



# Mainsheet

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

**NOVEMBER 2007 Edition**

**The last PIC meeting is reported on in the meeting minutes but I would like to bring up one issue from that meeting. The PIC Board is going to have a workshop with the Port Arthur Council on October 30 at 4:30 PM.** I would like to encourage all the membership to attend this meeting and show your support. We need to have the Council understand the **urgency of repairing the marina**. If we can get enough of the membership there, we might be able to impact the direction of the discussion in a positive way. They need to hear how important it is for us in the community to have this marina. If Port Arthur does not commit to the repairs in short order, we are going to have to look at other options for where to keep our boats.

I don't know how many of you are taking a good look at the marina lately but the situation is only getting worse. Most of the bulkheads are beginning to erode and many of the supports for the bulkheads are completely rotted. I don't believe we have many more years left if the repairs are not done. We need everyone's support in saving our marina.

The workday went well this month. We cleaned up around the clubhouse and removed some unneeded vegetation. We cleaned up around the dry storage. We also cleaned up around the screen house. We were going to work on the docks around the screen house but the water was up too high to work on the supports. We also repaired the front gate and have that in good working order. Thanks to all those who showed up and helped out.

Next month is also your opportunity to show your support of the yacht club by casting your vote. Please take the time to fill out a ballot and send it in or bring it in person to the next meeting. We will count the votes at the next meeting and announce the results.

I was asked at the last meeting to remind everyone about guests on clubhouse grounds. You are not to have unattended guests in the marina or clubhouse. You should not be giving out your gate codes to your friends so that they can access without your being on site. You are responsible for your guests' behavior. You are to be there before they arrive and leave after they leave. There have been abuses in the past. Please don't make me have to get involved with policing this rule.

The weather is getting mild and the days are getting shorter. The winds have been good. I hope to see you out there.

Mark

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

I want every junior sailing to show up at this year's Banquet! I want to recognize everybody that has taken our class. Stay tuned for more information.

## *Racing .... Paul Vera*

We have two more full moon races left and the final End of the year race. Then the Banquet and then we start back for another year. I can't believe we are at the end of the year. Two people sailed to the 18 Mile Light, Russ Myers with an artful dodger Mike Gill behind him. The race was an upwind to the light and broad reach back.

**Dates: Moonlights Oct. 27 – Nov. 24, LROTY -Dec.8**

That's it.

Paul

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

November is a bust for me; I will be out of the country for two weeks. It's a bit difficult to make any plans for the first part of the month, but how about the last couple weeks. Steve Swanson and I went to the 1000 foot cut to see if we could get thru. We believe we can get thru. That makes a Shell Island cruise a possibility. We also have a couple of other ideas too. We are thinking about a cruise to Garrison's ridge for a cookout and cruise around the lake. With the weather getting cooler, it makes for some good overnight trips. As soon as I return, we will get the word out about Shell Island. Until then, as many as possible need to get to the Port Arthur City Hall for the upcoming meeting to show our support for the club. If you can make it PLEASE come out to the council workshop. Check with some of the board members for the date and time.

Pat O'Quinn

## *A Word from the editor .....Steve Swanson*

*Last month you may remember that I asked for some new ideas or suggestions towards building a better & perhaps more informative Mainsheet publication? Thus far I have received very little in the way of input. Now what this means is one of two things—either I am already doing a very satisfactory job at getting a timely and newsworthy publication out—OR—not many people are actually reading this publication & thus don't care to post any fresh ideas. Our club has been undergoing some changes over the last few years –some good ..some not so good, mainly due to economic strains. I would like to remind our membership that the members are what makes the club go, much like a great nation is only as strong as its' people! Come on folks—I want to hear from you—you all know how to contact me—either in person or via email (mainsheet@payc.us) Please do so—I look forward to hearing some fresh ideas!*



We have something very exciting happening on our website this month ([www.BoatUS.com](http://www.BoatUS.com)). Best-selling author Tania Aebi, who in 1985 became the youngest woman to sail around the world alone, is taking her two sons cruising, and she's writing an intimate blog about it for BoatUS.

This is quite a story. When Tania was 18, she cast off from South Street Seaport in Lower Manhattan, alone and frightened, on her 26-foot sloop, *Varuna*. For the next two and a half years, with only a cat for company, she sailed 27,000 miles around the world, stopping in 23 countries along the way. In November 1987, just barely 21, she stepped back onto the cement shores of New York City a solo-circumnavigator. Her book about this adventure, *Maiden Voyage*, became an inspirational best-seller, published in eight countries.

