



Palacios Yacht Club Newsletter

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"The Rhumb Line"

Sunfish South West Regional

by Warren Pierce, PRT

As the sun "rose" on Saturday, it was readily apparent that we would not be racing soon. Rain and lightning smashing across the bay convinced even the hardiest of sailors that discretion was the better part of valor and the decision was made to postpone the start until 1 p.m. and see what Mother Nature had to offer then.

Before the rescheduled time, however, six faint-of-heart decided to head for home, leaving 27 to hit the water for the first race. With winds gusts to 23-mph and waves up to 2-1/2 feet, the competition was fierce. By the time that race was completed, another four had headed for the beach.

Successful completion of two races Saturday was more than we had hoped for. A catered shrimp dinner later that evening provided ample opportunity for sailors to critique the weather conditions they had endured.

Despite a bright, clear and cool Sunday, strong winds continue to narrow the field to 13 hardy souls who competed for positions in the Sunfish World's Competition to be held at the Bermuda Yacht Club in November. At the completion of Sunday's three races, all were entirely worn out from battling waves and wind, including the committee boat and chase boat who were kept busy righting overturned sailboats and pulling them out of the mud -- not to mention removing a crab trap out of the prop of the committee boat.

Regional coordinators Vic & Pat Manning of Austin did the honors at the trophy presentations where Charles Milby of Seabrook and Tom Barnes of Austin were congratulated for earning slots at the World's, based on their placing at Palacios.

The top finishers in the best-of-five races were: 1st-Hank Saurage, Baton Rouge, LA; 2nd-Ash Beatty, Seabrook; 3rd-Charles Milby, Seabrook; 4th-Jerry Parlee, Corpus Christi; 5th-Tommy Barnes, 6th-Brown Horner, Canyon Lake.

Many thanks to those who lent their boats Eddie Sacco, Nick & Mary West and to all the others who helped with the Palacios Regatta Team.

Fall Series 1994

The final races for this season started out like the Sunfish Regional, with heavy rain delaying the normal start time for two hours. But Palacios was true to form and the weather cleared for a perfect afternoon of races. I know we were all glad to see Steve & Jan Wilburn return after a long absence, it is good have their boat breathing down our necks again. We had a great season, thank you to all who participated and thanks to the Race Committee workers (even if they were, missing Saturday).

RESULTS: M26 > 1. Charlie Young, 2. Jack Hollister, 3. Ed Wilkinson

PHRF > 1. Steve Wilburn, 2. Rick Gangluff, 3. Bob Fellingham

Annual Over All Award

Nine boats competed in sixteen races from March thru October. All results for both fleets were combined and scored with all skippers under PHRF. This year Charlie Young prevailed over all with eight 1st, in his best-of-13. His plate will be mounted on our PYC Top Skipper plaque (half hull model) to be hanging at the club house in Serendipity. Congratulations Charlie and crew of the Abracadabra.

Over-All Results: 1. Charlie Young, 2. Jack Hollister, 3. Ed Wilkinson, 4. Bob Fellingham, 5. Jose Aliseda, 6. Steve Wilburn

PYC Calendar (6:30) PM

November 12th - PYC Awards Dinner, Palacios Mexican Restaurant, **RSVP** for details.

December 10th - PYC Christmas Party, Serendipity "Rec-Hall". Bring your favorite snack dish and 1994 photos.

BOAT US: PYC Group #GA83498Y

PYC Club-House News

It is official, we have keys to the PYC Club House, situated on the east side of marina. Warren Pierce put the door on last week and we should have a desk, file cab., gear box and shelves set up by end of month. We'll be looking at the space available and deciding how to set up the club house office. We are planning to fix up the grounds and add a large deck around front and "bay"-side of building. Any donations of materials, paint (white & Jade), small loveseat, small refrig., decorations, porta-potti etc.; please coordinate with Roberta Ripke 512-972-3960 or Lane Hollister 409-245-1669.

We also need to plan some work days. If we get materials together, I would like to work on the "deck" Nov 12th and Dec 10th (before club activities these days). Also the boat donated to the PRT needs to be gone through and checked out so we can put it into service as a RC boat, call Warren at 512-972-3066.

PYC in 1995

For the club's 4th year we are making some changes to the operation. Basic membership dues will be \$25 year due Jan. 1st. If a member wants a T-Shirt (\$10) or Cap (\$5), they will indicate on there renewal application. Racer will pay an additional once a year fee (\$15), if they race any race or series, to offset awards. Cruisers will "pay-as-you-go" for over-night events.

The calendar will follow the same pattern as years past, the club will meet 3rd Saturday of each month January thru October. Then Awards Dinner 2nd Sat. November and Christmas Party 2nd Sat. December. The major cruise will be held Memorial Day weekend. Now knowas the; AROUND MATAGORDA BAY RENDEZVOUS - OR THE "AMBR".

