



"The Rhumb Line"

PYC Planning Meeting

January 20th, 10:30am, Plans are afoot for the incorporation of the PYC and to obtain insurance. Meet at the club house. Everyone is invited, **your input is needed**, to set our activities for 1996. After we finish we'll get lunch somewhere in town. Then see what the weather looks like, for a short cruise. As it looks now, the 3rd weekend will hold either an "around-the-buoy" race or some type of "fun" race. Ray Brasseaux is wanting to plan some overnight cruises and the "trailerables" are looking at a land trip to some new cruising ground. Be there to lobby for your favorite activity.

95' Awards Dinner - cont.

It was brought to my attention that I had missed two very important awards in my article last month. In the "Dolphin" fleet, we hand out an annual award for the most distinguished capsized; this year the "Ole-Stick in the Mud" went to **Ron Little** for his deep dive effort to extricate his mast from the **black goo**. Ron did this with a PFD on, and his legs were flailing the air. The closest second for this award was Warren Pierce and the back flip dismount. But, Warren was taken out of contention when he washed off the **goo**, at the top of his sail, before righting his vessel. The other award was our "Ancient Mariner Award", this honor goes to the loneliest person on the bay, or in other words, some one who is always with us even though they are always alone. Our 1995 single-handed adventurer was **Ray Brasseaux**. As with all "Ancient Mariner's", we suggest you take a bath before interviewing possible crew in the future. Sorry I missed you guys in the last newsletter, you really were in my heart (see pictures last month). I guess that did not translate from my feeble brain to my fingers at the keyboard that month. Congratulations again and see you in 96'.

Christmas Party

About 15 turned out for the PYC Christmas "treat feast". I did not get a chance to find out who brought what, but we had quite a spread. The table was covered with sandwiches, subs, meat balls, chips, dips, veggies, fudge cake, carrot cake, pecan pie, cheese cake and more. Also the REC-Hall was graced with Christmas tree decorated for us by all the kids in Serendipity. Thank you kids, it was a nice touch. Commodore Ripke went over the club financial. A motion was put on the floor that we should begin the deck for the club house. Motion was carried and we shall begin in January. In-coming Commodore Paul Serra has posted an agenda for the January planning meeting. Besides setting our calendar of activities, we will be looking into the possibility of incorporating the PYC and obtaining "on the water" liability insurance for races. More on these and other items at our meeting.

PYC 1996 Dues

For all new members and current members, a reminder that it is time to renew (\$25). Your dues are payable by Jan 31st. Also if you would like any **PYC Caps** (\$5) or **Tee-shirts** (\$10) for 1996, you need to order these with you dues payment, before the end of January. If you do not get these in on time you may miss out on the "laminated" ID card and or the other items. We need to order this "gear", at one time to make it affordable to the club. Failure to pay dues by February will remove you from the news-letter mailing list. Don't loose touch, come to the Planning Meeting and join up.

The DECK!

A master carpenter needed to head up the deck project. Please call Lane if you'd like to volunteer.

PYC News

Sad tidings, it was brought to my attention that Ron Little has moved to California. Seems work at the nuke-plant dried up and Ron had to take an offer from a facility out on the west coast. At least you'll be close to some boating Ron. We'll miss you, as you have been a great help to the club and race committee.

Also in the news, the Navigation District in Palacios has purchased Tony's Marina (Dec.?). This is the boat basin next to Rail Road Park Ramp and has alot of potential. Wonder what the official plans may be for this site??? Guess we'll have to wait and see what develops after the dredge silt settles.

Warren Pierce (PRT) helped the Palacios Chamber of Commerce work up a full color brochure about sailing Palacios. There are 10,000 copies being produced and will debut at the Houston Boat Show this month. Look for the Bay City booth located at #950 in the Astro Hall. Boat Show dates are Jan. 5th - 14th.

Holiday Lighting Contest: In the marine division of the Palacios holiday event, Bayfront Camper Park took first place. The Watson's took second and Bob Fellingham got 3rd. Hopefully we can get more participation in this event next year as more boats are moving into the area. And if only we could get them (P. C. of C.) to do the judging on the weekend, next year ?

BOAT/U.S.

For all PYC members: Please note that the PYC is a "Cooperating Group" with Boat/U.S. All members can join this organization for **\$8.50** annually if you use our CO-OP Group# **GA83498Y**, on your new app or renewal app! There is no cheaper way to get membership to BOAT/U.S. and get access to their stores. They'll also send you a store catalog and other literature through out the year. We are making a poor showing as a group, only 4 out of 60 PYC members have joined through this program. Call Lane for more details 409-245-1669 or 245-4658.

US SAILING

Another great bargain, if you join US SAILING, for \$35 you get two magazines *Sailing World* and *American Sailor* also if you are racing in open events your membership should get you a discount at all US SAILING events (which is most every club in the US). Contact Warren or Lane for an app or more details.

PYC Calendar 1996

- Jan 20 Planning Meeting (& work on club house deck)
- Feb 17 Members Program (Cap'n Computer Charts)
- Mar 16 Mariner's Fleet (big boat activity/MOB drills?)
" 17 Dolphin's Fleet (small boat activity ??)
- Apr 20 Mariner Activity (Around The Buoys, ATB)
" 21 Dolphin Activity (Around The Buoys, ATB)
- May 4th-5th Kiwanis Charity Regatta & Dinner
" 18 Mariner Activity (ATB)
" 19 Dolphin Activity (ATB) (+ Intro to Sail)
" 24-27 AROUND MATAGORDA BAY RENDEZVOUS
- Jun 15 Mariner Activity (Matagorda Bay Race)
" 16 Dolphin Activity (ATB)
" 22nd-23rd DOLPHIN SR NATIONALS
- Jul 20 Mariner Activity (Pier-Channel-wreck-Pier)
" 21 Dolphin Activity (Race to Coon Isle, Picnic)
- Aug 17 Mariner Activity (ATB)
" 18 Dolphin Activity (W-L from Pier)
- Sep (Aug 31- Sep 1) 6th Palacios Laborday Regatta
" 21 Mariner Activity (ATB)
" 22 Dolphin Activity (beach-channel-wreck-beach)
- Oct 19 Mariner Activity (ATB)
20 Dolphin Activity (ATB)
26-27 HALLOWEEN CRUISE TO PORT LAVACA
- Nov 16 End-of-Year Awards Dinner
- Dec 21 Christmas Party

Final PYC/PRT Calendar available after January.