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"The Rhumb Line"

FALL on the Tres Palacios

The best sailing in our area is at hand!

PYC Club Races

What a great day for sailing! The September races consisted of three windward/leeward, running from a mark off the Rail Road Park jetty to a mark east of the Pavilion Pier. Craig (Grandpa) and Merlyn ran RC from the rocks. I got down there late and had to watch the races, but I did get some good pictures (see elsewhere). The B-Fleet turned out in force and fought for the lead of their class. Hoping for good weather in October.

Current Standings after ten races:
A FLEET; 1st Pam Smithey (23.25), 2nd Laura Griffith (23.75), 3rd Ed DeCoux (28.43), 4th Charles Smithey (34.75), 5th Charlie Jones (41)
B FLEET; 1st Bob Fellingham (30.75), 2nd Warren Pierce (35.75), 3rd Craig Hlavinka (40.01), 5th TIE MK Beard & David ? (49.5) each.

Up Coming Events!

1. October 18th - the last of the club races for 1997. (Saturday start at 1:00pm)
2. October 25th and 26th the PYC Halloween Cruise to Port Lavaca
Come help us celebrate the "Discovery Birthday" of Mort Robert or (dead Bob), our local skeletal celebrity from the LaBelle shipwreck. Who knows, you might spot him riding on one of the other boats.
3. Annual Awards Dinner at Serendipity REC-Hall. November 15th. 6:30pm. Great food and awards, our best evening.
4. Annual PYC Christmas party 12:00 noon on December 20th. Bring your favorite finger food or desert or treat and beverage. After lunch if weather is good we usually go sailing.

NEW OFFICERS BALLOT

Here is the final call. We need new officers. We will also be revising the By-Laws of the PYC. It is time for a change, to enhance our club. With all the new members and prospects of more, I feel we have out grown the original set-up. Mr. Craig Brooks recently brought to my attention several points (deficiency) about our club (see part of response letter next page). Lets get together and build the "new" PYC for 98'.

Ballot: PYC Officers w/ brief duty list

* COMMODORE: Chairs all meetings, votes only to break ties, appoint committees, develop annual program (calendar), etc.

* VICE COMMODORE: Preside in absence of Comm., maintain historical and race records of the club, etc.

TREASURER: collect dues, fees monies and bills, pay bills, maintain financial records an reports as needed, maintain roster of dues status, manage sales of PYC goods, etc. ROBERTA RIPKE

* SECRETARY: record minutes of meetings, is custodian of club documents, prepare a newsletter, maintain current roll of members, assist generating correspondence of the club, etc.

CLUB TRUSTEE: (Serendipity) owners of property, makers of facility policy, may suspend privileges, not eligible for elected office. Rep. Linda Robinson

* BOARD of GOV's: represents the general membership in club affairs, works with officers in deciding and implementing club business. (5) _____

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★ Committee's needing a Chairman
#1. Race Committee (captain) #2. Social Committee (Cruises + Dinners)

HALLOWEEN CRUISE

Here we go again, the 2nd best participant activity on the PYC calendar. Well except for last year when we had one member vessel and six guest boats. The weather is going to be great (YES?) and we are going to have a good sail to Port Lavaca. The "GUESTS" are already calling in and planning to be there, several members have indicated they are going, so don't miss the last PYC cruise of 1997. We will leave around 9:00 am on Saturday, October the 25th. There are two restaurants to choose from next to the NAUTICAL LANDINGS MARINA for dinner that evening and then Sunday we will get out early for the return trip. If you have any questions call Lane at 512-972-1098.

Mort Robert Day!

Still working on this idea. Looks like our October weekends are taken up. And November will have to many north winds to plan a down wind course back to Palacios. But don't give up, work on your "square rig design". We can get together and have some sea-trials. For those of you just getting in on this conversation; the idea was to setup a unique event to remember the "re-discovery" of our skeletal celebrity Dead-Bob (on Halloween 1996). This event will consist of the racing of board-boats that have been retro fitted with square sails. More later but, it looks like this could be a lot of fun and very inexpensive to get into. (one old hull, some closet rods and a bed sheet?) Who knows this might be the start of a 15th-17th Century Maritime Festival?

