



Mainsheet

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Commodore's CommentsMark Hallquist

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Well Humberto gave us a visit with the surprising strength of a hurricane. Ed Wiltz reported that the wind speeds at the Yacht Club were up to 105 miles an hour. There were at least 13 sails lost during the storm and at least one boat lost.

Maintenance issues are beginning to stack up. We need a work weekend in October to work some of the items on the list. Our refrigerator has died but thanks to Pat O'Quinn we now have a replacement that seems to work fine. I would like to see as many people show up on October 6 for a work day to try and catch up on some of these work items. All help would be appreciated.

Nominations for the officers have been collected and distributed. I believe the nominations will be reviewed at the next meeting and then posted. We will then send out ballots to be counted at the next meeting. Please make sure to vote. We will also need volunteers for committee chairs for next year as well. Remember the Yacht Club performance is a direct result of the membership support of the club.

The live aboards need to provide us with the rules that they have agreed to. The membership should have the opportunity to review and approve these rules. There are several versions of these rules out there and we need to make it clear what is the correct version. We also need to make sure that the majority agrees to those rules.

There was some hope for the Yacht Basin. We were seeing some pilings going in that showed hope of progress. It has been reported that these pilings have not been put in deep enough and therefore no new docks are being put in. We are still short on dockage for larger boats. We are still turning away new membership because of the lack of space.

Next weekend is the in-the-water boat show in Kemah. Last years show was not bad. Many of us plan to go there next weekend. Maybe we will see some of you there. The temperatures are beginning to fall. Summer will soon be behind us. Hope to see you out at the yacht club soon.

Mark

Junior Sailing Paul Vera

This year is going by fast and the banquet is just around the corner. This year's banquet will be one of the best. I expect all the juniors to attend and hopefully you might just walk away with a jacket that has Junior sailor of the year on it. So go sailing and yes I'm still watching you!

Paul Vera 963-3525

Racing Paul Vera

September has been a very surprising month with shifty winds and pop-up thunderstorms and you really had to be careful sailing. Always be prepared for the worst when your out sailing and make sure your crew knows a little bit about handling the boat. It will help you if something goes wrong. We had a LDR and a good turn out, about 7 boats showed up. I will get Russ to post the final results.

Upcoming events:

Oct 13. -----18 Mile Light Race - Skippers Meeting will be held on Thursday Oct. 11- at 7pm.

Oct. 20-21-----Spindletop Multihull Regatta

Oct. 27 -----Moonlight Race - Skippers meeting 6pm

That's it short and sweet.

Paul Vera

The Suggestion Boxfrom the Editor

*I would like some formal opinions on what our membership would like to see posted in our **Mainsheet** besides the time tested articles that we have always leaned to in the past. Should we start up an "Items for sale" section & would it be effective or even timely for that matter? Perhaps you would like to know more about what's happening elsewhere in the boating community or maybe we could simply post more articles regarding other Yacht club events near our area ? Ideas ...Ideaswe can never get enough! If you feel inclined to offer some feedback on these suggestions and of course any other new suggestions, please feel free to drop me an email at **mainsheet@payc.us** & let me know what you think!*

Every time I look up, we have either a hurricane or a tropical storm out there. I am trying to arrange a trip to Garrison's Ridge on the 13th and 14th of October, but I am almost afraid to announce it. We also have an impromptu trip to Galveston on the 20th and 21st of October if anyone wants to try that.

I will be leaving the country at the end of October for about two weeks, so I need to cram as much cruising in as possible. If anyone has any ideas of where we might want to try and cruise to, Please drop me a line.

