



Palacios Yacht Club Newsletter

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"The Rhumb Line"

Spring Race News

We got our characteristic *WINDY* start on Saturday, April 15th. The PYC is running a new course that is shorter than last year and we have revised the PHRF numbers to allow for closer competition. Approximately eight boats or more were at the harbor before the races, but the wind kept most at dock or on their trailer. At the start of the second race (five boats) were still battling the wind. Rick Gangluff in *Tropic Wind* was at the start line (first time for everything) causing a split in the M26 fleet. After the second race and after the handicap's were factored, Rick was a mere 5 minutes behind Bob Fellingham. Good showing Rick! During our two race series those participating get points based on their finishes (lowest points wins). If you do not show up, you get points equal to ((number of participants in series) + 1) for each race. If you show up but do not start you get ((number of starters) + 1). And if you start & do not finish, you get ((number of finishers) + 1). This way the more you show up and support the PYC the better your final score will be, as opposed to showing up to a few races. The standings after our first two races are:

1st & 2nd: (Tied) Jose Aliseda / MacGregor 26 and Jack Hollister / MacGregor 26

3rd: Bob Fellingham / Beneteau 210

4th: Charlie Young / MacGregor 26 (w/1 DNF)

5th: Rick Gangluff / Neptune 24

6th: Ed Wilkinson / MacGregor 26 (DNS, crew missing).

Come join us at our next races in May, this is the best place to learn and we are out for fun.

Besides, the more you learn about racing your boat, the better sailor/cruiser you'll become.

The 2nd Intro to Sailing

On April the 8th, the PRT, PYC and Co. 4H hosted it's second introduction to sailing for youth

and their parents. All of the small boats (15) and skippers that we can find are gathered at the "Rail Road Park" beach in Palacios once a year. And those who are interested can get a free ride (several rides - if you hang around long enough) According to Commodore Ripke there were 40 guests throughout the day, braving the windy conditions. One gentleman showed up with his Hobie-cat thinking we had a race. He stayed anyway and took out some of the "riders" the rest of the day. THANK YOU!

This event leads up to sailing classes sponsored by the PRT & Co. 4H. Two separate classes are scheduled for June & August. If you have any questions or would like to sign up, call Warren Pierce at 512-972-3066.

NOTICE OF RACE: May 20

Races #3 and #4 of the PYC Spring Series will have 1st start at 1:00pm. All PYC members will race in one PHRF fleet (keel & swing keel type boats) this year. If you were not at the April races you need to get a copy of "Sailing Instructions" and other paperwork handed out, also get registered in the computer (\$15 annual fee).

Notice of Event: May 26-29

2ND AROUND MATAGORDA BAY

RENDEZVOUS

Inviting all who would like to cruise around our bay system and enjoy great meals in three ports during the Memorial Day weekend. This year we will serve dinner in Palacios on Friday, May 26th. Then Saturday morning the 27th everyone will leave for Port Lavaca where the Nautical Landings & Port Lavaca Yacht Club will roll out the "red-carpeted" docks and serve dinner that evening. On Sunday 28th we

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head for Port O'Connor where dinner will be catered by the SPOT RESTAURANT (remember dinner on our Halloween cruise?). Monday the 29th is Your day you can return to your port, return to Palacios, head south, or how about a short run off shore and then return home?? This is a great time to sail and have fun more boats are planning to join us this year. See the enclosed flyer and get your registration in early so we can have plenty of food and shirts for all.

Easter Eggs nix the "BB" Races

The first "Dolphin" Races (our board-boat and day sailor fleet) was going to begin racing this month. Many reported to me, that they would be hunting eggs that day and since, they did not expect to find eggs in the bay they would not be down on Sunday. I hope no one found themselves on the beach alone. If you did we laid an egg, sorry! So we will begin again on May 21st, the races are planned to start at 3:00 see you on the beach an hour or so before. We need Race Committee volunteers for all of the PYC races, please let Bob Fellingham know if you can crew the RC boat - - all the time or part of the time. Call 512-972-6271.

"ROCK-N-ROLL"

THE SCOURGE OF KEY LARGO

Roy Garrett reports that he competed very successfully in THE ISLAND BANK REGATTA or TIF. Taking 1st in Fleet and 1st overall, beating out boats such as Morgan 34's, Nonsuch 30's, Catalina 27's and Oday 25's. Roy races his M26 with an all girl crew in the Upper Key Sailing Club events. Roy is also working on a mold for the "modified" 26 rudder (see Charlie Young's *Abracadabra*). He'll keep us posted on this & his other exploits with his MacGregor 26.

The PYC CREW/BOAT Search

The club will begin making notice of those persons looking for crew position for racing or cruising. Also if you have a boat and need extra hands aboard let us know. I have heard from both sides now and we just need to get everyone

together. To date the following have made their presence known;
Roger Mahon (Lightning, Int.-14, offshore/overnight experience) 512-552-2373wk 512-552-5344hm
John Ilse (Lightning & day sailing, 1 leg of the 94' AMBER) 512-522-4031 or 512-552-2422wk
If you are looking for a boat to crew OR a crew to boat, report your need and resume to Lane at 409-245-1669 or 245-4658.

PYC Clubhouse Deck!

Jack Hollister priced a deck that would extend from the front of the club house and off to the south side, for about 600 sq. ft. of deck. The approx price tag would be about \$1200 plus or minus some misc. materials and LABOR.

Commodore Roberta Ripke has posted a challenge by depositing a \$30 check with the PYC to go toward this deck. We are asking that our club members forward their matching check of \$30.00 to the PYC, 458 Commerce, Palacios, TX 77465. Two other entities have offered to come up with nails and some poles (ie. upper deck?) and funds if the club will raise the base figure. We would like to have the deck constructed and in use by July as several socials are planned for that month. Hurry, summer is almost upon us.

LANE

CALENDAR NOTICE: cancellation.

The May 6th KIWANIS CHARITY REGATTA, has be postponed till the fall or next year. Unfortunately the iD boats we were after, did not want to be iD that weekend. And then we had a conflict and appeared to be loosing the band. So, we will regroup and find some new racers and reschedule the band - then let you know. Sorry for the inconvenience, if any.

WINDWARD SEA VENTURE -

Charters, May 20th & 21st

WSV is planning to have one of their sailboats in Palacios during the next PYC races in May. They are offering 1.5 hour excursions six times per day for \$20 per person. If you are interested or want to send someone else out for a sail, call Genie @ Serendipity; 512-972-5454 to book passage.