



Palacios Yacht Club Newsletter

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"The Rhumb Line"

C & C Sails, Feb. Meeting

Our "members" program for 1995 was a great success. We had 20 members in attendance and though they were a quiet bunch we all enjoyed the presentation. Mike Stovall said, "we normally get questioned to death, before getting away". Also we had a surprise guest, Kevin Wilson of *Stix - n - Rig'n* came with Jim Shults. He works some with the guys from C&C so they played "tag-team" for the questions our group had. After the meeting, it became apparent our members were holding their questions until they could get Mike or Kevin on their boat for specific concerns. Later we went out to lunch and discussed past and future sailing adventures. Thanks to everyone for making this a great member's program. Got any ideas for next year?

Cruising Events:

March 4th & 5th; The Port Lavaca Yacht Club is leaving Nautical Landings about 9:30am and heading for the Army Hole for an overnight cookout. They have invited any PYC members interested, to meet them down there. If you are going, call and let John Ilse know 512-552-2422.

March 25th; Steve and Jan Wilburn are planning a day cruise from Palacios down to the ICW and back. Steve said it would be about a 6 hour trip so bring food to eat during your trip. They are planning to leave dock by 10:00am.

April 22nd; This is a possible date for a PYC TX-off-shore run from Port O'Connor to Port Aransas. **I need to have a commitment on this one, to plan further.** At this time if we go it will require you to get to POC Friday, leave Saturday at first light of dawn & arriving just before dark in Port Aransas, then continuing on back up the Lydia Ann Channel to Rockport. This will put us in late either way, so we need to make dock plans ahead of time. Call 245-1669 for details.

MARCH 18th - MOB Drills

This month's event will be a seminar on Man-Over-Board procedures followed by an opportunity to practice. Bob Fellingham will begin at 10:00am and will break for lunch around 11:00am. We'll then meet out on the water about 1:00 for drills on the bay. After the drills, about 4:00pm we plan to fire up the grill at the club house for the "Survivor's Party". Please bring your favorite beverage and your custom hamburger patties and chairs. We will be calling around to see who can make it and assign you one other item to bring for us to share. (ie: plates, chips, spreads, buns, etc.) Should rain prohibit the bay activities and BBQ, we'll meet Sunday at about 1:30pm in harbor.

1st Race Series 1995

As per the calendar last month we have gone to two race series, a SPRING and a FALL. The Spring Series will start April 15th. There will be two races each 3rd Saturday in April, May and June. Depending on how the classes stack up, we may have one handicapped class. All Race Committee helpers should check in with Bob Fellingham 512-972-6271 to re-enlist.

Intro to Sailing; April 8th

Calling all skippers with "board boats" or "day sailors". The 2nd - Day at the Bay, Intro. to Sailing, sponsored by the PRT & 4H Seamasters will begin at 10:00am. Please meet on the beach at 9:00am to get all the boats rigged and ready to go. We had about 16 boats and skippers who gave rides to 25 youth and adults. This is also the time to sign up for lessons to be given in June. If you don't have a boat but would like to help or try small boat sailing, come on out and join us, we have a great time.

Serendipity News:

Jan & Billy (park managers) have gone north. After helping out the new owners for the past year, they decided it was time for a break. I'll miss them, as I know how much they have helped all of us and the park. Baxter Adams assured me that the park would have "good" new managers soon and he planned only for things to get better. They are also remodeling the "beach" house into a condo and rearranging the office area to rent out the house section. As for the un-used water on the west side of the park, Baxter asked if there were a need for covered slips. I feel like this area needs some improvement and possibly a ramp in the future. He is also setting an area aside for dry storage. If you have an interest let management know as they are trying to determine the "needs" of the people who use the park. Call and introduce yourself and give them your thoughts on what would make our PYC home better; 512-972-5454.

Shirts! Caps! ID-Cards!

Shirts....Caps....ID's, what am I a out of work hot dog vendor? No, it is time to pick up your new PYC gear. If you were not at the Feb. meeting you'll have to catch me at work or at the next meeting. Call me if you want to pick yours up 245-1669. The ID card should get you into an "established" YC, who's normal policy is to let you in only if you can show membership in an other club. As for status, our club is a member of the Texas Sailing Association and a member of the U.S. Sailing Association. If you use the card let me know how it worked.

Rear-Commodore LANE Hollister

Boat/U.S.

The PYC has renewed it's Cooperating Group agreement with Boat/US. According to their records five of our members has taken advantage of the PYC Group# (GA83498Y). If you are a member or about to join Boat/US, please fill out your application, write the PYC Group# on it and join for \$8.50 (1/2 off the regular rate). We'll have apps. at March's meeting and a brochure outlining the member's benefits.

VHF Radios Fees - Changing?

according to REPORTS, the Boat/US newsletter, the "user fee" imposed last year on VHF marine radios may be changed for 94'. The cost, "for the privilege of being regulated" has been recalculated. You will now pay \$30 for 10 year license and \$45 for processing fee for a total of \$75 (previously \$115). If you are applying for a new "ship's station" license, be sure to include all of your transmitting equipment on one form. This way you will only be charged once. As for the future it is un clear if the fee's will go up, down or just go away (Boat/US is working with Reps. Jack Fields (R-TX) and Bart Stupak (D-MI) to eliminate the fee.

AMERICA'S CUP - UPDATES?

Coverage sure has been sparse regarding the competition leading up to the Cup match in May. I would have thought that without baseball and football they could have slipped a little more coverage in some-where. All I have seen, and I haven't seen many, is the "Dennis Conner; Road to the America's Cup" airing on HSE. From several magazines it is reported that coverage of the Defender & Challenger trials will begin March 18th on ESPN2 in nightly two-hour recaps starting at 11:00pm, through May. ESPN will begin live coverage of the Citizen Cup and the Louis Vuitton Cup on April 10th and "The Cup" match in May will also be live.

Misc. Items of Interest

1. Have infor about several Dolphin SR's FOR SALE. Also a 93 Sunfish World Boat, race rigged \$1,500. If interested in joining our "board-boat" fleet call 245-1669 for details.
2. Club house is shaping up, Steve Wilburn donated an office chair and the Commodore donated several small cushioned chairs.
3. PYC has a few new members, looking forward to them joining us at our events.
4. Eddie Sacco has moved to Serendipity, Eddie has helped us at PRT events as RC-Boat. Glad to have you in harbor. I guess that's all for this issue, see ya soon.