



# Port Arthur Yacht Club

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PAYC Website: <http://payc.us>

**NOVEMBER**

**2004**

## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

November is an important month for PAYC, so I will start off with business first. This is the month that we elect the officers and board members for next year and vote for the annual award recipients who will be presented at the banquet. Most of the officers and board members have opted for another term, with a few new faces to keep the blood pumping. Write-in candidates are always welcome. As for the award nominations we have a great list of people who have given time and energy in club activities, events, projects, racing, and cruising. Please take the time to get your ballots completed and mailed or turned in by the November General Meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Better yet, bring it with you when you attend the meeting!

In addition to the elections there is a ballot for a capital improvement project. A big chunk of our annual budget (about \$1200) goes to pumping out the screen house head. It has been a quandary for many years as to how to eliminate the cost and the inconvenience of a full tank when you most need it to be empty. Now I am not a plumber and I did not engineer this project, but I do understand the principle and I believe we have a workable and affordable solution. A pressure pump will be installed at the screen house with a pick up tube in the existing tank, and PVC pipe will be laid the length of the levee to be tied in to the sewer line outside the men's rest room at the club house. When the tanks get full, the pump will be manually activated to empty them, and raw water will be used to flush the line. The cost submitted for hardware is \$1,689.00. It was decided at the General Meeting to ask for a maximum amount of \$2,000.00 to cover any unforeseen expenses that may arise. I believe this to be a very worthwhile project that should pay for itself in 16 to 18 months. Now for the tricky part: Butch Neely has agreed to champion this project, but membership participation will be required. The dollar amount only includes the necessary hardware; labor will be supplied by the members. If this vote passes (as I hope it will), we will schedule a work weekend or two in order to complete the project.

Our live-aboard members have been busy drafting an application and a set of standards. The existing live-aboard members are exempt from the application process but are bound by the standards. This was discussed at the General Meeting and adopted as official PAYC club policy at the Board Meeting. The application and standards will be posted on the clubhouse bulletin board and on our web site.

So much for business! Last month we had a light turnout for the Columbus Day Social. As I am guilty of not being there, I understand the dinner was great and the company even better. We had four boats race around the island for a long distance race and six made the annual Shell Island Cruise.

This month we have a long distance race planned for the 13<sup>th</sup> and our annual Tree Trimming Party and White Elephant Gift Exchange on the 27<sup>th</sup>. We are hoping a few members will come early so we can decorate the clubhouse exterior as well as the interior. Junior Sailors will join us for the tree trimming. If you want to participate in the gift exchange, bring something purchased or just look in the attic or that pile in the garage! A screen house cruise follows the tree decorating. If you haven't made any other cruises this year, this is your last chance. Don't miss it! Our annual banquet has been changed to January 15<sup>th</sup> at the Pompano Club. As always be sure to check inside for details on races, cruises and socials.

Happy Holidays to all!

*Mike...*

## **Port Arthur Yacht Club Board Meeting October 19, 2004**

Board members / Trustees present were Paul Vera, Mike Wise, Terrell Adkisson, Butch Neely, Glen Thibodeaux, Alan Aldredge, Theresa Wick, and Martin Novich.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Main Checking:	\$14,133.23
Improvement MM:	\$11,917.93
Improvement CD:	\$27,758.77
Improvement CD:	\$11,743.90
Lease Renewal CD:	\$26,437.73
Self Insurance:	\$43,291.56

### **Harbormaster:**

No report.

### **Membership:**

No membership applications or resignations were received.

### **Racing:**

The Around the Island Race was held on Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>. Upcoming events: Moonlight #4 Race (Oct 30<sup>th</sup>) and Long Distance Race (Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>).

### **House & Grounds:**

A ballot will be placed in next month's ***Mainsheet*** for the capital expenditure to install a sewage pump system to tie the Screen House's holding tanks to the city sewer system.

### **Cruising:**

Upcoming events: Screen House Cruise (Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>) and the Port Arthur Boat Parade (Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>).

### **Socials:**

Upcoming events: Tree Trimming Party (Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>) and the Annual Awards Banquet (Jan 15<sup>th</sup>).

