



PYC CALENDAR - UP COMING EVENTS!

- 8/6/96 3rd Start Sailing Right course starts. For Info: call Warren Pierce @ 1-800-457-2403
- 8/12/96 **Instructor's Training Class** - a US Sailing course, this certification will increase the quality and prestige of the classes offered by the PRT.
- 8/17/96 **PYC Club Weekend**, Saturday at 10:00am PYC "business" meeting, 11:00am Skipper's meeting and 1:00pm start of small boat races (Dolphin Fleet consists of any open day-sailor). Currently we have the following types of boats have been to Palacios; Sunfish, Dolphin SR, Zuma, Pirateer, Vagabond 14, Lone Star 16, Force 5, Panther, O'Day 16. If you are in the PORTSMOUTH handicap book you are welcome to compete with us. If racing is not your idea of fun - at least come out and enjoy the bay with us. After the races (Approx. 4:30) we will gather at the PYC in Serendipity and fire up the grill. Bring your favorite meat to grill and other fixings for a great afternoon at the Yacht Club.
- 8/31/96 **Palacios Laborday Regatta** this is our biggest and best event of the year. Classes include Sunfish, Dolphin SR, 470's, 505's and Laser. If your not racing come work race committee, you won't want to miss this weekend. Also the next weekend is the Tx YOUTH Circuit Regatta - plan to spend two weekends in Palacios.



The Rhumb Line

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NOTICE: PYC Meets the 3rd Saturday of each Month!

The officers and members will meet at 10:00am to club business. At **11:00am** the RC will be available for a "Skipper's Meeting" and the Races for the day will start around **1:00pm**. Each race week all interested members and guest are invited to the PYC club house for a "Bring your own BBQ". The pit will be fired up to grill what ever your bring - don't forget your drinks and other fix-uns. Next PYC Weekend will be Arr-gust 17th!

Trident follows the North Star

On July the 3rd, Jack and I met my Brother-in-law in the Rio Grande Valley for a Lower Laguna Madre YC trip. We were taking his Corsair F-27 from Port Isabel to Corpus Christi, offshore. Upon arriving on South Padre Island, 5:00pm at the (burned down) Sea Ranch Marina, we learned that the rest of the fleet (3) had left around 3:00pm. Oh-well, the wind is up and we have a fast boat. We rigged up and got some supper on the island, then cast off about 7:00pm. Around 9:00pm the stars started to show and the glow of South Padre Island hotels, astern, was brighter than I would have thought (They have alot of big hotels down there). Using the stars to steer by, in between GPS/Compass checks, it finally dawned on me that the star we were using was the North Star. Around 10:30 the moon appeared on the horizon to starboard. It was very striking, being about 3/4 full and with an orange tint. About an hour later, while at the helm, a falling star passed over head and broke up astern before it hit the gulf waters, probably some were off the Mexican Coast. The hulls were hissing along at 8.5 to 9 knots, but closer to mid-night the wind began to drop off. Our planned 15 hour "quick-trip" turned into a 23 hour voyage. We motored for 60 miles in a nearly glassy Gulf of Mexico. There were a few platforms, porpoise and jelly fish, in the clear deep blue water, to break up the monotony. I plotted our position (GPS) on the chart to assure the crew that we were headed the right direction and that we were indeed getting closer as the hours crawled by. About the time we reached the upper part of Padre Island the winds began to return. We were motor sailing the last 5 miles to Port Aransas and the water was turning green as we neared the coast. Upon entering the jetties we had the wind off the port stern so we doused the iron jenny and enjoyed a downwind through the Corpus Christi Channel. Upon reaching Corpus Christi Bay, Mark put on some Jimmy Buffett and we had a speedy broad reach to the T-heads. As we entered the harbor, there was a large crowd on Shoreline Blvd. watching a 4th of July parade. After docking and checking in with the marina office, we got cleaned up then grabbed supper and returned to the boat. The fireworks display, just beginning, was choreographed to music played by a band on the Lexington. Marked tuned it in on the Trident's stereo and we settled back for a great show. The rest of the weekend we went to the C.C. Museum, sailed the bay, and ate. If you go to Corpus Christi - don't miss the ice cream at Che Bello - (next to the Executive Surf Club).

