



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



**JULY 2008 ISSUE**



I am late as usual with my note for the newsletter. We've had a good month. The floors in the Yacht Club have been redone and look great. We have a new refrigerator with water and ice. The containers for storing some of the Junior Sailing Equipment have arrived. Junior Sailing camp went well. We had over 30 participants. Things are moving along well.

We also had a trip to Belize this month. Several members and non-members were along for the trip. We chartered two Catamarans from TMM out of Placencia. On the 46' Leopard was Chuck and Marilee Devenzio, Pat and Suzie O'Quinn, Mark and Karen Hallquist, and Richard and Debbie Mobley. On the 410 Lagoon were Charlie Seat and three of his friends.

We arrived in Belize just after it had been hit hard by a Tropical storm. As we flew over the country you could see much of it was flooded. When we went shopping for provisions it was slim pickings. One of the main bridges coming down to Placencia had been flooded out and had been closed for three days. We spent a couple of days kicking around town before we picked up our charter. Placencia has several restaurants and bars. One restaurant, Wendy's, is actually air conditioned. Wherever we went we found good eating.

We picked up our charters on the morning of June 4 and headed for Queens Cay. Queens Cay is three very small uninhabited Islands about 20 miles northeast of Placencia but because of the reef system it is about a 30 mile sail to the islands. It has good snorkeling and usually good fishing. The fishing was not very good for most of the trip, likely due to the Tropical storm and the heavy winds we were experiencing. We picked up a mooring ball at Queens Cay and spent the night. We were not allowed to fish there at the Cays. Something to do with nesting birds in the area. We also had to pay a park fee of \$10.00 per person to stay in the park area.

The next day we headed up to the Gladden Spit which is a big opening in the reef system to the Gulf. We were hoping for some good fishing but did not find much action. We then headed for Buttonwood Cay to try our luck there. Still the fishing was not very good. We spent too much time at Buttonwood Cay to make it to our next destination and therefore headed back to Queens Cay to spend another night. Next stop was Southwater Key. We needed to pick up our Bimini. When we went to pick up our charter, we were told the Bimini had been damaged in the storm and they would deliver it to us as soon as they had it. We stopped in Southwater Key. It was the off season and there was not much to do so we started to head out when the other boat at the island hailed us on the radio. It was TMM with our Bimini. We put it on and with a little additional hand sewing, we had our Bimini in place.

We headed northwest for the Tobacco Cay. We reached Tobacco Cay in the afternoon but due to the conditions we needed shelter and dropped our anchor on the south side of the Tobacco Range. We headed up to Bonefish Flats again in the hope of finding good fishing. The winds were still up, blowing at least 15 knots. No fish to be had. The next morning we got up to find Charlie's boat gone. He had drug anchor and finally set a good distance from where we had started.

We headed north again the next day hoping for some time at Rendezvous Cay but again the conditions were too rough to visit the outer Cays and we found a good spot to spend the night at the Southwest side of Water Cay. People were beginning to yearn for civilization so our next day's trip was to Cay Caulker.

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## Junior Sailing .... Paul Vera

It has been a very rewarding camp this year, a camp in which we had about 15 beginner sailors out of about 28. This camp could not have happen without the countless volunteer hours that so many people have provided from cooking to chaperoning at night to taking the young sailors on a evening cruise on their boats and all those hours in the kitchen.

This year we had Russ, Ted, Eric, Ricky, Steve, Rich, Martin, Chuck, Ronnie, Sam, and Jim as instructors, as well as docking and storing boats every night. We had two groups of instruction in which one was Optimist Pram and the other was Laser/Mini-Fish, it work really well but coordinating both classes was a little "FLUID". As for our kitchen staff Pat and Suzie O'Qiunn, Dr. Mike, Julie Swanson and Chuck and Merliee plus countless others who were in and out. They feed a very big group that had a very big appetite.

This was a camp that we really got the kids dialing from day one, and it showed. From a girl who never sailed before and becoming the best of the 14 opti sailors, to one of the older kids who was from Italy having a great time. Thank you very much for your support on my first year without my friend Terrell Adkisson. I know he would be proud.

Paul Vera

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

Our racing program has been hit with mother nature's winds and storms. This year we have not seen so many canceled races due to weather! We are in our prime time for sailing so come on out and have a great time. Below is this month and the next schedule of races. Results of races are posted on the race office board.

