

Commodore's Comments Art Lynd

March 2009 Edition

I'd like to say that I was impressed with the Valentine Regatta at the Houston Yacht Club this past February 14. Several of our club members' co-hosted the event and young sailors from as far as Dallas raced. I met some real nice people including: HYC Commodore Mike Borelon, HYC Vice Commodore Cheryl Thomas and Rear Commodore John Peter.. Thank you for your hospitality. Thanks goes to Paul and Rick for putting this event together with HYC. I was fortunate to be on a mark boat and had the honors of setting up and changing the course for the Green fleet. Although HYC was hit pretty hard, they too are bouncing back from hurricane Ike We are seeing more and more boats appearing in our marina. Last board meeting three new members joined us: Chris Reid, Ed Bush and Ryan Oquinn. Welcome aboard guys. More and more finger piers for new slips are being built, however at this time we still have debris that needs to be removed. Heavy sheets of metal roofing, sunken boats, and pylons still remain a threat. Jimmy Dykes from PIC met with the members meeting in February and answered questions. He explained to us steps are being taken but the process is slow. Meanwhile many of our club members are banding together and contributing time and personal money to reshape our facility back to normal. I'd like to say thanks to Butch Neely, John Ardoin, Pat and Suzie Oquinn, Paul Morgan and others who have been putting a lot of time to our recovery efforts on the grounds and clubhouse. Also, I'd like to add that we currently have a committee formed to present PIC with a new lease agreement. It has come to my attention that the PIC board is willing to negotiate and may even be giving us a real good offer.

Keep your hopes high and think positive PAYC is regrouping and many events this year will happen.

Art Lynd



Junior Sailing Paul Vera

Years ago, our club set pen and then into bylaws on what our club should be doing. We have talk about want needs to be done to the club in the aftermath of Hurricane Ike. The priorities for the club have been set and are being followed even though it seems that they go on forever but they will end. But in the meantime our Junior Sailing program has upcoming deadlines that will be a challenge to meet, and meet we will. Right now, I'm in the pipeline for boats they range from \$3500.00 to as low an opti hull for \$200.00. I have as of right now, bought what I call a bullet proof Optimist Pram for \$1700.00 and also have purchased a Radial Laser for \$600.00 of my own money. I still need to round up 3 complete rudders and 3 dagger boards for our sunfish, 1 opti rudder and 3 opti sprint poles, 3 laser dagger boards, 3 complete laser rudders, 2 Laser radial sails. The cost of new equipment: 1700 per laser = \$5100.00, Opti gear \$500.00, sunfish gear \$600.00 x 3 = 1800 plus another \$1000.00 for running rigging, misc gear to repair all boats. I plan on asking the club to fund the purchase of this equipment at a cost of \$8000.00. That should put 9 prams ready to go. You as a member will have to vote yes or no on this either way, up or down the Junior Program is in your hands.



Racing Paul Vera

Things are going to start heating up. We have our first "Moonlight" race on the 7th of March, then we start our first "Thursday Night Races" series on March 12,19,26. Hope you will be able to come on out and enjoy one of the few things PAYC has to offer as we continue to recover from Hurricane Ike. Also I would like to thank all the people that worked on the Valentine Regatta at Houston Yacht Club. I hope ya'll had a good time, I know I did. Also I thought you would like to know about the boat that started the America's Cup.

Mar 12, 19, 26	Thursday Night Series #1	1800
Mar 7	Full Moon Race/Cruise	1800
Apr 4	Olympic #1	1000
Apr 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Thursday Night Series #2	1800



1851 - America

At 1700 we drove down (from Osborne Castle) with the ladies and gentlemen to the pier, where we got into the barge and then boarded the America, which had been brought round so that we might see her. She is extremely pretty... So wrote Queen Victoria about the evening of August 23rd, 1851, in her personal diary. The America was indeed beautiful, and so fast that the previous day it had defeated 14 yachts from the Royal Yacht Squadron - the best the British could offer.