Fast forward 20 years. Now living in Vermont, she's a writer, and mother to Nicholas, 16, and Sam, 13. Her ex-husband lives two miles up the road. Watching her boys grow up too fast, she decided it was now or never to give them a taste of adventure, and herself the gift of some uninterrupted time with them, before busy lives take them in their own directions. She bought a 36-foot sailboat named *Shangri-La*, and the family of three has set off cruising to the South Pacific for a year. There, she'll turn the boat and the two boys over to their dad, who'll sail with them to Australia. An unorthodox arrangement? You bet it is!

Log on right now, and see how the whole plan is playing out on [www.BoatUS.com/cruising/shangrila](http://www.BoatUS.com/cruising/shangrila), where Tania is writing a twice-monthly log about the voyage.

PAYC BOARD MEETING MINUTES \* October 9th, 2007

Club Members present were: Russ Myers, Mark & Karen Hallquist, Paul Vera, Alan Aldredge, Gene Kohrman, Mike Wise, Pat O'Quinn, Butch Neely, Chuck DeVenzio, Ed Witzl, and Mike Gill.

**Treasurer's Report:**

(Reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

<u>Main Checking:</u>	<u>\$30,690.05</u>
Improvement CD:	\$12,953.93
Improvement CD2	\$30,224.75
Lease:	\$29,253.43
Money Market CD:	\$14,556.18
Self Insurance CD:	\$ 25,671.11
CD	\$ 3,321.40
Total	\$146,670.85

**Harbormaster:**

(Reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

Gene Korhman reported 14 slips are empty. We are at 90% occupancy. PIC is in the process of repairing finger piers. A barge should arrive soon to replace pilings damaged during hurricane Humberto.

**Membership:**

No applicants attended the meeting.

**Racing:**

(Reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

Russ Myers reported that Sam Showalter, Sam's cousin Paul Horton from Austin, Kevin Blank from Slidell LA., Russ Myers and Andy Green participated in the Trimaran Shootout Regatta at Fort Walton Yacht Club. We placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the two day regatta. There is a Moonlight Race on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Skippers' meeting at 6pm. Paul Vera has been a PRO at the catamarans nationals at Galveston this past week.

**House & Grounds:**

It was reported that with the combined efforts of Jerry Singleton, Butch Neely, Steve Swanson, Alan Aldredge, Randy Palmero and Mark Hallquist the gate is once again working. Also, the same workday the volunteers removed all the dead bushes and trees around the club house. We now have a used refrigerator which was donated to PAYC through a friend of Pat O'Quinn. Butch Neely reported that the fasteners on the docks at the screen house are almost rusted in two and needs to be replaced.

**Cruising/Socials:**

(Reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

Pat O'Quinn reported that the Shell Island Cruise may not happen due to the damaged to the thousand foot cut.

PAYC BOARD MEETING MINUTES \* (continued)

**Safety:**

No report at this time

**Junior Sailing:**

(Reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

Paul Vera reported they are trying to decide who will be Jr. Sailor of the year.

**Old Business:**

(Reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

There was a discussion on the live aboard general guidelines. Mark Hallquist read the guidelines to the membership. There were several changes made per suggestions from the membership. Mike Wise made a motion to accept the amended guidelines. Richard Richardson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The live aboard general guidelines will be posted on the PAYC website.

**New Business:**

(Reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

Mark Hallquist read the nominations to the membership. Randy Palmero was moved from Vice Commodore to the Commodore position on the ballot. Mark Hallquist asked Paul Vera to develop a 5 year plan for the Jr. Sailing and Racing Programs. Paul Vera formed a committee to help him. The committee includes Russ Myers, Paul Vera, Richard Richardson, Mike Gill, Mike Wise, Alan Aldredge and Mark Hallquist.

Butch Neely would like a spokesperson for the live aboards.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:29 PM.

*Russ Myers*, Secretary of the PAYC

[secretary@payc.us](mailto:secretary@payc.us)

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

*If you dine at Café Papadeaux, you should try out their Baked Pompaneaux. Avoid their hot dogs, they taste like old logs, & were probably once named Phy-deaux!*

Are we ready for cool weather and low humidity? Well, the time of the year is now? It is cooling off and in a couple of months we will be whining about the cold weather and ready for summertime. Are we ever satisfied; nada, just human nature.

