



## Palacios Yacht Club Newsletter

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## "The Rhumb Line"

### HELLO AGAIN

Well our season is about to start. The calendar was rearranged several times as you might have noticed. This was due to weather and availability of members. Many had work or repair related problems delaying their participation. Since this is our first year, it was decided that the first race series would begin in May rather than April. Hope this will allow more of you to compete or attend.

The weather seems to be a little confused, high winds through April and heavy rain first of May? Oh well, we still enjoyed a few days on the bay (reefed). Looking for better days, hope everyone can join us soon.

### AREA NEWS!

MBSA's start of the 2nd Annual Matagorda Bay Cup Race Series was postponed. It will start May the 8th, 12noon, Marker #28 Palacios Channel, VHF 68 for instructions. For more details call Steve Wilburn 409-843-5182 or Kevin Kinard 409-245-1454.

Roy Garrett advises, due to construction delays on his house in the Keys and race commitments in Clear Lake, he will not be able to join us for this start of the season.

*Dances with Waves* - last reported to have been in Fairhope, AL. I received a letter from Carl & Babs on April 19th, they have had no more problems (engine - Matagorda - March). Five days were spent in Biloxi, MS where they enjoyed many water front activities and suggested anyone headed that way use this area for some R&R. They also toured Fort Gains on Dauphin Island. More on their continuing adventures as they report in.

Returning visitors: The Hobie Fleets will be back for their Midsummer Championship on July 10th & 11th. And the Texas Multihull Association will be with us on May 16th & 17th for their Performance Regatta.

### \*\* NOTICE OF RACE \*\*

### PYC Summer Series (Race #1 & #2)

Saturday - May 15 at 1:00pm  
2 five mile races - Open Class

Members need to call in to register. This is a six race series with one "throw-out". Following races to be held on June 19th & July 3rd. There is a \$5.00 entry fee for the series and trophies will be awarded under the low point system at the end of the series. Call LANE at 244-6726, 245-4658 or 245-1669.

### Also on the CALENDAR:

15th

MBSA - overnight trip to Matagorda Peninsula  
PYC - Race 1 & 2 Summer Series  
TMA - Performance Regatta

29th

MBSA - Memorial Day Weekend to Army Hole

### Palacios Race Organizing Committee "Team Palacios"

Announcing the formation of a committee in Palacios to coordinate and assist "One-Design" and "Class-Associations" in having events in *Tres Palacios Bay*. We have a great start with the Multihulls, MacGregor/Venture and Sunfish groups already attending last year and this year. Other groups that have been contacted include One-Design 14's, F27 & F24, Dolphin Sr, Texas Youth Sailing Circuit. All have expressed an interest in coming to Palacios. More on this as it develops. PS - IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO WORK WITH THIS GROUP PLEASE CALL LANE.

**NOTICE:** For the club's August event, it was suggested we have a Bar-B-Q at Lake Texanna. I'll be calling to see if you can make this event.

## **JULY 24th**

MBSA has planned a visit to Port Lavaca's *Nautical Landings Marina*. Several PYC members have committed to this weekend. The marina is very close to a great restaurant with an outdoor patio and music. Plan on joining us for the fun.

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## **SUGGESTIONS...**

After six months I have had a great deal of support from other groups and the core of this group. Several points have come up and will be incorporated in our future plans;

1. The club will have an event each month set on the same weekend each month. Other events will be planned but you can count on at least one race.

2. Our Races will follow US SAILING and IYRU rules and prescriptions, and multiple races on same day will run back to back. This will help the Race Committee get their job done.

3. The development of a youth program will be one of our main goals, as this will benefit all who participate and assure the future of the club.

4. Also imperative is education, this project will encompass all aspects of our sport. Members will have the opportunity to learn safety, racing rules, committee work, and other skills.

We will learn as we go and will always strive to keep it fun. If you have any suggestions or questions. Please call, your in-put will help to mold the club. Also if you find someone with an interest in sailing bring them to the club. As a new group, "word of mouth" is our best advertising outside of the newsletter.

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## **EDUCATION:**

Speaking of education, I joined US SAILING and the club has access to all publications from this organization. Earlier this year we sent out a "Beginners Rules Book" and a color "Race Signals" sheet. Other items are available, including certified instructors and judges. So let us know what you need to know. I'll see if we can come up with it.

## **M26 Class "Call-In":**

We currently have located 9 MacGregor 26's in the area, and 6 of those are members of the PYC. I am sure there are others in the area and we can help each other as a group. Just look at what the Dallas - Venture/MacGregor Club has accomplished. If you have not joined please do, and if you can find another M26 invite them to the club.

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## **BOARD BOAT CLASS:**

We are making plans for the start of this class. If you own or know of someone who owns one of these boats or even a "day-sailer" give me a call. I'll begin calling them this month. The following is a list of some of the types we are looking for:

Sunfish  
Dolphin Sr  
Aqua Finn  
Phantom  
Minifish  
Sea Horse

also:  
Day Sailer  
Laser  
JY15  
Optimist

Most of these boats are supported by large groups with very active associations. We will be inviting them to our area for annual events. Please get on our roster so we can notify you when things come up.

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**ID Cards:** It came up recently that when traveling, other clubs require proof of membership in another club, in order use their facilities. We will be looking into ID cards, but if you are going some where ask me for a letter of membership.

*Thanks again, and we'll see you on the water soon.*

*Lane Hollister*