Pat O'Quinn

As the federal Environmental Protection Agency begins drafting permits which would, for the first time, individually regulate "runoff" from your boat — grey water, bilge water, engine cooling water and use of copper bottom paints — a bill in Congress would reinstate the blanket exemption granted to small boats decades ago. Because of the timing, it's imperative that members of Congress hear from boaters to support **H.R. 2550**, which would halt the state-by-state permitting now going forward under a court order. The permit system, which could cover 18 million boats and ships, is set to be up and running by Sept. 30, 2008, and will likely come with fees. In order to stop the clock, BoatU.S. and other partners are pushing **H.R. 2550**, "**The Recreational Boating Act of 2007**," to make the 34-year EPA permit exemption permanently apply to recreational boats. It would not reverse any water pollution controls and it would not change the current overboard restrictions on the discharge of oil, fuel, sewage and trash. The federal Clean Water Act regulates all discharges into U.S. waters, including industrial and sewage treatment outfalls. For 34 years, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has exempted discharges of recreational boats from the Clean Water Act permit system. Other federal laws for boats already restrict oil, fuel, sewage, and garbage discharges. The permit change came about as the result of environmental groups that sued the EPA to force the agency to start regulating the discharge of ballast water from large international ships. The goal was to control invasive species. In September 2006, the court agreed with the environmental groups and issued a sweeping decision that cancelled Clean Water Act permit exemptions for operational discharges from recreational boats. The EPA is now required by the court decision to develop and implement by fall 2008 a national permit system for all vessels in the U.S. regardless of size. **BoatU.S.** has sent out action alerts to members on this issue nationwide, requesting that each boater contact his/her representative and ask them to co-sponsor this bill. In order to continue communicating with members on this and other government affairs issues, please make sure **BoatU.S.** has your current e-mail address. Send updated e-mail addresses to membership@boatus.com. For more details on this issue or for new developments, visit BoatUS.com/gov.

****H.R. 2550 would prevent nationwide permits for routine discharges such as bilge water.****

PAYC BOARD MEETING MINUTES * September 11th, 2007

Club Members present were: Russ Myers, Alan Aldredge, Gene Kohrman, Mike Wise, Pat O'Quinn, Butch Neely, Karen Hallquist, Chuck DeVenzio, Sam Showalter, Jerry Singleton and Bill Worsham.

Treasurer's Report:

(Reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

<u>Main Checking:</u>	<u>\$38,036.24</u>
Improvement CD:	\$12,818.87
Improvement CD2	\$29,922.57
Lease:	\$28,948.43
Money Market CD:	\$ 3,453.23
Self Insurance CD:	\$ 25,372.45
CD	\$ 3,282.76
Total	\$141,834.55

Harbormaster:

(Reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

Gene Korhman reported that last week all the damaged pilings have been replaced or fixed. PIC should start building the finger piers soon. Gene also reported that 14 slips are empty and 4 of those are unusable. This is excluding all slips on row E. Charles Bueller of Lake Charles Yacht Club would like to start cruising with the PAYC cruisers.

Membership:

Application from Michael Amsden MD was approved.

Racing:

(Reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

The Island Cup Regatta had six competitors. The Racing Fleet raced two races with Russ Myers coming in 1st place. The Cruising Fleet got chased off the lake by rain clouds after one race which Mike Gill won.

House & Grounds:

Butch Neely showed the board a couple of refrigerators he got prices on. The lowest price was \$1245. The board discussed and decided to get an estimate on replacing the compressor on the old refrigerator. Butch Neely will also be getting estimates on repairing or replacing the swing arm on the gate.

Cruising/Socials:

Pat O'Quinn reported that four boats made the Galveston Cruise. The weather was not too bad. Pat also reported that the thousand foot cut does not have any cane marking the channel.

Safety:

No report at this time

Junior Sailing:

(Reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

Ricky Richardson reported that PAYC has received \$175 in donations in Terrell Adkisson's name for junior sailing.

Old Business:

(See General Meeting Minutes)

New Business:

The nomination committee has been contacting members for various positions on the board and PAYC officers. Gene Korhman will be using the clubhouse on September 29 for a Coast Guard Class.

