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**"The Rhumb Line"**

**Merry Christmas**

I hope everyone has a safe and happy holidays. My Thanksgiving was very good. Unfortunately I did not get to partake in the annual awards dinner and I hear the meal was most excellent. Don't forget the Christmas Party. Congratulations to the winners of the 1997 race season.

**IMPORTANT MEETING!**

Thank you to the members who stepped forward and volunteered to take the helm and steer the PYC into 1998 and beyond. Not that I have you all gathered, we need to revise the by-laws and set new duties. This will occur at a special meeting at Serendipity in the REC-Hall on Dec 20th, at 10:00am that gives us two hours before the party starts. Be there early so we can get started. All Officers, Board and Committee members are requested to attend. As well as any concerned PYC member. We will discuss duties, club house, and rough draft the by-laws for final adoption in January.

**PYC December Party.....!**

The second best activity in the PYC (eating, after sailing) will occur at high noon on Saturday December 20th at the REC-Hall. Bring your favorite cake, pie, cookies, finger food, chips and dip or what ever (just something really good!) also bring your favorite beverage. We will have a good time with music provided by Linda and if we are real lucky the weather will be perfect and we can go sailing after lunch????

**Feb. Program Ideas?**

If anyone has a presentation (world cruising) or knows a good speaker on a sailing topic, we need to start planning for the February PYC Members program meeting. In the past we have had the Coast Guard, Sail Makers, Man Overboard, Locker Sale (ie garage) and various tales from other ports. MOB will be a program in the morning before the races start in March, so ... how about something else ?

**Club Officers**

I would like to thank all of the members who got together at the awards dinner and filled our slate of officers. I am presenting them here and if there is no other nominees or opposing candidates then we will adopt this board at the Christmas party.

**1998 Officers & Board**

- Commodore Ed DeCoux
- Vice-Commodore Rick Harrison
- Secretary Donna Younger
- Treasurer Roberta Ripke
- Club Trustee Linda Robinson  
(Serendipity Rep.)

BOARD of Gov's: Craig Brooks, Bob Fellingham, Willie Younger, Charlie Jones, Lane Hollister

**COMMITTEES**

- Cruising Director John Connor
- Annual Banquet Linda & Jim Robinson
- Christmas Party Linda R. & Donna Y.
- Newsletter Sandi & Ron Falstreu
- Pending Committees
- Race Committee \_\_\_\_\_
- Awards and Prizes \_\_\_\_\_
- Youth (Ed/Race) Mary Kay Beard & Lane H.

**MEMBERSHIP Renewal Time!**

PYC Membership Renewals are due by the first of January each year. In order to get the membership cards out in a timely manner, please have your dues in by Jan 31. The 1998 dues will be \$30. You can mail them to PYC 458 Commerce, Palacios TX 77465. OR - drop them off at Serendipity. You may also leave them with Roberta Dec 20.

## Awards Dinner Recap,

As most of you know I made a great menu but was unable to partake in it with you. As I have heard, it was a great shame as the food was so good. Several people said it was so good that they wanted seconds but were afraid to go back. Listen when I arrange for a spread and everyone has had a turn and you still want more....-DIG IN! We pay by the plate, so as long as everyone else has been fed and you don't take a clean plate were ok. Those reporting enjoyed a meal of ribeye steak and fried shrimp with all the trimmings and pecan pie for desert. The awards were handled by Ed DeCoux and Charlie Jones. (See winners last month) Also the program had a blank slate of officers (1st time in three years) and Ed DeCoux volunteered for Commodore, then put out a plea on my behalf to twist some arms and get some new blood at the helm. THANK YOU ED! Now, for the most part we are covered (there's still that matter of a race captain). AND, if there are no complaints or other nominees by the meeting at the Christmas Party (Dec 20th at 10:00am) then we will proceed with the by laws. I hope everyone had fun and really enjoyed your steak without me. See you at the party. Lane

## 1997 Recap, and look to the future...

Each year we make a set of goals for the club to shoot for by the awards dinner. I usually recap at the Jan meeting, but... since we will be making plans at the Dec meeting and getting right to work next year, I would like to get a jump on it. Last year there were many grand ideas but the two main things were to get our long proposed deck built and start a youth race program. Well, on count (1) we got right on the deck with the help of Charlie and Laura and the rest of us grunts and the PYC now has a nice dry area at the club house to eat hamburgers or watch sunsets. We would like to add to this and expand a little each year, so give us your input on what you think we need next. On count (2), I would have to say we sunk on that one. But I have an interested member with some kids who have finished the sail training class and others who might be enticed to try racing. More on this at the meeting. Over all the PYC has set realistic goals and achieved many over the past years. I am excited about the new officers and will put my energies to one of these projects,

since there will be so much help in 98'.

## SERENDIPITY NEWS

Make sure you stop by the front office and pick up a Serendipity Resort Monthly Planner which lists activities we have planned for each month. Scheduled for the month of December are Oyster Bakes, potlucks, breakfasts, Christmas Dinner, New Year's Eve Party and other fun events; you are always welcome to join us at anytime.

Also, please be aware that winter has arrived - and water lines are subject to freezing. If you have an unattended boat, please make arrangements with the staff to disconnect hoses if needed.

If you have not already done so, please stop by the office or call and make sure we have your current phone number and an emergency contact person who can make a decision concerning your boat.

We at Serendipity would like to take this opportunity to thank you for being such a wonderful group of people and for helping make the marina such a great place. We receive a great number of visitors who just happened to stop by because of your recommendations.

The staff would also like to wish each and everyone of you a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

*Linda*

