



Mainsheet

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Commodore's CommentsMark Hallquist

October & November 2008 "IKE" Edition

The marina got hit hard this time! When Ike was finished there were only about five boats left in the marina afloat. Most of our fleet ended up on the levee next to the Intracoastal Waterway. If that levee was not there, there is no telling where our fleet would have ended up. Clean-up started almost as soon as the storm subsided. Due to the significant work of Pat O'Quinn—about 55 boats were moved from that levee, and most of those moved went back in the water. He reports killing up to 70 snakes when moving those boats. All that work in those hazardous conditions is appreciated.

I also need to thank "Little Bill" from Bosun's. He worked along with all of us in moving the boats and checked every hull before we moved them. He also put the straps on each boat and assured they were secure before they were moved. He did a weeks worth of work for us with no compensation. Thanks to "Little Bill" and to all those who helped get our boats back in the water. Bosun's was wiped out by the storm and they were not insured. We are currently offering "Gift Certificates" to Bosun's to help them rebuild. Your purchase of these gift certificates will go against future work that they will perform on your boat. If you can help out, I am sure it would be appreciated.

The second Saturday after the storm, we had an emergency meeting of the membership. There was a significant turnout. The purpose of the meeting was to dispel some of the current rumors and release some funds to help rebuild our club. The membership voted unanimously to release the self insurance funds (a little short of \$30K) to help rebuild. The board was made responsible for the spending of the funds and reporting back to the membership. So far we plan to spend about \$5K in replacing the doors and the windows of the Yacht Club. We are waiting on bids to replace the air conditioners.

Rebuilding is going on daily. There are many who have helped clean up. The clubhouse was full of mud, debris and snakes. Now it clear of debris and relatively clean. Windows are being replaced and doors are on order. Paul Morgan has our electricity working in most of the clubhouse. The water heater is operating on one element. Most of the debris around the clubhouse has been moved. We retrieved some of the junior sailing equipment out of the bottom of the marina but at least half the fleet is missing. We will make a decision on whether to host the Mardi Gras Regatta next year in the next few months. The current conditions of the marina do not lend itself to a safe environment for sailing.

The PIC is currently taking stock of conditions of the island and what it will take to get the island back to where it was before the storm. They are working to come up with a cost of rebuilding and submitting those costs to FEMA. The hope is that FEMA will cover 75% of the costs to rebuild. Expectations are that it will take 3 years to rebuild the marina. Shifting to club business, nominations for the officers have been collected. We took nominations from the floor and the ballot should be in this newsletter. We will count ballots at the next membership meeting. We will also need volunteers for committee chairs as well. Please make sure to vote.

The temperatures are beginning to fall. Summer is behind us. A lot of work needs to be done to get back to where we were before the storm. Hope to see you out at the yacht club soon. Bring some work gloves...

Mark

Ike Ike Ike We do not like Ike

Hurricane Ike was devastating to our marina and fleet. Because of the enormous tidal surge, it did more damage than hurricane Rita three years ago. Yet the water on the lake this past week was magnificent and many of us could hear it calling us to sail her once again.

Congratulations to Gene Kohrman our Harbormaster. He gets the “wises man of the day” award. As for as I know, he was the only captain that sailed his rig up river for higher ground. It paid off this time.

And for those few boats that survived with almost no damage, we will be looking for you for rides to pacify our desire to sail until our rigs are sailable or replaced.

I would like to say “Thank You” to Pat and Suzy O’quinn and to Williamson Construction and Bosoms’ Bill Nickels Sr. & Jr. Without there efforts, the marina would still be bare except for the debris. Despite the hundred snakes and threats to sue by owners under stress, they hung in there until over sixty of our fleet was recovered. Now the marina is filled with hope. Their efforts “jump started” our club and boat owners to recovery and their spirit along with other members will keep this club alive. People like Richard Hughes, Paul Morgan, Annette Lynd, Paul Vera, Mike Givens, Mike Taggert, Billy Wooley, Mike and Deena Gill, Jerry and Charlotte Singletary, Ed Wiltz, Martin Novich, Charlie Seat, Butch Neely, Gene Kohrman and Pat, Steve & Julie Swanson, Cody and Suzy are the ones I recall working side by side with clearing debris and hauling boats to slips after being placed back into the water. I am certain others wanted to be here but needed to take care of their damaged homes and jobs.

