



Mainsheet

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Commodore's CommentsMark Hallquist

MAY 2008 Edition

There was some discussion about members having multiple slips at the last meeting. I talked to Gene and asked him to contact those who had two slips and notify them that these members were only entitled to one PAYC slip as stated in the Marina Slip Assignment rules. This brought some discussion at the monthly membership meeting. A committee was formed to discuss amendment of the slip assignment rules.

My opinion on this as a member is that the rules should not be changed. We have a limited number of slips in the marina. Each slip that we can occupy with a member is income for the Yacht Club. If we allow a member to have two slips he pays for only one membership. This eliminates the potential income to the club for that slip. This also possibly eliminates having a new member because there is no slip for his boat in our yacht club.

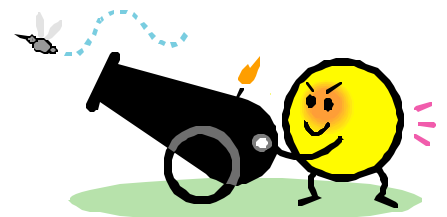
To keep our yacht club healthy we need new membership to replace those who leave us. We need slips for their boats. We need to enforce the rules of the club to ensure that the Yacht Club is available for all to use and to protect the membership from those who would abuse those rules.

Our slip space is severely limited. "E" row is virtually unusable. "C" row has a significant number of slips needing repair before they are useable. With the limited number of slips we have to offer new members, we need to keep the membership to having only one boat in the PAYC slips.

The weather has been great. The winds have been strong. I hope to see you out there.

Mark

*Be sure you look inside for the latest & greatest news regarding the much anticipated **2nd Annual PAYC Treasure Hunt** on Lake Sabine! Tell your neighbors ..tell your friends ...hell ...you can even tell your kinfolk ! Make plans to be out on the Lake on May 17th & see if ye can outsmart the pirates ...ARRrrrrrrr!!!*



Upcoming Events at the club from the Socials Committee

2nd Annual PAYC Treasure Hunt Social

Ahoy mates!!! It's that time of year again Brought to you by our Vice, Art Lynd. If ye are seeking treasure The **PAYC** is the place to be. Come out and join us, you will surely see Our 2nd annual hunt will be in May So sail on over, the 17th is the day . After the hunt and pirates galore Gather your crew for a social on shore. Bring with you something to throw on our grill Our **Pirates Punch Contest** is sure to thrill ! So mix up those drinks and be ready to share The competition will be fierce. **So enter, if you dare!! Arrr....**

PAYC will provide grills, hamburger & hot dog buns and condiments. To enter the Pirates Punch Contest, bring your ingredients and cups for passing out samples (Be Creative). Judging of the Contest will be decided at the social (PLEASE MIX RESPONSIBLY). Only persons 21 years of age or older may enter and/or participate in the contest. For more information contact Eric Phelan at 409-679-0364 or email ericphelan@dslexreme.com

Racing Paul Vera

Our first Olympic regatta is all said and done with Mike Gill winning Cruiser fleet and Russ Myers taking the overall winner in the Racers.

We did it in a different format, in running the races, the Racer fleet ran the regatta for the Cruisers in the morning and the Cruisers ran it for the Racers in the afternoon. This format work out really well, it provided a chance for other people to use their race management skills and others to crew for other boats.

We have built a small dock for "Bout Time", and that is due to the hard work of Mike Gill and Kurt W. As you look below we still have a busy year in front of us so get out and enjoy your sport!

Flying the Lima Flag

Paul Vera

963-3525

April 3,10,17,24	Thursday Night Series #2	18:00
April 5	Olympic Regatta #1	10:00
April 19	Full Moon #3	18:00
May 1,8,15,22,29	Thursday Night Series #3	18:00
May 24,25,26	Dieter Junge Galveston Race	TBA
June 5,12,19,26	Thursday Night Series #4	18:00

Junior Sailing Paul Vera

In this mainsheet, a registration form and the fees for this years Junior Camp will be included. Please, if you have a child that plans on attending this camp please fill out the form and send it back with a self address stamped envelope. In turn I will send you back a detailed time frame and camp articles to bring. If you have any questions please e-mail at vseaturtle@aol.com. **Camp dates are June 27-28-29-30**, this will be a sleep over camp.