### **Safety:**

No Report.

### **Junior Sailing:**

A Junior Sailing function will be held in conjunction with the Tree Trimming Party (Nov 27<sup>th</sup>).

### **Old Business:**

After some discussion regarding the proposal for a live aboard policy presented at the last meeting, Paul Vera made a motion that the policy be adopted and added to the existing PAYC Operating Policy. Teresa Wick seconded the motion and the motion passed without opposition.

The final recommendation of the Lease Renewal Committee was read. Their recommendation will be presented as a ballot at the Annual Meeting. If passed the offer for early lease renewal with the money to be tied to marina repairs will be made to the Pleasure Island Commission.

### **New Business:**

The new screen doors recently installed at the Clubhouse will be replaced in the near future with a more substantial unit.

Paul Vera asked for discussion regarding sanction of Bill Worsham for his conduct at the Oct 7<sup>th</sup> skippers' meeting. After some discussion the Board did not see cause to act and no motion was made.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:12PM.

*Alan Aldredge*, Secretary  
[secretary@payc.us](mailto:secretary@payc.us)

### **Great News!**

Acting Jefferson County Engineer Don Rao reports that based on the strong response at the public meeting, TxDOT is narrowing its focus on causeway bridge alternatives to those with a minimum height of 65 feet, the standard for bridges crossing the intracoastal waterway.

Thanks to all who participated in the public meeting and/or wrote letters to TxDOT encouraging such consideration.

## Social/Cruising Report

The **Tree Trimming Party** will be held on Saturday, **November 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** Bring a gift (\$10 or white elephant) and a snack. Wine will be provided. Those who stay aboard for the scheduled Screen House Cruise will be treated to breakfast in the clubhouse at 9 a.m. on Sunday morning.

Mark your calendars now for the **2004 Awards Banquet**. There's a slight change to the published calendar – the banquet will be held on **Saturday, January 15** at the **Pompano Club**. Look for details in next month's *Mainsheet*.

*Carolyn Worsham* 985-9652

## More Nautical Reading Suggestions

Tom Hooper added *Two Years Before the Mast and Twenty-Four Years After* by Richard Henry Dana Jr. to the list of suggestions for nautical reading this winter.

Bill Worsham added *Encyclopedia of Offshore Cruising* by Steve Dashew, *A Speck on the Sea* by William H. Longyard, and *Seaworthiness* by A. H. Marchaj.

Other additions are welcomed.

## V15 News

In December 2002 the PAYC One-Design Fleet was formed, and six Vanguard 15s were purchased. \$32,067 was borrowed from PAYC with a commitment to repay the loan over a 10-year period. As of October 22, 2004, \$6,800 has been repaid. Current members include Terrell Adkisson, Morris Albright, Brian Beadle, Gary and Pam King, Ed and Sandy Ludwig, Mike Pedigo, André Rosales, Tim Storbeck, Paul Vera, Mike Wise, Bill and Carolyn Worsham, and Bill and Laurie Worsham.

Contact a fleet member or access the web site for an application to join. A modest \$200 initiation fee and dues of \$300 per year give PAYC members access to great dinghy sailing on Lake Sabine.

Come join in the fun!

*Carolyn Worsham*, V15 Fleet Captain

## Cruising to the Annapolis Boat Show (by Bill Worsham)

Each October brings the great weather and the annual pilgrimage to the Annapolis boat show. It took three shows in the past before making the decision to buy a catamaran. When we did make the decision, it became scary. In October we sat on a Maine Cat 30 and talked to the builder in Annapolis. In November we sat on *Double Standard* and made arrangements with the owner. In December we were crossing the Gulf on a screaming reach while toasting the sunset and having dinner with Brad and Gary.

October of 2004 approached with no apparent reason for going to the boat show until the ad for the J 100 came out. Here was a "day sailer" without lifelines and pulpits that looked like a rocket ship. That was worth seeing.

As the show got closer more "day sailers" began to appear on the Internet and in the magazines. Manufacturers discovered a niche that needed to be filled. Experienced sailors did not have time to cross oceans but wanted a little more than an O'Day 19 to sail around on weekends. Companies like J Boats, Hinckley, Morris, Columbia, and Fontaine planned to have their interpretation of the day sailer at the show.

