



Mainsheet

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Commodore's Commentsby Mark Hallquist

JUNE 2007 Edition

Summer is coming on fast. Temperatures today were up into the 90s with 20% chance of rain. It is time to be thinking about the Junior Sailing Camp for this year. Last year went very well. The reason for it's success was the number of volunteers we had supporting the program. I hope we will have as good support this year as we did last year.

Participation at the meetings remains high. Thursday night racing is doing well. Attitudes remain good despite the conditions of the marina. Weekend activities are looking up as the temperature rises. All in all things appear to be going well considering ...

We now have a team working with the PIC to discuss improvements to the marina. The effort will require that we support what the team proposes. The goal is to get Port Arthur to start funding the repairs necessary to make parts of the marina useable again. Currently we don't have enough big boat slips to meet our membership needs. If we can get more useable slips we have the ability to increase our membership. That is good for us and the PIC. **Membership dues will be going up. When the July billing comes out, you will see the new billing rates.**

We have new thermostats in the clubhouse. This should help us reduce the electrical bills at the clubhouse which is currently our biggest expense. Please, if you see something that has been left on in the clubhouse and no one is using it, turn it off and help us cut down on the electrical bills.

Karen and I, before we came to Beaumont, belonged to the Pelican Yacht Club in Baton Rouge LA. That club belonged to the Gulf Yachting Association (GYA) and participated in the GYA Cap Deville and Lipton Cup races. These were Flying Scot one design races that the GYA clubs participated in and supported. It was great fun and great learning.

The GYA membership is all along the Gulf Coast. When we participated in these races, some of the best racers on the Gulf Coast competed. One race at Southern Yacht Club we were waiting for a race to start and our captain is pointing out some of our competition: "Oh that guy raced with Dennis Connor. That guy over there raced in the Americas cup four years ago..." What a thrill it is to race against some of the best racers around. Of course we did not come in first but we didn't come in last either. I would like to see that kind of racing again.

What does it take to join the GYA? First the club must have a Flying Scot and participate in about 8 races a year. The commodore must attend the annual meeting. The dues are \$500 per year.

What do we get out of it? We receive reciprocal privileges at all GYA sites. We will be racing against the best racers on the Gulf Coast. We will sponsor one GYA Cape Deville race per year. We would expand the racing program at PAYC beyond its current status and attain some status in the Gulf Coast racing program. I have set several goals for myself in the leadership of this organization. . Joining the GYA one is a personal one that I hope you will support. Karen and I have taken the first step by purchasing a Flying Scot from the Mobile Yacht club. I will get the boat in racing shape. If the club supports the program we can use this boat for the racing program. If not, we will just race it on our own.

I hope to see you out there on the lake or down at the clubhouse.

Mark.

Racingby Paul Vera

The Dieter Junge Galveston Race/Cruise is rescheduled for July 14 due to a heavy amount of no-shows due to graduations. But we will have it. Our racing continues but the only thing we have coming up is A Full Moon Race on June 30 during Knothead Camp, so come on out and take some kids racing that night. Plus our on-going Thursday Night Races which have turn into nights for very intense racing.

On another note we have pilings and rigs everywhere on Lake Sabine, be careful. We are building up our race committee, so don't be surprised if I ask you to help out with something to help with running the races. On a MARK note Russ Myers and I have set another start line setup and have once again drove a 16 ft. 4x4 capped with a PVC pipe for "I" mark.

That's it.

Paul Vera
963-3525

Junior Sailing By Paul Vera

Knothead Camp is around the corner please send me a self address envelope with a check payable to PAYC, so I can send you a registration packet.

Camp Dates: June 29-30 July 1-2

Camp costs will be: Member \$65.00, Non-Member \$75.00 per student.

Address:

Paul Vera
3701 Russell
Groves, TX.
77619

Cruising from the Cruising Guruby Pat O'Quinn (as reported by Steve Swanson)

