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AWARD'S Dinner
Nov. 15th
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"The Rhumb Line"

PYC Club Races

Another great weekend for racing! After all the Saturdays we lost to weather it was good to end the race season on two good days. The October races consisted of two double windward/leeward, running from a mark off the Rail Road Park jetty to a windward pin out in Tres Palacios Bay. Craig (after surgery) and Joe Fitzgerald ran RC from the rocks. After two races Craig's back and Joe's schedule dictated they get off the granite "RC-boat", thus ended the 97 race season. We got in twelve races and since throw outs would not affect the placing, I am posting the scores for all 12 races. Next race is in the 98 season on March 1st, see you there, A-Fleet.

Final Standings PYC 1997 races:

- A FLEET: 1st Pam Smithey (24.75),
2nd Laura Griffith (27.75),
3rd Ed DeCoux (36.91).
- B FLEET: 1st Bob Fellingham (32.25),
2nd Craig Hlavinka (45.35),
3rd Warren Pierce (47.75)

Up Coming Events!

1. Annual Awards Dinner at Serendipity REC-Hall. November 15th. 6:30pm. Great food and awards, our best evening.
2. 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. *Appointing Officers*

NEW OFFICERS BALLOT

Ok, I have heard from a few members willing to help, but it is still the same old bunch and the club really needs more members involved. Have you ever said, "I wish the PYC would....?" If you have even thought it, we need to hear from you. We

also need to have a special re-structure meeting to set up guidelines a plans consistent with the present membership needs and desires. Here is the Ballot again with only one name added. There should be more names and we should be able to have a vote. You will not be alone in any of these positions, as those of us who have been there will be more than happy to help.

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) Lane Hollister,

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Harvest Moon Regatta & PYC

Finally after 4 years I landed a spot on a boat entered in this 150 mile race/cruise. Rick Harrison invited Lane and Jack to join his crew, after meeting at the LaBelle cup races. As time drew near plans were made, menus set and beverages loaded. The weather was setting up for a perfect weekend. Craig drove us to Galveston Friday morning to meet the crew of *Lionheart*. We cast off at 9:30am headed for the start line off the Flagship Hotel pier. The channel swells were pretty steep but *Lionheart* had no problem punching through. Once beyond the jetties we turned down wind and began preparations for the start. Two Hundred Twenty Four boats, YES! 224 sail boats plus one mark boat three helicopters and two planes and a crowd on the pier. It was an awesome sight, I let the skipper and fore-deck crew worry about the traffic and tended the main sheet. In the middle of this "Ultimate Chinese Fire Drill", I spotted a jade colored t-shirt with a white circular crest on a skipper of one of the boats running down our starboard side. STEVE WILBURN! unbelievable, the PYC was represented on one than one vessel for this Harvest Moon Regatta. The start was rather uneventful, at least in the early classes, we got off with out a hitch. Craig was on the pier and reported later that one boat broached at the start-line, showing it's keel to the crowd like a flipper-wave from Shamu. Once across the line and clear we popped the chute and headed offshore. With some boats going dead downwind and others standing further offshore we found ourselves somewhat alone in the middle of fifty or so vessels. At about seven mile offshore we turned down wind and got ready for the ride. Unfortunately the wind did not hold and we had to consider using some of the "motor allowance". The wind shifted throughout the night and we alternated between sailing and motor-sailing. The most exciting moment was when Bruce who was tethered to the boat did a back flip off the down side, when a life line parted. Jack, who was at the helm, yelled "MAN OVER BOARD" and turned into the wind. As conditions were calm and the boat was slowed so quickly, Bruce was able to get a hold of the toe-rail and I grabbed his tether and took it around the winch to hold him against the boat. As quick as all this was going on the rest of the crew had arrived in the cock pit and began to haul Bruce in a

couple of inches at time. In under five minutes he was back on board and we were under way again. (More on safety later). Bruce dried off and changed and put his harness back on! During the 2nd watch the wind increased and 2nd watch made good time and distance, but as soon as we were back on watch it was motor sailing again. About sun up we were off the jetties at Matagorda Bay and had to tack out to sea to stand off the shore. During this course the wind shifted so that on a starboard tack we came off 170 degrees turning to 230 degrees with out a change in trim or set of the sails. We used the last of our motoring allowance during a later clam period and decided to motor in, as we could not make the 5:00pm deadline. The rest of the day we drove the boat under sail and power eventually arriving about 6:00pm. We docked and were greeted by Mom, Teresa, Graham and Lindsey. After docking and calling for a taxi for the crew who had to leave, we grabbed a beer and listened to the KEY WEST BAND. Out of 224 boats only 79 made it by the 5:00 dead line, ONLY 13 made it legally (according to race rules) the others had 14, 15, 17 and more hours motoring. We had 10 hours and figure if we had used more we would have made the deadline. One boat reported at the finish line, that they had used their motor time the boat next to them and half the fleet behind them, motor allowance. Another boat reported they were trying to make the party under all sails, spinnaker, motor and supplemental winged power (six monarch butterflies taped to the stern rail). One poor vessel arrive 30 seconds after 5:00pm and was not counted (them's the rules matey). Steve Wilburn's group stuck it out a little longer but eventually had to motor in, arriving at 8:00pm. We headed home, leaving Rick and the rest of the crew to shut down the party (3:00am?). It was great fun and hope to do it again some year. Now, if I could sail from Galveston to the TX/LA border, I will have cruised the coast of Texas and Ms, Al and part of Fl panhandle.

