

Port Arthur Yacht Club

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560 PLEASURE ISLAND BLVD. #79 ⚓ PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS 77640

Check out the newly revamped website: <http://payc.us>

APRIL 2004

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

First things first! Due to auto accidents, deaths in the family and offers void where prohibited by law, the Mainsheet was really late last month. The most important item was the ballot for the annual budget. Another budget ballot is included in this month's issue in case you don't have the first one, as well as a ballot to remedy our leaky wall problem. We have a bid to remove the overgrown flowerbed in front of the lounge windows; they will grade the area so the water will drain properly and pour a concrete slab that can be used as a nice patio area. This seems to be the best solution to remedy the issue, no more water in the lounge and a nice patio area for membership to enjoy. Please take time to submit both ballots before the April General Meeting, which is Tuesday April 13th.

Also remember the April General Meeting will be held at West Marine in Beaumont. Deals will abound with discounts and special pricing on items purchased or ordered that night. They always enjoy hosting our group and it will give some of our members a closer venue to attend a meeting.

We are getting ready for the cruising and racing season here at PAYC. April 1st begins our Spring Thursday Night Racing Series. Followed every Thursday until the end of the first series on the 29th. Saturday

the 17th will be the Fred Grund Long Distance Race. Following on the 25th will be a day of V-15 racing. Make plans now for April 3rd and 4th for the annual Shell Island Cruise. This is always a good cruise to make. Not too far to get there and always a good time. The social of the month is the San Jacinto Day Social on the 17th following the race. Carolyn is planning a very special evening.

Getting a jump on May get ready for Contraband Days in Lake Charles. Starting April 30th to May 2nd is the first cruise to the party, as well as May 7th – 9th to finish things up.

As always be sure to check inside for all of the details on racing, cruising and socials. We are gearing up for a summer full of fun events. All of our events are always more enjoyable when we have a crowd. Check the calendar and make plans to come out and have a good time with good friends. Be sure to check out the new look of our web site: payc.us. There you will find information on club events, races and more. I would like to thank Carolyn Worsham on doing such a fine job on the site, and Alan Aldredge for securing us a new host for the site.

See you on the water,

Mike Wise...

PAYC Social News

A very special evening is being planned for **Saturday, April 17**. In lieu of the traditional informal social gatherings, this one will have a more formal flair.

A **reservation-only** dinner will feature *hors d'oeuvres*, a catered three-course meal, a narrated wine tasting, and live entertainment. It's an opportunity to treat your significant other to a romantic evening on the water overlooking the Pleasure Island Marina.

Date: Saturday, April 17, 2004

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: PAYC Clubhouse

Dress: Island formal (no shorts, please)

Cost: \$40 per couple (\$20 per single)

Reservations with pre-payment are required. Please make your check payable to PAYC and send it to Carolyn Worsham, 906 South Wind, Port Arthur, TX 77640. Because of the limitations of our facilities, only forty (ten tables of four) reservations will be accepted. Don't delay – get your reservations in today. (You can call or email me with your intentions, but payment must follow to ensure your reservation.)

V15 News

Weather has taken top billing for the last two V15 events. On February 29 the wind gusted to over 25 knots just as three boats left the clubhouse dock for some marina sailing. Two managed to stay upright; the third practiced the righting skills learned at an earlier seminar. ;-)

Chad Wilson's dry land instruction was highly informative. He demonstrated many V15 rigging tips and tricks and offered suggestions for future practice sessions. Chad and girlfriend Stephanie took a V15 out during the high winds and literally screamed from one side of the basin to the other. It was truly a sight to behold.

The V15 fleet welcomed new fleet members Ed and Sandy Ludwig who opted to withstand the temptation to make their first V15 sail in the wild conditions of the day.

March 14 was a complete rainout. The next scheduled V15 event is **April 25 at 2 p.m.** Chad Wilson will be back to offer on-the-water coaching. With a little luck we'll have decent weather. Any interested crewmembers are invited to attend.

An impromptu day of V15 sailing is planned for **Easter Sunday, April 11 at 2 p.m.** All fleet members are encouraged to attend. Any who would like to crew are invited as well.

