

## Palacios Yacht Club Newsletter

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# "The Rhumb Line"

## NOTICE OF RACE: April 15th

**Skipper's Meeting at 10:30.** We'll have a short orientation for the 1995 race season, at the PYC Club House. **First Race to start at 1:00pm.** Bob Fellingham will have new sailing instructions for the PYC. This is gentleman's racing, but the club also wants to educate you on the rules, should you go race elsewhere. We welcome beginners as this is the best place to try racing out and learn from guys willing to help. There will be no protests, those who know better and are grossly in error should accept their penalty turns and go on, else the RC will disqualify you. We will have two race series this year with trophies to be awarded at end of year for overall positions. Should the PHRF fleet fail to make 5 in each series, we will run one handicapped fleet (we did not have the M26's out in force either). Those coming from out of town might consider coming for the weekend and stay in port near the PYC (club house) at least we should gather at the PYC after the races for "war stories", let me know and we'll fire up the pit again.

## PRT/4H's

*April 8th*

## Second Youth "Intro to Sailing"

In Oct of 1993 we gathered on the beach in Palacios for the first "Intro" with approx 16 boats and 30 youth and adults. We had a great day on the bay and the event resulted in the first sailing class held in 1994 and several adults were trained as instructors.

So, on Saturday, April 8th at 10:00am we'll meet again with boats and skippers to offer rides on small sail boats and an introduction to sailing. Call Warren Pierce for more details 512-972-3066.

## MAN OVER-BOARD!

On March 18th the PYC had it's first Man-Over-Board Seminar and Drills. Bob Fellingham put on a first class program, discussing various methods for retrieving lost crew or other items which might slip over the side. Eleven (11) boats participated taking several runs at the Dummy (no Warren was not in the water). Warren was actually on *POOKIE* with Roberta timing each try at pick up. Our Dummy (MOB) constructed of two lifejackets strapped to water jugs created about 45 lbs. of dead weight to haul aboard. I heard from many participants that they learned alot and really feel we need to be more aware of what it takes to boat safely. Afterward the "Survivors" had a hamburger party at the PYC. The new managers of Serendipity put out picnic tables and fixed the grill up for us. Once the fire was going Bob worked over the patties, while everyone enjoyed the clear afternoon weather. I would like to see us have more club socials, especially with our new PYC location. If anyone has a date to get everyone together or an idea for a fun weekend of socials or cruising call Steve Wilburn 409-843-5182 to get it on the calendar.

## SEA EXPLORER'S Day Outing

On March 25th Rick Gangluff & Bob Allen took out a few of the Explorer's. The wind was really up and they might have thought better of it, as the waves washed over the bow as they left Tony's Marina. But our intrepid Rick had a plan, if he could keep them all from turning green and reach the lee shore all would be well. *As he made way, crew members began to fall over board. Our single-handing Hero began to preform perfect figure 8 retrieval maneuvers. Snatching each from the foam, first to port then to starboard. With everyone back on*

board, the Ancient Mariner attributed his skill to the wonderful training he received just the week before..... ?

**EXCUSE ME!, Lane?...** That temporary departure from reality was brought to you by a hallucination Lane and Rick had on the phone the other day.

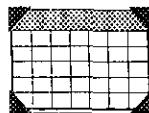
Actually Rick said they motor sailed under a reefed main to the lee shore and cruised under shelter of the shoreline from College Port to Oliver's Point and back several times. Later they doused the main and returned to port under the jib. Hope to see more of this group at some of the PYC & PRT events, maybe we can get the Explorer's racing the SeaMaster's some day???

## Club House News!

Commodore Ripke got our refrigerator cleaned up before the "Survivor's Party" and it was great to drop the food in and chill drinks. Thank you Roberta. Now how about that covered deck, we need some materials and some workers, ideas please? Also some aerial photos of Rockport and Port O'Connor were donated to decorate the walls of the PYC. The desk is filling up with various forms and info pertaining to the club. And we have a library of magazines to relax with when time or weather prohibit you from leaving the dock. If you are going to be in port during non-club weekends and want access to the club house call Lane Hollister, Roberta Ripke or Bob Fellingham to arrange for a key from the office of Serendipity.

## Serendipity News

Baxter Adams sent us his top guns, Vic & Genie Strickland arrived just after last news letter and have already had a big impact on the park. If you have not been down, go see, I think you'll be pleased with the direction things are heading. The Strickland's will be with us for about 90 days until they find a "permanent" manager and then they will be in and out each month to keep things on track. As for the PYC they set us up with some picnic tables and fixed up the grill for our last event. Thank you guys. They will also host an open house to the grand opening of the "Condo," for the boaters. Will keep you posted.