HALLOWEEN CRUISE

Once again threatening weather and family illness and a busy children's schedule did not permit me to even come down to Palacios. According to Charles Smithey, He and Bob Fellingham were the only PYC representatives. Bob was seen sailing under spinnaker back to the harbor about 10:00am. He must have gotten out early?

The visiting MacGregor fleet was preparing to day sail. Charles said they originally planned to make the trip one way until they calculated the road time and figured it was better to go sailing. Dennis Howe and Kyle Lafoon took their 26X's out beyond marker 40 and to the west, then worked their way back up the east shore. Making for about a six hour exploration of *Tres Palacios Bay*. Charles said the winds died off in the afternoon and they were ghosting into Serendipity at about a knot and a half. We apologize again this year for not at least having a PYC dock greeter for our out of town members and guests. What does this say for our annual event??? Is it time for a change? (make it a local day cruise and party) How many of you would attend if we stayed in port????????????????????????????????

Serendipity News

by Linda

Next time you're down this way please stop by the front office and pick up a Serendipity Resort Monthly Planner which lists activities we have planned for each month. Scheduled for the month of November are pot lucks, breakfasts, Thanksgiving Dinner and other fun events; you're always welcome to join us at anytime.

Work on the floating docks is just about finished, Jim and Warren are working on replacing cleats and the collar replacement project is complete. When it quits raining we will be finishing the painting.

During our recent monsoon season, we discovered there are several people we have no emergency contact information for you. Jim and Warren were pretty busy pumping out several boats to keep them from sinking. It is imperative that you contact this office ASAP and make sure we have your current phone numbers and an emergency contact person who can make a decision concerning your boat.

Also, a big thank you to James and Catherine Conner for reporting the sinking shrimp boat, just off our marina, we wearable to get the Coast Guard here quickly and kept the diesel spill to a minimum.

Newcomers in the marina:

- Morgan, Michael East 4
- Heltzel, Jerry Center 16
- Lucas, Luke & Leah West 16
- Spudeck, Rat & Patricia East 3

Mort Robert Day?

Looks like our skeletal celebrity's discovery day anniversary will go unobserved this year. The city of Palacios has gone back to sleep since the archeologist move out this summer. We (Bert, Lane & Craig) will be planning something for sure next year.

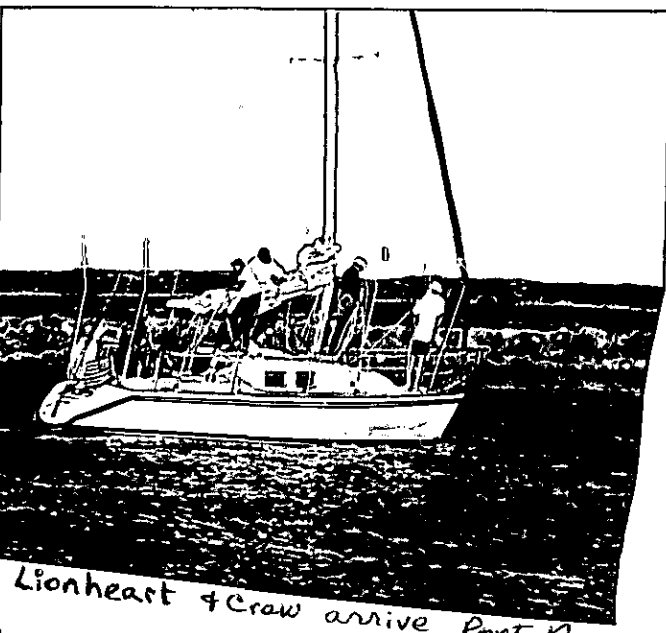
MOB!

Man Over Board! Is a call I hope none of you ever has to experience. Mainly because the results are normally very tragic. Fortunately for Bruce and the crew of Lionheart it amounted to one wet and cold crew member. But, things could have been very different. The PYC annually has a MOB program in Feb. each year. After this occurrence and the one that occurred in Virginia that was aired on TV last month, I believe that this is a very worth while program for our club to put on. There will be more on MOB next issue.

PYC Annual Awards Dinner



RSVP now, don't miss our greatest non-sailing activity. This year we will meet at 6:00pm at Serendipity's REC-hall. Our Dinner will be served at 6:30pm and will be catered by *Blackbeard's Rest*. Tickets are \$10.00 each and we will be having Ribeye Steak and Fried Shrimp, salad, new potatoes, tea and pecan pie. Call Lane at 512-972-1098 or 409-245-4658. Call Roberta at 512-972-3960. R.S.V.P. !!!



Lionheart & crew arrive Port A.