Carolyn Worsham

Cruising News

The March cruise to Esther's was highlighted by a delightful evening meal with a lot of good boat talk. **Andy Green** helped pilot *Double Standard* through the treacherous shortcut to the Rainbow Bridge marina on a beautiful clear day with no wind.

Joann and Jack Moser joined the crew to toast the sunset. Admiral **Teresa** and first daughter **Tina** helped guide **Commodore Wise** to the dinner. A neck brace and some pain did not deter the dedicated Commodore from his official duties of attending the official dinner cruise. **Gary and Pam King** brought Grandson **Korbin** to represent the younger generation, and **Jack and Billee Painton** represented an elite group with more than 70 years of sailing experience. **Ed and Sandy Ludwig** arrived just before **Ed Painton** stopped by to announce that the official cruise fireworks display could be seen through the official picture window of the banquet hall. At least two other boats (**Steve Swanson** and **Glenn Thibodeaux**) headed out with good intentions of making the cruise but were sabotaged by engine malfunctions and lack of wind.

Cruising News *Continued*

The next event is the historical **Spring Cruise to Shell Island on April 3-4**. There are many, many stories that will be told around the campfire as the wind whistles through the pine trees. So, bring your steaks and marshmallows and maybe a log or two and enjoy a beautiful evening under the full moon. Oh, do you need to be reminded that you can only get there by boat? Any last minute instructions will be posted on the white board in the clubhouse.

And then, on **Thursday, April 29th** a convoy of PAYC cruisers will represent Texas in pirate country for the weekend. The **Contraband Days Cruise** will begin with the cruisers anchoring at Shell Island on Thursday night to get an early start Friday morning for Lake Charles. That leaves plenty of time to find a good anchorage or dock space in Lake Charles before the mandatory 1700 Happy Hour deadline. A slow and lazy cruise back on Sunday is the norm, but some have remained to enjoy the second weekend as well. **Any yachts that are interested in dock space up the river in Lake Charles should contact Marilee Devenzio at 727-1098.** Again, any last minute instructions will be posted on the white board in the clubhouse.

I should also mention the **Galveston Offshore Race/Cruise to Offatts Bayou on Memorial Day Weekend**. It is an on-the-water boat show. Upwards of 300 yachts will be on the hook for Memorial Day Weekend at the west end of Galveston Island. *Double Standard* is planning to make the race/cruise and then spend the next week up around the Houston Yacht Club. Anyone who is interested is invited to join.

**Sea Yawl,
Bill Worsham**

PAYC Website

Check out the revamped website at <http://payc.us>. If you have any comments or suggestions, email cworsham@gt.rr.com. Be sure to check out the Pleasure Island InstaCam and Real-Time Weather links.

Recent Changes in Texas Boating Registration Requirements

Effective January 1, 2004, Texas boat owners must register their vessels with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD). It has always been an option of having one's vessels documented by the U. S. Coast Guard or registered by the State of Texas. A new law mandates that all boats under 115 feet used for recreation must be registered by the State of Texas. Documented vessels are no longer exempt from state registration requirements.

Many boat owners have chosen to document their vessels over registration. Documentation is a form of Federal registration with the U. S. Coast Guard. It is available for all vessels over 27 feet in length or five gross tons in weight. Documentation has several advantages, but the primary purpose is to establish ownership. Documentation is generally recognized in international waters and can help ease port clearance.

Texas passed House Bill 2926 on June 20, 2003. This bill became law on January 1, 2004. The law requires all vessels in Texas waters to be registered with the TPWD. To be in compliance with this new law, a documented vessel must submit:

- Application Form PWD 143
- Current USCG Documentation Certificate
- Verification of sales tax payment
- Payment of registration fee

The cost of registration is as follows:

- Class A Motorboat (except Livery boat),** Less than 16 feet in length: **\$30.00**
- Sailboat (Except Livery boat),** 14 feet but less than 16 feet in length: **\$30.00**
- Class 1 Motorboat, Sailboat, or Livery boat,** 16 feet but less than 26 feet in length: **\$50.00**
- Class 2 Motorboat, Sailboat, or Livery boat,** 26 feet but less than 40 feet in length: **\$70.00**
- Class 3 Motorboat, Sailboat or Livery boat,** 40 feet in length and over: **\$90.00**
- Livery boat,** less than 16 feet in length: **\$30.00**

If the sales tax has not been paid, a Bill of Sale or Invoice is also required and the sales tax fee will be assessed at time of registration. A bill of sale or invoice must contain:

- the date of sale;
- sales price;
- description of the vessel and/or outboard motor (make, TX or serial number and year build);
- purchaser(s) name; and
- seller's signature.