We still have a long road ahead to recovery and I expect additional members will step up and keep this momentum alive as together we rebuild our club.

So Ike, take a hike, we are back.

Art Lynd V.C

PAYC BOARD MEETING MINUTES * September 9th, 2008

Club Members present were: Russ Myers, Ed Wiltz, Art Lynd, Mike Gill, Butch Neely, Mike Wise, Paul Vera, Pat O'Quinn, Gene Kohrman, Chuck Devenzio, Alan Aldredge, Jim Pearson, Mark Bonnett, and Ricky Richardson.

Treasurer's Report:

(Reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

Guaranty Bank

<u>Main Checking: 9757</u>	<u>\$ 17,746.67</u>
Improvement CD: 0040	\$ 13,320.27
Improvement CD2: 8798	\$ 31,163.15
Lease: 5197	\$ 30,179.31
<u>Money Market CD: 2422</u>	<u>\$ 692.47</u>
Total	\$ 93,101.87

Community Bank

Self Insurance CD	\$ 29,600.65
Money Market	\$ 1,956.65
Lease Renewal CD	\$ 5,000.00
<u>Capital Improvement CD</u>	<u>\$ 26,554.52</u>
Total	\$ 63,111.96

Jim Pearson reported that certified letters was sent to the following members:

Michael & Brenda Ward
E. Macon & Judy Ware
Eldon Yancey
Michael Thomas
Lyle Rayburn
Edie Giles
Rodney LeBlanc
Becky Zummo
Bryan & Amanda Eppes
Steve Stewart
Joseph Newkirk

Harbormaster:

(Reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

Gene Kohrman reported that we were lucky that hurricane Gustov missed the Golden Triangle. Gene is also hoping that hurricane Ike will miss the Triangle.

Membership:

A letter of resignation was received from Walter J. Crawford.

Racing:

(Reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

Paul Vera reported that Russ Myers won the Island Cup Regatta. Ricky Richardson was Race Committee for the regatta. The Thursday Night JFFR will continue in September. There is a LDR scheduled for Sept 20, 2008. Skippers' meeting is at 10:00. The Spindletop Regatta is scheduled for September 27, 2008. Volunteers are needed to help with the event. Ricky Richardson reported that there is a luau scheduled for Saturday night after the races. The will be a \$10.00 fee. All PAYC members are invited.

House & Grounds:

(Reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

Butch Neely reported that the Chain hoist is at Atsco for repairs. Butch wanted Atsco to replace the chain with a corrosion resistant chain but the chain would not work in our hoist. The new chain will cost \$16 a foot. We need approximately 40' of chain. The cost to replace the chain is \$648 for the chain, \$85 for cleaning and tax. It was suggested to set up a maintenance contract with Atsco to come out and lubricated the chain every six months. There will be a work day on Saturday November 1, 2008 to work on drains for the south side of the clubhouse, pour footing for the storage containers and Ricky Richardson reported that we need permanent power at the boat hoist. Chuck Devenzio made a motion to purchase the new chain and service the hoist not to exceed \$950. Pat O'Quinn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PAYC BOARD MEETING MINUTES * (continued)

Cruising/Socials:

(No Report)

Safety:

(No Report)

Junior Sailing:

(Reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

Paul Vera reported that Jim Kincaid is in the process of making repairs to our Lasers. Our prams are one of our assets. Paul wanted to thank everybody who helped secure the prams during the threat of Gustuv. Paul also reported that we are again the first TSA Regatta for 2009.