I made plane reservations and then asked if anybody wanted to go. Brad, Haley, and Alyssa (son and grand daughters) accepted the invitation and we were standing at the gate on Columbus Day waiting for the gates to open.

At the first dock in front of the Marriott was the Hinckley DS 42. It is a 42 foot "day sailer" with a sitting room, a carbon fiber mast, roller-furling boom, and an electric auxiliary. Powered winches raised the main, hydraulics controlled the mainsheet, and did I mention the lifting keel for shallow salt water bays? The brightwork and furnishings were classic Hinckley. The compass binnacle and the brass fittings were my favorites.

The J 100 was next. The cockpit was huge. The cabin was for sitting only, but at least the berths were seven feet long. This was truly a rocket ship; classic J – Boat hardware and finish. Bob Johnstone designed this boat for his summers in Maine.

He may have other plans because the chain plates were 18"x 4" and 3/4" thick. They would have lasted forever on the 46 footer berthed next door. If the price remains relatively low, this boat will carry on the tradition of the J 24 and the J 105 on the racing scene. My reaction to first seeing it was the same as the day we stepped on one of the first J 24's at the Houston Boat Show in 1978.

The Columbia 30 was a modern version of the Laser 28 with a sprit. It had a lifting keel for easy trailering and a very deep cockpit open at the transom. This boat was a pure racer but I am afraid that the manufacturers were rushed to make the boat show. There were some questions that I had about the construction. This boat will be popular two years from now when they get the bugs worked out. I was disappointed.

The Friendship 40 designed by the Fontaine Group was big and burly. The accommodations were the best of the group. The forepeak was open. It reminded me of a shrine or altar for sacrifices. The wood interior was beautiful. It would do very well in an ocean-crossing if fitted out properly.

And then we saw the Morris 36. The self-tacking jib and broad decks immediately caught my eye. The cabin trunk reminded me of our first boat, the Gary Mull designed Santana 22 (hull #6). The compass binnacle was the same as the Hinckley DS 42. Two large winches were on pods just in front of the helm. The main and jib sheets, both halyards, and the backstay adjuster were led to the winches with stoppers. I was not sure if the foot buttons on the sole were for a powered winch or not. There was three-quarter height in the cabin with the head immediately to port and the galley to starboard. Two full length berths were forward. They ended at the bulkhead. I could see this interior working in a large seaway. The boat was tied off at an outside pier. I could not see its lines from a distance; however, the brochure gave an adequate rendition of the beautiful cabin and sheer line. The large overhangs were classic S&S. A. H. Marchaj says that balanced ends and narrow beams are more comfortable in a seaway. **This was the queen of the ball.** I asked the builder if the boat had been nominated for boat of the year. He said there was not time

for that because of the inquiries from the dock walkers. The magazines may not have it on their list, but rest assured, the boat will become a classic.

Thinking of the designers of the boats we have owned, the lineage seems reasonable: (a) the Gary Mull designed Santana 22; (b) the Rodney Johnstone designed J 24; (c) the Bruce Farr designed Laser 28; (d) and next, the Sparkman and Stephens designed Morris 36? There is order in the world after-all.

The new Maine Cat 41 was by far the best multihull. We just need to find larger boat slips for the Maine Cat 41 and Morris 36 when we replace the Maine Cat 30 and Laser 28. Dreaming and writing about boats is almost as good as sailing them?

Excuse me. I have to scrub the bottom on the Laser 28.

*Bill Worsham* 985-9652

## Results of Survey for *Mainsheet* Delivery Options

An attempt was made to contact every PAYC member to determine if money could be saved by delivering the *Mainsheet* electronically. Here are the results of the survey:

- 114 preferred delivery by email
- 65 preferred delivery by U. S. Mail
- 8 were not reached

November is the change-over month. By delivering the 114 electronically copying 73 for mailing (plus 20 additional as extra copies for the clubhouse), **we will realize a savings of approximately \$190 per month.**

Any members who would like to move from U. S. Mail delivery to email delivery (or vice versa) can request a change by sending an email to [mainsheet@payc.us](mailto:mainsheet@payc.us) or calling 409-985-9652.