Forms and instructions are available at <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/boat/wsdigest.phtml>.

Proposed Budget for 2004 (based on 194 members @ \$180 = \$34,920)

Administrative		Cruising Program	1,200
Accounting, Taxes, Dues	\$2,200	Junior Sailing	1,500
Stationery, Checks	100	Social	
Postage, Printing	1,000	Functions	1,000
Mainsheet	2,000	Pantry	600
Publicity, Membership	200	Annual Banquet	
Clubhouse		Banquet Cost	1,100
Insurance	2,500	Honor Awards	1,000
Self-Insurance	2,500	Lease Renewal	1,500
Utilities		Contingency Fund	1,700
Electricity	4,850		
Telephone	600	Total Budget for 2004	\$34,920
Waste Services	1,220		
Water	1,600	Approve _____	Do not approve _____
Gas	250		
Maintenance		Comments:	_____
Building	1,000		
Ice Machine	100	Submit ballot at the April 13 General Meeting or mail	
Janitorial	3,200	for receipt prior to April 13 to	
Racing Program		Port Arthur Yacht Club	
Race Committee	1,200	560 Pleasure Island Blvd. #79	
TSA Regatta	400	Port Arthur, TX 77640	
V15 Regatta	400		

I approve of using an amount not to exceed \$6,000 to install a concrete patio in the area between the club house the flag pole, and remove the existing flower bed.

___ Approve___ Do Not Approve

Racing and Knotheads for April

We held our first Olympic regatta with five boats racing. It was a great day for sailing on March 20. You could not have ask for better conditions. Ken Ruty held off Martin Novich and Richard Hughes to claim the top spot in the fleet. Followed by Richard Hughes, Martin Novich, Bob Peck and Sam Showalter. We sailed under PHRFTOT and it worked out really well. The sailing was real tight and there was one boat which will be nameless that had to do a 720 for barging at the starting line. April really will be busy for racing with April 1 starting our Thursday night racing series. Then the "FRED GRUND" long distance race on April 17 skippers meeting will be at 10 am.

As a reminder PAYC racing is open to everybody, be it F-31, Thistle, Laser, V-15

and even Optimist. Come on out and have some fun.

Also the Club is looking in hosting Mid-Winters J-22 Regatta. This is a very big regatta with 60+ boats. If we get it we will really need the help.

The Mardi Gras Regatta 2005 is on the first weekend in Feb. The earliest it has been in awhile. It go to be here in no time oh well onto other things. May 15 we will throw a end of SCHOOL YEAR PARTY, bring your friends food and drinks are on us so make plans to come on out and have some fun.

Raising Colored Flags Paul Vera

Condolences

Richard Lyles, a recently-approved PAYC member, was killed in an industrial accident on March 17. Richard, who started out as a Sunfish sailor, was looking forward to a summer of sailing on his newly-purchased monohull. He had spent many hours glassing and gelcoating her topsides during the fall and winter in anticipation of a summer of fun. PAYC extends its condolences to his wife, Nuria, and family.

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NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: TUESDAY, April 13, 2004 – 7 P.M. West Marine, Beaumont

2004 PAYC Officers

COMMODORE	Mike Wise
VICE COMMODORE	Ken Smith
TREASURER	Teresa Wick
SECRETARY	Alan Aldredge
MAINSHEET EDITOR	Martin Novich (882-5318 or 727-0752)
BOARD	Martin Novich, Paul Vera, Terrell Adkisson, Glenn Thibodeaux
TRUSTEE	Butch Neely
HARBOR MASTER	D. C. Cook (Page 626-2609 or 723-0652)

PAYC Yachts 4-Sale

(Call or email Martin Novich to list your vessel or have it removed from this list)

B44	Bayliner 25	Debi Adams	962.6296
C2	Pearson 26	Milton Bell	838.5378 / 866.2121
D02	Ranger 29	Al Hebert	722.2048
E12	Mega 30	Linda Robinson	982.2565 / 504.1815
Pvt	Catalina 25	Steve Lowe	903.561.0599
B20	Balboa 26	Ralph Thon	505.377.2756
E03	North American 23	Paul Bronson	724.1302
	15' Precision w/trailer	Jim Norwood	781.6637
	1980 AMF Paceship 23	Conrad Cooper	984.6532 / 898.1751
D17	1980 Tartan 33 "Bobjack"	Stan Killian	409.866.5211
	McGregor 25	Jim Mehaffy	409.899.5800/835.8434

Meet PAYC's Newest Members!