Currently, our now World renowned Cruising guru (Pat O'Quinn) is assisting one of our fine club members (Charlie Seat) in the fine art of sailing back a newly purchased vessel all the way back from the far reaches of Chesapeake Bay on the Atlantic Seaboard. Also onboard are Charlie's close friend David & another one of our fine club members—Ed Wiltz. Last report has them somewhere around the Carolinas—I understand that Pat is going to try to see one of his sons who is stationed in the Marines there. We all appreciate your son's service to our country Pat & by all means give him a Texas howdy from us all back here at the PAYC ! It is purported that IF the weather holds true—we may very well see them all safely back here in the PAYC Marina possibly by late June if they push on hard enough. There are currently no PAYC cruises scheduled for the month of June, but as a side note there are usually always numerous impromptu weekend trips to Garrison's Ridge this time of the year for the purpose of hull cleaning, prop cleaning, swimming & bbq'ing, & just plain fun in the sun! Charlie & his current crew (Pat & Ed have since flown home to attend to other business as of this Mainsheet hitting the mail) look forward to seeing everyone soon & I'm sure they will have a lot to talk about when they get back from their ocean voyage! There is still some talk around the club regarding some fun and exciting new cruise agendas! One great idea thrown out there in last month's Mainsheet was to host a Lake Sabine Treasure hunt for our cruisers & sounds like a great idea! Please send your feedback in to Pat on this idea or feel free to suggest any other great ideas to cruising@payc.us . Happy Cruising All!!

Hey, I actually washed the old dogboat yesterday. Now if I can just find my mask, snorkel and fins I will clean the prop and dust her bottom (3M pad to clean the underwater portion of the hull). Then, just maybe Callie the Cat will go sailing.

Another HURRICANE SEASON is upon us. The **PAYC Hurricane Preparation Work Sheet** for your boat can be downloaded from the payc.us website. Please complete and mail it to PAYC (Attention: Gene) or drop it off in the Commodore's office door slot. (Or was that Commodore's ??). It is my opinion that piling damage to the marina was due to the boats secured in their slips during Hurricane RITA. Most marinas require vessel evacuation prior to an impending hurricane strike. We have ten piling damaged slips on 'C' pier. If you cannot find the **HPWS** on the PAYC website, just go to the BoatUS website and download it for completion and forward it to harbormaster@payc.us.

Come on down to the clubhouse on the weekends. We normally have an impromptu dinner at 7pm on Friday and Saturday nights and breakfast around 9am on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Come join us and listen to the tales of taming the lake. Now really, just when was the last time you dined on the water in your clubhouse? Join us and enjoy an evening of fun and entertainment. A few stories, a few laughs, and an enjoyable evening!

Website of the month,

Give your boat insurance policy a checkup:

http://www.c-map.us/club/email/insurance_checkup.htm

By the way, are you watching the Louis Vitton Cup on Versus (satellite and cable channel)? The winner of the Louis Vitton Cup will compete in the AMERICA's Cup race against _____. Now you sailors should know this. Just check out Americas Cup website for 'Versus' the TV schedule. Heck, why not just come on down to the clubhouse and watch it with us. I must warn you, it may get a little routy (-1 point for spelling) at times.

Versus Americas Cup television schedule:

http://www.versus.com/nw/article/view/32595/?tf=ACup_ArticleView.tpl

See you on the water,

Harbor Dude,

PAYC BOARD MEETING MINUTES * May 8th, 2007

Club Members present were: Karen Hallquist, Russ Myers, Terrill Adkisson, Alan Aldredge, Steve Swanson, Gene Kohrman, Pat O'quinn, Mike Wise, Richard Richardson, Ed Wiltz, Paul Vera, Bill & Dana Warren, Chuck Devenzio, Billy Wooley, Butch Neely, Sam Showalter, Danny Williams, Larry Elliot, and Randy Palmero

Treasurer's Report:

(Reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

<u>Main Checking:</u>	\$28,365.33
Improvement CD:	\$12,686.66
Improvement CD2	\$29,627.11
Lease:	\$28,719.26
Money Market CD:	\$ 3,441.16
Self Insurance CD:	\$ 25,068.18
<u>CD</u>	<u>\$ 3,243.16</u>
Total	\$131,150.86

The following members will receive certified letters for non-payment:

James Blain, Richard & Linda Briggs, Harry & Beverly Bush, Michael & Pam Ellis, Ron & Nirm Franklin, Keith & Elaine LeBlanc, James Mehaffey, Walter Montondon, Jim & Karen Norwood, Michael Smith, Steve Stewart, Kenneth & Rebecca Tate and Mathew & Alison Whitehead.

The following members will receive 90 days letters:

D.C. Cook, Melvin & Alice Flitcraft, Michael Leggett, Martin Novich, and Bill (Lee) & Laurie Worsham.

Harbormaster:

(Reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

Gene Korhman reported ten slips are unusable on row C.

Membership:

Application from Richard & Annette Gentry was approved.

