



Palacios Yacht Club Newsletter

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"The Rhumb Line"

The Houston Boat Show

The 1995 boat show seemed to have more than the past couple of years. The boat dealers were out in force several large models in the 40' range from Hunter & Beneteau. Upon closer inspection the small stuff seemed to be missing. Gear, parts, toys???? I did not see many of the "store" displays and West Marine only had an information booth with catalogs. I did meet some nice folks from the Corpus Christie Municipal Harbor, who gave us (PYC) many \$5 off - per night - up to 7 nights -coupons. They invited us to come visit, so if you are planning to cruise that area before 12/31/95 call me to get this coupon. You might save enough to eat out at the Lighthouse. After two Saturdays at the boat show I may skip next year. Especially when the only thing I went to see were the water ballast boats and neither Hunter 26 nor the Catalina 25 could sway me from MacGregor. Both boats were lacking "head" room and cabin designs were not very innovative. Also they both had swing boards which did not retract completely therefore raising the boat significantly on the trailer and restricting waters navigated. With the extra weight, no trailer and a price tag \$5,000 higher than the MacGregor-26X; I was out of there. But, never say "never", I may have to go back next year to ogle the M-26X.

1995 PYC Planning Meeting

The calendar is set. Please mark your's for the 3rd Saturday of each month Jan. - - Oct., as our club weekends. Commodore Roberta Ripke opened the meeting with coffee and cake. Then Lane showed up. As for our agenda, #1 the racing format has been changed. PYC races will start April with a Spring Series running through June. Then there will be a Fall Series starting in August through October. Also Bob Fellingham

and Jim Schuls will be planning our MOB drill for March and the "Survivors" party that afternoon on shore. With our extra time we are planning to enjoy more cruising. Steve Wilburn will be our VC-Cruising and is planning some additional weekends to Matagorda, Army Hole, Port Aransas..... These will be posted in the news letter as they are firmed up. Also the future meetings and weekends will center around the club house. Bob Fellingham suggested we all start docking on the east side near "club point" during our activities. (see calendar & club news)

DUES - 95'

We are going to order shirts and caps by 2/10/95 to deliver to the 2/18/95 meeting. If you have not paid your PYC dues, please call Lane 409-245-1669 to reserve these items. THEN MAIL YOUR CHECK! Dues \$25, Shirt \$10, Cap \$5, race fees \$15 per fleet. Mail to the PYC, 458 Commerce, Palacios TX 77456.

C&C Sails, All About Sails

Feb 18th, 10-12am

The PYC program for 2/18/95 will be a seminar on sails. Ed Christie & Mike Stovall will be in to tell you anything you ever wanted to know about sails. The program will begin at 10:00 am at the Serendipity REC-Hall and will run to lunch. I expect everyone with a boat or those who are about to buy a boat will want to take advantage of this program.

Club House News

Warren came up with a refig. for the club house & we moved a desk in as well. The club house is starting to shape up, next we'll move in a couch and set some shelves for a library and trophies. Since our own rest room is out of reach, one member suggested HIS & HERS bicycles to ride up to the REC-Hall. (cont.)

(CLUB NEWS Cont.)

We also NEED a deck and some other facilities, so please help with labor and or materials - Call Warren Pierce 512-972-3066 or Roberta Ripke 512-972-3960 to coordinate these efforts.

PYC Pensacola Run

Several owners of M26's are planning to trailer over to Gulfport MS, and join the 47th Annual Gulfport Pensacola Race on June 23rd. We have to be there on the 22nd for skipper meeting, in Gulfport, then leave at noon friday. You need to decide now that you are going to make this trip in order to secure lodging. If you want to volunteer for crew slots call me for a contact. As it stands now, we have a place on Pensacola Beach, and will just drive to the yacht club after having a shower (the finish line is in the gulf). There is an information packet available and some requirements need be met to qualify, so stop by or call me to get your copy. Lane 409-245-1669

PYC Texas Offshore Runs

Some of the crews and skippers planning to go on the Pensacola Run, are also planning a practice or shakedown trip from Port O'Connor to Port Aransas. Any vessel and or member wanting to participate should get in touch with us. The date has not been set, but we are planning to meet to talk about both trips and pick some dates. Cruisers get ready!

Sunfish Worlds, Bermuda

For those who worked the Tx Youth Regatta or the Sunfish SW Regional, several of the participants who came to Palacios went to the Sunfish Worlds. Of those who have visited a Palacios Regatta Team event; Bruce Mahoney placed 5th, Hank Saurage placed 6th, & Ash Beatty placed 12th out of 67 racing in a three day elimination rounds and a round robin finals November 12th. Congratulations and hope to see you back our way soon.

NOAA Chart OR Floppy Disk?

If you have been paying attention, then you'll know that boaters will be affected in many ways by our government's move to "downsize". One of these areas involves the NOAA Chart & Notices

program. All efforts and funds now are being channeled into updating and then maintaining an electronic version of the paper charts. A software company in Houston, who is working closely with this program, has offered to give our club a demonstration of his software **Cap'n** and if two or more members ordered the package (\$495.00) he would possibly donate a chart library to the PYC. If anyone is interested please give me a call and we can plan a date. Lane 409-245-1669

1995 PYC Calendar

- Jan. 21 Planning Meeting
- Feb. 18 C&C Sails "All About Sails"
- Mar. 18 MOB drills & "Survivors" Party
- Apr. 15 Spring Race Series, #1 & #2
- 16 Dolphin SR & other, 1st races
- May 20 Spring Race Series, #3 & #4
- 21 Dolphin SR & other, 2nd races
- 26-29 A.M.B.R., around bay cruise
- Jun. 17 Spring Race Finals, #5 & #6
- 18 Dolphin SR & other, 3rd races
- Jul. 1-2 Independence Regatta, sml boats
- 15 PYC Summer Picnic Cruise & Shore Party
- Aug. 19 Fall Race Series, #1 & #2
- 20 Dolphin SR & other, 4th races
- Sep. 2-3 Palacios Labor Day Regatta
- 16 Fall Race Series, #3 & #4
- Oct. 21 Fall Race Finals, #5 & #6
- 22 Dolphin SR & other, Finals
- 28-29 Halloween Cruise to Port Lavaca
- Nov. 11 Annual Awards Dinner Party
- Dec. 9 Christmas Lunch & Lighted Boat Parade(?)

The PRT calendar will be available soon & any other PYC events will be announced in the RHUMB LINE.