*			
	RET	Retired			10	10	*	*			
	NSC	Not Sailed Course			10	*	*	*			



A Few Words from Out Outgoing President

**Bob Turner** 

Before climbing up on the soap box, I took the precaution to install regulation safety rails and added cushioned padding to the floor within a 10-foot perimeter of said box. Also, wearing a hardhat a PFD and carrying a clove of garlic for good measure and good reason .... Take no chances!!

It was somewhere back in a time long ago...Probably '72 (things are a bit foggy from back then). Y-Fleets were quite active around the country then both with local fleet racing and of course the "Road Warriors" from all corners making regular pilgrimage to favorite venues, intermingling to great length and mutual fun. I was lucky to have two clubs within minutes of where I lived where Y fleets were well established and prospering. But even though these local fleets had great club activities, for the most part, our fleets traveled around the South Atlantic circuit to dip their rudders in different ponds, harbors and rivers in the lower mid-Atlantic and when National events rolled around, typically we would caravan to wherever they were being held. Each time we attended the nationals and venues outside of the comfort zone, we found on return to local fleets, our finishing positions improved noticeably. Yes, sometimes we got our keesters handed to us sailing against unfamiliar competition but still and without fail, our finishes improved on a local basis. We honed our skills almost every weekend at varying yacht club open events (conveniently located next to inviting bars/saloons) and quite often, these open regattas would have no Y Flyer fleets or even a single Y sailor in their membership. But travel we did and somewhere along the way, we may have planted the seeds of "Y Fever" in areas that theretofore had seen little activity in the Y class. Fast forward:

Attendance at our "gold plate" events has steadily declined over the past two decades. During those years, thanks to high energy class members in several locales, some local fleets have grown at astounding rates. These fleets offer almost weekly activities on their club waters, which does satiate the need to sail on a regular basis. Kudos to those fleet organizers, energy cells, and cheerleading Y Sailors for bringing people out of the woodwork to enjoy our favorite activity. The downside, (seems there is always a downside) is that with such frequent starting line activity locally, it removes any initiative to attend events outside of the "comfort zone". To punctuate this concept, this weekend will see 8 Y Flyers attending the Midlands regatta in Columbia SC, all of

them will travel 2-4 hours to get there just to experience competition outside of their comfort zone. Some, it will be their first event, others have been around the course a few times +. There are no Y-Flyer sailors from CSC since David sold his Y two years back. Those traveling are hoping to attract some attention for those looking to get in a double-handed competitive class. Enter the Ys (also...the M15

Back in the spring, prior to the upcoming nationals at Lake Norman, I had reached out to Area VP's and fleet leaders as well as those who Do travel outside of their venue, to work out some form of "Buddy" system to take those who are uncomfortable with venturing into an unknown venue and coax/coach them to join the fun. There is much to be gained by venturing outside of our home waters and nothing really to lose.

#### Suggestions:

Fleet activities scored on a seasonal/series basis might offer a bonus finish position for anyone wishing to travel and apply that finish position to club race scoring. E.g., three boats, Boat A 6<sup>th</sup>, Boat B 7<sup>th</sup>, Boat C 10<sup>th</sup>. Corrected finishes A-1<sup>st</sup>, B-2<sup>nd</sup>, C-3<sup>rd</sup>. etc

For each entry outside of local activity, a throw out could be applied to fleet racing scores. Three away events would then drop three low finish scores (along with established throw out finishes.)

The above could be applied to all sailors whether as "gold" or "blue" fleets or just applied to "blue" fleet sailors (preferred).

Our class faces the challenges that changing times have presented but challenges should be approached as opportunities rather than obstacles IMHO. Would love to hear from all regarding any practical solutions. Reach out to area VP's officers, fleet captains, and see what we can put together.



### **From Your Editor**

Do you have any fleet news, funny stories, racing results, gossip, birthdays, anniversaries, or anything else I can include in the newsletter?

Do you have any new members in your fleet (or people in the club who might be interested in reading the Y-newsletter) that I can add to "The Flyer" mailing?

I just need a name and email address. Y-Flyer membership is not required to receive the newsletter.

Best wishes,

Capt Terryble EDITOR, THE FLYER

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