Camp schedule:

Day 1:

- Sign in; pass out folders, set up PAYC for camp and classroom.
- Introduction of instructors and classmates
- Camp rules
- Discussion of boat parts and proper handling of the boats
- Lunch
- First test
- Knot lesson
- Split into groups and walk around the marina
- Rigging boats
- Afternoon break
- Life Jacket checks
- Swim test
- First Sail
- Showers
- Dinner
- Movie
- Lights out

Day 2, 3, 4

- Dress for morning run
- Breakfast
- Classroom
- Break
- Points of Sail
- Knots
- Rig boats
- Lunch
- Classroom
- Sail
- Break
- Sail
- Showers
- Dinners
- Movie
- Lights out

Junior Sailing Summer Camp Registration Form

STUDENT NAME _____

AGE _____ MALE _____ FEMALE _____ GRADE _____

SCHOOL _____

T-SHIRT SIZE:

SMALL _____ MED _____ LARGE _____ XL _____ XXL _____

FEES:

MEMBERS FEE: \$75.00

NON-MEMBERS FEE \$100.00

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OUT TO: PAYC

ADDRESS:

PAUL VERA
3701 RUSSELL
GROVES, TX.
77619

Phone 409-963-3525

Also send me a self address envelope so I can return you a Junior Camp Packet. In this packet it will have medical release forms, emergency forms, camp rules and articles that you need to have your child bring to camp.

Important Announcementsfrom the PAYC Board

Capital Improvement projects for the PAYC:

After receiving suggestions from the membership, the Board of Directors has come up with a short list of capital improvements. It was agreed after doing the research that we could afford to spend \$4500- \$5000 for this year. The consensus for the first project was additional storage near the clubhouse and it was decided that (2) - twenty foot steel shipping containers would be the best solution. The P.I.C. has donated (3) dry storage spaces for our use next to the fence between us and the Commission office. The containers have been located in LaPorte, TX—but there is a \$375 delivery fee for each container if they deliver. If any club member has access to a trailer and/or truck that could carry the containers, please call Chuck Devenzio at 409-727-1098.

NOTICE :
At the general meeting on May 13, 2008 there will be a vote for capital improvements of up to \$5000.00. Please attend this important meeting!

Items for Saleboats, gear, marine related things in general

This 35' Coronado Sailboat is rigged for sailing right now! Sails are in excellent shape. 2003 Yanmar Diesel turbo 40hp. Cruises at 7 knots. Great for live-aboard. 3 deck boxes. Roller furling jib. 16k btu auto AC-Heat. 2 burner propane stove, oven. Large solar panel. Wind generator. 3 heavy duty anchors. Boat davits and dinghy. King size bed. Walk around cabin. Full plastic enclosure. Summer screen enclosure. Auto pilot. Center cockpit. GPS. Great stereo CD player. Too much more to mention. Asking \$25K. Ready to sell!



Contact Ed Wiltz via email at windsong270@yahoo.com for more details

*** Becky Zumo has a 23 ft Santana sailboat for sale, located in the PAYC Marina on "B" Row. She is asking \$3500 & you can reach her at 409-504-0755 ***

If you wish to have anything listed for sale here within the pages of the PAYC Main-sheet—you must submit your ad before the 1st of every month in order to be included in the next issue. Send all ads & details to mainsheet@payc.us . Thanks!

PAYC BOARD MEETING MINUTES * April 8th, 2008

Club Members present were: Mark Hallquist, Russ Myers, Mike Wise, Butch Neely, Eric Phelan, Chuck Devenzio, Pat O'Quinn, Jim Pearson, Art Lynd, Alan Aldredge, Paul Vera, Gene Kohrman, Bob Peck, Sandy & Darrell Irvin, and Mark Bonnette.