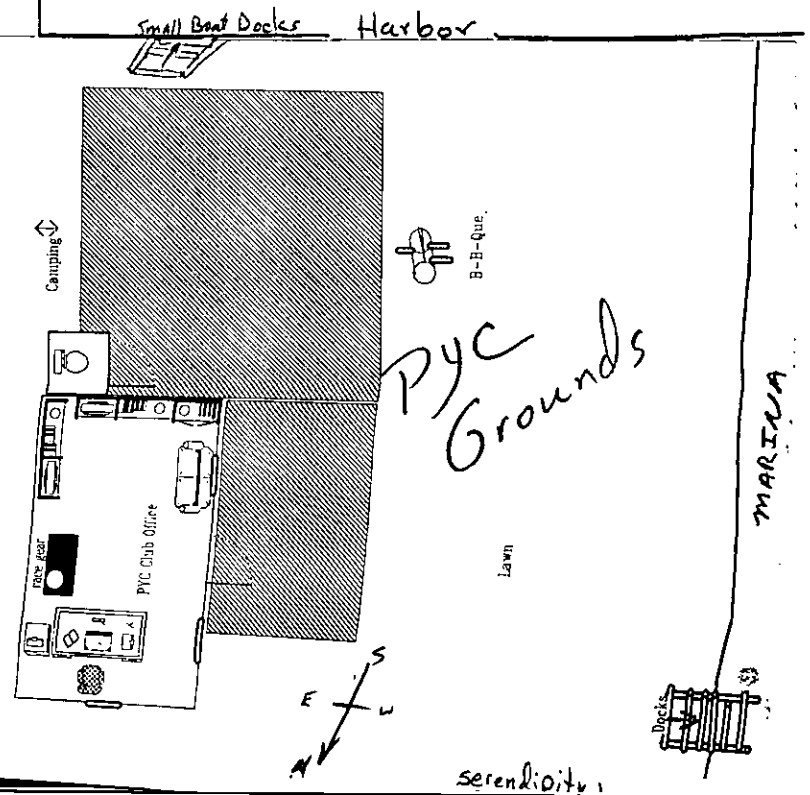
The Race Season will start in March and run through October. The PHRF & M26 fleets will race on the 3rd Saturday at 1:00-2:00pm. In 1995 we will begin the "Board Boat" & "Day Sailors" fleet races will be held on 3rd Sunday at 2:00-3:00pm, from April through September. The PRT will have other race dates in 95'.

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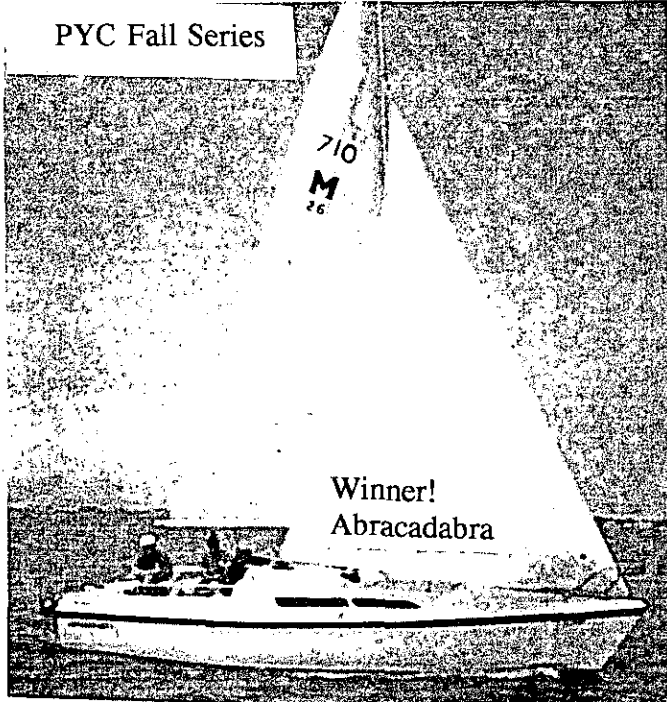
If you are thinking about joining Boat US or are renewing your membership, PLEASE use the PYC "Group Number" **GA83498Y**. Your annual dues are \$8.50 under our "group" (1/2 the regular). Last year 5 of our 35 members used this club benefit. Now I know more of you are holding a BOAT US card - You Might As Well Save The Money.