July 20th Races

What a great Saturday. We had about 11 boats out on the water, with 8 of them racing. We had three races two F courses and then a D course. During the races several others kept hailing me, "did you see the shark". Of course I thought this was some kind of ploy to distract me from the race. I just smiled and waved at them and got back to concentrating on the race. Later I found out we did have a small shark cruising the race area. By the second race a couple of porpoise had moved into the area and the shark disappeared. Dolphin SR's sailing with dolphins, when your not racing try to get them to play with you. I have had my boat up to speed, and had two dolphins pacing me. It is quite different than seeing them from a large boat. We have two new members, **Charlie Jones & Laura Griffith** - Charlie is racing a Chrysler Dagger and Laura is racing (and winning) a Sunfish. Welcome to the PYC. After the races the pit was fired up and we grilled some hamburgers, hot-dogs and sausage. Warren needs to watch out for those spicy sausages with their exploding juice. Or, was your shirt supposed to look like that? Best of all, our resident artist **Craig Hlavinka** finished his project at the yacht club. We now have a 6'x7' version of the PYC logo on the channel side of the building. A stained wooden plaque with the logo routed into it on our door and the code flags PYC painted on the road side. Great job Craig, it is more than I expected the place looks really great. Now we need to dress up the inside and get that deck completed. John benson offered a plan for the deck, he built one on the back of his home with a compass rose embedded in it. See you at the races next month, with current standings.

4H SeaMasters on the Nina

Willie Younger and Roberta Ripke coordinated the first 15th Century sail training class for the area SeaMasters. 15 youth and 3 adults went to Corpus Christi for two days of training with a hands on day sail on the 3rd day. Class instructors were very impressed with the kids behavior and willingness to learn & work. Thirty of us went out on the Nina, with only two days of instruction I thought the class did excellent. We also had a dignitary on board, the honorable Loy Sneary was a guest of Willie Younger, and for 0 days of instruction Loy was right in there with us and followed the mast captains orders with out fail. How old are you Loy, did you know Columbus, Magellan, Drake or any of those guys...? The students will return in Sept. for their final class and test to receive full certification. Don't forget we need all the sailors we can train to sail the ships to New York in 2000.

PYC News:

* The Talbert's anchored *Ms Ruby* off the pier at the Palacios (initially a little to close) and reported they enjoyed the 4th fireworks display. Also they had several days of good sailing, that week. The next weekend they went to the "coffer dam" and saw a crane and a steel wall.

* -The "small boat" skippers joined the 4H group on the beach in Palacios two Sundays this month, this was part of the Sea Safari camp put on by Willie Younger. After an intro to sailing they retired to the Pavilion Pier and had a shrimp dinner.

