

Port Arthur Yacht Club

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MAY 2004 *Commodore's Comments*

Spring has sprung and summer is almost here. Time to shake off our winter haze and get ready for some summer fun. To start things off in the month of May we will actually begin at the end of April with the annual cruise to the Lake Charles "Contraband Days Festival". The first departure will start Thursday April 29th with an overnight stop on the ICW, then on to Lake Charles for a weekend of fun. If you miss this weekend trip don't worry because there is a second chance on the 8th and 9th. Some make an adventure out of it by going up the first weekend, leave your boat at a secure anchorage, catch a ride back home for the work week and head back out the next weekend for more fun and then make the passage back to PAYC. What ever your choices don't miss the fun. Be sure to check inside for all the details. On the 22nd we will have our always-popular annual Crawfish Boil. Be sure to check the social calendar inside or the web site for all of the details.

There is lots of racing happening this month with the beginning of the second Thursday Night Race series beginning on the 6th and every Thursday after until the 27th. Also on the 22nd is the Summer Olympic Regatta. Come out for a full day of racing and stay for some hot crawfish!

To finish up the month on the 29th -31st is the annual Dieter Junge Galveston Off-Shore race and cruise. This race/cruise is the beginning of the Offats Bayou and Beyond Cruise continuing into the June summer cruise.

We have quite an event filled May and we hope to have a great turn out of members and guests to make the most of these events.

Now for some business that is somewhat serious. It seems that we have quite a few members that are delinquent in their dues. This is a serious matter for the continuing operation of the club. Our annual operating budget relies completely on the annual membership dues; bills have to be paid as well as repairs and maintenance to the facilities.

Without listing the whole article here let me remind everyone of Article XI, Section A of our by-laws. Delinquency in payment is about the quickest way to forfeit your membership in PAYC.

A letter will be mailed out this month to all members behind in payments stating the amount owed and the deadline in which to correct the matter. If payments are not received or arrangements have not been made, the board will be forced to take appropriate actions.

We realize that some late payments may be an oversight and we are willing to work with members to get payments caught up in a timely manner.

The other business item is the screen house. We have received several complaints on the condition of the screen house. Please keep in mind that the screen house is for social gatherings and recreational use only. We cannot permit continued damage to the building and furnishings by other activities. We will be doing some cleaning up of the area in preparation for the Crawfish Boil Social as well as for other events for the summer, if you have items stored at the screen house please remove them or they will be removed for you.

So much for the serious stuff, we have a full month of races, cruises and socials; let's all come out and have some PAYC fun.

See you on the water, Mike...



**Port Arthur Yacht Club Board Meeting
April 20, 2004**

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

Treasurers Report:

Main Checking:	\$17,456.01
Improvement MM:	\$12,843.69
Improvement CD:	\$11,743.90
Improvement CD:	\$27,785.77
Lease Renewal CD:	\$25,862.12
Self Insurance:	\$43,139.15

Harbormaster:

No Report

Membership:

Two new memberships were accepted from William Nickel & Sarina Richardson and Jimmie & Robin Franklin. One resignation was also received from Bob & Peggy Taylor.

Racing:

The Fred Grund Long Distance Race was successfully completed. The Thursday Night Races continue with Series #1 wrapping up on April 29th and Series #2 starting on May 6th. Skipper's meetings are at 6PM and informal socials are being held after each race. Upcoming events: Summer Olympic Regatta (May 22nd) and the Dieter Junge Galveston Off-Shore Race (May 29th-31st). The V15 Fleet will be meeting/racing on April 25th and May 23rd.

House & Grounds:

Complaints on the condition of the screen house have been received. The Board will be reviewing the situation for possible future action.

Cruising:

Upcoming events: Contraband Days (April 30th – May 2nd & May 7th-9th) and Offats Bayou and Beyond Cruise (May 29th-31st).

Socials:

Upcoming events: Annual Crawfish Boil (May 22nd) and Commodore's Picnic (July 4th).

Safety:

No Report.