America which was modeled on the state-of-the-art pilot ships of New York astonished people from the moment she arrived in Europe. Her reversed bow, like a Clipper-ship, her tin plating, and her sails of vertical layers of cotton, laced to the masts, had never been seen before. Her performance that summer would influence British yacht design for well over 25-years. It was true then as it is today - the America's Cup is an inspiration for designers, builders and sailors, and an opportunity for innovation and excellence like no other. The America remains a myth. After many problems, she would compete again in 1870, the first 'America's Cup', and the last fleet race in the history of the competition until the Louis Vuitton Acts of the 32nd America's Cup. America would finish in fourth place in 1870, behind Magic, a future Cup winner, but ahead of Cambria, the British Challenger for James Ashbury (which finished eighth). In 1873, America would become the property of General Benjamin F. Butler, a civil war veteran. He would transform her to the point that, 20 years on, her silhouette would be nothing like the one that made her so famous. The last race for America would be against the schooner Corona on July 27th in 1901. For the following 40 years America would drift from shipyard to shipyard. In March, 1942, a snowstorm would collapse the shed that was sheltering her, and the scraps of wood would later be burned. In 2001, on the 150th anniversary of that first race around the Isle of Wight, a replica of America was on hand, still startling in its beauty and design. (J.T.)

FACT SHEET :

AMERICA-1851-USA- New York Yacht Club

Winner of the One Hundred Guinea Cup, August 22nd 1851, defeating 14 British yachts round the Isle of Wight, in a fleet race organized by the Royal Yacht Squadron.

Owner: Syndicate headed by John Cox Stevens, with Edwin Augustus Stevens, Hamilton Wilkes, George L. Schuyler, Colonel James Alexander Hamilton, John K. Beekam Finlay. Yacht paid by the syndicate.

Schooner.

Builder: William H. Brown, 12th Street, East River, New York, USA. Sailmaker: R.H. Wilson, New York and Port Jefferson, Long Island. Mast/rig: William H. Brown

Modeller: George Steers of Great Neck, Long Island and New York.

Launched: May 3rd, 1851.

Skipper & helmsman: Captain Richard " Old Dick " Brown. Afterguard: Horatio Nelson " Nelse " Comstock, mate. Robert Underwood, English pilot aboard, August 22nd 1851. **Crew:** 14.

Data: Hull material: wood (white oak, locust wood, cedar, chestnut).

LOA: 30,85 m / LWL: 27,39 m / Beam: 6,95 m / Draft: 3,33 m / Sail Area: 498 m2. / Displacement: 170 tons. / Rating: none.

Since her launching, May 3rd 1851 until July 27th 1901 - 51 races, 12 wins.

1851, September 1st: sold to Lord John de Blaquière, England.

1856: sold to Viscount Templeton, RYS. Renamed Camilla.

1858: sold to Henry Sotheby Pitcher, England.

1860: sold as Camilla to Henry E. Decie, Royal Western YC.

1860 (Autumn): cruise of West Indies.

1861: arrived Savannah, Georgia, USA. Then returned to Europe.

1861 (December): sold at Jacksonville, Florida, to Confederate States Navy by Decie.

1862: found by Federal Navy, then involved in the civil war.

1870: refitted to sail the first America's Cup challenge.

1870-1873: schoolship at United States Naval Academy

1873: sold to General Benjamin F. Butler

1893: Paul Butler (son of General), owner

1897: Butler Ames, owner.

1917: sold to company headed by Charles H. W. Foster, NYYC.

1921: owned through America Restoration Fund - thanks to E. Jared Bliss - by Naval Academy. America berthed at Annapolis.

1942, March 29: during record Palm Sunday snowstorm, shed over America's hull collapsed.

1945: remnants of America and collapsed shed removed by clamshell crane and burned...