Paul Vera

July 3,10,17,24,31	Thursday Night Series #5	18:00
July 19	Full Moon #5	18:00
August 9	Olympic Regatta #2	14:00
August 23	Fred Grund	14:00



## *The Harbor Dude Report* .....by Gene Kohrman

Zeez, where did June go! It is the 27<sup>th</sup> and neighbor Stevo wants d' HabaDude's Monthly hog-wash. Well, here goes . . . Summer is upon us; the heat, the afternoon thunder storms, the lightning, the wind. Good sailing, good fun. Now, just where are you? We are having a blast on the Island of Pleasure. We have had several impromptu dinners of delight and many wild stories of excuses as to why who beat whom on the water. You really need to listen to the excuses of the racers as to why one blow boat out-sailed the other. Quite hilarious, indeed! As I am writing this article of the demented mind of the HabaDude; we have just completed the first day of the annual PAYC Knothead Sail Camp. The young-uns are having a blast. Senor Paul and his tribe of sailing counselors and his Knothead-Swabbies have everything under control. The Galley-Maids are a rare sight, indeed!

If you do not know, I will tell you a lil' secret. **Hurricane season** is upon us. Do you have a hurricane plan for your vessels in the marina, what about an evacuation plan. Have you prepared your homes with extra batteries? What about the generator you bought. Have you pulled it out of the garage, changed the oil and started it to make sure it runs. Do you have provisions and water for at least a week to ten days as well as spare gas for the generator? Did you complete the – PAYC Boat Owner's Hurricane Worksheet for your vessel which is in the marina. You can find it on the payc.us website and return the completed for to the clubhouse (Just place it in the door slot of the Commodore's office or mail it to PAYC). As for the marina, the PIC have a work list to complete the repairs of finger piers on 'C' row which includes renewing one finger pier and completion of five finger piers. Remember: Wear your **lifejackets**, observe the safe boating rules and have an enjoyable day on the water.

Website of the month:

Maritime Dictionaries:

<http://www.termisti.refer.org/nauterm/dicten.htm>

## *A Word from the 'Vice'* .....Art Lynd

Paul Vera and his group did a fine job with the Junior Sailing Camp. I enjoyed taking the young sailors on a ride in my Catalina 30. There was a good turn out of youth and a good turn out of PAYC member volunteers to make it happen. Thank you.

Currently I'm looking forward to the Commodore Picnic in a few days. Eric Phelan has a lot planned and I am sure a good report will result for the next mainsheet. Happy Fourth!

Next month cruise is being talked up around the club. This is a short cruise and doesn't involve going offshore. Mark your calendars for August 2nd and 3rd and we will journey up the Neches River to River Front Park in Beaumont.

The plan is to deploy Saturday morning, sail north in Lake Sabine, and navigate through the 1000 foot cut into the Intercoastal Canal. From there we will sail to the mouth of the Neches River then Northwest to Beaumont. The whole trip will probably take 6-7 hours.

We will dock at the park and take an evening walk to Crocket Street for dining and entertainment. Electric hook ups for the A/C's and fans will be available. A rent a cop will be hired to watch our boats while we are in town. Those who can't make the sail can simple drive over and join us. The next morning, we plan to hoist our sails and head home for the marina. So, those of you who have never been on a cruise in your boat, and would like to try, come on and sail with the group. It will be fun.

Art Lynd VC

PAYC BOARD MEETING MINUTES \* June 10, 2008

Meeting came to order at 8:27PM. Members present where Art Lynd, Ricky Richardson, Gene Kohrman, Mike Wise, Ed Wiltz, Jim Pearson, Alan Aldredge, Steve Swanson, Paul Vera, Mike Gill. Visitor: Todd Hebert.

Treasurer's Report (Reposted from General Meeting Minutes): Jim Pearson reported that two CDs where closed and money was moved to other accounts. Jim reported total value of all Club accounts is \$159,224.96 with the following breakdown:

Guaranty Bank:	Checking	\$21,604.61	Money Market	\$721.57
	CD Improvement	\$13,214.80	CD Lease	\$29,868.88
	CD Improvement	\$30,837.29		
Community Bank:	Money Market	\$2,000.00	CD Lease	\$5,000.00
	CD Improvement	\$26,554.52	CD Self Insurance	\$29,423.29

**Harbormaster:** (Reposted from General Meeting Minutes): Gene Kohrman reported that a junior member was sailing a Club owned Laser and experienced a rudder failure. The member cap-sized the boat and had to be towed back into the marina. Paul Vera pointed out that several PRAM rules were broken and asked to address the Board about this subject. Gene asked all members to review their Hurricane Preparedness Plan and please turn in a copy to him if they have not already done so.

**Membership:** An application was accepted from Todd Herbert. Ed Wiltz made a motion that was seconded by Mike Gill that Mr. Herbert's application be accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

**Racing:** (Reposted from General Meeting Minutes): Paul Vera reported that Jim Pearson was the winner of the Dieter Junge Galveston Race. Thursday Night Racing continues and the next long distance race will be a Moonlight Race on June 21<sup>st</sup> with a 6PM skipper's meeting. Paul commented on the recent grounding of a sailboat near Garrison's Ridge and reminded all members to use good judgment when deciding to sail in high winds.