The following have recently joined PAYC. Please seek them out and show them some PAYC hospitality.

Dr. Lee and Lori Coleman sail a Beneteau Oceanis 39 rigged for extended cruising. Lee has sailed as crewmember in three trans-Atlantic passages and from Miami to Maine on several occasions. Almost yearly he sails from Bay Head, NJ, to Maine via the East River with a close friend. He has also sailed in the Lakewood Yacht Club Vera Cruz Race, made passages to Honduras and Cuba, and cruised the Caribbean, mostly as captain of his boat, *Sweet Sinsation*. Lee was hired as Medical Director of the Gulf Coast Health Center, Inc. in October. He headed straight for the water and "met several gracious and friendly folks" who suggested he apply for membership in PAYC. Shortly he will bring his boat from Port Aransas to PAYC to get back to "what he loves doing the most." Lee has also been published in *Tell Tales*, *Gulf Coast Sailing*, and *Rags*.

Curtis and Sandra Collins live aboard and sail a Wildcat 35, a catamaran built in South Africa. Before coming to PAYC, they sailed SW Florida, including the Dry Tortugas, and made the passage from Tampa to Port Arthur. Curtis first started sailing on Hobie 16s in the early 80s. He is an ASA Instructor and USCG licensed Captain (50 Ton Master). Sandy was new to sailing when they met while crewing in the Harvest Moon Regatta in 1997. Curtis has sailed, raced, taught sailing, captained charters, and delivered yachts in Texas, Florida, New England, British Columbia, Bermuda and many Caribbean locations. Their web site provides more on their sailing adventures (www.sipartnersinc.com/staff/ccollins). Curtis and Sandra enjoy the laid-back environment and friendly people at PAYC. They are currently refitting their boat in preparation for Caribbean cruising starting in November 2004. Long-term plans are to live in Belize and continue to do short-term cruising.

Cheryl A. Coons

Jack Funderburk began sailing in the early 80s. In addition to participation in the Clemson Sailing Club activities he has also raced in the Harvest Moon Regatta and cruised the waters between here and Galveston. Jack sails the Westwind 36 Ketch *EastWind* that can be found in C23.

Steven and Marilyn Lightwine currently own a canoe in dry storage; however, they are interested in taking sailing lessons and enjoying the sport of sailing.

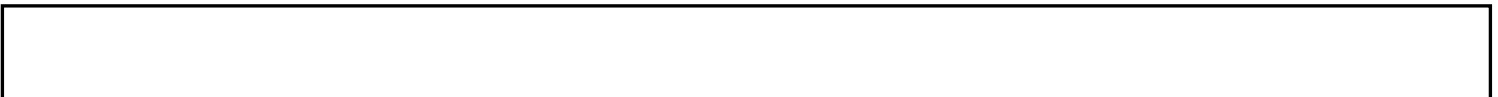
Kjell and Carol Olofson are circumnavigators whose fate brought them to Port Arthur for a few months. On several occasions groups of PAYC members have had the pleasure of listening to some of their adventures. In the near future they'll be off on again with their sites on Sweden and then south through Europe. Check out the eyeballs Carol painted on *Geronimo's* hull (www.payc.us/cruising.htm) so she could flirt with the whales!

Steve Romeo and Lezlie Armentor – Steve started sailing in the 70s on a Catalina 22. He currently owns a Hunter 25 and is hoping to find the time to do some cruising.

Steve Swanson and Jessie Block are new to sailing; however, they have hit the road running with their 26' cruiser. Motor problems cut their latest cruise short, but they participated in the Screen House Cruise in January, helped in the kitchen with the TSA Regatta in February, and Steve crewed with Martin Novich for the Spring Regatta in March.