Officers Nominations for 2008

Commodore:

Paul Vera, Mark Hallquist

Vice Commodore:

Eric Phelan, Richard Richardson, Randy Palmero, Art Lynd

Secretary:

Russ Myers

Treasurer:

Charlotte Singleton

Board of Directors: (Need to Elect Four)

Mike Wise, Dianne Sims, Jerry Singleton, Chuck DeVenzio, Mike Gill, Ed Wiltz, Larry Lognion.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Russ Myers, Secretary of the PAYC

secretary@payc.us

Terrell's Corner ' a tribute to Terrell Adkisson's witty messages from the past! '

Johnny Snake came home crying. His mom asked why. He said he had been over at the Joneses' and they wouldn't let him hiss in their pit. Mrs. Snake said, "That's some nerve. I can remember when the Joneses' didn't have a pit to hiss in!"

It seems we had a hurricane, this past month.....

We were not prepared for hurricane strength winds. We were ready for the forecasted tropical storm 35-45 mph winds. Damage to the marina consisted of several broken pilings and finger-piers. Hurricane damage to boats in marina included thirteen shredded roller furling head'sails (when you roll up your roller furling sails, you need to keep tension on your sheet-lines for a tight roll with a minimum of three sheet-line wraps). Several boats with rub-rail and hull damage due to dock lines not being adjusted correctly. Several dock lines parted due to needing replacement; something I have repeatedly mentioned in previous monthly articles in the Mainsheet. Five bimini's were damaged or destroyed and three dodgers damaged or destroyed. Just a lil ol' Texas Thunder Bumper!

Hey, guess what? Fall is here with pleasant weather ahead. It is time to start thinking about anchoring out for the night. Why not the weekend? We will not be needing our air conditioners. Come join us. Check the PAYC calendar on the website for scheduled weekends for anchoring out.

Have a great sail,
Da Haba' Dude, Gene

Website of the month:

(bowditch online)

<http://www.irbs.com/bowditch/>

(live cameras, panama canal)<http://www.pancanal.com/eng/photo/camera-java.html>



— A common site in the Marina after Hurricane Humberto passed through..



“**Surprise**”Mean—Gene the Sailing Machine is caught on camera while cutting up at one of our recent social events.

Multi Hull Column by Ricky Richardson



This is the month for the Multihull Regatta, and it looks as though there will be a good turn out for the event. I'm expecting between 10 to 20 Catamarans to show up and get on the race course. I would like to thank the people who have volunteered to help run this event. We have Paul Vera and Russ Meyers on the Race Committee, Duane Cessac has volunteered for the chase boat duties. Art Lynd's new bride will be taking pictures from the chase boat. Erv Marshand has offered his assistance as Beach Captain on Miracle Beach. Deena Gill will help with cooking food for Saturday Night. My mother wife and daughter will be cooking the main courses for Saturday Night supper. Karen Hallquist our treasurer has offered to help with registration. Gene Kohrman has volunteered to help around the club house


If you plan on watching this event from your yacht, I would ask that you would please stay off of the race course during racing. If you would like to bring visitors on your yacht to get a closer view of the action you can contact me by phone or email. There will be a meeting at 6pm before the next general meeting on Tuesday October 9th to go over the details of the Mutihull event of the year Spindletop Regatta. I also intend on posting a sign up sheet at the yacht club. All volunteers can contact me either by cell phone (409)882-4847 or email: cricharson@gt.rr.com

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<<—Anybody know these guys ???


(*answer: The one & only Cap'n B racing team*)



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Next General Meeting: Tuesday, October 9th, 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

YACHTS FOR SALE AT PAYC

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

.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.

Summary of PAYC Events in October:

Oct 9th—General & Board Club meetings—7 pm

Oct 13th—Offshore Race #2—18 Mile Light Race/Cruise (Skippers meeting—Thurs. night—11th at 7 pm)

Oct 19,20,21—Impromptu Cruise to Galveston—(castoff time TBA)

Oct 20-21—Spindletop Multihull Regatta

Oct 27—Halloween Cook-out & Full Moon Race/Cruise #6—Skipper's meeting at 6 pm.

