

Palacios Yacht Club Newsletter

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"The Rhumb Line"

What a Month!

Well we got all of the events in. My head is still spinning. Lets see, there was the Tx Multi-Hull Championships, Finals of the Spring Series, 2nd Board Boat Day, the AMBR, MacGregor Rendezvous, and 3rd Board Boat Day. Whew!

PYC Spring Series

May the 21st the last two races of the Spring Series were run. The M26 fleet ran with 5 and the PHRF fleet finished with two participants. Mr. Bob Fellingham appeared on the course with his new Beneteau 21, looked like he needed more wind or a bigger headsail. Either way, Bob took the PHRF class with Rick Gangluff a close 2nd.

In the M26 Class Mr. Ed Wilkinson put everyone in their place with back to back first's. Look at fourth place to see what happens when you show up at all the races.

M26: 1. Charlie Young, 2. Ed Wilkinson,
3. Jack Hollister, 4. Jose Aliseda,
5. Carter Taylor, 6. Dewayne Dixon

If we had run all boats in a PHRF class, Bob Fellingham would have take 5th and Rick Gangluff would have taken 6th. First thru fourth would have remained the same.

Congratulations to all, awards will be presented at the end of the Summer Series, July 16th.

Board Boat Session #1

The first round of Board Boat Days is completed with a total of eight participants. It has been a great tune up for the Dolphin SR nationals, coming up on June 18th. And it has been great

fun. For those members without one of these affordable and simple boats you should consider getting one and joining us for our races. You will learn alot about sailing and have a great time. We held a total of seven races from April 17th thru June 5th.

BB RESULTS after 7: 1. Jack Hollister, 2. Pam Smithey, 3. Charles Smithey, 4. Lane Hollister, 5. Martin Schneider, 6. Steve Wilburn, 7. Rick Abrahamson, 8. Don Corliss

AMBR - 1994

The first ever Around Matagorda Bay Race (Cruise Party) was a great success. Friday evening at check-in we had 12 boats primed to circumnavigate Matagorda Bay.

Saturday began with light air and a bottle neck. It seems everyone was prepared for an east wind and very anxious to sail. The first group of boats leaving port began setting sail and tacking out the channel. Following the rules, as set by the "all-seeing" commodore, the rest of the fleet could not pass and delayed our arriving at marker #30 by an hour. Mr. Gregg in his Compac 16, understanding that the shortest distance between two points is a straight line, motored to #30 then proceeded across the bay, arriving in port 1.5 hours ahead of the fleet. We had a great dinner and party in Port Lavaca's Nautical Landings. Those guys really laid out the "Red Carpet". Many thanks to Darryl Smith and Charlott Bourd.

Sunday the winds were up and the fleet close hauled to Port O'Connor. We were also in the middle of a catamaran race which started off Magnolia beach. Upon arriving in port, Cotton greeted each of us at the dock. Don, from The Spot Restaurant,

brought us our dinner and the party began. Steve Hamilton told us a story about the Army Hole, and about midnight it was decided that the first cruise in 95' would be April, on full moon weekend, to see the Fiddler Crabs dance around lanterns.

Monday: 3:00am, MAJOR Storm blew in. Thank goodness we were in port, I heard winds were 50mph to 60mph at places north of us. By morning it was a beautiful day, with promise of fair winds to Palacios. What happened? When we left port the winds began to drop and were eventually non-existent. Most everyone motored home and we had our dinner about an hour late. It was decided that the event would not be a race next year, but a "cruise to a party". For those completing the trip I have enclosed your official certificate. We will begin planning a bigger & better AMB? for next year.

2nd Annual MacGregor/Venture Rendezvous and Regatta.

We had a definite drop in attendance over last year. I believe this was due in part to it's timing after a holiday and the weather. Also I may have mailed the notices out too early. There was also some conflict with the Dallas club calendar even though they selected the weekend for the event. We had three MacGregor 26's (Bay City, Houston, Burnet) and one Harpoon 5.2 - A&M. There was one race held Saturday. It started with light wind or no wind for Carter Taylor. The rest of the race was highlighted by intermittent downpours and strong gust. Our Bar-B-Que was held under the "Beach House" and the weather cleared to perfect sailing conditions. Next year we are planning for an end of April MacGregor Regatta. And the Rendezvous may be scheduled for Lake Livingston to make it closer for most. (Carter Taylor has a friend at a yacht club offering to set up for us, more later)

Up Coming:

June 18th - Start of the Summer Series
June 18th - Dolphin SR Nationals, DCYC
July 2nd -- Independence Regatta, BB's
July 4th -- PYC raft-up for fireworks
July 16th - Finish of the Summer Series
July 16th - Hobiecat Mid-Summer Classic

NOTICE OF RACE:

Saturday June 18th - 11:00am Skippers meeting. Race #1 of PYC Summer Series to start at 1:00pm, #2 to follow. \$5 fee per boat participating. Classes = M26 & PHRF.