PYC Cruise to Port Lavaca

THERE ARE SOME TEN (+) BOATS PLANNING TO MAKE THE RUN FROM PALACIOS TO PORT LAVACA ON OCTOBER 29TH. NAUTICAL LANDINGS IS PLANNING TO RECEIVE US AND TURN OUT THEIR FAMOUS RED CARPET IN HOSPITALITY. WE SHOULD HAVE BOATS FROM PYC, PORT LAVACA, AND VENTURE - MACGREGOR YACHT CLUB OF HOUSTON ON THIS TRIP. LETS HOPE THE WEATHER COOPERATES. WE WILL FORM UP IN SERENDIPITY MARINA FRIDAY NIGHT (28TH) AND LEAVE PORT AROUND 8:30AM. WE'LL GO OUT TO MARKER #30 THEN TAKE A HEADING OF ABOUT 240 DEGREES MAGNETIC, TO PORT LAVACA CHANNEL MARKER #44R. THEN YOU JUST FOLLOW THE CHANNEL (STAYING TO THE LEFT) INTO PORT LAVACA TO NAUTICAL LANDINGS MARINA. AFTER SPENDING THE NIGHT WE WILL LEAVE SUNDAY (?AM) AND SAIL BACK TO PALACIOS.

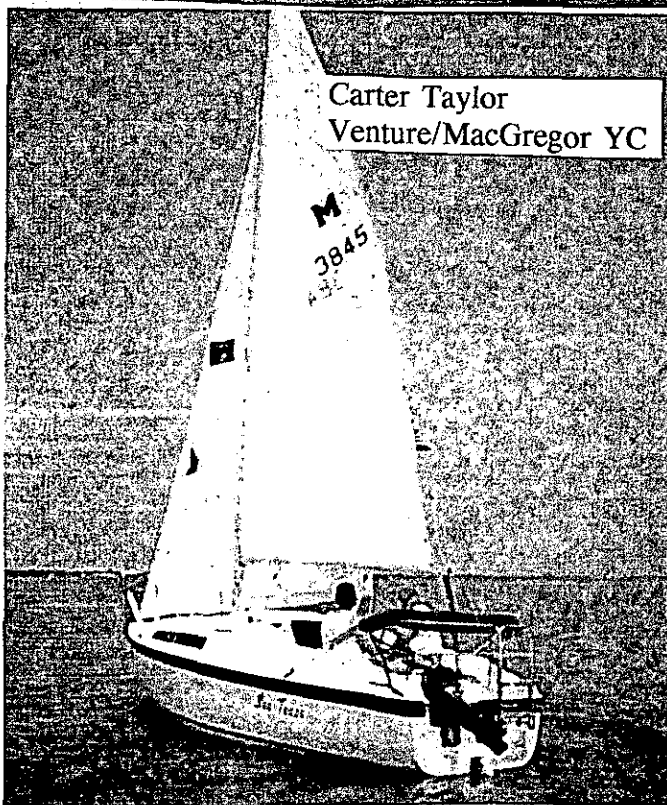


PYC Fall Series

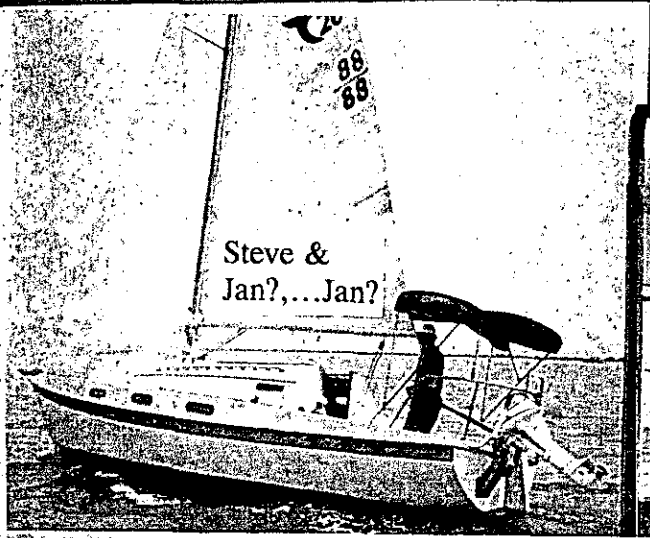


Winner!
Abracadabra

Carter Taylor
Venture/MacGregor YC



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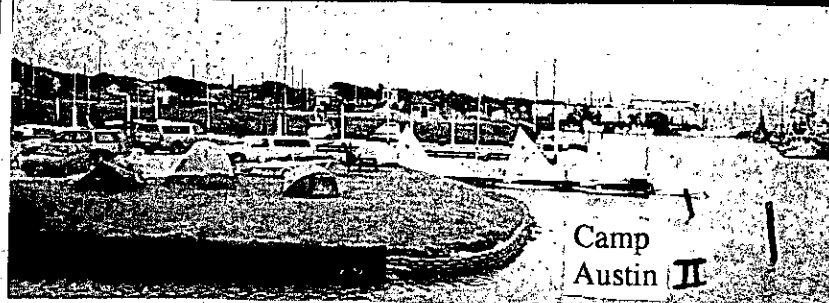
Steve &
Jan?,...Jan?

Sunfish S.W. Regional
Race Committee on - *Hanna Hill*



Hang-On
Bert!

The incredible RC, chase, mark, rescue, finish, results boat - DH2



Camp
Austin II

The winners, now off to the worlds.



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