## PYC & PRT 1995

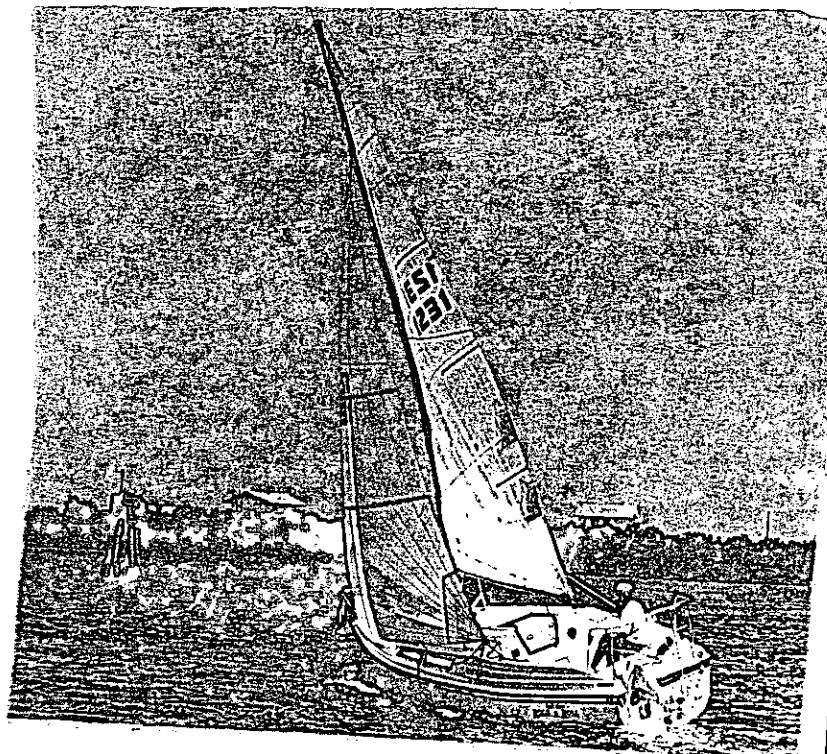
Enclosed with this news letter is another copy of the combined calendar for the PYC and PRT events this year. There may be some other cruising opportunities and we'll get in touch with members as they plans firm up. The "DOLPHIN RACES" are open to all "board-boats" and "day-sailors", though the ruling fleet is Dolphin SR's. Call Lane 245-1669 or Charles Smithey 512-573-7896 for more details, we'll start April 16th.

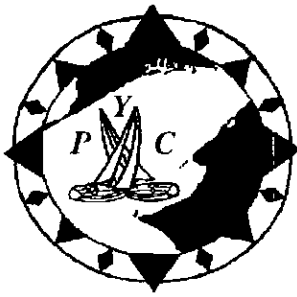
## The Rhumb Line - NEEDS YOU!

*I would like to include other member's ideas or thoughts, how about writing something for the newsletter. Also if you are taking photos at our events please get me a copy of your favorite pic's, these really dress up the Rhumb Line.*

## Photo of PYC member Roy Garrett, now living in Key Largo, FL.

This photo taken during a single handed regatta just offshore from his home. Roy has invited all of the PYC M26's and any others to come dock and cruise his waters someday. Carter Taylor has already been there, maybe he'll coordinate 26's in 96'





# Palacios Yacht Club & PRT 1995 Event Calendar

<b>January</b>	<b>21th</b>	<b>PYC Annual Planning Meeting</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>18th</b>	<b>PYC Member Program / C&amp;C About Sails</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>18th</b>	<b>PYC MOB Drills &amp; Survivor's Party</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>8th</b>	<b>PRT/4H - Youth Introduction to Sailing</b>
	<b>15th</b>	<b>PYC Club Races - Spring Series #1 &amp; #2</b>
	<b>16th</b>	<b>PYC - 1st Dolphin Races</b>
	<b>29th-30th</b>	<b>PRT / TMA Texas Catamaran Championship</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>6th</b>	<b>PRT / Kiwanis Charity Regatta</b>
	<b>20th</b>	<b>PYC Club Races - Spring Series #3 &amp; #4</b>
	<b>21st</b>	<b>PYC - 2nd Dolphin Races</b>
	<b>26th-29th</b>	<b>PRT / AMBR (Around Matagorda Bay "fun" Race)</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>PRT / Sailing Class (Tentative)</b>
	<b>17th</b>	<b>PYC Club Races - Spring Series #5 &amp; #6 (end)</b>
	<b>18th</b>	<b>PYC - 3rd Dolphin Races</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>1st-2nd</b>	<b>PRT / Independence Regatta (day sailer, open)</b>
	<b>15th</b>	<b>PYC "Family" Summer Social, day cruise &amp; picnic</b>
	<b>15th-16th</b>	<b>PRT / Hobie Fleet 8 &amp; 128 - Midsummer Classic</b>
	<b>29th-30th</b>	<b>PRT / Hobiecat "Sand Dunes" Regatta</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>10th</b>	<b>PRT / Sailing Class (Tentative)</b>
	<b>19th</b>	<b>PYC Club Races - Fall Series #1 &amp; #2</b>
	<b>20th</b>	<b>PYC - 4th Dolphin Races</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>2nd-3rd</b>	<b>PRT / Palacios Laborday Regatta (day sailer, open)</b>
	<b>9th-10th</b>	<b>PRT / TSA Texas Youth Circuit Regatta</b>
	<b>16th</b>	<b>PYC Club Races - Fall Series #3 &amp; #4</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>14th</b>	<b>PRT / SW Sunfish Regional Regatta</b>
	<b>21st</b>	<b>PYC Club Races - Fall Series #5 &amp; #6 (end)</b>
	<b>22nd</b>	<b>PYC - 5th Dolphin Races (end)</b>
	<b>28th-29th</b>	<b>PYC - Halloween Cruise to Port Lavaca, Nautical Landings</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>11th</b>	<b>PYC / PRT - End-of-Year Dinner &amp; Awards</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>9th</b>	<b>PYC / PRT - Lighted Boat Parade &amp; Christmas Party</b>