Old Business:

(Reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

Steve Swanson inquired on the status of the ventilation problem in the restrooms and the AC survey. There was a discussion on several ideas how to resolve the ventilation problem in the restrooms. Russ Myers made a motion that we install exhaust fans in each of the restrooms and vent them to the soffits on each side of the building. Russ Myers will donate two exhaust fans he has at his house. Steve Swanson seconded the motion. The motion passed. The nomination committee is looking for volunteers to fill several positions on the board and officers.

New Business:

Ed Wiltz inquired who was allowed to use the club power boat. Ed wants more people allowed to use the power boat in case of emergencies or moving boat around in the marina. A point was raised about the insurance cost if we have a large number of members allowed to use the power boat. Gene Korhman suggested that everybody who will be using the boat should take a safe boating course. Ed Wiltz made a motion to have a class to be certified to use the power boat. Mike Wise seconded the motion. The motion passed. The class will be held on Saturday November 1, 2008.

Here are the nominations that were taken from the floor:

Commodore: Art Lynd
Vice Commodore: Russ Myers
Treasurer: Jim Pearson
Secretary: Richard Richardson
For the Board: Paul Vera
Chuck Devenzio
Mike Wise
Alan Aldredge
Steve Swanson
Mike Gill
Butch Neely

Meeting was adjourned at 9:17

Russ Myers, Secretary of the PAYC

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

*“ Run aground on a fast-falling tide & you might find your boat on its' side! It should not hurt the boat-next high tide it will float, but it's certainly a blow to your pride! “ - from the **Ruby Yacht** of Sailbad the Sinner*

Emergency Meeting after Hurricane Ike September 20th, 2008

Members in attendance:

Russ Myers, Mark Hallquist, Jim Pearson, Art & Annette Lynd, Mike Wise, Ed Wiltz, Pat O'Quinn, Mike Gill, Alan Aldredge, Dana Warren, Eric Phelan, Steve & Julie Swanson, Felix Skarpa, Jerry Singleton, Glen Weir, Michael Wilson, Barry Jepson, Bami Carmane, Paul Vera, Jim Miller, Mark Feeney, Larry Lognion, Charlie Tweedel, Paul Cannatella, Charles Pace, Robert Thompson, Paul Morgan, Mike Taggert, Carl Nutt, Ron Franklin, Quincy Prestridge, Glenn Fontenot, Richard Spinney, Gene Kohrman, Carol & James Saxon, Mark Domingue, Randy Palmero, Matt Teller, R. H. (Kayo) Harlow, Bill Maynard, Carolyn Worsham, Billy Worsham, Brad Worsham, Richard Hughes, Michael Givens, Ken Ruddy, Sandy & Darrel Irvin, Danny Williams, Jimmy Dikes.

Mark Hallquist reported that we are in the process of cleaning up debris in and around the clubhouse. Also they are moving boat in the marina as Williamson Construction and Bill Nickel Jr. are placing the less damaged boats back in the water.

Pat O'Quinn reported that the debris inside of was cleaned up by several member while killing a lot of snakes in the process. Pat wanted to recognize Jimmy Dikes for going to the Port Arthur city council when he heard Entergy was bringing bulldozers to move our boats out of their way. Jimmy got us a 30 day grace period to move as many boats as possible. Pat O'Quinn took the initiative and set up Williamson Construction to move as many boats as they could as quick as possible. FEMA will not cover any boats. FEMA might give some assistance if you are a live aboard. The cost to move boats are as follow; 22' to 28' -\$1000, 29' to 34' -\$1200, 35' to 39' -\$1500, 40' and above \$1800 if you don't have insurance. Pat also stated that members don't have to use the contractor that he set up. Members can bring in their own contractors.

Jim Miller did not understand why members that have insurance are being charged more than members that don't have insurance. Jim feels it is unfair that he has been paying premiums for years and should be charged the same as members that don't have insurance.

Dana Warren reported that her insurance adjuster was ecstatic that the boat has been moved to keep from receiving any further damage.

