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"The Rhumb Line"

THE COMMODORE'S CORNER

REVIEW OF MEMBER'S PROGRAM FEB MEETING

The Palacios Yacht Club (PYC) event on 2-21-98 was a tremendous success. Many attended and enjoyed the slide presentation and talk by Jose Antonio Barrera. Muchas gracias Jose. Afterward, a group of us had a fantastic seafood lunch at Blackbeard's in Palacios. There is more coming up. This month, on March 21st, the PYC has a full schedule. Bob Fellingham will conduct the annual Man-Over-Board seminar. Classroom instruction begins at 10:30 in the Serendipity Rec-Hall. On-the-water practice follows the classroom instruction in Tres Palacios Bay. This same day we will conduct a brief business meeting from 1000 to 1030 at the Rec-Hall. And from 1200 to 1300 there will be a skippers meeting for all racers, to kick off the 1998 race season. Then weather permitting the warning flag goes up and the starting sequence begins at 1430 for the first race of the 1998 PYC Regatta Series. A cookout for the entire membership follows the races at 1830 in the Serendipity Rec-Hall. If you plan to attend the cookout, please R.S.V.P. with Linda Robinson at (512) 972-5454.

At the PYC February meeting Jose Antonio Barrera, 1st Mate Columbus Fleet, presented our annual member's program. For those of you not in attendance, Jose Antonio was assistant navigator on the Santa Maria when the three vessels made the 1992 voyage from Spain to the "New World". He told us about how the three ships were reproduced as historically correct as was possible and about the European & American tours. Then we were presented with a slide show of pictures he took during the voyage. The Columbus Fleet is based in Corpus Christi and there is a Fifteenth Century Sailing School where you can become a certified crew member and be invited to sail when the Niña leaves port. Also, as an update, Roberta, Craig and Lane went to Corpus Christi on Saturday, the 17th to work in the shipyard and teach the current class. There we found that the Spanish shipwrights had put a new deck and Half-deck on the Pinta. There was also a report that the board wanted her re-launched this summer! For information about joining the fleet call Lane Hollister 512-972-1098.

Next month, on April 18th, we will continue the 1998 PYC Regatta Series and have a club cookout afterward. Please RSVP to Linda Robinson if you are coming to the cookout. There will also be a brief business meeting from 10:00 to 11:00 at the Serendipity Rec Hall.

There are some announcements that I want to make. First, PYC renewed a cooperating group accord with BOAT/U.S. recently. As a result you, PYC members, can join BOAT/U.S. at a special cooperating group rate. To get the special membership rate, be sure to give BOAT/U.S. the PYC group number which is **GA83498Y**. Secondly, the club is postponing publication of it's membership roster until April of '98 to give delinquent members thru March 31st to pay annual dues. Finally, it is time to order you yacht club caps and shirts. To place your order, fill out the form in this newsletter and return it to Roberta Ripke at Serendipity, 1001 Main, Palacios, TX 77465 by March 21st.

I hope to see you all at the PYC functions on March 21st. Until then, may God hold you in the palm of his hand

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PYC UP COMING EVENTS

March 21

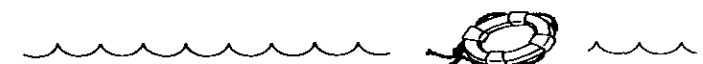
10:00 am - PYC business meeting
(30 min.)

10:30 am - Program

MOB Seminar
bring everyone on your boat

12:30 pm - Skipper meeting for PYC 3rd
Sat. Races

2:30 pm - Race #1 of the 1998 Season






PLEASE DON'T FORGET

DUES are past due!

Don't forget to send your 1998 PYC members dues in! This year they are \$30 and we will begin to distribute ID cards for paid members. As of this year we appear in two national yacht club registries and you should be able to flash your card and get into or dock at any US yacht club. There is no reciprocation - you have to pay your bill while you are there.

For your convenience, attached below is the 1998 PYC Membership form. Please fill it out, bring the form and your dues to the March 21st meeting or mail it to the address on the form. If you are current with your dues and want to order shirts and caps, please use this same form for your order.

		PYC 1998 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION	
NAME:			
SPOUSE:			
ADDRESS:			
CITY	ST	ZIP	
TEL:			
BOAT TYPE:			
Membership Fee	\$30.00		
Small Boat Race Series	\$15.00		
PYC Shirts	Each	\$10.00	
Sm	Med	Lg	Xlg
PYC Caps	Each	\$ 5.00	
TOTAL			
RETURN FORM AND REMITTANCE TO: PYC, Attention: Roberta 458 Commerce Palacios, TX 77465			

SERENDIPITY NEWS

Please stop by the front office and pick up a Serendipity Resort Monthly Planner which lists activities we have planned for each month; you are always welcome to join us.

If you have any ideas for the upcoming social activities for the yacht club, (i.e. wine & cheese, catered dinners) please let either myself, Jim or Donna hear from you. We have planned to serve hamburgers and fixin's after the MOB Seminar and Drill and races on March 21st. Please **RSVP** so we can plan accordingly.

A few reminders as we approach our busy spring season:

1. Please display your blue pass to help us identify you as belonging in the resort.
2. Please notify the office staff when friends, family, surveyors, mechanics are coming to see you.
3. Please observe the **5 MPH** speed limit - not only for safety of others, but yours as well.
4. As previously discussed, the marina is filling up. Time has arrived to either plan on sharing the slip or paying for both sides. Please contact the office should you have any questions.
5. Be a good neighbor - keep your lines and dinghy 's neatly stowed and off the walkways.
6. Boat trailer in storage has gotten out of hand, if you have not already done so, please stop by the office so we can properly identify yours.

Also we have fire hose available to those of you who would like to install it as slip bumpers. Please contact Jim or Warren or stop by the office.

NEWCOMERS TO THE MARINA

Renegar, Chuck

Newlin, John & Johnnie

Center #34

West # 4

LINDA



PLEASE NOTE!!

The next newsletter deadline is **March 27th.**



SPECIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS ABOUT BOAT/U.S.

WE HAVE JOINED BOAT/U.S.! The Boat Owners Association of The United States, the nation's largest organization of individual boat owners, has a **Cooperating Group Program.**

It's designed for organized boating groups like ours with 10 or more members. Our group's members can join BOAT/U.S. or renew their Membership at the special Co-op Group rate of **\$8.50** - one-half the regular \$17.00 annual dues.

BOAT/U.S. has a wide range of equipment, special services and Membership programs which really help boat owners!

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- *Total Protection Program* for Marine Insurance
- Lowest price guarantee on boating gear and equipment
- Towing reimbursement of \$50 per incident included with Membership — worldwide coverage and no mileage restrictions.
- 20-year boat financing at favorable rates.
- Boat documentation - without a hassle
- \$1,000 Theft Protection Program for your boat and equipment.
- Travel and yacht charters exclusively for Members.
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