

From: Paul
Ahoy there.....

At our last PYC meeting the club members discussed the Club's future direction, up coming events as well as the 1997 Officers and Board "volunteer/selections". Lane has included the details within this news letter. I encourage each of you to step forward and volunteer your experience to make the PYC a *World Class Sailing Club* New blood and ideas are always welcome!

A hearty congratulations to all of the members that successfully completed the US SAILING INSTRUCTORS CLASS, truly a job well done!
Comm. Serra

* **Don't forget:** the next races planned will be a trip to *Coon Island* (#1 race there) we will beach and have a picnic and explore that area of our bay. Then we will race back to the beach (#2 race back). Followed by the afternoon BBQ. Bring your favorite boat, drink and snack, sun block, shoes and what ever.

PYC CALENDAR - UP COMING EVENTS!

- 8/31/96 **Palacios Laborday Regatta:** Aug. 31st -- Sept. 1, (Bay Fest is back!) Don't miss our best open event of the year. 6th Annual. We need help with Race Committee.

- 9/14/96 **TSA/PRT: Tx Youth Circuit Regatta - "The Cannon Ball Run"** All hands report for race committee duty. We have about 50 kids, 100's of people, 8 classes and 2 race courses. This is a fun regatta to work and the skippers are really great. Call Warren at 800-457-2403 if you are interested in helping.

- 9/21/96 **PYC Club Weekend,** Saturday at 10:00am PYC "business" meeting, 11:00am Skipper's meeting and 1:00pm start of small boat races. If you are in the PORTSMOUTH handicap book you are welcome to compete with us. If racing is not your idea of fun, we would welcome your help on the Race Committee, or at least come out and enjoy the bay with us. After the races (Approx. 5:00) 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.

- Oct. 26th PYC's Halloween Cruise to Port Lavaca. Lets hope for balmy breezes this time.



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LAST NOTICE: Don't forget!; PYC meets & races; (3rd Saturday of each mo.)

The club will meet at 10:00am for business. At 11:00am a "Skipper's Meeting" & Races for the day will start around 1:00pm. At around 5:00pm we'll fire up the grill, "bring your own meat, drinks and other fix-uns. Next PYC Weekend SEP. 21ST!

PYC News:

* - **Charlie Jones & Laura Griffith** have volunteered to begin planning the deck project. We are looking forward to their report and ready to get started. Thank you for jumping in. (last report we are looking at a 10x20 deck)

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

* - **Halloween Cruise;** Plans are beginning for our annual fall cruise to Port Lavaca. Oct. 26th & 27th. Presently dinner plans are to set up a "buffet" at HARVEY'S, the restaurant next to Nautical Landings. Hopefully this year we won't break any speed records.

PYC Race Standings

Saturday's 3 races (8/17/96) gives the race fleet a total of eight races for the year. We had another great turn out as ten boats made the start line. Winds were out of the south west and winds about 10 knots, much lighter than we had gotten used to this year. There was close competition in each race with seconds separating finishers. At the end of eight races, the Dolphin Fleet standings are: 1st Lane Hollister (Dolphin SR) 26.75, 2nd Jack Hollister (Dolphin SR) 29.75, 3rd Charles Smithey (Dolphin SR) 34.50, 4th Laura Griffith (Sunfish) 34.75, 5th Ed Decoux (Dolphin SR) 39.

97 Officers of PYC

It is that time of year again. Plans for 1997 are gearing up and the first thing we need is a slate of officers to carry us through the next year. There are many things in the works for our future and I submit the following list (discussed at the August PYC meeting) for your approval. Also if you would like to volunteer yourself or an other please call-in or write-in those nominations.

ELECTED OFFICER 97:: Commodore: **Warren Pierce**; Vice-Comm (Racers): **Charlie Jones**; Vice-Comm (Cruisers): **John Connor**; Treasurer: **Roberta Ripke**; Rear-Comm (Secretary): **Lane Hollister**; Race Captain: **Ed Decoux**.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS 97:: **Paul Serra, Craig Hlavinka, Wayne Talbert, Bob Fellingham, Charles Smithey**

US Sailing Instructors Class

Six of our local sailors participated in a sailing instructors certification course in the middle of August. Most of them also taught 3 youth sailing classes prior to this. They sounded like a tired bunch at the end of the four day class. This class brings a new level of professionalism to the instructors who work the classes in the Palacios area. Those present included; Warren Pierce, Roberta Ripke, Craig Hlavinka, Bob Fellingham, Ed Decoux and Nancy Webb (4H). Congratulations guys!

Labor Day Regatta 96

Too much wind and too few mosquitoes, no that's not right. What was it, no wind and a billion mosquitoes. Thanks to a sudden relief in our drought, the miniature vampires of the gulf coast were out in such numbers that the local fogger could not keep them down. Saturday after lunch skippers launched the boats in order to get some relief from the bugs. We had 31 boats registered and 26 eventually raced. Out on the bay the skippers and race committee studied the clouds hoping they would not bring rain to the shore. Unfortunately it did rain a downpour and several twisters were spawned causing everyone to run for the beach. The twisters never touched down and the clouds broke and we left the beach again. The Race Committee made a valiant try, but by 3:00pm it was apparent that there would be no apparent wind and the fleet was sent to the beach. We had a catfish and potatoes supper and the participants adjourned to the Pavilion Pier where the PRT had arranged for a dance that evening. Sunday the Race Committee set a course for an 11:00am start. When the races got started the winds were light and a current out of the *Tres Palacios River* would effect the racers the rest of the day. The Portsmouth and Sunfish got two races in but the Dolphin SR class had their 2nd race abandoned due to the lack of wind and the current which was carrying most of the class out beyond the leeward mark. The chase boats and a Sheriff's boat had to retrieve them and tow everyone in. Awards were handed out at the park and thank you's for the various person's in charge. Mike Nelson, of the Bay Shore Sailing Club, wanted to know who was in charge of providing mosquitoes. I don't think he wanted to thank them for the ample supply. The Dolphin class elected to continue racing and Warren and Roberta went out to set a course (cont. below)

Dolphin SR Nationals 96'

After Labor Day Awards, the Dolphin's hit the beach to finish the NDSCA Nationals. As the winds came up the RC set a D course and the races were on. We had the best sailing all weekend that afternoon. Rich Parma won the A fleet with Pam Smithey close behind. Lane Hollister won the B fleet, so he'll have to move up with the sharks next year. New comer Bill Gillian took C fleet with perseverance and stick-to-it participation. See you next year, (Conroe?).