Race Committee Class

New PYC member Jim Schuls of Houston has offered to teach a class on Running a Race Committee. We are planning for the July 16th races. Class to be held in the morning, with hands on activities at our PYC races in the afternoon. Now is your chance to become an expert and take charge of the RC. Call me for your space in class.

PYC Changes 1995:

The following are some proposed changes to our club for the coming year.

1. Election of officers (no more dictatorship)
 2. More cruising events - something like the AMBR
 3. A Quarterly social event at Club House (dinner & ?)
 4. Membership remain at \$30, but drop free t-shirt
 5. Order shirts and caps as needed
 6. PYC club race fee dropped (#4 will cover trophies)
- Any other suggestions or input??

PROPOSED BALLOT 1995 PYC OFFICERS

Commodore - Roberta Ripke

Vice Comm - Ed Wilkinson
(Race Fleet)

Vice Comm - Charles Smithey
(BB Fleet)

Vice Comm - John Benson
(Cruise/Social)

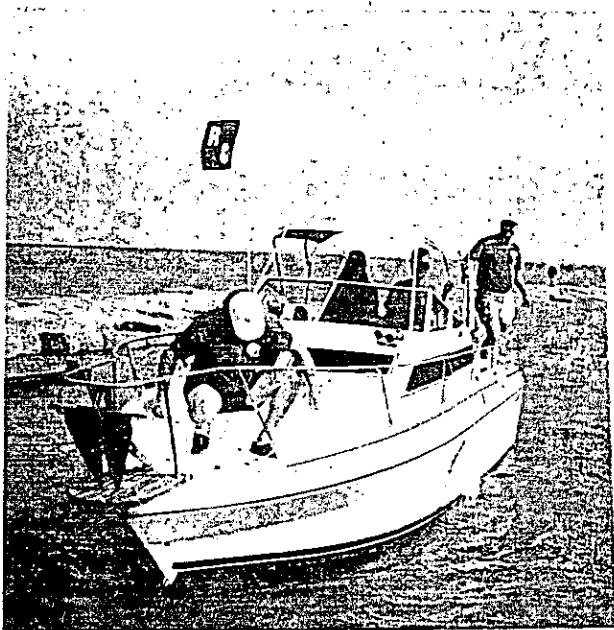
Rear Comm - Lane Hollister
(newsletter)

Sec./Treas. - Beverly Watson
(Fin. & Regs)

