

Commodore Serra has been out of town on business, and will be reporting in the next newsletter.

Valentine Parade

Wind Dancer II, piloted by skipper Bob Fellingham in the Palacios Feb. 10th parade. This is the second year the PYC has been represented. Thank you again Bob.

Feb. PYC Meeting

Our program speaker was not able to make the meeting last month. Steve Bowden called to cancel, as his company SeaTech was demanding his attendance at the Miami Boat Show. He had a back-up speaker, but that employee was crewing a shake down cruise to Cancun. If any of our cruisers are interested in this program, Steve said he could reschedule for some time later this year. Please call Lane with your vote.

Deck Project needs Foreman

We need someone to head up the deck project. Contact Warren or Roberta to help us get started.

PYC "Up-Coming" Event Calendar

- 3/3/96 Sunday, Officers & Board to adopt an incorporation plan and select insurance plan. These items will then be brought to the membership for acceptance on 3/16/96.
- 3/16/96 Saturday, 9:00am Membership meeting regarding PYC Inc. Then at 10:00am Bob Fellingham will hold a 1-hr MOB program. At 1:00pm we will meet on the bay to practice Man Over Board drills.
- 3/17/96 Sunday, 1st get together for the little boats, we'll meet at 1:00pm, see details inside.
- 3/30/96 PRT's Hobie Mid-Spring Classic, RC volunteers need to call Warren at 800-457-2403.
- 4/20-21/96 Next PYC weekend!
- 4/27/96 PRT's Texas Catamaran Championships - PARTY PARTY, Party, par-ty!...
- 5/24-27/96 3RD ANNUAL A.M.B.R.-AROUND MATAGORDA BAY RENDEZVOUS, GET READY!



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3/16/96

Don't forget your dues!

March 16th - Man Over Board!

As the boating season begins for our club, we will kick off the 1st sailing weekend with a discussion of MOB procedures. (Presented by **Bob Fellingham**) This 1hr program will begin at 10:00am at Serendipity. And at 1:00pm we'll meet on the water for practical drills. Bob said, "if you do not make the meeting, you'll need to check-in with committee boat for your order of participation assignment." On the water you will be able to make a try at picking up a "MOB" (life-jacket with approx. 40lbs of water jugs.) Obviously most persons over-board weigh much more than that, but our drill gives you two things. One, you will have to sail past, then return to the "dummy" (not as easy as it sounds). The other is that you will have to come to a stop in order to grab the "dummy" and haul it from the water. (don't let it pull you into the water by going fast!)

Breakfast? Genie Strickland is planning an 8:30am Breakfast for everyone in the park. It will cost \$3.00 per-person. She must know, by 3/14/96, if any of you will be in early and eating with them. Call 512-972-5454. If the membership desires more meals in Serendipity on PYC weekends let Genie know, and a schedule will be set.

Also, **Paul Serra** will present the "PYC INC." plan and Ins. for a vote at **9:00am** that same morning. All members are urged to attend along with the Officers and Board.

Dues Extension till 3/17/96

Since I did not get the newsletter out Feb. and the meeting was canceled you have one more month to pay up! After the March meeting we will order T-shirts & Caps that have been paid for. Also ID's will be laminated. Then everything will be distributed at the April PYC weekend. Check your envelope this month, if we do not show current dues for you there will be a PYC app. enclosed.

Dolphin Fleet - Racing Begins

On Sunday, March 17th the first "small boat" races for 1996 will begin. As most of our fleet are Dolphin SR's, V-Comm. Charles Smithey wants to get right to racing. And I know you'll want to take advantage of every race date in preparation for the NATIONALS held in Palacios June 22nd-23rd. At this time you have five dates to "tune-up" your Dolphin SR. These include 3/17, 4/21, 5/4, 5/19 & 6/16. (approximately 17 races).

The PYC Dolphin Fleet is open to all "day sailors" so get your boat out and join us for some Sunday afternoon fun. We'll meet for a short skipper's meeting at 12:30pm and try to get the first started at 1:00pm. At first the RC will start us from the jetties at RR-Park. See you at the beach.

15th Century Sailing

After six weekends of studying terms and learning parts, I have a greater respect for those who came before us, both in 1492 and in 1992. Life must have been really bad on shore in Columbus' day, for the crew to choose life on deck. And those guys from Spain who brought the replicas over, they must have been stout of heart. As for us our adventure is just beginning. David, Willie and Myself did get to sail on the *Nina*, Feb. 10th, for a few hours. Now the class is over we are able to volunteer for any of the regular day sails they book monthly. Also the Columbus Fleet Association is planning to have the three vessels in New York for the Tall Ship Rendezvous year 2000. Certified crew members have a chance at some or all of that trip. Also this summer there will be an overnight voyage into the Gulf. We do have word that Willie Younger, Warren Pierce, Roberta Ripke, David Fant and Lane Hollister have passed the final testing in Corpus last weekend. The five of us are now trying to figure out a way to have a square rigger stationed in Palacios. Stay tuned.

Boats for (sail) SALE:

Allen McClendon, a long time member of all of the sailing organizations in Palacios announced his retirement from boat ownership. *Mon Cher*, a 1977 Kells 28' is on the market for \$8,000.00 Call Allen at 409-245-1879 for details. Also, you can see the boat at Serendipity, center pier, about 4-slips out on the left.

Jack Hollister's MacGregor 26 is for sale: great boat, lots of gear, 1993, 92' Mariner 8hp. \$9500 We are looking to move into the new MacGregor model, so if your looking for a fast, safe, trailerable, and fun boat. Call us for details, (Lane/Jack) 409-245-1669 days / 409-245-4658 evenings.