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## **"The Rhumb Line"**

### **95' CANNONBALL RUN!**

On another hot and sunny weekend in Palacios brought 44 competitors from the TSA's Tx Youth Race Circuit to town. Twenty-one Optimist, Six Sunfish and Seventeen Lasers. Ray Seta & Jim Schults headed up the two race courses for the weekend. Both tried to keep one of their marks near the pier or park-lookout, which the "shore-bound" parents took advantage of. Chase boats and water boats were kept busy handing out water to the competitors. Once again the young sailors were excellent skippers and there was very little "protesting", everyone just enjoyed the races. Sunday morning brought a "Chinese Fire Drill" of sorts. It seems two of the clubs represented did not read the official notice board Saturday morning. So, Sunday morning found them at Peterson's Rest. having breakfast 30 minutes before the first warning flag. Someone ran into the restaurant and shouted the races were about to begin and in a flash everyone was out the door. Down at the beach the RC looked up the road and spotted several of the youth running down the street for their un-rigged boats. Following close behind a caravan of racing Suburban's descended on the parking lot - their occupants dove out and began shuttling gear and hulls to the water. All-in-all, in about ten minutes all competitors were on the water and able to make the start line. This was one of those times a cam-corder and some busy symphony music would have made a great video.

### **Sunfish SW Regional**

What a busy month, the PRT just finished it's third major open event for September. Pat Manning brought the SW Regional back to

Palacios and we did our best to give them a good weekend. Twenty-five boats including competitors from Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi made the Palacios venue. The sunfish like to base in Serendipity, so all activity centered around the "REC-hall". After four long races Saturday everyone gathered at the pool area for a fish fry w/ hot-jalepeno hush puppies. Again the viewing was great from the pier as the leeward mark was set close enough to cheer the racers. The "ground crews" would sit in the cool shade of the Pavilion and walk out to the end when the racers approached this mark. In the heavier winds the old pros held the lead positions, while in the lighter stuff the women and juniors moved to the front. Also if you have not seen a start like this, get a boat and put your self beyond the pin-end of the start line. The boats jockey for a position on the line and in the last seconds basically "stop" just before crossing. When the red flag goes up the skippers sheet hard-in and appear to jump off the line and accelerate to windward. Those that miss their timing are left in dirty air and the fleet begins to spread out. The leaders of this event qualify for a spot at the Sunfish Worlds. Last year it was held in Bermuda and three of our Regional participants placed; 5th - Bruce Mahoney, 6th - Hank Saurage & 12th - Ash Beatty (out of 67).

### **MARINERS & DOLPHINS**

Where were you guys? All of you - if it weren't for the Sunfish Regatta I might have been the only one there. Jose Aliseda made it Saturday, but since he was in the lead and already noon, he decided to cruise with his girlfriend all afternoon. Jack and I went with the "RC" - Ray Brasseaux (33' Newport) & Craig Hlavinka "PRO" and motored around the sunfish, while lounging under Ray's large bimini. Sunday was even stranger, because last month we had 14 boats, this month we had one in the water. Warren & I were tired

from helping with the sunfish and they weren't finished until 2:00pm. Craig Hlavinka had his Lone Star 16 in the water and claims a victory for sailing the "course". The Dolphin class was to sail a course from the beach, over to marker #48 the out to the "Wreck" mark in middle of the bay (east of #46) and back to the beach. This is about a six mile run and would have been an easy sail and with the winds that afternoon it would have been a fast & exciting run. Maybe next month???

**I don't feel so bad now, we took the M26 to Port Isabel to race on 9/24/95. We arrived at the Laguna Madre Yacht Club to find a "Race Capt.", a Commodore, and some coffee drinkers. But, no competitors. Oh well we launched and went sailing anyway. It was a great day to be on the water. Everyone should check this place out if you have a way to get down there.**

### **Up Coming:**

This is the final update to our 1995 PYC Calendar, we've got some good times on tap for the end of year.

**OCTOBER:** 21st - final MARINER Races  
 22nd - final DOLPHIN Races  
 Halloween! 28th - PYC - Port Lavaca Cruise  
 Weekend

**NOV.:** 18th - EOY Awards Dinner

**DEC.:** 16th - PYC Christmas Party

Also during the next few months, through January. We would like to get some work done around the club. I would like to get back to that DECK thing and some other club site activities. More on this later.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

It is that time again, and it is very important we have the membership represented by it's peers. Some of us have been at it for 3 years, dragging the rest of you in our wake. If the ride has been good, GREAT! But if you have other ideas, now is the time to get at the helm. Our Slate of Officers & Board Members is presented if you see a slot you would like to volunteer for call Commodore Ripke or myself. -LANE  
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# Ballot

1996 Positions (current officer, 95')

**COMMODORE:**

(Roberta Ripke) \_\_\_\_\_

**REAR COMMODORE / SECRETARY:**

(Lane Hollister) LANE Hollister

**MARINER FLEET CAPT: (Vice-Commodore)**

(Bob Fellingham) \_\_\_\_\_

**DOLPHIN FLEET CAPT: (Vice-Commodore)**

(Charles Smithey) \_\_\_\_\_

**CRUISER FLEET CAPT: (Vice-Commodore)**

(John Benson) \_\_\_\_\_

**TREASURER:**

(Roberta Ripke) Roberta Ripke

**RACE CAPTAIN:**

(Bob Fellingham) \_\_\_\_\_

**Board of Governors**

(Rick Gangluff) \_\_\_\_\_

(Steve Wilburn) \_\_\_\_\_

(Allen McClendon) \_\_\_\_\_

(Bob Hurt) \_\_\_\_\_

(Russell Abshire) \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Elected

**Palacios Regatta Team (PRT) LIAISON:**

Warren Pierce

**PYC Trustee:** Serendipity

Genie Strickland - Rep.

### **Club Items:**

Members, Loy & Adam Sneary have picked up a Dolphin SR - our ranks (Fleet) are growing.

Member Charles Supplee - has a NAVCO auto helm (tiller) for sale \$150. He's upgrading.

93' Macgregor26 for sale \$9,500.00 call Jack 409-245-1669 days.