Reminder: The current and past *Mainsheets* are always accessible electronically at <http://payc.us/mainsheet.htm>.

## Election of Officers for 2005 and Honor Award Recipients for 2004

Be sure to attend the November meeting or mail your ballot beforehand. The ballot is included in this *Mainsheet*.

## Residents on C Finger

Do you know your neighbors on C finger? According to the roster and the harbor-master's records, here are the boats and owners.

	Boat Owner	Boat Name
1	Walter & Suzanne Crawford	Dawn Treader
2	Milton & Hester Bell	Carillon
3	Kent Murrell	
4	John Friend (deceased)	Friend'Ship
5	Kayo & Pat Harlow	Gulfwind
6	James & Carol Saxon	The Shu
7	Ken & Barbara Smith	LaSaludé
8	Brian Beadle	Lorelei
9	D. P. and Brenda Cordell	Leprechaun
10	Roger & Madeline Bowers	Puffer
11	Mike Wise & Teresa Wick	Day-O
12	Jim & Karen Norwood	In the Mood
13	David Wilson	Boo Jet
14	Jerry & Charlotte Singleton	Texas Queen
15	Tim Storbeck	Free Spirit
17	Chuck & Marilee Devenzio	Bitter End
18	Gary & Pam King	Second Encounter
19	D. C. Cook	Banana Wind
20	Gene Kohrman	Panache
21	Steve Guidry & Christine Stetson	Stetson
22	Lynn & Becky Eastep	Missy
23	Jack Funderburk	
24	Al Hebert	Intrepid
25	Don Miller	Manito
27	Randy Palmero	Das'ha
28	Dr. Lee & Lori Coleman	
29	Wallace & Dot Barbay	Outcast
31	Mark Domingue	Packet Lite
32	Don Price	September Morn
33	Joey & Paula Blazek	Jamaica Bay
34	Ron and Susan Legnion	Evangeline
35	Howdy & Joyce Dawson	Dragonslayer
36	Bill & Dana Warren	Stormcloud
37	Terry Winchester	Winchester
38	Jim & Doris Bell	Southern Belle
39	Ken & Barbara Dorris	Solution
40	Joe & Carolyn Beck	
41	Mack & Lauren Davis	El Set
42	Don & Bami Carmane	La Bateau
43	Harry & Beverly Bush	Windchime

## PAYC Roster Information

Are you interested in a copy of the PAYC roster? Go to the PAYC website, and select Roster Information (in the column on the left). At the top the page, select the PAYC burgee on the left for a complete roster or click on the PAYC burgee on the right for a roster of names and email addresses. If you are unable to view the roster, go to [www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com) and update Acrobat Reader.

**Note:** This only works on the Roster Information page.

## Racing News for November

The "Around the Island Race" actually took place and four boats went around. I'm trying to find out when the last time the club went around, but I do know it's been a long time.

Martin Novich, Sam Showalter, Bob Peck and Bill Worsham went around. Bill Worsham took Line Honors followed by the above order. It was a great sail and the fleet is looking forward to the next time around.

Nominations for Skipper of the Year are on the ballot. Check with any club racer if you need information for making an informed decision.

The Halloween Moonlight Race is Saturday, October 30. Instructions will be a posted on the big EZ erase board on Friday, October 29 (no formal meeting). I will add points to your ratings for sailing in costumes. Consult the board.

**Next Race:** Saturday, Nov. 13 Long Distance Race – Skippers' Meeting at 10am at PAYC.

That's it for me for this month. Be ready, because we will need everybody to help out on February 5-6 for the Junior Mardi Gras Regatta. We had 51 boats show up last year.

Flying the Lima Flag,  
*Paul Vera* 963-3525

## Knothead News for November

We will get the Knotheads together around **10am Saturday, Nov. 27**. We will decorate the outside of the club and go for a Holiday Sail. This should be nice. We will feed lunch. Pick them up before 4pm. Call me if you have any questions.

