

Palacios Yacht Club Newsletter

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"The Rhumb Line"

PYC 93' CHRISTMAS PARTY

Fifteen attended the "end-of-year" party and brought a great variety of food. I updated the scrap book and had it on display with some end-of-year trophies and news articles. Several other members had planned to attend but got caught with work and missed out. Tim Hall's 3rd place trophy, which he has not picked up yet, was on display. Thanks again Warren and Bert for the hard work. Charles Supplee handed out some excellent shots of our last races in 93'. The lighted boat parade was not held due to lack of time and resources on my part. But, there were three to five members ready to go. So we will form a committee and plan for a show in 94'. The MBSA (formerly the PAOS) officially ceased and donated it's resources to the PYC. We may yet get sailing to expand to far corners of our bay system. Watch for the "AMBR". I hope all had a joyous holiday season.

COMPUTER EATS PYC NEWSLETTER!

Yes a virus reeked havoc with my laptop and when it was all said and done the January 94' issue was the real fatality. What was most

aggravating is I could see the filename but nothing existed in it. Aarrghh! I will include as much as I can remember of what was in it, with the February issue.

JANUARY & FEBRUARY NEWS:

Jan. 15th, (Sat.) 10:00am at Serendipity "REC-Hall". The 94' planning meeting was held. Twelve attended and adopted a calendar for 1994 (see attached). As the news letter did not get out, I called everyone we had numbers for. If you did not hear from me please call in your correct address & phone #. We gained three new members at this meeting, welcome aboard. Some duties were assigned for major projects, but we still need helpers with registration and committee boat. I'll be calling you.

Special Note: At 4:00pm the same day there was a meeting with the Coast Guard Auxiliary of Victoria to establish a local post. A boat stationed in Palacios could provide; traffic control and safety for fishing tournaments and regattas, courtesy inspections, safe boating courses and most of all, search and rescue for vessels in distress. After qualifying a member could also work with the USCG station Port O'conner, as

well. If you are interested contact
Warren Pierce 512-972-3960.

Feb. 19th, 10:00am, Serendiptiy "Rec-Hall". We will have a speaker from the Port O'conner USCG station. This has always been a great meeting in the past and since we missed last year all the material should be fresh. You won't want to miss this one!

MEMBERSHIP DUES: Are due!, if you have not sent yours in, please pay at the meeting. I will send copies of the application with this newsletter. Remember \$30.00 includes one T-Shirt, (what size?).

MACGREGOR 26 NEWS:

Carter Taylor, one of our MacGregor Rendezvous participants last year and the first Texas M26 owner to visit Roy in Key Largo, has announced that he is re-founding the *Venture/MacGregor Yacht Club of Houston*. There are other clubs in Dallas and San Diego. Their focus is enjoyment of your trailer sailer with of owners of same make. Initially the V/MYC is planning education and cruising as prime targets. But with our racing fleet and the large one in Dallas we might shoot for the 94 IBM NOOD Regatta (Sept). Several of our guys are talking about dream trips to the FL Keys or Sea of Cortez. Lets see how far we get in 94. In 93 the Hollisters and *Regalos de Dios* made it to Pascagula, Mississippi for a week of sailing the MS Sound.

Also we are about 2 boats away from a M26 fleet. We are hoping to pull these

from the PHRF fleet and run a one-design fleet. More later.

Boardboat News:

We do have a Dolphin SR fleet, which formed at the 3rd annual Palacios Laborday Regatta and more activities are planned for 94' with these fun craft. The Matagorda Co. 4H is getting closer to the "kick-off" of their "Sail Training Course". And the Bay City Explorer Ship #2295 has gotten off to a good start. I hope we will have a little competition between the youth in 94 season. If you are interested in helping with the youth program please contact Warren Pierce or Lane Hollister.