Serendipity News by Linda

SORRY LINDA WAS OUT OF TOWN, We'll get caught up next month.

Response Letter to Craig Brooks

Dear Mr. Brooks,

Your situation has hit on three key problems within the PYC now; (1.) our newsletter has not been published since June 97 (till the recent Sep. issue). It is our main form of communication with members and is the key to keeping the club active and going.

(2.) Membership Support - non-existent, we should have a new members package and all the information you mentioned available when you join the club. And a chain of operation, where by shirts, hats

and other material are delivered to the new member. — or even a prospect package. (3.) Last and the most important we need a restructuring of the "by-laws" and a rebuilding of the club.

Here is a brief history of the PYC. Prior to 1991 there existed the PAOS (Palacios Association of Sailors), mainly a cruising group that came and went from the area and raced in Matagorda Bay two to three times a year. In 1991 the racers out numbered the cruisers and the cruisers had left the area and it's organizer (burned out), turned everything over to the racers. I was the instigator and the racers were my board. Unless they disagreed with what I wanted to do, I basically ran the club as a dictator from 91-93. In 1994, the dictator felt that a new leader (front person) was needed and we changed titles & it has continued this way for 94, 95, 96.

Each year a ballot was put out for nominations (none came in), a slate was posted (no complaints or votes) thus the officers and board were adopted each year by default. In June of 1997 the current commodore had some major changes in his life and thus began the great missing newsletter caper and breakdown in PYC operations.

At this time I feel very strongly that "my club" needs to move officially beyond the dictator mode (the dictator burned out in 1994) and operate like a real boating club. I have been reviewing other club "by-laws" and operations and I am trying to put together something that reflects our current status and will allow for a more professional operation in the future. Even so, this will not work without the new members taking up the banner and carrying this forward.

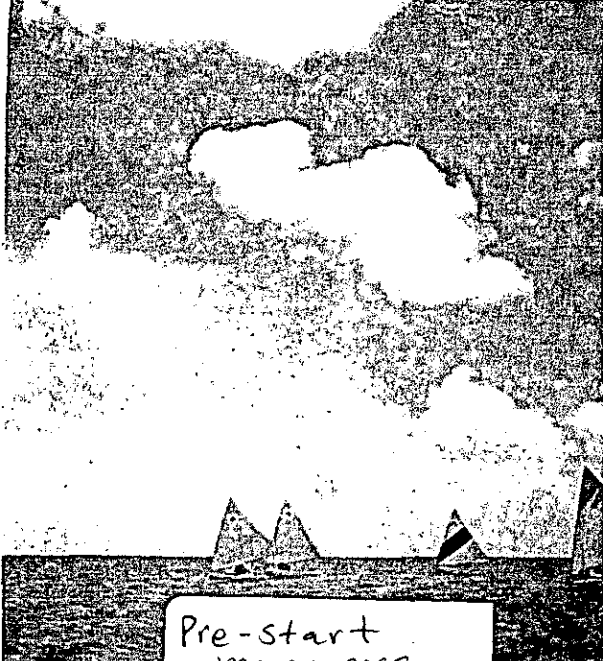
I hope all will join us in this rebuild, and there are many new members that should be involved. Remember out of the 50 plus members only five live in Palacios, so we have to find a way to work around this. We usually meet once a month on the 3rd Saturday (before and or after the races). I request all attend, as we desperately need everyone's input.