Seems we made it through hurricane season with quite a surprise in the dark of the night, hurricane Umberto? H/U caused considerable damage to the marina and hopefully repairs will be completed within a reasonable time. This leads to PAYC membership support needed in a city council meeting for extended marina repairs, bulkheads, electrical, finger piers, ect. We need your support. Please, drive on down and enjoy the fall weather with a short stroll to see for yourself and then you will realize the importance of your attendance. Heck, the PIC has a fantastic walking trail on the seawall from the marina to the trailer park.

Now, remember to check the condition of your dock lines when you head this way for your walk-a thon. A weekend jaunt to the Island of Pleasure, a stroll or jog for you fitness freaks. Breakfast is at nine on Saturdays and Sundays.

In the October general board meeting I mentioned a PAYC In-The-Water Christmas parade. In the November PAYC Board meeting, I intend to move a motion for it to be in conjunction with our annual Christmas party which is slated Saturday, 01 December Remember to mark your calendar:

- second Tuesday of every month, 7 pm, PAYC clubhouse -  
PAYC Board Meeting

I expect to see you . . .

Gene N. Kohrman  
PAYC, Haba' Dude

Websites of the month:

<http://nws.cgaux.org/index.html>

<http://www.alliedseawindii.org/>

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

I almost forgot to mention, I have postponed PAYC dock-side water fights till Spring, .....maybe! .....So sayeth d'haba'dude.

# Multi Hull Column ..... by Ricky Richardson



This past weekend was the Spindletop Regatta and we had a good turn out despite this event followed the F18 Nationals in Galveston. The people who came to race were ready for what was to unfold as a perfect weekend for racing. Everyone indicated they enjoyed themselves even among the volunteers from PAYC who gave up their time and energy to make this event happen. I came to realize that the Yacht Club is behind me in this endeavor to bring back the Regatta, and the attendees would like to see this as a regularly scheduled event. Below are some comments of those who came and enjoyed our hospitality. Thank you to everyone who helped make this event enjoyable for our guest.

## Thoughts on Spindletop

Submitted by [Gute](#) on Sun, 10/21/2007 - 20:27.

The Texas City Dike Yacht Club was represented this year in Port Arthur at Spindletop Regatta, a competition that is experiencing a rebirth. Spindletop dates back several decades to the days when Hobie 16's were as visible on the water as speed bumps at the Dike. Some of the ol' vets (I believe they will find that an endearing term) of Spindletop claim that Nacra held a strong presence in this part of the country, as well.

We were blessed with sunshine all weekend and a nice, steady wind. Sunday got a bit fluky on the strong side at times and all the spin boats managed to dump it at least once. Our fashionable moment came when we were on a fast and choppy spin run. We saw some of the non-spin boats preparing to tack toward the direction we were coming from, so, in an attempt to avoid any mishaps, we jibed. It probably would've been a good one, too, except that as we were jibing I noticed my main sheet and traveler lines were strung out a good 10 feet behind the boat. The spin filled up immediately, and in my attempt to grab said lines we started going up. In the famous words of Pat Benatar, it's a little too little, it's a little too late. Over we went and I thought that the race was at that point lost. The Chris Green boat, which we had been duking it out with all weekend, was on a tear. But when we righted we found that their boat had gone over. It made for a competitive finish. Congrats to Chris and Blake on their first place trophy.

It was great to see local sailors Ricky and Phillip at the regatta on their Hobie 16. It was Ricky's second regatta, and Phillip's first, if I'm not mistaken.

We were treated to some wonderful chicken spaghetti (no typo) and salad on Saturday night and breakfast tacos cooked on the beach Sunday morning. The onions and potatoes grilling on the beach in the crisp Sunday morning air served as a pleasant distraction to rigging the boat for the race.

Thanks to Ricky Richardson, Gene, Mark, the race committee, and PAYC for their support in putting this regatta together. And thanks to Rehnie (spelling?), as well, for his "behind the scenes" hospitality and support. In the last two years that I have attended regattas there, Port Arthur has provided some excellent sailing -- and they still have the best facilities around.

See ya next year.

Mike, I-20 #757  
Team Poison Girl



## Spindletop 2007

Posted by [Dave R](#) on Mon, 10/22/2007 - 20:18.

Thank you all for your hospitality last weekend; everyone from PAYC, Ricky, Rennie (your rating needs some adjusting) Ihle, and all that helped with the regatta. We had a great time, even if we could not finish all of the chicken spaghetti. You guys have a great little piece of the Texas coast on the island. Thanks again for all the work.

