



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>

MARCH 2004

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

February was a fantastic month at PAYC. We started with a basin cruise on a cold night with warm friends and some really great hot chili. Then Paul Vera and crew pulled off a very fine TSA Mardi Gras Regatta. With 52 boats and 56 competitors it was a sight to see that many young sailors on the water. We have always said that this is our most fun regatta and this year was no exception. After all the dreary, rainy days we had two full days of sun and sailing. Membership participation was key in hosting an event of this size, and I would like to thank all those who helped make this regatta another successful PAYC event. We had nothing but glowing comments from all who attended. Paul sent a detailed commentary to the listserv for all of those with e-mail. Be sure to check it out.

On to this month. We start things off with a cruise to Taylor Bayou on the 6th. This ought to be a fun time as usual. It's far enough away to get you out of your slip, and close enough for a weekend outing. On the 14th the V-15'ers will be filling their sails for a fun day of racing. Finally on the 20th we will have the Spring Olympic Regatta followed by the Spring-into-Spring Social that evening. As always be sure to check

inside for all of the Racing, Cruising, and Social details.

We are planning on having the April General Meeting at West Marine in Beaumont. They are looking forward to hosting our meeting again and will be offering discounts on items purchased or orders placed that evening. Be sure to check the April Mainsheet for more details.

The ballot for the annual budget is included in this issue. We are starting this year with a few less members than last year, but we got the numbers to work out. Please take time to vote and get your ballots turned in or mailed before the General Meeting on March 9th.

I see by looking at the transaction logs on the gate access computer that there are still a few people that may have problems with their gate code or fob. Please let me know if you are having any gate access issues. It is a problem too easily remedied not to get it taken care of.

See you on the water.

Mike Wise...

March Social News

March 20 is the date for the **PAYC Spring-into-Spring Social**. Come join other sailing families for an **Irish Stew Cook-off** beginning at **6:30 p.m.**

Consider participating in the cook-off with your favorite Irish Stew recipe. There will be prizes for the cook-off winners. If you choose not to participate in the cook-off, please bring a dish based on the first letter of your last name:

A-L Vegetable dish or salad

M-S Bread

T-Z Dessert

(There's nothing cut-and-dried about this; it's just a suggestion to even out our menu.)

PAYC will provide tea and lemonade; otherwise, it's bring-your-own-drink. We'll celebrate a belated St. Patrick's Day and the beginning of spring with a little seasonal entertainment.

The next social will be an extra special evening. On **April 17** PAYC will host a reservation-only catered dinner. For you guys, this is your chance to treat your sweetheart to a quiet and romantic evening on the water. Just to whet your appetite, be it known that the evening will include an opportunity to sample some local wines, enjoy a catered dinner, and relax to music provided by a local artist. Look for more information in the April *Mainsheet*.

A man who is not afraid of the sea will soon be drowned. - John Millington Synge, Irish writer

Carolyn Worsham

Racing News

Our racing begins in full force with the **Spring Olympic Regatta** on **March 20**. The skippers' meeting will be held at 10 a.m. sharp. We will be racing around buoys with one or more races scheduled. It should be fast and furious, so that means have a crew. The warning flag will be flown at 11:30 a.m. Sailing instructions will be handed out at the skippers' meeting. Please make sure you have a PHRF

number. If you don't, let me know so I can contact the rating committee. This race will count towards Danny Murphy and Top Gun points and will be scored PHRF time-on-time.

See you at the skippers' meeting.

Paul Vera

V15 News

Because of the *Mainsheet* deadline, the V15 racing for February hasn't happened yet, but it promises to be an educational day for all. On February 29 Chad Wilson from Houston Yacht Club will provide an afternoon of on-the-water coaching. Fleet members are hoping to learn how to use effectively the StaMaster shroud adjusters and mainsheets that were recently purchased for the six fleet boats. We're also hoping to learn how to roll-tack the V15s without capsizing. If you've ever seen the accomplished dinghy sailors tack a boat and appear to gain rather than lose speed, then you've seen a roll-tack. If you see V15s capsized on February 29, you'll know that mastery has not yet been reached!