Sincerely,

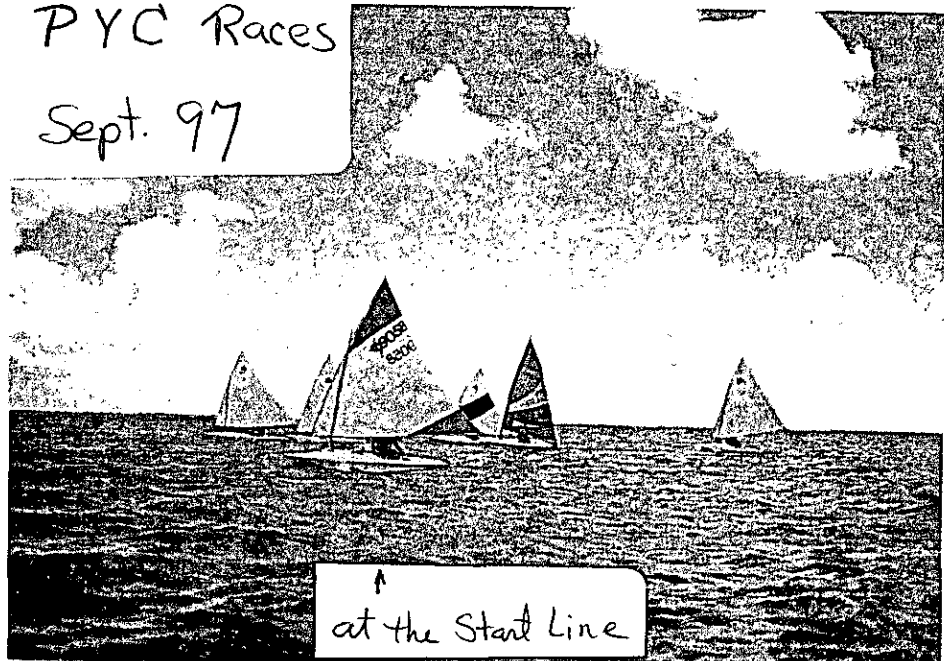
Lane Hollister

PYC Races

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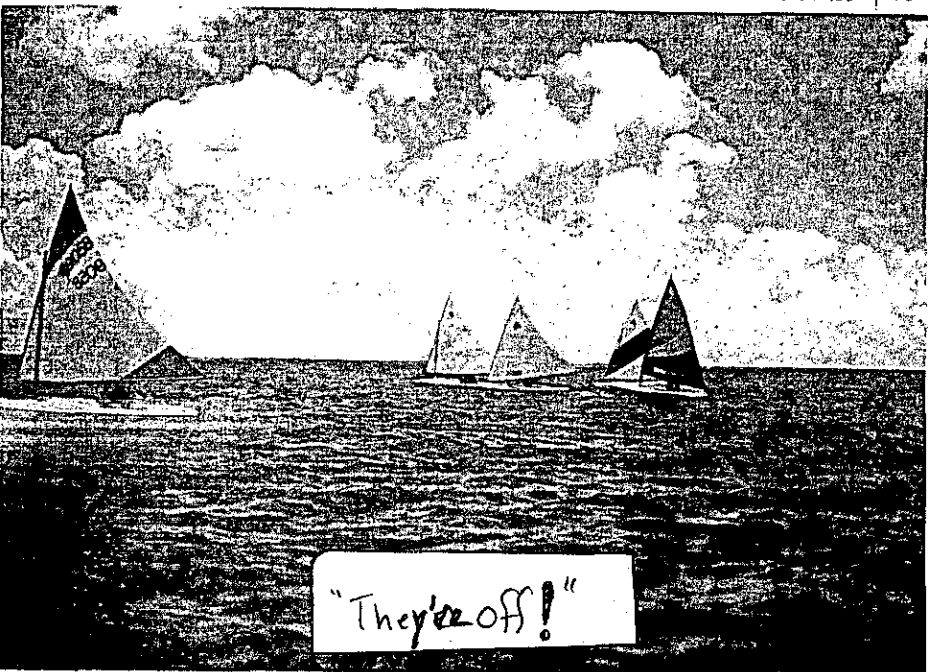