Valentines Regatta: Venue - Houston Yacht Club

Feb. 14 -15, PAYC and Houston Yacht Club joined forces for the first time at their club to host the start of the TSA Junior Circuit with the Valentine's Regatta. Billy Richnow and his group which included Mark Hallquist (PAYC) from the HYC ran the Optimist Red, White and Blue line which had 36 boats; Ricky Richardson ran the green fleet line along with Art Lynd, Karen Hallquist and Greg Lynd. They had about 12 kids on his line. I ran the Laser line which had 30 boats with Chris Richnow HYC, Russ Myers and Johnny (don't ever give me another glass of wine) Otto. It was a great time - the weather was rough but we did get in 6 races. We as a club should be proud of ourselves we did a great job! The commodore of Houston Yacht Club Mike Bordelon knew some of the history of Port Arthur Yacht Club, and went out of his way to make us feel right at home. All those times we spent in Race Committee classes paid off, the only thing I regret is that we did not get to run the races off the two most famous RC boats in Texas, Reload and Countdown, they were still in the shop getting repaired. I hope this will not be the only time we will work with HYC. As for running races I just got an e-mail from the V-15 circuit and they are wanting to come back to PAYC for a circuit stop. This will give PAYC another chance to serve as RC and have fun in doing it and we might make a little money for the club in doing so. I hope everybody that went enjoyed the regatta, and I look forward to running more regattas with this great group.

Paul Vera

PAYC Memories

VVV ****Our Clubhouse Lounge in 2006**** VVV



^^^Our Clubhouse Lounge today (Post IKE) 2009 ^^

Greetings Cruisers,

Last year Ike was extremely unkind to all of us at PAYC, most of us lost boats or had some type of damage. Thankfully some of us already have made repairs enough to sail or have new boats and are ready to shake them down. Having said that spring is almost upon us and time once again to kick off another year of PAYC cruising. I am hoping that everyone will want to test out repairs and check out their new acquisitions with some good times cruising together.

We started in February with a Full Moon Camp Out Cruise at the clubhouse. We had a good turn out for the event. The skippers meeting started at 1800 hours with the announcement of the cruise and that the BBQ pit was hot and ready. About twenty cruisers showed up for the festivities and at least fifteen sat down to a great meal with good friends. The Commodore drug up a nice limb that was cut up for the camp fire, plenty of meat was spread out for cooking. A good time was had by all.

This month we kick things off again on the 7th with another full moon event. This time we will actually get out on the water for a Race/Cruise on the lake, the skippers meeting is set for 18:00 hours at the clubhouse. Following this event we have a cruise over to Garrisons Ridge on the 14th with the skippers meeting at 09:00 in the clubhouse. We are looking forward to a leisurely sail across the lake to Garrisons for a day of fun in the sun, weather permitting and if the temperature is right a nice night in the company of good friends with another leisurely sail back to our home port.

That is it for this month, more cruising news to come...

Elsewhere in the Boating World

Hurricane Claims Push Insurer Out of Florida

28 Jan. 2009: State Farm announced Tuesday that it will no longer sell property insurance in Florida. The decision will affect more than 1 million homeowners and renters and also affect personal liability and boat policies. State Farm currently carries 57,982 boat owners' policies in the state according to a State Farm PR representative reached by phone yesterday. State Farm said it has proposed a two-year plan that will allow its customers to find other coverage.

Panama Canal Yacht Club Bulldozed - Cruisers Told to Move Boats By April 1st.

The Cruising Compass received word today that the big news on the Panama Connection SSB net Saturday morning reports that the PCYC is no longer. According to cruisers at PCYC, "The container yard next door to PCYC has for years been trying to acquire the property and received a court order at the end of the day Thursday condemning PCYC and granting them the rights to close PCYC. Since Friday was a holiday and the courts were not open, PCYC could not fight the order via the courts. Friday morning a bulldozer drove through the fence connecting the two properties and began destroying the clubhouse, bar, restaurant and other buildings. The dinghy dock is available only to those already on a list for access and only until April 1. The docks and boats have until April 1 to vacate." The emailed report also noted that "this info is strictly second hand news, but from cruisers at PCYC."