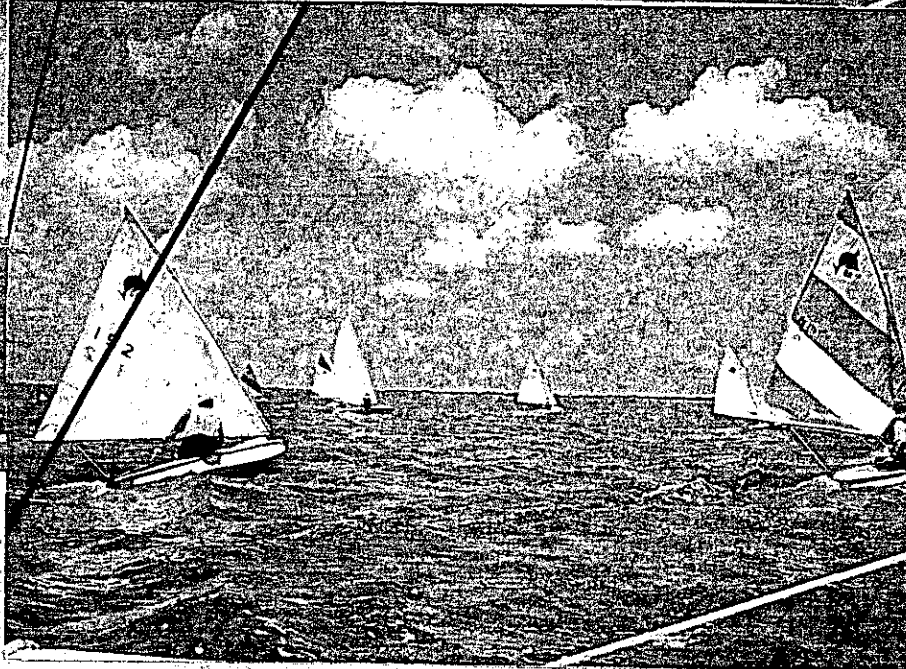
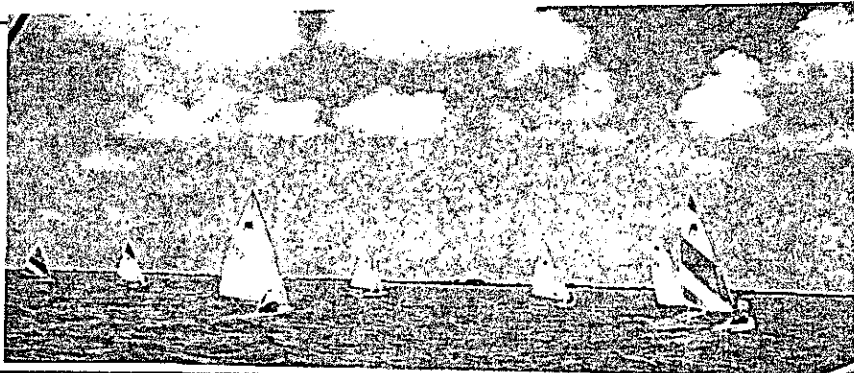
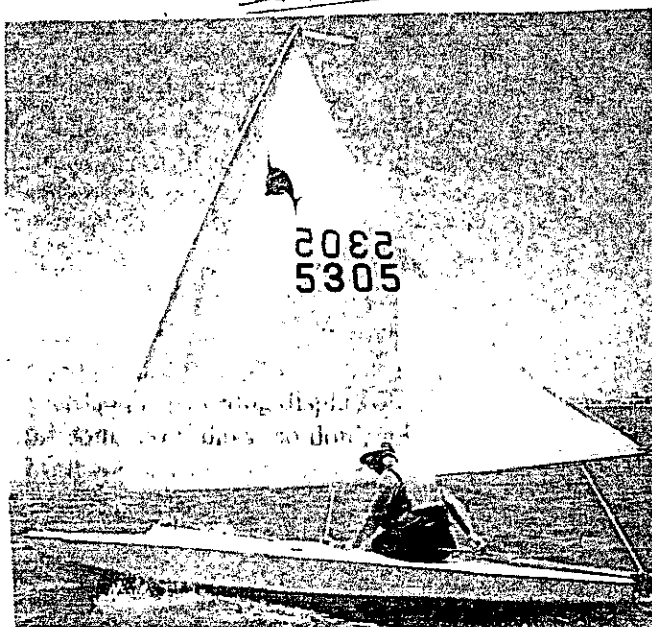
* -We still need a foreman for the deck project. Any volunteers? We have plenty of tools and workers but no Chief.