Racing:

(Reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

The 2nd Thursday Night Series has been completed. Richard Hughes won the series in the racers fleet and Mike Gill won in the cruisers fleet. The 1st Olympic Regatta was cancelled due to weather. The race will not be rescheduled. Upcoming races are: Full Moon race on June 30, the 4th Thursday Night Series will begin on June 7, and the Dieter Junge Galveston Race has been rescheduled for Saturday July 14th.

House & Grounds:

No report at this time

Cruising/Socials:

(Reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

The Contraband Days Cruise was cancelled due to the weather. There is a cruise to Galveston scheduled for the Memorial Day Weekend and the Lauberge Casino Cruise is in the planning stages. The Steak Out Social is scheduled for Saturday, May 12, 2007 at 6pm.

Safety:

No report at this time

Junior Sailing:

(Reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

Saturday, May 19th is bring a buddy day. Paul will set up boats as needed. Lunch will be furnished. Junior sailing camp is scheduled for June 29 through July 2. Help will be needed in the kitchen and with the kids at night. The cost will be \$65 for member's kids and \$75 for nonmember's kids. This price includes a T-shirt and meals. Karen Hallquist mentioned that there is a Girl Scout troop in the area that wants to earn sailing merit badges. Mike Wise suggested that in 2008 we switch to a day camp for Junior Sailing. There could be room for more kids which would be more exposure to the community for PAYC and possibly more future members. There were suggestions that we could set up a booth at the malls, or go to local schools and churches to help promote sailing for PAYC.

Old Business:

(Reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

Pat O'Quinn reports That Billy Wolley wants to advertise free sailing on PAYC property and on SET.com. The board agreed that PAYC should not be mentioned in any ads. Chuck Devenzio made a motion that no ads shall be placed on PAYC property. Karen Hallquist seconded the motioned. The board passed the motion. Gene Korhman made a motion to give Jack Painton's boat (Hi Jack) to Jack's nephew Ed Painton. Terrill Adkinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Gene Korhman will contact Milton Bell about moving the boat he donated to the sea scouts to row E.

New Business:

A work day is scheduled for Saturday, May 12, 2007 to install to temporary fence along the docks at the screen house for safety.

Keith the Mosquito Guy came by to propose a product that would reduce the number of mosquitoes around the club house and marina. A unit was installed in each of the restrooms on a trial period. The report was that it seems to reduce in amount of mosquitoes in the men's restroom. Keith suggested putting a unit throughout the marina possibly at every 4th boat stall and several around the clubhouse. The Board discussed the cost and the effectiveness of the units but did not make a decision whether to purchase any units. The units cost \$59.29 per unit.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:18pm

Russ Myers, Secretary of the PAYC
secretary@payc.us



One of those oh so rare moments that only a picture can catch! These 2 pictures are from our last Long Distance Race in 2004. Recognize any familiar faces ?



Here's an update on an ongoing discussion as part of new ideas for club related social events. Please take the time to input your ideas on this to the proper channels. At the time of this publication it has been conveyed that there are no funds available from within the club to put toward this event due to budget constraints. I'm sure Art will welcome any and all suggestions as to how to get this event to fruition. Remember, it takes YOU & every other active club member to make things happen! In my opinion this is the best FUN idea I've seen submitted in a long time & I think the club would enjoy the event. Once again, I urge you to take the time to submit your suggestions to Art at acly7@yahoo.com. See you out sailing!

- Steve Swanson, Editor

PAYC Annual Treasure Hunt Update ... May 29 -07'

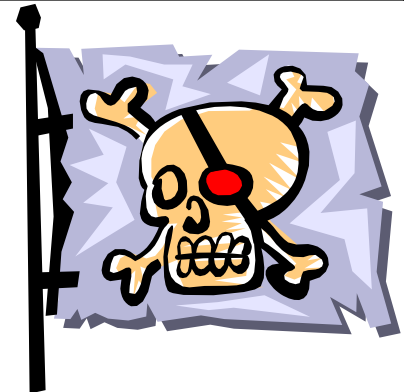
Currently I have completed the Treasure hunt clues and locations. I have a few good ideas for Clue prizes and the main treasure of which I'm working with the club officers to allocate funds. Once I find out what we can afford, and the number of sailors, I will obtain the prizes. If all goes well, Late June will be a good time to have the hunt.