March 14 is the next day for V15 racing. If you're interested in crewing, show up at 2 p.m. and perhaps there will be a spot for you.

Sailors don't get old; they just get a little dinghy!

Carolyn Worsham

Condolences

PAYC offers condolences to Al Hebert and family for the loss of Sherry and to Martin Novich for the loss of his father. Al and Sherry were avid sailors and active PAYC members prior to the onset of Sherry's illness.

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.

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

Administrative	
Accounting, Taxes, Dues	\$2,200
Stationery, Checks	100
Postage, Printing	1,000
Mainsheet	2,000
Publicity, Membership	200
Clubhouse	
Insurance	2,500
Self-Insurance	2,500
Utilities	
Electricity	4,850
Telephone	600
Waste Services	1,220
Water	1,600
Gas	250
Maintenance	
Building	1,000
Ice Machine	100
Janitorial	3,200
Racing Program	
Race Committee	1,200
TSA Regatta	400
V15 Regatta	400

Cruising Program	1,200
Junior Sailing	1,500
Social	
Functions	1,000
Pantry	600
Annual Banquet	
Banquet Cost	1,100
Honor Awards	1,000
Lease Renewal	1,500
Contingency Fund	1,700

Total Budget for 2004 **\$34,920**

Approve _____ Do not approve _____

Comments: _____

Submit ballot at the March 9 General Meeting or mail for receipt prior to March 9 to
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Cruising News

Howdy yawl,

The moon and clear skies arrived on cue for the February Cruise to the Pleasure Island Marina Basin. Four PAYC yachts rafted up on *Double Standard's* anchor before sunset in a very light northwest wind. Dave and Mary Beth Craig; Bobby, Suzanne, Kirk, and Siobhan Brammer; and Commodore Mike Wise came aboard for an evening of steaming hot chili and great entertainment courtesy of the Hanna's Reef Band minus 5. Bobby led the group in a medley of Buffett, Brammer, Belafonte, and Larry Joe Taylor songs. It was a very special evening on Sabine Lake.

David and Mary Beth may have to travel a little ways to get to our Fall Cruises. They have been transferred to Bakersfield, California. (Or perhaps we can plan a cruise to Catalina Island!)

On **March 6-7**, we have the **Neches River Cruise**. (This cruise was planned for Taylor Lake; however, the Causeway Bridge will be

out of commission for several weeks.) Exit Lake Sabine at the north end through the 1000-foot Cut. Turn to port in the ICW, turn to starboard in the Neches River, and go about three miles north of the bridges to the old river channel. Consider an anchor and chain that will hold in soft mud.

Remember, this is another step in the spring shakedown to prepare for the longer trips.

By leaving around noon, a leisurely pace is assured. That will give plenty of time to anchor and relax before the full moon rises.

Bring your own drinks, steaks, and a side dish. We'll have a couple of grills on *Double Standard* for community use.

"If I have learnt anything, it is that life forms no logical patterns. It is haphazard and full of beauties which I try to catch as they fly by, for who knows whether any of them will ever return?" Margot Fonteyn

See yawl -
Bill Worsham

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NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2004 – 7 P.M. – PAYC

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
D18	1978 Catalina 27	Sam Showalter	721-5953 / 721.5212
D17	1980 Tartan 33 "Bobjack"	Stan Killian	409.866.5211

TSA Mardi Gras Regatta Recap

Just like we did at our Awards Banquet this year, we filled this place up! It's safe to say that we had the biggest regatta Port Arthur Yacht Club has hosted in many years. With 52 boats and 56 sailors, we had a full house. PAYC was buzzing with young sailors, their boats, and their families. Last year we had 36 boats, and we thought *that* was a big success.

The sailors came from all over the great state of Texas -- from towns like Coppell, Refugio, Fort Worth, Corpus Christi, Houston and even Wichita, Kansas. Did you know that Wichita, KS, is the home of Ninnescah Yacht Club? Yacht and boating clubs represented included Lakewood (17), Texas Corinthian (14), Houston (7), Grapevine (2), Seabrook (5), Fort Worth (4), Ninnescah (2), and Port Arthur (1).