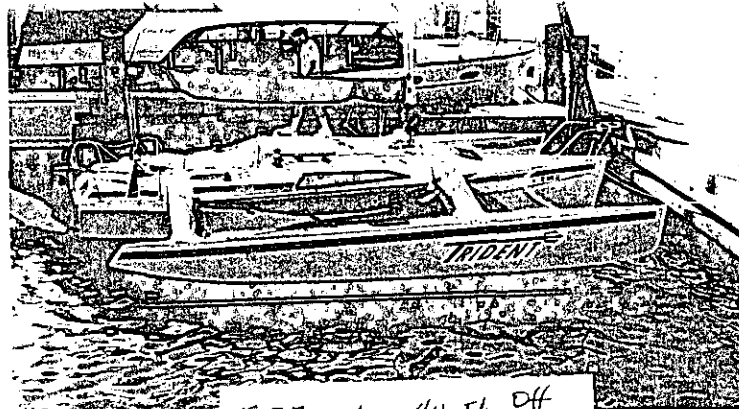
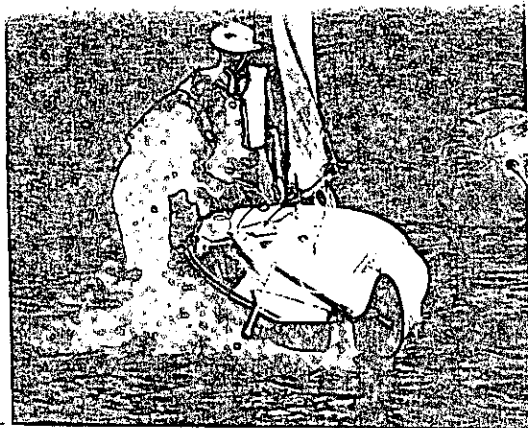
* - It was also reported that the "coffer dam" at the LaSalle Shipwreck site is very near completion and the they expect to begin work on August 12th.

* - Also the traveling display of the LaSalle cannon and other items, will be in Bay City at the Museum Sept 1st. It will be there for some 20+ days, so don't miss it.

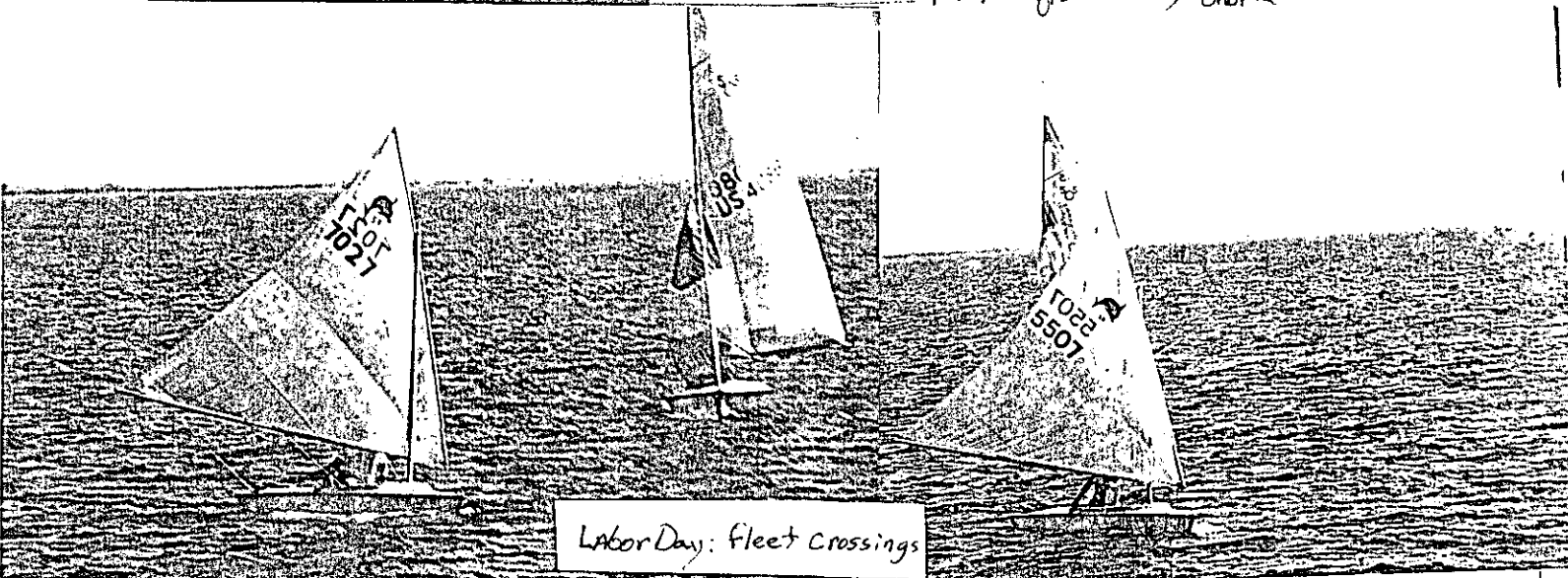
FOR SALE: Dolphin SR, trailer, "tequila sunrise" sail. Call Allen Olinger 409-297-4362.