Pre-start maneuvers

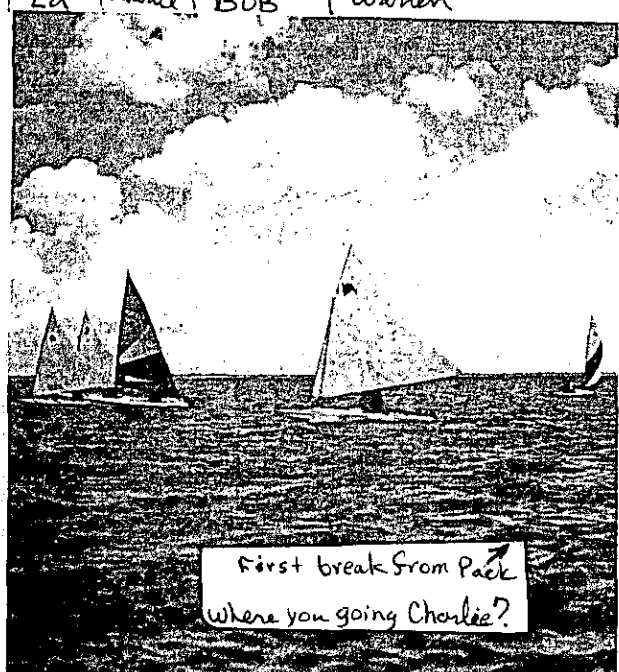


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at the Start Line

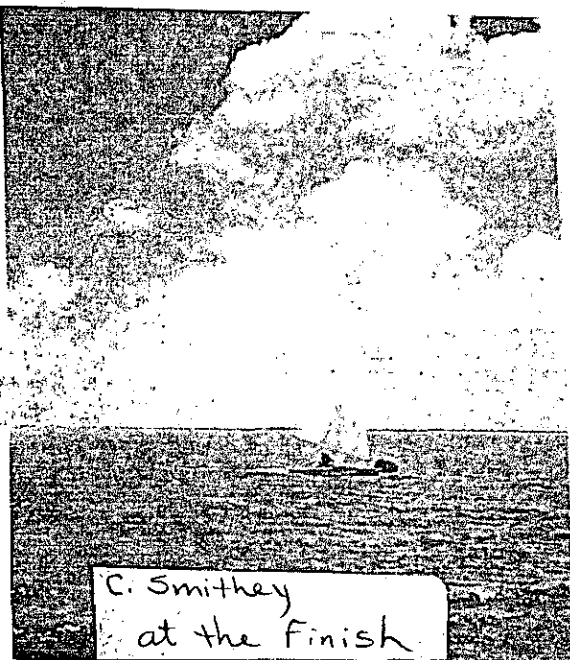
Charles | Laura | Ed | Charlie | BOB | Warren



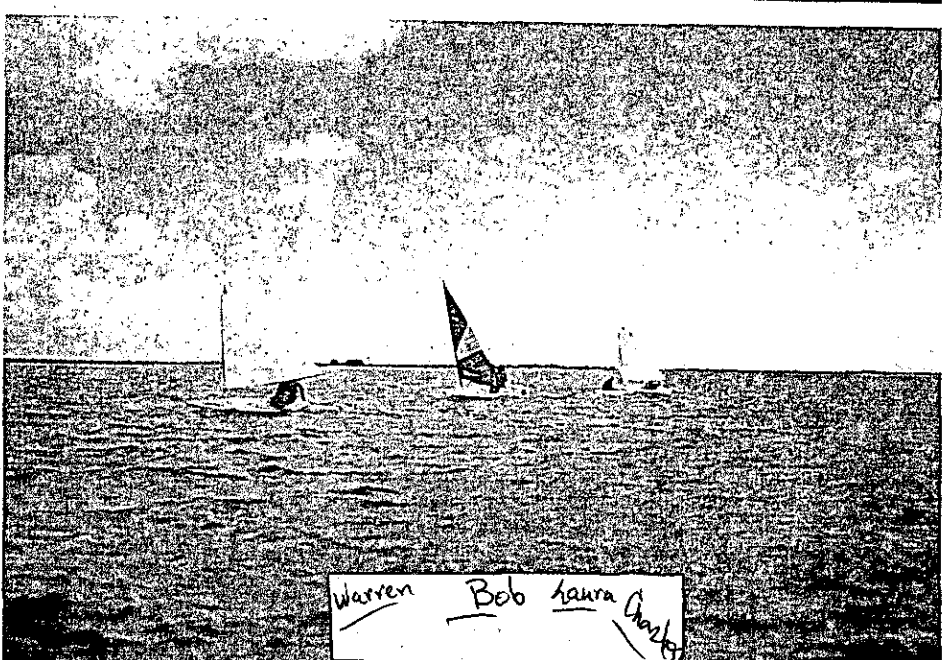
"They're off!"



First break from pack
where you going Charlie?



C. Smithey
at the Finish



Warren | Bob | Laura | Charlie