Treasurer's Report:

(Reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

<u>Main Checking: 9757</u>	<u>\$43,673.03</u>
Improvement CD: 0040	\$13,214.88
Improvement CD2: 8798	\$30,837.29
Lease: 5197	\$29,868.88
Money Market CD: 2422	\$14,714.21
Self Insurance CD: 6443	\$ 26,275.77
CD: 6287	\$ 3,399.61
Total	\$161,983.59

Harbormaster:

(Reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

Gene Kohrman reported that we are at 90% occupancy on Rows B, C and D. On Rows B, and D the repairs on the finger piers have been completed. PIC will begin repairs on Row C this week. The Lake Charles-Orange Power Squadron has rented the club house for April 12 and 13 to hold a district meeting. Gene feels we need to have a Hurricane Preparedness Committee before the next hurricane season.

Membership:

Application from Mark Bonnette was approved.

Racing:

(Reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

Paul Vera reported the results for the first Olympic Regatta, Mike Gill was the overall winner for the Cruisers Fleet and Russ Myers was the overall winner in the Racers Fleet. Paul reported that we tried a new format for this regatta. The skippers of the Racers Fleet ran the races for the Cruisers Fleet in the morning and the skippers of the Cruisers Fleet ran the races for the Racers Fleet in the afternoon. The format worked out really well, it provided a chance for members to use their race management skills and others to crew for other fleets. There is a Moonlight Race scheduled for April 19, the May Thursday Night Series will begin on May 1, and the Dieter Junge Galveston Race is scheduled for May 24.

House & Grounds:

Butch Neely reported that Diane Simms would like an increase in pay for keeping the club house clean. After a short discussion by board members present the board agreed to increase her pay from \$363 a month to \$375 a month. Butch reported that he was disappointed in the progress of the repairs on the club house and asked the board if he could start doing the work himself. The board agreed. Butch also reported that the galvanized purlins at the screen house are corroding due to the moisture and aluminum screen frames. Butch suggested a work day to remedy this situation.

PAYC BOARD MEETING MINUTES * (continued)

Cruising/Socials:

(Reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

Eric Phelan reported that 48 people attended the after the Regatta Social on April 5. The club furnished bris-ket and links and members brought the sides. Art Lynd reported that the annual PAYC Treasure Hunt is sched-uled for May 17, 2008. The 2008 Treasure Hunt t-shirts are in. You can get with Art to get a shirt.

Safety:

No Report

Junior Sailing:

(Reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

Paul Vera reported that a registration form and list of fees for this year Junior Sailing Camp will be in April's Mainsheet. If you have a child that is planning to attend this year's camp please fill out the form and send it back with a self address stamped envelope. Junior Sailing camp dates are June 27-28-29-30, this will be a sleep over camp.

Sea Scouts:

No Report

Old Business:

No Report

New Business:

Alan Aldredge reported that we need update the trustee list. He also suggested that we post the date that they were appointed next to their name so we can keep track of their term length. Chuck Devenzio reported that we had \$4500 in the capitol improvement fund that we could use to purchase the storage container. A committee to look into some members having two slips was formed. The committee consists of Sandy & Darrell Irvin, Pat O'Quinn, Gene Kohrman, and Bob Peck.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:58

Russ Myers, Secretary of the PAYC

secretary@payc.us

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

Many years ago, a Navy Captain would wear a red cloak when going into battle. Then, if he was wounded, the blood would not show, and the crew would keep fighting hard. That same Captain would also change into a pair of brown trousers !

From the passages of the HarbormasterGene Kohrman

HabaDude here ...

I need not remind you that one third of the year is history and spring is well upon us. Time for water sports, sailing and fishing. Time to enjoy the lake. The hurricane damaged finger piers on 'C' row are being repaired / renewed.

Speaking of hurricanes, next month, 01 June begins hurricane season. Many of you boat-owners with slips in the marina need new dock lines. You would be surprised of the number of boats that have old broken dock lines that have been tied together; as opposed to replacing with new lines.

I called two members last month concerning parted/broken dock lines; also, both had tied old line together. Now, the question is? Why should I have to call you to tell you that you have dock lines that need to be replaced? Is your boat not your investment?

