



## **Commodore's Comments** ....Mark Hallquist

**February 2007 Edition**

Well there is a new Commodore at PAYC. Pat did a fine job of pulling us through some tight spots and felt that one year of this activity was enough for anyone. Thank you Pat for you leadership in the past year and don't go too far we still need you around for support.

Goals and objectives I propose for this year are as follows:

1. A balanced budget including capitol expenses – Finance committee is working.
2. Amendment of the By-Laws – Finished and approved.
3. Increased participation in club events – Looking good so far...
4. Expansion of the racing program for one design sailing. We need a team and a boat to compete with other club programs within the gulf coast – To be determined.
5. Improvement of the facilities (get more working slips) – Work with the Island Commission on priorities.
6. Have a good time Sailing – Ongoing.

Any help in achieving these objectives would be greatly appreciated.

We had a significant turn out at the special meeting for the amendment of the By-Laws. It was really good to see such a turn out. I counted 36 heads during the meeting but we also had a few late shows after that. There was one issue raised about the proposed changes: the bow in requirement for all boats docked in the marina. Once that requirement was removed everyone appeared happy with the proposed change.

The board meeting after was a working session to get our calendar established for this year. This activity went very well. You should be able to see the calendar shortly on our website. We attempted to do the budget that night but the activity was too immense. A committee was formed and will report at the next committee meeting with their recommendations.

Our safety committee chairperson has resigned. If anyone has interest please let me know. We also have the Mardi Gras Regatta coming up next month. We are looking for whatever help we can to make this event a success.

In closing I hope we all have a good year. Thanks and hope to see you out on the water...

## **Racing** ....Paul Vera, 963-3525

Well the race calendar has been posted on the website and I hope everybody is able to attend a lot of the races. A couple of new things to look for in the race calendar, we will have an extra month of Thursday Night Racing. Also I'm going to try to put together a couple of fully crewed boats to race offshore to Galveston on Memorial Day weekend. This has not been done in many years and I think we have enough people to do it, and we have 7 moonlight races. Our first moonlight is Feb. 3 skippers meeting is at 6pm.

Russ Myers will continue being our score keeper and our new member to our Ratings Committee is Mark Hallquist. Also I have appointed Martin Novich to help in running the racing. So with Russ Myers, Richard Hughes, Mark Hallquist as our rating committee and Martin Novich as second chief bottle washer we should have a great year. Come on out and enjoy!

The Mardi Gras Youth regatta is coming Feb. 17-18, I will need as many of you as I can get, we will need your expertise to run this event. I expect to see you there. Also if you have a power boat we need it.

That's it see you on the race course.

Paul Vera  
963-3525

## *Junior Sailing .... Paul Vera*

A shout out goes to our new Junior Sailor of Year in Ryan Hughes, good work Ryan. Mr. Terrell Adkisson has had the Junior Trophy named after him, so now it is called the Adkisson Trophy. Mardi Gras Youth Regatta is on our door step, you juniors need to get in those Optis and lasers and get ready its time! I will be at the club early in the morning starting this Saturday and on every Saturday until the regatta gets here so if you need some help come find me. This is your regatta come out and enjoy it.

Paul Vera  
963-3525

## *Cruising from the Cruising Guru .....Pat O'Quinn*

The 2007 Cruising season is about to start and it looks to be a good season. The weather is our only unknown. Once the cold winds of February pass, we will start some serious cruising in March. I can tell you that last year we had some great trips. Check the calendar to see what's coming and get ready. Hope to see lots of folks this year.

Cruising Guru at large - Pat O'Quinn

## *Socials .....Barbara Test*

**The Annual Banquet held on Jan. 6, 2007** was a great success. 71 people attended the dinner at the Pompano Club. I believe all went well. I have not heard of any dissatisfaction from anyone. We will again plan the dinner for next year at the Pompano Club. The date has not yet been determined at this writing. However, if anyone has any suggestions for something different next year, please let us know.

**The Desert social held on Jan. 20** was also well attended. Approximately 30 people attended. The intent was to welcome new members and meet the new officers. This was accomplished. Several new members attended as well as some old members that we have not seen for awhile. As usual, the deserts provided by all the members were outstanding. No dieting that night. Thank you all for your participation.