Jr Sailing:

The May 15th "Bring a Friend Sailing" event will be rescheduled to a future date. The PAYC Summer Camp will be held on June 25th-28th. Volunteers are need. Please contact Paul Vera for more information.

Old Business:

Paul Vera reported that discussions continue on the possibility of the PAYC hosting the J/22 Midwinter Regatta in 2006.

New Business:

The club treasurer read a report to the Board listing a large number of members who are behind on dues payment. This list will be reviewed for accuracy and members still found to be in arrears will be contacted. The Board is asking the membership at large to please keep current on membership dues and initiation fees, as this is the source of the Club's operating budget.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:22PM

Alan Aldredge,

Secretary

Racing in May

We will be starting a new Thursday Night Series in May with 4 races.

Summer Olympic Regatta #2 is scheduled for May 22; skippers meeting will be held that morning at 10am.

Dieter-Junge Offshore is to be held between May 29-31 keep your own time.

As for results in April, we held a Fred Grund Long Distance Race (LDR) in which Ken Ruddy lead the fleet to a first place finish followed by Bob Peck, Richard Hughes and Bill Worsham. Winning time of race 3.04.40.

The first Thursday Night Series has been a dual between Russ Myers and Martin Novich with one race to go they are separated by one point. Following them and hoping to be the spoilers are Bob Peck and Bill Worsham. We have had lengthy after race debriefings or de-griefings which all have enjoyed.

Knotheads for May

Due to conflicting dates the May 15 bring a friend out for sailing day has been canceled. We will start getting ready for Knothead Camp, which will be held on June 25 through June 28. We will once again be spending the night at the Club. I'm hoping for a good turn out. Please give me a call if you have a child that might want to attend.

Flying the Lima Flag upside down.

**Paul Vera
963-3525**

PAYC MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN THE ANNAPOLIS – BERMUDA RACE

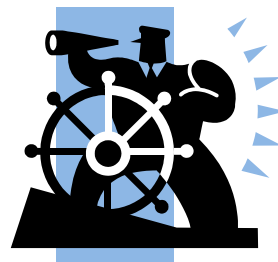
The Annapolis-Bermuda Ocean race was first run in 1979 with seven yachts competing informally. The biennial race is structured to provide a combination of inshore and offshore racing – piloting from Annapolis through the 125 miles of Chesapeake Bay coastal waters and navigating the 628 mile offshore leg to Bermuda. It enables sailors to fulfill a lifelong ambition: a blue water passage to an island of coral with white sandy beaches and hospitable people.

This year's race begins on June 11. One of the entries is *Orion*, a J/109 owned and skippered by **Brad Worsham**, PAYC member. Other PAYC members who will be crewing are **Bill Worsham** (the elder), **Bill Worsham** (the younger), **Gary King**, and **Chris Kearby**. **Scott Dickinson** will round out the crew. Wives will join the sailors in Bermuda.

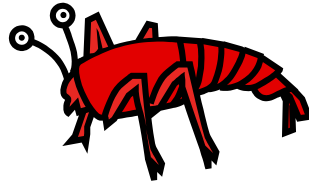
If you see any of the participants, ask them about all of the planning for such a trip. They have lots of tales to tell, and the race is still a month off!

For more information, visit
www.bermudaoceanrace.com.

*To the racers – may you have fair winds
and following seas.*



Social News



PAYC's Annual Crawfish Boil Saturday, May 22 6:30 p.m.

Reservations required by Wednesday, May 19!
Call or email Carolyn (985-9652 or socials@payc.us)

\$10 per adult (includes lots of crawfish, corn, potatoes,
and two drinks of choice (beer, wine cooler, or soft drink).
Please bring either an appetizer or dessert to add to the fare.
Catered by Howard Barlow

Based on the comments of those who participated, the April reservation-only social was enjoyed by all. The clubhouse was decked out "to the nines," the food prepared by Fernée's was delicious, the wines presented by Shawn and Misha Bruno of Bruno and George Winery were tasty, and the entertainment provided by Former Senator Carl Parker and Dr. Gene Jones was great. The consensus was that it was a concept worth repeating.