Race Captain - Bob Fellingham

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

**Rick Gangluff
Steve Wilburn
Allen McClendon
Bob Hurt
Charles Supplee**

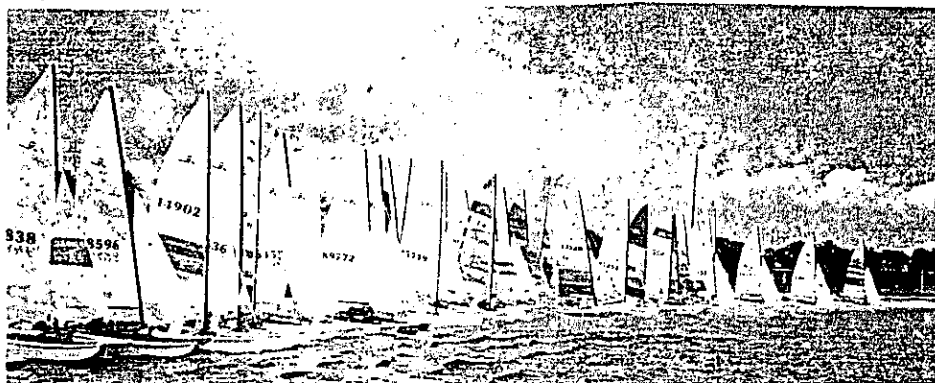


PYC - RACE Committee

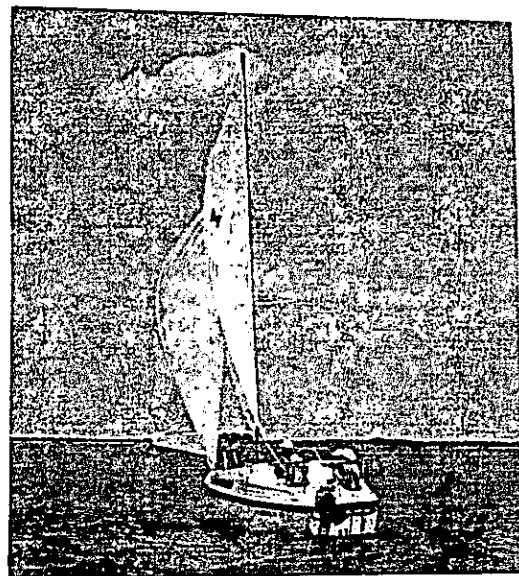
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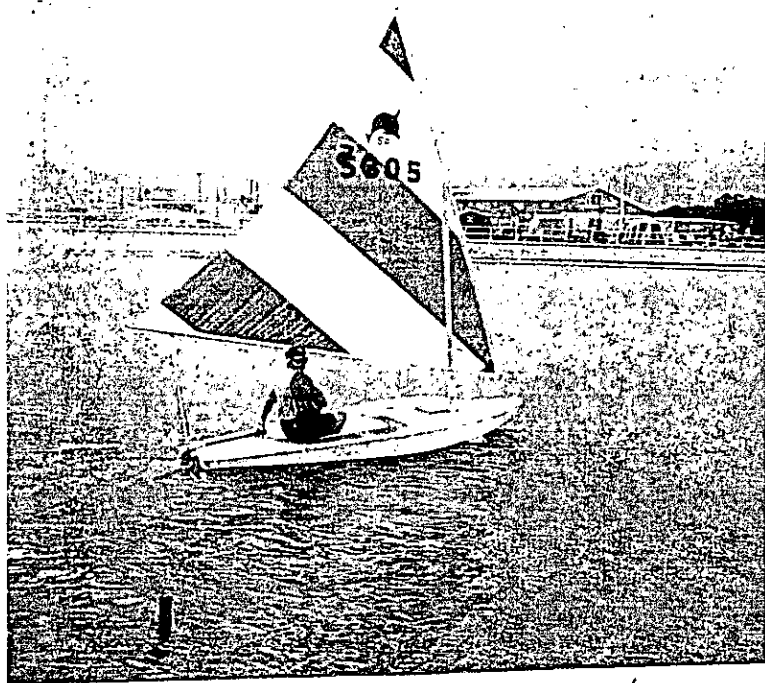
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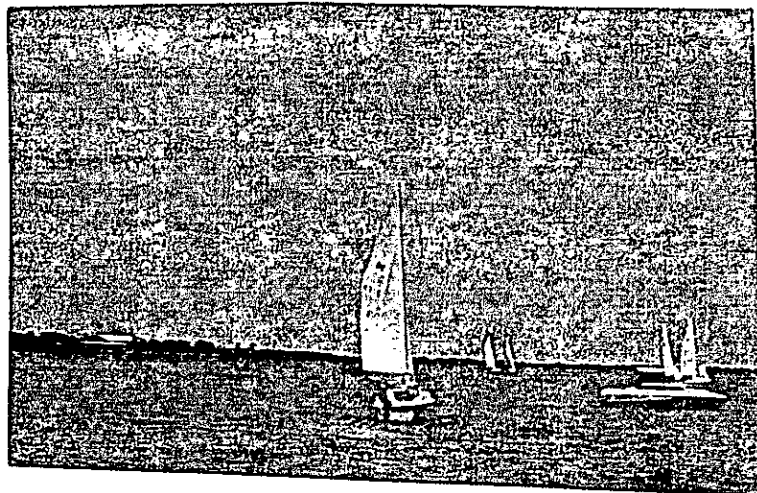
"Spindel Top Regatta"



"Regalos de Dios"



Board Boat Days!



M26 -class at Start
Spring Series #6.