Jimmy Dikes reported that the security will be leaving after the power has been restored. We should have thirty days to move the boats. PIC will be hiring an engineering firm to assess the damage of the marina. They will have to hire a dredging company to remove all the sunken boats in the marina. Jimmy reported that the marina will take at least two years to make all necessary repairs. PIC will provide piling ASAP to help moor the boats that are able to go back into the water.

Mark Domingue added that Port Arthur city council has requested 6 million for repairs on the Island and 1.5 million for repairs for the roads on the island.

Butch Neeley reported that he has contacted American Crane to move his boat. The cost for the crane is \$2000 and \$300 for a trailer.

Billy Worsham said we need cradles to put the damaged boats on. Billy was also concerned who was going to pay for moving the severely damaged boats. Billy also suggested that we authorize FEMA to have access to PAYC.

Richard Hughes reported that the destruction to our club is unprecedented. The bylaws do not address an event like hurricane Ike. Richard suggested that we form a task force to act on the behalf of the club. Richard made a motion that we form a task force to take care of repairs of the clubhouse, club boundaries and report to the membership once a month. Mike Wise seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

Walt Luwki with American Crane came by to give bids on moving boats. After Walt watched Williamson Construction move a couple of boats he feels that are doing the job properly. He added that if Williamson can't move some of the bigger boats American Crane do have cranes big enough to do the job.

Ed Wiltz made a motion that we pick a group of ten members to be on the task force. After a short discussion Ed revised his motion that the present and future officers and board members will be the task force. Mark Feeney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Randy Palmero made a motion to give the task force the power to spend the money available in the self insurance fund \$29,600.76. Mark Feeney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Paul Vera reported that the Sunfish and Lasers are on the levee. Paul would like some volunteers to help him bring them back to the club.

PAYC BOARD MEETING MINUTES * October 14th, 2008

Club Members present were: Russ Myers, Fred Holder, Art Lynd, Mike Gill, Paul Vera, Butch Neely, Mike Wise, Chuck Devenzio, Steve Swanson, Ken Rutty, Gene Kohrman, Alan Aldredge, Jim Pearson, Billy Worsham, Ken Dorris, Richard & Juanita Spinney, Ted Mahavier, R H (Kayo) Harlow, Jim Kincaid, Ricky Richardson, Richard Hughes, Jimmie & Robin Franklin, Alfred Hebert, Robert Latimer, Sam Showalter, and Mark Hallquist.

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Total	\$ 63,162.16

Harbormaster:

(Reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

Gene Kohrman reported that the marina has major damage from hurricane Ike. However, Mike Gill's boat stayed in his slip during the storm.

Membership:

A letter of resignation was received from Frank Blazek.

Racing:

(Reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

Paul Vera reported that all races have been cancelled for the rest of the year. The next race will be the Marvin Campbell on January 3, 2009.

House & Grounds:

(Reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

Butch Neely reported that the Chain hoist parts are on order. The hoist should be back on the island this weekend.

Cruising/Socials:

(No Report)

Safety:

(No Report)

Junior Sailing:

(Reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

Paul Vera reported that PAYC have 2 Optis, 1 Sunfish, and 4 Lasers. We lost 4 Optis, 1 Sunfish and 4 Minifish. Paul is still trying to sort out what rigging was lost from Vamos and the catamaran. PAYC racing also lost racing marks, handheld radios, and most of the race committee equipment. Paul also noted that we will need to purchase some Optis for Junior Sailing Camp.