V15 News

The first race in the KO Circuit will be held at Bay Waveland Yacht Club on Bay St. Louis in Mississippi on May 8-9. As of this writing Bill(y) and Laurie Worsham and possibly Bill Worsham (with an undetermined crew member since I'll be out of town) plan to represent PAYC.

PAYC will host the KO Circuit on August 7-8.

The V15s will hold a local day of racing on May 23. Crew is always needed, so come out for some fun at 2 p.m. on May 23.

Carolyn Worsham

A PAYC History Lesson



On May 18, 2004, PAYC will begin its 39th year. On that day in 1965, twenty-four men signed the PAYC Articles of Incorporation. **Lowry Freeman** and **John Ardoin** are the only two original members on the present PAYC roster.

Lowry, a past commodore and avid racer in his younger years, still lives in Port Arthur; however, as of this writing, he is in failing health. According to his family, he enjoys receiving cards from well-wishers (but not visits or phone calls). His address is 3927 Rutgers, Port Arthur 77642. In 1988 Lowry wrote a history of PAYC that can be found on the PAYC website.

John and Ginger are still active in club activities. They are currently enjoying a two-to-three month cruise aboard their Ocean Nova trawler, *Acadian Gypsy*. While having no day-by-day itinerary, their general plans are to cruise "east." John is posting their experiences almost daily to the PAYC Listserv.

Other significant dates in PAYC's history include:

1974 Under the direction of Commodore Dan Murphy and through the generosity of George Lohmann, PAYC financed significant improvements to the Pleasure Island Marina. A 40-year lease was secured from the City of Port Arthur for two fingers in the marina.

1977 PAYC sold debentures to members to construct a \$100,000 clubhouse.

1996 The "Aloha Hut" was replaced with a metal-roofed screen house.

PAYC owes a debt of gratitude to John and Lowry and the other charter members for their far-sighted vision that has benefited Southeast Texas boaters for thirty-nine years.

Cruising News

Contraband in Lake Charles - Apr 29-May 2 and May 6-9

Boats making the Contraband Days Cruise traditionally leave PAYC on Thursday afternoon for an overnighter at Shell Island or Adams Bayou. Friday is spent navigating the ICW to Lake Charles. In Lake Charles boats can anchor in the lake, tie up to the wall, or cruise around to the river. Contact Marilee Devenzio (727-1098) if you're interested in dock space up the river. Sundays are long, leisurely cruises home and take most sailboats about 8-11 hours. All told, it's a nice weekend cruise in protected waters. Consult the clubhouse bulletin board for last minute instructions and contact information.

Galveston Offshore Race/Cruise to Offatts Bayou and Beyond – May 28-June 3

Memorial Day Weekend on Offatts Bayou is an on-the-water boat show with Galveston Bay boating and yacht clubs anchoring in large numbers for a weekend celebration. PAYC cruisers can combine the cruise to Offatts Bayou with the Galveston Offshore Race. In Galveston, anchoring off Moody Gardens is delightful. Another option is acquiring a slip in the Marina Landing Resort Apartments (1-888-266-2180). *Double Standard* will probably leave PAYC on Friday night and take advantage of the cooler evening temperatures and full moon for the off-shore trip. After spending several days around Houston Yacht Club, *Double Standard* will return to Port Arthur on June 3. Anyone who is interested is invited to join us. Again, consult the clubhouse bulletin board for last minute instructions and contact information.

Sea yawl – Bill Worsham

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: TUESDAY, May 11, 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
D02	Ranger 29	Al Hebert	722.2048
E12	Mega 30	Linda Robinson	982.2565 / 504.1815
Pvt	Catalina 25	Steve Lowe	903.561.0599
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
	McGregor 25	Jim Mehaffy	409.899.5800/835.8434
	2003 9.9hp long shaft Johnson with remote controls-\$1600	redderhs@aol.com	