

# **The Rhumb Line . . . . . October 1, 1996** vol# V, Issue# 10

## **Commodore's Corner**

Paul and Kathy are very busy trying to get their new home (in Palacios) completed. We'll get and update on it and a few words from Paul next month.

The deck should begin soon.

Warren and several others are working a promotion booth at the in-the-water boat show in Clear Lake.

Get you votes in for PYC officers. Don't forget the last races for this season Oct. 19th.

Start gathering your pictures for our awards / dinner party.

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### **PYC CALENDAR - UP COMING EVENTS!**

- 10/19/96 PYC Races, Planning to run several windward-leeward races from the Pavilion Pier. And of course we'll meet at the club house afterward for BBQ-ed what ever.
- 10/26/96 The annual fleet cruise to Port Lavaca's Nautical Landing. Will plan dinner at Harvey's (the restaurant next door to the marina). After a restful night (daylight savings time) we will sail (hopefully) back to Palacios.
- 11/16/96 Annual Yacht Club Awards Dinner. Serendipity for a great meal and fun. Awards for racing and cruising. Bring your pictures from this past year to share with us.
- 12/21/96 PYC Christmas Party: Meet at Serendipity (REC-Hall, noon) for some finger foods and Christmas goodies. Weather permitting we'll take an afternoon sail.
- 1/18/97 PYC Annual Planning Meeting: All officers and board (past & present) as well as all members are invited to participate in planning our year and setting the calendar for 1997. If you want the club to do something new or different this is the time to make it known.
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## Fall Season

As we approach the fall season and our first "cold fronts", keep in mind that this can be some of our best sailing days. If you can get to your boat, watch for the first 2 to 3 days after the front passes offshore. We normally get clear blue skies and light winds with flat water. Best of all it is cool! Last year it seemed that the days fell during the week, so I missed most of them. Hopefully this year the weather patterns will put these days on the weekend. (???) But! - keep a weather eye (and weather radio) as this can change quickly. Don't get caught too far out and watch for gusty north winds, as you can be on even keel one minute and a rail in the water the next. These gusts only last seconds, but it can get real exciting.

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## Palacios Cannonball Run 96'

The PRT hosted it's 3rd Tx Sailing Association Youth Circuit Regatta on September the 14th. A total of 53 boats participated with youth from 5 to 15 years old as skipper. There were 30 in the Optimist fleet, 1 Laser, 16 Laser RADIAL and 6 Sunfish. There were two race courses set on either side of the Pavilion Pier. Jim Shutlz (PRO of Houston) ran the Optimist course and Nelson Reynolds (PRO of Corpus Christi) managed the Sunfish and Lasers. Saturday, Warren announce that the RC's would be trying for four or more races. The races commenced about noon, the winds were good and held through out the day. Sunday, the winds started at about 17 knots and were building. By the skippers meeting the winds were over 20, so all racing was canceled for the day. The races were scored and the trophies were handed out, the bay was quiet again.

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## PYC Club Races

Seven racers turned out for our monthly races. The weather was great, but the winds were a little light. Being a little short handed in the race committee department and with Craig showing up with his newly acquired Laser, I decided to be the RC this month. The club has a rule, that if any racer volunteers for RC duty he will receive an average of all of his other races for the day he works. I'm glad we did this, because I know that Craig had a BLAST on his Laser. For the start one stood just off the beach holding their boat and a count down was given. The skippers pushed off and jumped aboard, heading for the "WRECK" mark. The wind played some funny shifts through out both races but everyone had fun. See ya'll on 3rd Sat. in Oct.

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## "Pottie-training" ???

Yes, Serendipity invites all boaters to learn how to use their head. Well, how to properly handle discharge of waste. This is being offer by Serendipity, to announce the newly constructed pump out station near the gas dock. Also they have a portable unit and will come to your slip if need be. Vic & Genie Strickland invite you to one of their education sessions to learn more. The first will be Thursday , October 17th 6:30pm and the 2nd will be held to coincide with the PYC club meeting, Saturday, October 19th at 10:00am. Speakers will include Nancey Webb of "Sea Grant" discussing new laws. And, Don Curry of Maritime Sanitation (Phewee II) Seabrook. Don will handel all of your "system" questions and is to be available to inspect your boat at dock side. Don't miss this opportunity to get first class training and hands on help.

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## Deck

Charlie Jones was given the go ahead to begin our deck. The plan is to work with two 10'x10' modular-sections and add to it as we go. Later we may wrap around the south side and or make an upper level. Once Charlie gets everything set up we will need all hands on site to help with construction. So - stand by with those power tools (arr-arr-arrrr).

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## Halloween Cruise - October 26th & 27th

We are on for the annual trip to Port Lavaca. Hopefully the wind will make for a pleasant trip this year. We had several "perfect weather" trips in the past, before last years wild ride. Jim O'Neal of Nautical Landings has verified that he has plenty of room and is looking forward to us coming over. Contact has been made with HARVEY's Rest. and we'll have details later. If you can make this overnight cruise, please call Lane Hollister 409-245-1669 or Roberta Ripke 512-972-3960 so we can give them a head count. We normally depart around 9:00 a.m. on Saturday and return Sunday. If you have a "slow" boat and want some company while crossing the bay, plan to leave earlier, so the faster boats will have to catch up to you along the way.

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## La Salle's Cannon - Palacios

The museum display has been moved to Palacios and will be on display till Nov. 1. We also moved the Nuestra del Esperanza, a representation of one of the Spanish ships that discovered the Belle, but not the French settlement. If you have not seen the cannon or have friends or relatives that may be interested, get down to Palacios' Matagorda County Annex Building (Police Station) and see the 310 year old cannon and other artifacts brought out of our bay. Also the Tx Historical Commission's headquarters is only a few blocks away, there you can meet the crew working on the shipwreck and find out what has been brought in lately from the ship wreck. And if you are still curious check on the many boat trips going out to the site, you can see the dig in progress.