*** And if you have, or know of a small day sailer in dry dock please check and see if it might be donated to our youth/beginner sail instruction program.**

*** Also Charles Smithey proposed that in 94 we have a club board boat event on certain Sunday's at 2:00pm off the Rail Road Park Beach in Palacios. We will be checking the calendar and setting these soon.**

RACING with PYC

The format for our club races was refined by end of year. In order to save time on race day we will for-go the Skipper's meeting each race day. The Race Captain will be at dockside to answer any questions, and novices will be assigned an

experienced racer to explain our club and bay details. Each PYC member (racer or not) will receive a race instruction packet, including rules, chart, start sequence, and a full description of race day proceedings with tips, with *March* newsletter. Also in each racing fleet, when we have enough participants, the top 3 finishers each year will move into an "A" sub-fleet of it's class, this will make room in the "B" fleet for new top contenders and put the hot ones in even competition. **PYC FORMAT:** Two races will be held on the 3rd Saturday of each month, starting in March and finishing in October. The 16 races will be broken down into three series, with a \$5.00 per boat fee in each series to off-set cost of trophies. The **SPRING SERIES:** March-May, 6 races with one "throw-out". The **SUMMER SERIES:** June-July, 4 races with one "throw-out". The **FALL SERIES:** August-October, 6 races with one "throw-out". Each race will be 5 miles and the 1st will start at noon and the 2nd will began 15 minutes after last boat finishes the first race. This routine gets us finished a little earlier and without a pre-race meeting the race course can be set up and committee boat prepared with out a "Chinese-fire-drill". After the races we'll have a "results social" and telling of "war stories".

94 Members Services

Several items were proposed at the "planning" meeting. The following is a brief list and short reason:

1. Next year shirts will be offered as extra items, along with hats and possibly a windbreaker. This will allow us to provide a "polo" type shirt and the other items as needed by members.
2. This year each member will get a membership card. Some members have traveled to other areas an were unable to take advantage of other club facilities. Without proof of membership in another club you just can't get in. We can remedy that now.

3. Search for perminate club site begins (hopefully within Serendipity) and organization of PYC & PRT to take advantage of US-Sailing programs (insurance and training) and Tx Yachting Association (discounts and Texas Youth Racing).

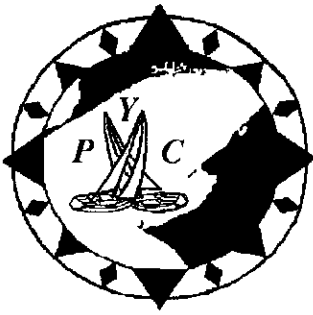
4. The development and adoption of a set of club By Laws to standardize operations and define direction.

*Details on the above items as they develop.

PYC Commodore Comments,

I would like to thank all of the workers and supporters for a very successful 1993. Most of the goals set in 1992 have been realized. We have an ambitious schedule for 1994 and I expect most of these goals will be met as well, since we have a great membership and strong support from many areas. If you want something from the club let us know and then help us help you. You do not have to own a boat or be a racer to enjoy our club. It is open to anyone who enjoys being around the water. Fair Winds to ya, and thank you again for all the support.

Lane.



Palacios Yacht Club

1994 Event Calendar

January	15th	PYC Annual Planning Meeting
February	19th	PYC Member Program (Port O'Conner USCG speaker)
March	19th	PYC Club Races - Spring Series #1 & #2
April	16th 23rd-24th	PYC Club Races - Spring Series #3 & #4 PRT / Hobie Fleet 232 - Spindeltop Regatta
May	14th-15th 21st 28th-30th	PRT / TMA - Texas Catamaran Championships PYC Club Races - Spring Series #5 & #6 (end) PRT - AMBR (Around Matagorda Bay "fun" Race)
June	4th-5th 18th	PRT - MacGregor/Venture Rendezvous & Regatta PYC Club Races - Summer Series #1 & #2
July	2nd-4th 16th 16th-17th	PRT - Independence Regatta (day sailer, open) PYC Club Races - Summer Series #3 & #4 (end) PRT / Hobie Fleet 8 & 128 - Midsummer Classic
August	6th 20th	PYC - Lake Texanna Adventure PYC Club Races - Fall Series #1 & #2
September	3rd-5th 17th 24th-25th	PRT - Labor Day Regatta (day sailer, open) PYC Club Races - Fall Series #3 & #4 PRT / TYA - Tx Youth Race Circuit Palacios
October	1st 15th 29th-30th	PRT - Women at the Helm Regatta (Matagorda Bay) PYC Club Races - Fall Series #5 & #6 (end) PYC - Overnight Cruise to Port Lavaca, Nautical Landings
November	12th	PYC / PRT - End-of-Year Dinner & Awards
December	10th	PYC / PRT - Lighted Boat Parade & Christmas Party