The youngest sailor was 7 years old, and the oldest was 19. When these guys and gals go through the junior sailing programs in their respective yacht clubs, they really know how to sail!

We had new and old PAYC members making this Regatta happen, and we needed and appreciated the efforts of every one of them. The weather was great, and we got in a lot of good races. The Green fleet competed in 9 races in two days of racing in the basin. The Opti red, white, and blue sailors competed in 8 races north of the channel markers, and the Laser and 420 sailors competed in 6 races near "M" marker.

As the Lakewood Yacht Club Vice Commodore said "This club is the best kept secret for yachting in Texas. Job well done."

Once again let me thank those who helped out: Maggie Vera, Ken Ruty, John Otto, Glenn and Janice and Ruby Thibodeaux, Bill and Carolyn Worsham, Bill and Laurie Worsham, Jim Kincaid, Mike Wise, Teresa Wick, Alan Aldredge, Martin Novich, Terrell Adkisson, Steve Guidry, Sam Showalter, Steve and Jesse Swanson, Romeo Vera (my brother) and any others that I have missed.

I would appreciate feedback from any who participated – both positive and negative – to use in planning for next year's regatta.

Summary of Results

Overall Opti class winner: Taylor Lutz, Lakewood YC with 7 first place finishes

Opti Green Fleet winner: Zachary Denais, Corpus Christi YC

Laser winner: Chris Flynn, Fort Worth BC

420 winner: Skipper Christine Barbour, Houston YC, with crew Hannah Locke, Corpus Christi YC

Youngest sailor: Brendon Bottom (7 years old)

Oldest sailor: Ben Parrish (19 years old)

Pictures taken by Roy Shaw and Carolyn Worsham are posted at payc.sailingscores.com.

Sailing in a cloud with a silver lining.

Paul Vera

**Port Arthur Yacht Club Board Meeting
February 17, 2004**

Board members present: Glen Thibodeaux, Martin Novich, Paul Vera, Teresa Wick, Mike Wise, Ken Smith, Terrell Adkisson and Alan Aldredge. Others present: Butch Neely, Jack Moser, Paul Vera, and Tom & Joanne Thigpen.

Treasurers Report:

Main Checking:	\$13,302.45
Improvement1:	\$2,581.81
Improvement2:	\$27,758.77
Improvement3:	\$31,599.91
Lease Renewal:	\$25,862.12
Self Insurance:	\$42,080.65

Harbormaster:

No Report

Membership:

One new membership applications was reviewed and accepted from Tom & Joanne Thigpen. Ten resignations have been received since the last meeting.

Racing:

The next event will be the TSA Mardi Gras Regatta on Feb. 21st & 22nd. The next V15 Race will be on Feb. 29th. The Spring Olympic Regatta is scheduled for March 20th.

House & Grounds:

An informal update on the progress of the committee to review the condition of the Marina was given by Jack Moser. The idea of possibly renewing our lease with the Please Island Commission (PIC) with the agreement that the money would be spent on Marina improvements was discussed. Mr. Moser agreed to represent the Club in these negotiations.

Cruising:

The next cruise will be the Taylor Bayou Cruise on March 6th & 7th.

Socials:

The next social is the Spring-into-Spring Social on March 20th.

Safety:

Jack Moser covered his discussion with the PIC on Marina conditions.

Junior Sailing:

Paul Vera reviewed plans for the Mardi Gras Regatta and asked for volunteers to help with the event.

Old Business:

Two more bids have been received on Patio Project. No more action was taken.

Mike Wise presented 2003 annual expense totals for the Club and an updated 2004 budget for Board approval. A motion was made by Paul Vera and seconded by Ken Smith to accept the budget as presented. The proposed budget will be presented to the membership in the next *Mainsheet*.

New Business:

Jack Moser was nominated to represent the Club in a lease renewal discussion with the PIC.

April's General Meeting will be at West Marine.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:11PM

Alan Aldredge, Secretary



*Taylor Lutz, Lakewood Yacht Club
Overall winner of the TSA Mardi Gras Regatta*