It is very important that you renew the dock-lines in your slip, as needed. Also, if you think you will be able get by one more year with your existing dock lines; it would be best to replace them. It is not the marina's, PAYC or your neighbors responsibility to maintain serviceable dock lines on your boat. Please tend to this matter.

and yes, I am being redundant on the dock line issue

Several years ago BOATUS developed a 'HURRICANE PREPARATION WORKSHEET'. You can go to the BOATUS website to download it. http://www.boatus.com/hurricanes/hurr_prep_guide.pdf It is my understanding that many insurance companies recommend you complete it and file a copy with them. It is also a good idea that you take current pictures of the interior and exterior of your boat, engine model and serial number and serial numbers of electronics. For those of you with boats in the marina, we also ask you to complete the 'Boat Owners Hurricane Worksheet' on page 9 and mail a copy to PAYC for our records.

I have heard rumors that the pirates *Jean and Bill Lafitte* will be searching for their hidden treasure chests in and along the shores of Sabine Lake. It is my understanding there will be capturing, plundering and pillaging of vessels attempting to acquire their treasure booty. *Is this a vicious rumor?*

See you on the water,

HabaDude Gene

From the Cook's Galleysome much favored recipes to sail with

This is a newly formed area that we hope catches on & will perhaps appeal to more of our members. We would like to see mostly recipes that our own personal club members & their families have created over the years if possible. If you have a wonderful recipe you would like to share then please submit it to mainsheet@payc.us or mail us a copy via snail-mail at the clubhouse. We will of course post recipes that other clubs have posted as well as other sources to fill in the gaps as needed. Bon' Appétit' Folks!!

*****This lil' recipe is from one of our club member's list of favs ..its "Easy Potato Cheese soup" ...compliments of Mary Fitzgerald. If you have ever had the pleasure of any of Mary's cooking then you will appreciate this recipe ! Thanks Mary & may you & Joe have a safe trip on your Great loop adventure!*****

Easy Potato Cheese Soup

4 chicken bouillon cubes

1 qtwater

½ pkg vegetable seasoning blend

1 pkg shredded or diced frozen hash brown potatoes

1 can cream of chicken soup

1 lb Mexican Velveta cheese

1 can evaporated mild

1 can chicken broth

Combine all and cook till veggies are tender

Annual 2008 PAYC Treasure Hunt

Purpose is to encourage and stimulate yachting in a safe and sporting manner. This event is intended to promote camaraderie between the members and to encourage others to feel welcome to join PAYC. And as always, fun will be required.

This year the hunt will be more exciting than before. We are introducing a special team of **pirates** that will roam the lake and guard their treasure from two separate treasure hunter teams. The teams will learn that they may need to bribe the pirates in order to pass safely to the treasure or just out maneuver them. There will be cannon fire (water balloons).

Each team will be given a different *treasure map*. The map will be marked with the *latitude and longitude of the clues* to be collected. Each clue collected will be used to locate the treasure chest (not other clues.) Each team will be *allowed to split up their flotilla during the hunt to collect a specific clue*.

Because there is only one treasure, it will be necessary *to retrieve it before the other team determines its location*. Pirates may have to be dealt with.

The *Hunt will be over* when the treasure chest is in safe harbor (PAYC marina.) This year the treasure will NOT be hidden in the PAYC marine area. The team in possession will collect the bootie.

Entrée fee:

No fee per say. We ask that you purchase a T shirt like last year. It will not be required. Revenue from sale of T shirts will be used to purchase prizes. See entry form.

***** Please make note that this event will require a great familiarity with the use of a GPS & one who knows how to enter preset Waypoints on their GPS will gain a great advantage during the hunt for the Pirate's Treasure !! *****

RULES Of Engagement (with Pirates)

1. All Boating Safety Rule are to be observed
2. Pirate Attacks:
 - a. Cannon fire (water balloons) **will be** exchanged.
 - b. The pirates may capture a ship only after 3 hits (***balloons must bust***) on deck/ mast of the treasure hunter ship.
 - c. A Ship captured must drop their sails (**IF** safe to do so)
 - d. Pirate ships cannot be captured. (Only pre-occupied with a bombardment of balloons.)
 - e. A team ship captured is held for 10 minutes unless a bribe is given
3. Bribes may be offered after treasure hunter ship is ***captured***.
 - a. To ***bribe** a pirate you will have to surrender to him 1 of 3 items: ***RUM, GOLD/JEWELERY, or WENCHES***. The bribe will immediately allow *safe passage for 30 minutes* to the vessel captured.
 - b. If no bribe is offered, captured hunter will be **detained for 10 minutes**.
 - c. Pirates cannot attack the same ship again for 30 minutes after *detention or bribe paid*.
4. If the boat holding the ***treasure chest is captured*** before entering safe harbor, they must surrender a portion of the treasure to the pirate ship that captured it.
5. Secret Radio contact between ships is encouraged. (Remember the pirates may be listening.)