**Our next official social will be Feb. 10.** As suggested by some members we thought we would try a Valentine Dinner/Dance. So mark your calendars. Our plan at this time is to charge a nominal cost of \$7:00 per person. This will include a dinner of Roast Beef and roasted vegetable., desert, coffee and tea. BYOB. Following dinner, music will be provided for dancing.. Reservations will be requested so that adequate amounts of food will be prepared. So please let me know if you are coming by Thursday, Feb. 8. Call me at 722-5739 or e-mail me at rtest5@gt.rr.com.

**The 2007 Calendar is out.** You will notice that on some months there is no specific social event planned. We will determine what we will do as time gets nearer to that date. Activities will be selected from suggestions from the members. Some suggestions so far have been; movie night, game night, poker night. In any case, I am open for suggestions. And just as a reminder, although it's not an official social event scheduled on the calendar, we have some very social breakfasts most weekend mornings around 8:30-9:00 am.. Food items are contributed by those who are present and we cook up whatever we have. So check it out!

## PAYC BOARD MEETING MINUTES \* January 9, 2007

### **Port Arthur Yacht Club Board Meeting January 9th, 2007**

Club Members present were: Pat O'Quinn, Mark & Karen Hallquist, Russell & Barbara Test, Terrill Adkisson, Alan Aldredge, Steve Swanson, Gene Kohrman, Bill Wooley, Russ Myers, Mike Wise, Ed Wiltz, Chuck Davenzio, Butch Neely, Johnny Otto, Quincy Prestridge, Larry Elliot, Paul Vera, Ricky Richardson, Martin Novich, Jim Kincaid, Sam Showalter, Eric Phelan, Jim & Sarah Pearson, DeWayne Cessac, Jimmy & Robin Franklin .

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

A committee of four board members was formed to look at the budget for 2007 and report at the next meeting

#### **Harbormaster:**

No Report

#### **Membership:**

Applications from Ricky Richardson, Jim & Sarah Pearson were approved. Resignations have been received from Fred Hebert & Brad Miller.

#### **Racing:**

#### **House & Grounds:**

Butch reported that the work has been completed on the bathrooms and the kitchen ceiling.

#### **Cruising/Socials:**

#### **Safety:**

#### **Junior Sailing:**

Butch reports that Jr. Sailing now has the title to Jack Painton's donated boat.

#### **Old Business:**

#### **New Business:**

Billy Wooley wants to give free sailing lessons to the public from his boat. The board tabled the idea to look into the club legal liabilities. Butch reported that the fences around the club are in deteriorating condition and might let the public have access to both club and personal property. Butch has bids to replace the fences. The idea was tabled to check with PIC on sharing the cost on the two fences we share.

Meeting was adjourned


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**Next General Meeting: Tuesday, February 13th, 2007, 7:00pm at the PAYC Clubhouse. Board Meeting immediately following General Meeting.**

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**Commodore** : Mark Hallquist

**Vice Commodore** : Russell Test

**Secretary** : Russ Myers

**Treasurer** : Karen Hallquist

**Board of Directors** : Terrill Adkisson, Gene Kehrman, Russell Test, Paul Vera, Mike Wise (Past Commodore)

**Trustees** : Terrill Adkisson, Sam Showalter, Pam King

**Harbormaster** : Gene Kehrman

**Mainsheet Editor** : Steve Swanson

**Website Editor** (<http://payc.us>) : Carolyn Worsham

### **YACHTS FOR SALE AT PAYC**

(Call Steve Swanson at 409-659-2272 to list your vessel or have it removed from this list)

30' Olympic Princess

Tom Thigpen

704-866-8856 or [thigpen@midrex.com](mailto:thigpen@midrex.com)

27' 1978 Hunter

Glenn Thibodeaux

409-886-3113 or [tibodoe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tibodoe@sbcglobal.net)

### **.Reserving the PAYC Clubhouse**

Members wishing to reserve the clubhouse should first call or email Barbara Test. Barbara will determine clubhouse availability by checking the most current calendar. You may contact her at [clubhouse@payc.us](mailto:clubhouse@payc.us) or at (409) 722-5739. After your date has been cleared with Barbara, you can then visit [www.payc.us](http://www.payc.us) for a reservation application and more info.

### **Summary of PAYC Events in January:**

**Feb. 3rd**—First *Full moon cruise* of the year—skippers meeting @ **6 pm**.

**Feb. 10th**—*Valentines Dinner/Dance Social*— **6:30 pm till ?**

**Feb. 13th**—*General Club meeting @ 7 pm* & board meeting immediately following.

**Feb. 17—18th**—*TSA Mardi Gras Youth Regatta*—starts at **8:00 AM**.