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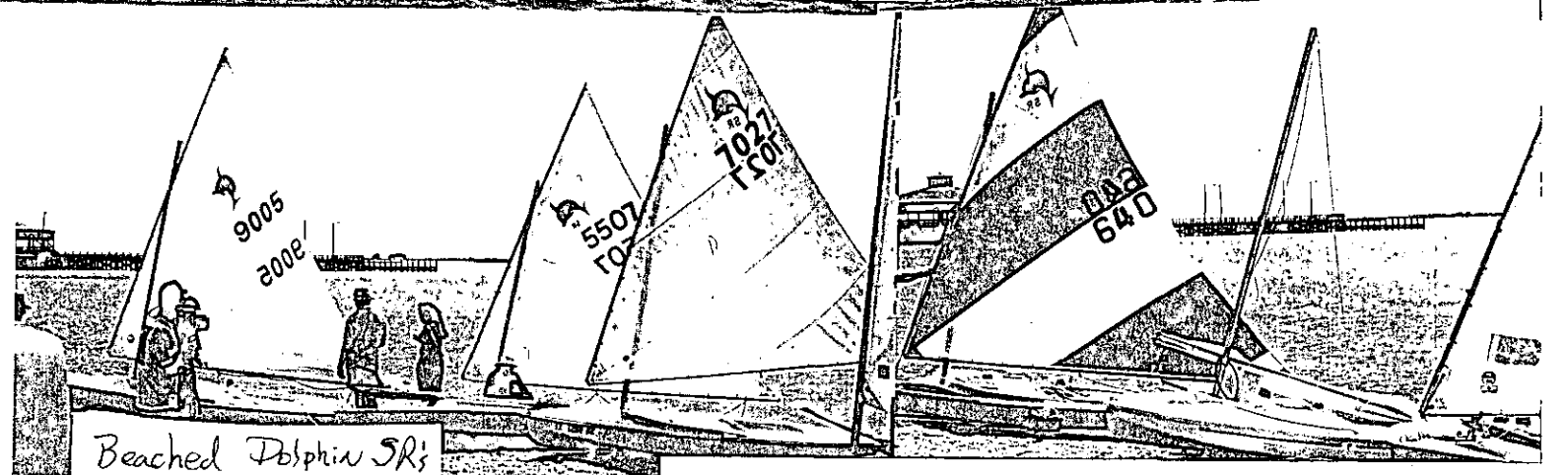




F-27 after 4th July Off Shore

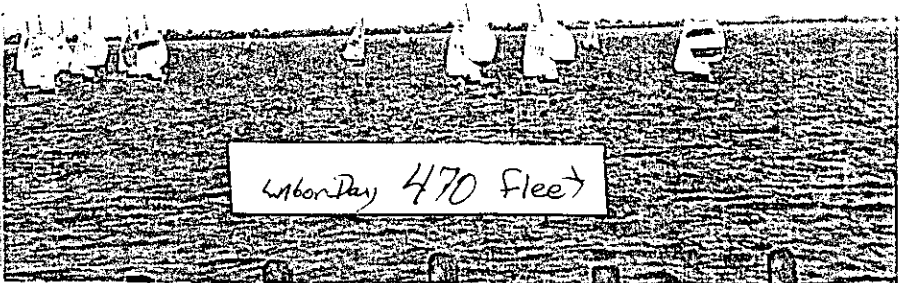
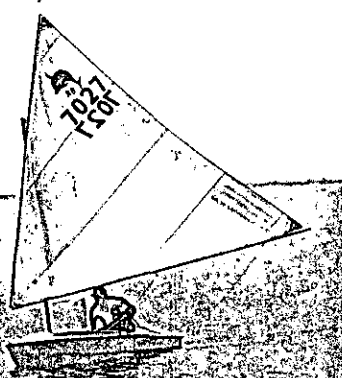


Labor Day: Fleet Crossings



Beached Dolphin SR's

Charles Looking for wind.



Labor Day 470 Fleet