RULES of Engagement with opposite treasure hunters:

1. All Boating Safety Rules are to be observed
2. Treasure hunters may attack other treasure hunters
3. Treasure hunters **cannot capture** other treasure hunters
4. Treasure hunters may attack pirates with opposing hunters

Items to get to make it work:

1. Safety Boating Rules (I will provide)
2. Treasure map (I will provide)
3. Pirate clue flags (I will provide)
4. Treasure chest (I will provide)
5. Gifts for treasure chest. (I will provide)
6. Water balloons. (Crew will provide)
7. Things to *bribe a pirate. (Crew will provide)
8. Pirate flags for pirate ships. (Captain or crew)
9. Dinghy, canoe or kayak (Captain or crew)
10. GPS for each boat. (Captain or crew)

Only a **PAYC member Sailboat** will be used.

Exception: a sister yacht club may enter boats.

* **Dinghies, canoes, lasers, kayaks**, will be brought with ship to help retrieve clues located in the shallows.

* Each boat will be required to **bring at least one non-member guest.**

DATE: May 17, 2008

Hunter and Pirate Meeting: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: PAYC clubhouse, Lake Sabine and surrounding shores.

NUMBER OF BOATS:

*Red team \approx 4 to 10 boats

*Blue team \approx 4 to 10 boats

*Pirates \approx 2 to 3 boats

*Number of boats per team may vary depending on the number entered.

*Team members will be predetermined after all have entered.

*Crew members will be determined by boat captains.

*Unassigned crew members will be assigned to a boat with Captains permission.



May 2008

PAYC UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Thursday Night Race—Series 3— Skippers meeting at 6pm	2	3 Contraband Days Cruise— Lake Charles
4	5	6 LADIES Bridge Club meets.	7	8 Thursday Night Race—Series 3— Skippers meeting at 6pm	9	10
11 Ye Mum's Special Day	12	13 General & Board Meetings— start at 7 PM.	14	15 Thursday Night Race—Series 3— Skippers meeting at 6pm	16	17 2nd Annual PAYC Treasure Hunt— 9:00 am meeting at the clubhouse
18	19	20 LADIES Bridge Club meets.	21	22 Thursday Night Race—Series 3— Skippers meeting at 6pm	23	24 Dieter Junge Offshore Race/ Cruise— meeting time - TBA
25	26	27 LADIES Bridge Club meets.	28	29 Thursday Night Race—Series 3— Skippers meeting at 6pm	30	31 Call Beverly Broussard for details regarding the LADIES Bridge Club @ 983-6016

Heave to on May 17th ye Pirates! It's the 2nd Annual PAYC Treasure Hunt!





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Visit our website and learn everything you always wanted to know about boating on Sabine Lake. The PAYC has got it covered online!

<http://payc.us>



Next General & Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 13th, 2008, 7:00pm at the PAYC Clubhouse .

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 : Art Lynd
Secretary : Russ Myers
Treasurer : Jim Pearson
Board of Directors : Chuck Devenzio, Mike Wise, Mike Gill, Ed Wiltz, Pat O'Quinn
Trustees : Sam Showalter, Alan Aldredge, & Eric Phelan
Harbormaster : Gene Kehrman
Mainsheet Editor : Steve Swanson
Website Editor (<http://payc.us>) : Carolyn Worsham
Head of Socials: Eric Phelan
Social Committee: Deena Gill, Anne Lynd, Julie Swanson

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) 985-3751. After your date has been cleared with the PAYC, you can then visit www.payc.us for a reservation application and more info.

***This is the big month!
 Sign up now or risk the wrath of the pirates coming to get you & lock you away! The 2nd Annual Treasure hunt is nearly afoot!! See inside for details & sign up sheets....See you on the Lake soon if ye dare!
 Arrrrrr!!!***