**House & Grounds:** Mike Gill discussed the condition of the ductwork that he noted after a trip into the attic to try and figure out the cause of low A/C air flow into the women's restroom. Ed Wiltz and Mike Gill stated that concrete staining would be an expensive opinion for refinishing the Club House's floor. Ed offered to clean a small section of floor and apply stain as an experiment. Art Lynd asked that the issue be tabled until the next meeting by which time he can discuss this and other issues with the House & Grounds Chair.

**Cruising:** (Reposted from General Meeting Minutes): No formal report was given but members who attended the recent Galveston Cruise discussed the trip. Club cruises are schedule for July 12-13 (Garrison Ridge Cruise) and August 2-3 (Beaumont Riverfront Park Cruise).

**PAYC BOARD MEETING MINUTES \* (continued)**

**Socials:** (Reposted from General Meeting Minutes): Art Lynd reported that the Crawfish Social had approximately 35 attendees who managed to polish off about 250lbs of mudbugs. The next social will be the Commodore's Picnic to be held on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Art says to stay tuned as the festivities may start earlier than 4PM start time noted on the Calendar with live music from the local group called "Time Travelers".

**Safety:** (Reposted from General Meeting Minutes): Gene Kohrman gave a short report on heat stress and asked all members to be mindful of the symptoms and drink plenty of water when outdoors in the heat of the summer.

**Junior Sailing:** (Reposted from General Meeting Minutes): Paul Vera reported that efforts to prepare for the Junior Sailing Camp scheduled for June 27-30 are in full swing. Paul stated that there is a planning meeting schedule to be held at the Club House on Tuesday June 17<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. He is asking for volunteers to help during the event and for chase boats assist out on the water.

**Sea Scouts:** No Report

**Old Business:** No Discussion

**New Business:** Discussion was had regarding the club boat rudder failure that was brought to the membership's attention at the General Meeting and the possible harm to the junior member that could have occurred. Several board members expressed concern about this issue and asked the Mainsheet editor and Treasurer to include copies of the PRAM rules in their next mailings.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 9:13PM after a motion by Ed Wiltz and second by Mike Wise.

Alan Aldredge  
Acting Secretary

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

*“A handicap yacht race is one in which the following happens: (1) The boats sail over a race course. (2) Then, the Skippers &/or race committee draw straws to see who won.”*

**.... Warren Eliesson**

# July 2008




## PAYC UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <b>LADIES</b> Bridge Club meets.	2	3 <b>Thursday</b> <b>Night Race—</b> <b>Series 5—</b> Skippers meeting at 6pm	4 <b>Commo-</b> <b>dore's</b> <b>Annual Picnic</b> -1:00 pm until ??	5
6	7	8 <b>General &amp;</b> <b>Board Meet-</b> <b>ings—</b> start at 7 PM.	9	10 <b>Thursday</b> <b>Night Race—</b> <b>Series 5—</b> Skippers meeting at 6pm	11	12 <b>Garrison's</b> <b>Ridge Cruise/</b> <b>Social/</b> depart time—10:00am
13 <b>Garrison's</b> <b>Ridge Cruise/</b> <b>Social/</b> continued	14	15 <b>LADIES</b> Bridge Club meets.	16	17 <b>Thursday</b> <b>Night Race—</b> <b>Series 5—</b> Skippers meeting at 6pm	18	19 <b>Full Moon</b> <b>Race/Cruise/</b> <b>Social/ #5—</b> meeting time—6 pm
20	21	22 <b>LADIES</b> Bridge Club meets.	23	24 <b>Thursday</b> <b>Night Race—</b> <b>Series 5—</b> Skippers meeting at 6pm	25	26
27	28	29 <b>LADIES</b> Bridge Club meets.	30	31 <b>Thursday</b> <b>Night Race—</b> <b>Series 5—</b> Skippers meeting at 6pm	Call Beverly Broussard for details regard- ing the <b>LADIES</b> <b>Bridge Club @</b> <b>983-6016</b>	




*We have a really interesting Riverfront cruise planned for August 2nd thru August 3rd. Be looking for details in the August Mainsheet !*



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**Next General & Board Meeting: Tuesday, July 8th, 2008, 7:00pm at the PAYC Clubhouse .**

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**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 Kohrman

**Mainsheet Editor** : Steve Swanson

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

**Head of Socials**: Eric Phelan

**Social Committee**: Deena Gill, Anne Lynd, Julie Swanson



*The winners from the Treasure Hunt back in May 2008*

**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) 985-3751. 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.



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