



Palacios Yatch Club

Located At Serendipity Marina

Palacios, Texas
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The PYC Newsletter

JANUARY 16th 1993 PYC Planning Meeting

We will meet at Serendipity's "REC-HALL" at 11:00am. The 1993 Calendar will be presented and consolidated with MBSA. Also for those who have paid their dues, I'll have your T-shirts. Hope to see everyone there. Your input is very important as it will help us to direct the club to fit the member's needs. Weather permitting we might start enjoying our bay early. PS-bring a lunch as we will probably run over an hour.

BOAT/U.S.

PYC has applied for "cooperative group" membership. This will enable our members to join BOATS/U.S., or renew, at the annual rate of \$8.50. Will post more info next time. If you are considering joining or renewing, please call for our group number. Also I understand they have opened a BOAT/U.S. store in Clear Lake area.

ALSO NOTE: West Marine Products is to open a store in the Clear Lake area as well. Found this info on a recent catalog and at BOAT SHOW. (End of January)

"SAILING Quarterly"

This is a video magazine for, by, and about sailors. I received the "shortened/review" version this month and enjoyed it very much. The basic format covers cruising grounds, on the water boat review, racing tips and tactics, and events. There was a special annual rate around \$90.00 a year to start up. The videos are well made, and I have watched the tape several times.

Most interesting to me was a section about the SIDNEY HARBOR 18. This is a small version of the Ultimate 30, and originated in

Sidney harbor, Australia. The ships in harbor held an annual race which they used dinghies and life boats. These were then over powered with as much sail as possible and the races began. Today the boat has a LWL 18', minimum hull weight of 200lbs, and max. mast height of 36'. Down wind the boat may be carrying as much as 1600 sq. ft. of sail and reach 30 knots. Claims to be the fastest Mono-hull on the water.

CLUB HOUSE !

Mike Mangel of Serendipity Marina, has offered the "beach" house down by the water as our official meeting room. There are to be no vehicles driven down to the house, for safety reasons. It was suggested that we put a sign on the shore side and one back on the entrance. Anyone want to donate their skills?

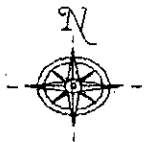
Texas/Louisiana Cruising Guide

New guide is out, Serendipity has a few copies and can order more if needed. This was updated last year by several cruising couples. The group covering our area published a couple of articles in *Telltales* last year. There is some interesting reading in the guide, including historical and practical information.

* SEVERAL ITEMS IN CLOSING

- * Any questions please call 409-244-6726
- * MBSA newsletter on back
- * Only a few T-Shirts left out of 1st batch
- * PYC dues \$25.00 year (1 t-shirt & newsletter)
- * Don't forget our meeting 1-16-93, 11:00am
- * We'll take applications at meeting
- * We also need a hull count on "board boats"

Matagorda Bay Sailing Association



Newsletter

December 16, 1992

Reorganization . . .

During the business meeting held in November a motion was passed to rename and reorganize P.A.O.S. in order to better reflect the role it plays in the area boating activities. Matagorda Bay Sailing Association was picked as the new name for the group to coordinate boating activities in Matagorda Bay. M.B.S.A. role will be to coordinate cruising trips, open bay races, and land based activities for all area clubs.

The Palacios Yacht Club was officially started and its agenda discussed with Lane Hollister heading-up the new club. PYC will coordinate inshore boating activities mainly aimed at shallow draft boats that can operate just off the Palacios bayfront. PYC will also host out of town groups that are running races at Palacios. Please contact Lane Hollister for further information at 409-245-4658

Thanks . . .

On behalf of all members, I would like to thank last year's officers for their unselfish service to the organization.

Allen McClendon - Vice Commodore

Joanne North - Sec./Treas.

Beverly Watson - Activity Dir.

Steve Hamilton - Race Committee

Charlotte Board - Race Committee

Thanks also to Carl and Babs Heinrich and Dusty and Janet Libby for setting up the P.A.O.S. Christmas party. It was enjoyed by all that attended.

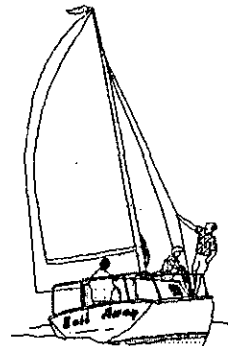
January Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, January 16 1993. We are planning to discuss the 1993 calendar of events and answer any questions you might have. Bring your ideas and suggestions for the up coming year, we need them to help make it a success.

M.B.S.A. will not work without your active participation, please make plans to attend!!!!

User Fee Phase Out . . .

The House of Representatives has voted to phase out the boat "user fee" by a decided margin (339 to 78). The phase out will have three steps. Oct. 1, 1992 for boats 21ft. or less; Oct. 1, 1993 for boats 31ft. and less and by Sept. 30, 1994 for all other boats. Boat/US pushed hard for this as well as boater's like yourselves. I am glad our elected officials listened to our cries of foul play!



For Sale

22' Sailboat, 2 head sails and main, head stove, and E-Z loader trailer. Located in Sargent. Weekends 409-244-1606