The Junior Sailor of the Year and other junior awards will be announced at the **January 15 Awards Banquet**.

Also the 2005 Mardi Gras Youth Regatta will be held on **February 5-6**. I hope to see a lot of green fleters from our club racing in the basin in Optis.

Sailing in Calm Winds –  
*Paul Vera* 963-3525

## Election of Officers for 2005 and Honor Award Recipients for 2004

**Instructions:** Ballots may be cast at the November 9 General Meeting, delivered to the PAYC Commodore's Office, or sent by U. S. Mail (with receipt required on or before November 9). Ballots delivered or sent by mail must have the legible signature of a PAYC member. (Mail to 560 Pleasure Island Blvd. #79, Port Arthur, TX 77640.)

Circle **one** name for each office, trustee, and honor award nominee. Circle **four** names for board members. A space is provided for write-in candidates for officers, board members, trustees, and honor award recipients.

### Officers:

Commodore:	Mike Wise	_____
Vice Commodore:	Pat O'Quinn	_____
Secretary:	Steve Swanson	_____
Treasurer:	Alan Aldredge	_____
Trustee:	Pam King	_____
Board Members (4):	Paul Vera	_____
	Glenn Thibodeaux	_____
	Terrell Adkisson	_____
	Martin Novich	_____

### Honor Award Recipients:

**Novice of the Year:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Alan Aldredge  
 Steve Swanson

**Skipper of the Year:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Richard Hughes  
 Russ Myers  
 Martin Novich  
 Ken Rutty  
 Bill Worsham  
 Bill Worsham Jr.

**Yachtsman of the Year:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Butch Neely  
 Mike Wise  
 Carolyn Worsham

**Racing Crewperson of the Year:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Alan Aldredge  
 Steve Swanson  
 Paul Vera

**John Blair Memorial:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Alan Aldredge  
 Butch Neely  
 Paul Vera  
 Carolyn Worsham

**Cruiser of the Year:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 John Ardoin

**Cruising Crewperson of the Year:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ginger Ardoin

### Ballot for Capital Expenditure for Sewage Removal from Screen House

Butch Neely has offered to champion a project to install an electric pump and the necessary plumbing at the screen house head to tie it into the sewer system. We currently spend an average of \$1,200 or more annually to have the holding tanks pumped out. This project would eliminate this recurring charge and the inconvenience of having to close the head when the tanks are full until they can be pumped. The project estimate submitted is \$1,689. It was agreed at the General Meeting to ask for a maximum amount of \$2,000 for this project.

Please vote **for** or **against** this capital expenditure:      For \_\_\_\_\_      Against \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** (required for mail-in or delivered ballots only): \_\_\_\_\_

**NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Tuesday, November 9, 2004 – 7 P.M. @ PAYC**

**2004 PAYC Officers**

<b>COMMODORE</b>	Mike Wise (commodore@payc.us)
<b>VICE COMMODORE</b>	Ken Smith (vicecommodore@payc.us)
<b>TREASURER</b>	Teresa Wick (treasurer@payc.us)
<b>SECRETARY</b>	Alan Aldredge (secretary@payc.us)
<b>MAINSHEET EDITOR</b>	Martin Novich (882-5318 or 727-0752 or mainsheet@payc.us)
<b>BOARD OF DIRECTORS</b>	Martin Novich, Paul Vera, Gary King, Terrell Adkisson, and Glenn Thibodeaux
<b>TRUSTEES</b>	Butch Neely, Chuck Devenzio, and Terrell Adkisson
<b>HARBORMASTER</b>	Gary King (985-5737 or 728-8095 or harbormaster@payc.us)

**PAYC Yachts For Sale**

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

C38 Catalina 42	Jim Bell	409-796-1711/729-2266
B44 Bayliner 25	Debi Adams	409-962-6296
D02 Ranger 29	Al Hebert	409-722-2048
E12 Mega 30	Linda Robinson	409-982-2565 / 504-1815
Pvt Catalina 25	Steve Lowe	903-561-0599
E03 North American 23	Paul Bronson	409-724-1302
McGregor 25	Jim Mehaffy	409-899-5800/835-8434

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