Tom and Jody Thigpen aren't strangers to sailing or to PAYC. Tom and Jody are Terri Hooper's parents, and they have attended PAYC social events with Tom and Terri in the past. Tom and Jody have recently reclaimed *Atlas Shrugged*, a 30' Olympic Princess Luders design sloop built in Greece, and are anxious to get it out on the water this summer after some extensive maintenance this spring. Their sailing experience has primarily been on Lake Grapevine, but they're looking forward to day sails and some racing on Sabine Lake.

Danny and Joy Williams pilot *Yes Dear*, a Bayliner 3988 docked at their home in Mariners' Cove. They are looking forward to the cruises and social events and have offered to help with regattas. Danny and Joy have been financial supporters of all of the TSA regattas. Danny's stew won First Place at the Irish Stew Cook-off in March.



Port Arthur Yacht Club Board Meeting March 16, 2004

Board members / Trustees present were Glen Thibodeaux, Martin Novich, Paul Vera, Teresa Wick, Mike Wise, Ken Smith, and Alan Aldredge. Others present were Gary King and Carolyn Worsham.

Treasurers Report:

Main Checking:	\$17,691.64
Improvement MM:	\$12,826.68
Improvement CD:	\$27,758.77
Improvement CD:	\$11,743.90
Lease Renewal CD:	\$25,862.12
Self Insurance:	\$43,080.65

Harbormaster:

No Report

Membership:

No new membership applications or resignations were received.

Racing:

Upcoming events: Spring Olympic Regatta (March 20th) and Thursday Night Series #1 (begins on March 1st).

House & Grounds:

The gate controller is down again. .

Cruising:

Upcoming events: Shell Island Cruise (April 3rd & 4th) and Contraband Days (April 30th – May 2nd & May 7th – May 9th).

Socials:

Upcoming events: Spring-into-Spring Social (March 20th), San Jacinto Day Social (April 17th).

Safety:

No Report

The Pleasure Island Commission has authorized funds be spend to hire an engineering firm to develop bid specs for Marina improvements. This is the first step before the PIC can request bids.

Jr Sailing:

Paul Vera discussed possible dates for future Junior Sailing Academies. Please direct comments or enrollment request to Mr. Vera.

Old Business:

Due to printing and mailing delays the proposed 2004 budget will be presented to the membership in the April's *Mainsheet*.

More decision was had on the Clubhouse Patio project. Paul Vera made a motion to accept the current bid and present it to the membership for approval. Martin Novich seconded the motion and the motion passed. A second ballet will be included in the next *Mainsheet* for the membership to vote on this expenditure.

Discussions continue with the PIC on the possibility of the early renewal on the PAYC lease if the money will be applied to Marina improvements.

New Business:

Paul Vera led discussions on the possibility of the PAYC hosting the Midwinter J22 Class Regatta. Martin Novich made a motion for the board to authorize Mr. Vera to begin conversations with the Class Association. Alan Aldredge seconded the motion and the board approved.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25PM

Alan Aldredge, Secretary

Congratulations to J Boat Round Up Winners!

John Kolius and KO Sailing held the first annual J Boat Roundup and Rodeo at Houston Yacht Club on March 13-14. Forty-two J-boats of varying designs (J/22, J/24, J/105, J/120, J/109, J/36, J/92, J/27, and J/80) raced in the stormy conditions of the weekend.

When all was said and done, the overall winner was **J/24 Flood Tip**, skippered by PAYC members **Bill Worsham** (the younger) with **Laurie Worsham** as a crew member. **Dave** (PAYC) and **Chad (HYC)Wilson** also competed on Saturday aboard **J/30 Boojet**. According to Dave, "J boat skippers and crews have a tough time knowing when to get out of the rain." Discretion overcame valor on Sunday for the Wilsons.

PAYC member Chris Kearby joined Bill and Laurie for a second place finish aboard Flood Tip in the HYC Beasley Cup held on March 20-21. Twenty-five J/24s from five states participated in the event.

Congratulations to **Bill, Laurie, Chris** and *Flood Tip* (flying the PAYC burgee)! Both Bill and Chad are second-generation products of the PAYC racing program and have gained the respect of fellow sailors in Texas, the nation, and the world.