Old Business:

(No Report)

New Business:

(No Report)

Ike Recovery

Art Lynd will get a new bid for the windows in the TV room since the windows in the meeting room were included in the previous bid. Paul Vera suggested putting ceramic tile in the offices. Mark Hallquist would like to see ceramic tile in the TV room. Mark suggested getting estimates for ceramic tile. PAYC will need at least one new AC condensing unit if not more.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:56

Russ Myers, Secretary of the PAYC

secretary@payc.us

BALLOT FOR OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS 2009

Instructions: Ballots may be cast at the November 11th General Meeting, or delivered to PAYC Commodore's Office, or sent by U. S. Mail (with reception required on or before November 11). 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:

Art Lynd _____

VICE COMMODORE:

Russ Myers _____

SECRETARY:

Richard Richardson _____

TREASURER:

Jim Pearson _____

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Vote for Four

Mike Wise _____

Chuck Devenzio _____

Paul Vera _____

Alan Aldredge _____

Butch Neely _____

Mike Gill _____

Steve Swanson _____

Trustee:

Ken Rutty _____

HONOR AWARDS FOR 2008

Novice of the Year:

Ted Mahavier
 Fred Holder

Yachtsman of the Year:

Russ Myers
 Paul Vera

John Blair Memorial:

Pat & Susie O'Quinn
 Butch Neely

Skipper of the Year:

Ken Ruddy
 Paul Vera

Racing Crewperson of the Year:

Sarah Pearson
 Russ Myers
 Robert Latimer
 Kirk Wickizer

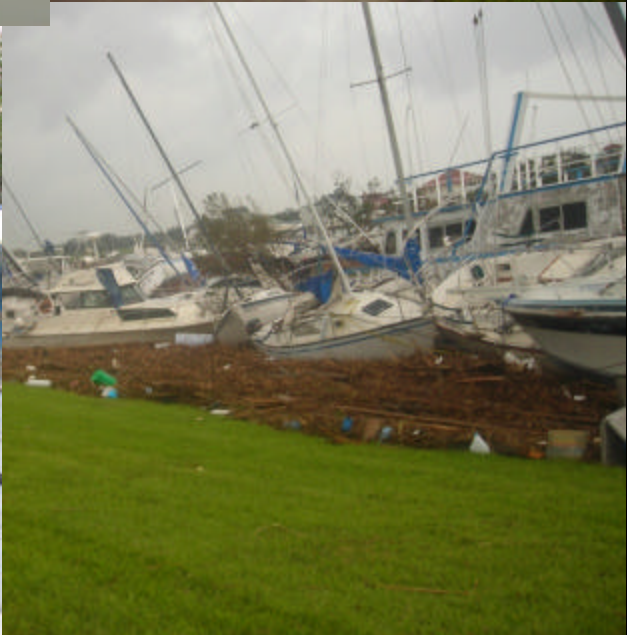
Cruiser of the Year:


Sam Showalter
 Art Lynd

Cruising Crewperson of the Year:

Deena Gill
 Russ Myers

Some reminders of our recent visit from Mother Nature's fury

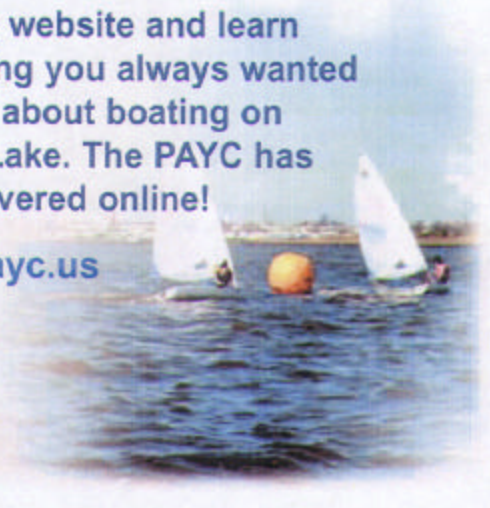




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Next General & Board Meeting: Tuesday, November 11th, 2008, 7:00pm at the PAYC Clubhouse .
 If you would like a copy of the current PAYC roster, email roster@payc.us and request one. Also, any member wishing to move from U.S. Mail delivery to email delivery (or vice versa) can do so by sending an email to mainsheet@payc.us

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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.

ATTENTION:

**ALL
 HURRICANES
 GO
 AWAY !!!**