## Thanks Ricky for a beautiful weekend

Posted by [Kazz-A-Cat](#) on Sun, 10/21/2007 - 21:28.

Thanks Ricky, we all had a fantastic time. The yacht club grounds are really a hidden paradise. See you next year,,,,

Kazz-A-cat

## Great event

Posted by [Git-R-Done](#) on Mon, 10/22/2007 - 08:35.

Thanks Ricky and ALL of the PAYC regatta staff for making this a real fun event. The weather was perfect, and the green carpet-how cool is that! (ya hadda been there to know)

Rick & Cathy  
Git-R-Done!

## BALLOT FOR OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS 2008

**Instructions:** Ballots may be cast at the November 13<sup>th</sup> General Meeting, or delivered to PAYC Commodore's Office, or sent by U. S. Mail (with reception required on or before November 13). Ballots delivered to the Commodore's Office or sent by mail must have the legible signature of a PAYC member. (Mail to **PAYC BALLOT 410 Pleasure Island Blvd, Port Arthur, TX 77640**. Note the change in PAYC address.) Select **one** for each office and honor award nominee and select **four** board members. A space is provided for write-in candidates for officers, board members, and honor award recipients.

### COMMODORE:

Mark Hallquist \_\_\_\_\_  
 Paul Vera \_\_\_\_\_  
 Randy Palmero \_\_\_\_\_

### VICE COMMODORE:

Eric Phelan \_\_\_\_\_  
 Richard Richardson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Art Lynd \_\_\_\_\_

### SECRETARY:

Russ Myers \_\_\_\_\_

### TREASURER:

Jim Pearson (May need assistance in this duty until recovery from his upcoming surgery.)

**\*\* Please write in a candidate or volunteer here if you wish to hold this office:**

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### BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Vote for Four

Mike Wise \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dianne Sims \_\_\_\_\_  
 Jerry Singleton \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chuck Devenzio \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mike Gill \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ed Wiltz \_\_\_\_\_

## HONOR AWARDS FOR 2007

### Novice of the Year:

- Eric Phelan
  - Richard Richardson
  - Larry Lognion
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### Yachtsman of the Year:

- Pat O'Quinn
  - Mark Hallquist
  - Steve Swanson
  - Russ Myers
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### John Blair Memorial:

- Tyrell Adkisson
  - Butch Neely
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### Skipper of the Year:

- Russ Myers
  - Mike Gill
  - Sam Showalter
  - Jim Pearson
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### Racing Crewperson of the Year:

- Sarah Pearson
  - Richard Richardson
  - Robert Latimer
  - Kirk Wickizer
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### Cruiser of the Year:

- Pat O'Quinn
  - Randy Palmero
  - Steve Swanson
  - Mike Gill
  - Mark Hallquist
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### Cruising Crewperson of the Year:

- Deena Gill
  - Karen Hallquist
  - Susie O'Quinn
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# **PAYC SPECIAL NOTICE:**

*WE want to make double sure that EVERY-ONE is aware that there is a special meeting involving the **PAYC** & the Port Arthur City Council this coming Tuesday afternoon, **October 30th** at **4:30 pm**—to be held at the Port Arthur City Council Chamber at City Hall. The main agenda of the meeting involves discussions regarding the current disrepair of our marina & what is to be done about it. We need as much **PAYC** club representation as we can get to attend the meeting so that the city of Port Arthur understands just how bad the marina really is, so please take time out from your busy schedules to attend if at all possible.*


*In other matters, its that time again—on the following pages you will find this year's ballot for the 2008 club officers as well as the ballot for the 2007 awards. Please read & follow the instructions listed on the ballot & exercise your club right to vote! See you all at the council meeting!*



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**Next General Meeting: Tuesday, November 13th, 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](mailto: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](mailto:mainsheet@payc.us)

**Commodore** : Mark Hallquist

**Vice Commodore** : Pat O'Quinn

**Secretary** : Russ Myers

**Treasurer** : Karen Hallquist

**Board of Directors** : Butch Neely, 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](mailto:clubhouse@payc.us) or at (409) 722-5739. After your date has been cleared with the PAYC, you can then visit [www.payc.us](http://www.payc.us) for a reservation application and more info.

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

**Nov 3-4th** Shell Island Cruise, departing at 10:00AM (Destination may change due to 1000' cut damage)

**Nov 10th** TBA (could be cruise, social, or both)

**Nov 13th**—PAYC General & Board meetings—starting at 7pm

**Nov 24th**—Full Moon Race/Cruise #7—  
Skippers meeting at 6pm

