

Commodore's Corner

From: Paul

The June 20th Club races went well.. for a change. The small boats raced and then the skippers, race committee and crews gathered around the old BBQ pit to celebrate their accomplishments. Some of the tall tales being told made the burgers and sausage, provided by Club members, hard to swallow but we all managed quite well. It was a classic PYC outing.

At thee BBQ, Warren Pierce, introduced the members to a proposal that the now Incorporated Yacht Club add one or two sub-chapters to the PYC Articles of Inc. The subchapter(s) would be named the South Texas Sailing Academy and the Racing Team. Basically, this would include all of the sailing activities, currently being conducted, to fall under the Palacios Yacht Club's oversight. Conversation among the Club members was favorable towards adopting Warren's proposal. **If you have any concerns regarding this matter, please feel free to discuss it with myself or Warren.** Otherwise our intent is to proceed with the enhancement.

Something that does not seem to appear to have been effectively communicated to the Club... is that the **Third Saturday** of each month is our club meeting day as well as small boat races. As advertised last month, the Large Boat races were canceled due to lack of interest and the small boat races moved from Sunday to Saturday!

One last item...we all owe our appreciation to Craig Hlavinka who has transformed our meager Yacht Club butler building into a distinctive Yacht Club Headquarters!! Come by and take a look for yourselves (south side)! Next Club Meeting will take place on July 20th at 10:00 AM.....**SEE YOU THERE!**

PYC CALENDAR - UP COMING EVENTS!

- 7/4/96 Palacios **firework display** off the pier. Some of the PYC bunch always anchors out to watch from the water. (Of course wind and weather permitting a comfortable anchor.)
- 7/20/96 "**Dolphin**" Fleet races at 1:00pm, This is now a Saturday activity, and, we hope you will hang around for a social afterward. **Official NEW FORMAT:** 3rd Sat., PYC meeting 10:00am, 11:00am Skippers Meeting, 1:00pm 1st race start., approx 4:30 fire up the grill. Please bring your boats, family, friends, beverage, condiments and food. PYC will supply the charcoal and starter fluid.
- 7/29/96 PRT's 2nd Start Sailing Right class (**Girl Scouts**), call Warren for registration information or to volunteer to help. 800-457-2403
- 8/6/96 PRT's 3rd Start Sailing Right class (see above)
- 8/12/96 Start of the PRT's US SAILING - **Instructor's course**, Warren has a group that will participate to obtain certification on all types of small boat and catamaran sail training.



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"Lazy sailing days ahead"

Laser Masters

There must not be many "Laser Masters" in the Texas region, as turn out for the June 8th event was light. Thirteen skippers arrived in Palacios to compete for honors in the PRT's first Laser event. The winds switched from our past three month normal of - south at 25, to a north breeze of about 18. Gusts slipped through the course, capsizing most boats randomly through out the races. The mark boats were kept busy zipping back and forth to stand by. All the skippers eventually got up-right, many had those dark spots on the corners of their sails. A few had expended all strength and decided to retire to the beach. The winds died on Sunday and only one race was held. Warren presented half-hull plaques to 2nd -- ?? and first place received a half-hull with sail model. Great trophies but kind of expensive for only 13 boats. Hope to see more Lasers next year, those guys from Austin really enjoyed our bay.

Club Races

As most of you know, we have dropped the "Mariner" fleet and moved the "Dolphin" fleet to the **third Saturday of each month**. The format that has emerged is as follows: The PYC will meet on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 10:00am at the club house for conducting club business. At **11:00am** there will be a skipper's meeting till 11:30am. The RC may then leave to prepare for the races. At about **1:00pm** we will have our first start of at least two races. After the races, we will return to the club house for a meal (cooked on the grill, bring your own food). We have had two months of races this way and it seems to draw a crowd. There are other PYC members in Serendipity harbor, we need you to join us at the social and help make some club cruising plans.

June 15th - Races

The "small boat" fleet turned out nine for our saturday races under the new format. Also Warren and the PRT were concluding solos for a class held last week. Many Dolphin SR's were getting a tune up for next week and some of the youth joined us to sample going around the buoys. After the races, most everyone gathered at the PYC for burgers. Commodore Paul Serra advised that they had about 13 to feed. A couple, from Magnolia Beach, joined the club. Looking forward to next month, bring your boat and food - you might consider spending a night in Serendipity and sailing the next day as well..?

CLUB HOUSE DECK?

We could sure use a foreman for this job. We have been planning and fund raising for two years now. Unfortunately I live to far away and Warren is too busy with PRT events to get this started. Are any of you guys in Palacios weekly or living there, that can get this project off the ground??? The original plan consisted of a lower deck with a "removable tarp shade" (some thought was given to an upper deck). If we are going to start socializing monthly, we really should expand the club house. Call Roberta (512-972-3960) if you have some ideas. There are many of us who can make a work day, but we need a coordinator.

Speaking of the CLUB HOUSE, Race Captain & Artist - Craig Hlavinka has been working on decorating the out side of the PYC with our logo and code flags etc. Come by and check it out. At this time he is working on a large PYC logo on the south side of the building.

NDSCA - 1996 Nationals

Well our wind came back with a vengeance. Saturday eleven Dolphin SR's hit the bay for a great start. After the first race we returned to the beach for lunch and while we were in, the wind increased to over 22. As the 2nd race started the earlier chop had turned into a fair size sea (for Dolphin SRs). Soon it was apparent the RC would have to abandon the race and get the skippers to the beach. Most were capsizing and the chase boat was over worked and almost out of action. With great distress to vessels and skippers we all returned to shore for the evening meal. Sunday began with rain which never stopped. The NDSCA called off the Nationals & rescheduled for the Palacios Labor Day Regatta. See you back in Palacios, August 30th.

Alter Cup

Warren reported that 14 "cats" participated in the first area F - Alter Cup in Palacios. Saturday was good weather with fair winds for the racers, but the regatta ended Sunday with no races due to lack of wind.

Columbus Fleet's Nina ventures to the Gulf

On June the 29th at 3:00am Willie Younger, David Fant and Lane Hollister departed for Corpus Christi. We were due to depart the Nina's dock, after "signing the articles", around 7:00am. We had a long motor out to Port Aransas, with David as the bow watch. This was a historic voyage, as it was the first American crew on a Spanish vessel in open water. The Columbus fleet has not been out of Corpus Christi Bay in the last two years. We sailed south for an hour then north for two hours. The day was perfect and we drew alot of spectators coming back in. From the jetties we had a four hour broad reach back to harbor. Fifteenth Century Sailing, nothing else like it.