Houston Yacht Club

The Centennial Year Opening Day Ceremonies

April 20, 1997

4:00 p.m.

Elissa Regatta Trophy Presentations and Boat Christenings to follow
PROGRAM

Prelude......................................................The Cougar Brass
                                                University of Houston

Ship's Company Boards Vessel......................P/C Dean Snider
                                                Officer of the Day

Hoisting of Colors/National Anthem...............HYC Ragnots and
                                                Cougar Brass

Welcome and Introductions..........................Commodore Akkerman

Recognition of Past Commodores’ Representatives......................Commodore Akkerman

Historical Presentation..............................Valerie Buckner
                                                P/C Tynes Sparks

Unveiling and Dedication of the
    Historical Marker.................................Al Davis
                                                Historical Commission

Reading of the Proclamation.......................The Hon. Mike Jackson

Response..................................................Commodore Akkerman

Blessing of the Fleet.................................Fleet Chaplain Father
                                                Tom Rafferty

Clearing of the Deck.................................P/C Dean Snider
                                                Officer of the Day

Postlude..................................................The Cougar Brass

The vintage 1897 United States Flag flying today and the 4 burgees representing our documented
designs used during the last 100 years are courtesy of James Liston.
1997 OFFICERS

Neil Akkerman
Commodore

Tony Nunes
Vice Commodore
Ginny Garrett
Rear Commodore
Jack Progelhof
Fleet Captain
Dave Haglund
Secretary
Brad Larson
Treasurer

Dennis Steger
Measurer
Tynes Sparks
Fleet Historian
Dr. George Whalen
Fleet Surgeon
Father Tom Rafferty
Fleet Chaplain

TRUSTEES
Van Callahan, Tom Deen, Steve Ghormley, Jim Lober, John Nicholson,
Lon Strong, Clark Thompson, Jr. & Bob Wells

Past Commodores

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Houston Yacht Club Centennial Fund Underwriters

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P/C Raoul Beasley
Weldon Bell
P/C John S. Bonner
P/C Louis Bonner
Jack Mundy
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Sonny Allen
Sonny Allen
Paul Richmond
Charles Maher

In Honor Of
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P/C Ed DeJon
Erich Brann
Gerald Cooney
Florence Helm
P/C Bob Middleton
P/C Dean and Kay Snider
P/C Ed DeJon
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Mary Ann Allen
Ginny Garrett
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Fleet Historian, P/C Tynes Sparks
R/C Ginny Garrett

Vice Chairman
Sam Akkerman

Secretary
Anne Greer

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Pam Zutek

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Lynda Smythe and P/C Marc Lamkin

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Sandy Thompson
Committee: P/C Ned VanMaanen, P/C Bill Strong

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Laure Holle and Mary Ann Allen
Committee: Wanda Beaudry, Van Callahan, Florence Helm
Judy Lamkin, Anna Matthews

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Fran Strong
Committee: Joan Bogar, Bobbie Vee Cooney, Tookie
McMahan, Lynda Smythe, Anne Thompson
Beau Thompson, Camille Tichenor

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Centennial History
Sam Akkerman and P/C Tynes Sparks
Centennial Distinguished
Speaker Dinner Series
P/C Tony Smythe
Centennial Art Commission
P/C Tony Smythe, R/C Ginny Garrett and Sandy Peck
Centennial Programs
Linda McKee and Valerie Buckner
Centennial Charitable Events
Commodore Neil Akkerman
Coordinator
Observer - Joe Pyne
Centennial Flagship
West Point - Glenn Sereau
Centennial Community
Bobbie Duryea and Beverly Mickley
Relations
Sandy Peck
Centennial Special Projects
Valerie Buckner
Centennial Marker
Dedication
Centennial Windjammer
Edition
Flag Protocol

Mary Ann Allen, Cheryl Thomas and James Liston
James Liston

CENTENNIAL STEERING COMMITTEE

Ladies Association
Nancy Miner
Women’s Sailing Association
Pat Vecellio
Windjammer
Cheryl Thomas
Ragnots
Neave Nunes
Blue Gavel
P/C Ned VanMaanen
Former Members
P/C Marc Lamkin
U.S. Sailing Association
P/C Dean Snider and P/C Jimmy Tichenor
Yachting Association
Anne and Gary Banks
Mosquito Fleet
Lloyd Wells
Bridge
Marty Stovall
Ensigns
Anne Morley
Tornados
Mike Zutek
J-22s
Linda McKee
Cruising Fleet
Bob Wright
Sport Fleet
Vincent Morvillo
Past Fleets
Rolfe Beaudry, Dragons; Sandy and Jimmy Thompson Stars; Genie
Atmar, Corinthians; Tom Stovall, Geary 18s; P/C Tony Smythe,
Solings; Richard Percoco, Thistles; P/C Bob Middleton, Rhodes 19;
Judy VanMaanen, Ying Lings
Texas’ Oldest Yacht Club

In 1897, a group of Houston businessmen organized what is today the oldest yacht club in Texas, the Houston Yacht Club. During the first years, they met in downtown Houston and moored their boats at the club wharf near Allen’s Landing. In 1910, they built a clubhouse on the banks of Buffalo Bayou in Harrisburg. In addition to organizing regattas and boating events for sailboats, power boats and canoes, promoting the development of the ship channel and Houston as a deep water port was a primary focus of the Club.

As part of their efforts to promote one design sailing after WWI, the Club became a charter member of the Gulf Yachting Association and began competing with other clubs along the gulf coast as far away as Florida for the prestigious Sir Thomas Lipton Trophy. This prompted a movement to relocate the clubhouse to the shores of Galveston Bay and in July of 1927, they moved into the “pink palace,” the three story stucco Spanish mission building which continues to provide a warm home on the Bay for member families.

Here they continue their 100 year old tradition of organizing regattas and promoting Houston as a nationally recognized yacht racing and recreational boating center. From the first local regatta in the summer of 1897, to the national and international championships it is renowned for hosting today, HYC continues to make yachting history on Galveston Bay.
Houston Yacht Club
Shore Acres