I would like to shoot for a total of 28 to 32 members and 4 to 6 sailboats to participate in this exciting challenge and set a precedent for an annual PAYC Treasure hunt. So I am setting up a "PAYC Treasure hunter sign up sheet" at the clubhouse or you can Email me at acly7@yahoo.com. If you are interested in using your boat and being one of the captains, please indicate. Sailboats that can hold 5 or more people would be preferred. Also, we will need some good dinghies for the marine sailors. (One per sailboat) Remember, once the roster is complete, 2 Teams will be selected at random.

After talking with some of the Club members, I feel there is a healthy interest in this social/ nautical challenging event. So come test your skills and have a treasure chest of fun and prizes.

Thanks, Art Lynd.
Seahawk

Come *one* — come *ALL!*
Let's get this event going! Rally
the men, women, children,
& pirates for a day of fun !



Multi Hull Column by Ricky Richardson

I am proud to say that the Port Arthur Yacht Club has accepted a beach-cat sailor as a member and has also approved to host a Multi-Hull Regatta scheduled for October 20th and 21st. This event is in standing with the objectives and aims of Port Arthur Yacht Club, which includes encouraging and stimulating yachting in a safe and sporting manner, advocating one design racing, and initiating a junior sailing and racing program. I need some volunteers to help with all areas of putting on a round the buoys event. This would include help in the kitchen, a beach captain at the club and also someone at Miracle Beach where the catamarans would be launched. I will need assistance with the Race Committee and Protest Committee. It would be nice to have volunteers to bring spectators on their yacht out to get a closer view of the action. I plan on having a Youth Class that would require the skipper to be under the age of 18 and having a crew of any age. PAYC owns a Hobie 16 and I would be willing to train any youth that is interested in racing at this event a chance to be selected to compete. Also there may be an opportunity of someone who owns a catamaran that would be willing to let a youth skipper their boat. October is only six months away so any youth willing to participate in class time and time on the water on a beach-cat needs to contact me so I can schedule some time for you. The Hobie 16 is a two person boat so you are encouraged to get a friend or family member to crew with you, if you don't have a crew we may be able to pair some participants together. All volunteers and youth can contact me either by cell phone (409)882-4847 or email: cricharson@gt.rr.com You are also welcome to look me up at the Yacht Club, I am usually there on Thursday night races and the general meetings on the second Tuesday of the month.

Ricky Richardson
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(409)882-4847



Could this be Mr. Ricky conducting a MONOHULL Race ??
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One of our races where we had the junior sailors & friends aboard last year.
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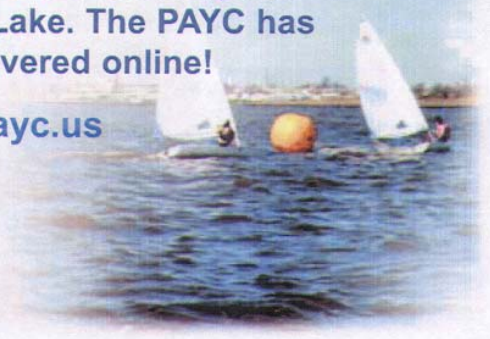




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Next General Meeting: Tuesday, June 12th, 2007, 7:00pm at the PAYC Clubhouse. Board Meeting immediately following General Meeting.

If you would like a copy of the current PAYC roster, email roster@payc.us and request one. Also, any member wishing to move from U.S. Mail delivery to email delivery (or vice versa) can do so by sending an email to mainsheet@payc.us

Commodore : Mark Hallquist

Vice Commodore : Pat O 'Quinn

Secretary : Russ Myers

Treasurer : Karen Hallquist

Board of Directors : Terrill Adkisson, Gene Kohrman, Paul Vera, Chuck Devenzio, & Mike Wise

Trustees : Alan Aldredge, Sam Showalter, & Mike Gill

Harbormaster : Gene Kohrman

Mainsheet Editor : Steve Swanson

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

Summary of PAYC Events in June:

June 17,21,24,28th— Thursday Night Racing—Series # 4, Skipper's meeting at p.m.

June 10th—Full Moon –Race#4, Skipper's meeting at 6 pm.

June 12th—PAYC General / Board Meetings—start at 7pm.

June 29th thru July 2nd—Junior Sailing Summer Camp

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
27' 1978 Hunter

Tom Thigpen 704-866-8856 or thigpen@midrex.com
Glenn Thibodeaux 409-886-3113 or tibodoe@sbcglobal.net

Reserving the PAYC Clubhouse

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