PAYC BOARD MEETING MINUTES * February 10th, 2009

Attendees: Art Lynd; Russ Myers; Jim Pearson; Ricky Richardson; Mike Wise; Alan Aldredge; Butch Neely;

Members: Pat O'Quinn; Gene Kohrman; Paul Vera;; Chris Reid; Ed Bush

Treasurers Report:

(Carried Over)

Guaranty Bank

<u>Main Checking: 9757</u>	\$ 33,662.80
Improvement CD: 0040	\$ 13,536.09
Improvement CD2:8798	\$ 31,856.42
Lease: 5197	\$ 30,816.83
<u>Money Market CD: 2422</u>	\$ 643.85
Total	\$ 110,515.99

Community Bank

Self Insurance CD: 0006	\$ 0.00
Money Market	\$ 1,881.65
Lease Renewal CD 0003	\$ 5,000.00
<u>Capital Improvement CD 0002</u>	\$ 26,554.52
Total	\$ 33,436.17

Jim Pearson reported the Self Insurance Fund for Ike repairs have been transferred into the checking account. The budget was \$29,925.08 with the actual expense to date is \$13,112.98 which leaves \$16,812.10 for Ike damages.

Harbormaster Report:

(Carried Over)

Gene Kohrman produced a spreadsheet for the current slip occupations of row B,C and D. New slip numbers have been assigned and the list needs to be completed and compiled to be given to the Pleasure Island Commission.

A motion was proposed to form a Building Committee for helping building slip piers. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The Commodore will appoint a chairman.

Membership:

Three applications were unopposed by the board.

Three applications were submitted for membership. Chris Reid from Beaumont has a 22ft. O Day and has interest in Cruising and Social events. Ed Bush from Port Neches owns a 38ft. Morgan with 2 years sailing experience and is willing to participate in Cruising, Racing, Social, and Junior Sailing events. Ryan O'Quinn has 4 years experience sailing and shows interest in Cruising, Racing and Social events. Ryan is also the son of one of our newest Honorary Members Pat O'Quinn.

Ray Deming has sent in his resignation, Ray and Wanda have moved their boat to Palacios, TX and have purchased a house there and in the process of moving. Ray mentioned if anyone makes it down to Matagorda Bay to look him up.

Racing:

(Carried Over)

Paul reported the Full Moon race will be on March 7th with a skipper's meeting at 1800. Thursday Night Racing Series 1 will start March 12th with 3 races slated for March and 5 races slated for April Thursday Night Series 2. Skippers meetings for Thursday Night Series is 1800 hrs.

Marine radios were purchased with left over funds from 2008. These radios will be used at the upcoming Valentines Regatta at Houston Yacht Club with several volunteers from PAYC to perform Race Committee duties in place of the Mardis Gras regatta that is normally held at PAYC.

House & Grounds:

(Carried Over)

Butch Neely stated two rocking chairs were purchased for the TV room. Suzie O'Quinn painted the cabinets in the kitchen and the facia boards have been replaced.

It was reported that the turbines on the roof are covered with plastic and need to be replaced. The old ice machine needs to be moved and volunteers are needed.

Cruising/Socials:

(Carried Over)

Mike Wise objected to Cruising being associated with Socials. Mike also reported that at the Frebruary Cruise there was about twenty people that showed up. The upcoming Full Moon Cruise/Race on March 7th will have a Skipper's Meeting at 1800 hours. There will also be a Garrison's Ridge Cruise on March 14th with the details up for discussion on the day of the event, it may turn into an overnight stay if weather permits.

Safety:

(Carried Over)

PAYC BOARD MEETING MINUTES * (continued) February 10th, 2009

Martin Novich stated the need to get Bout Time back in the boat lift for use as a safety boat to be ready for use should any safety issue arise. There should be throwables and a first aid kit purchased. Martin made note of all the debris on the club grounds and encouraged members to watch their step while on the island.

Junior Sailing:

(Carried Over)

Paul displayed the T shirt design for the Valentine's Regatta held at Houston Yacht Club. PAYC is working with HYC in place of the annual Mardis Gras Regatta for Texas Sailing Association. Paul expressed the need for sailing equipment for Junior Sailing and is seeking the club and membership to put forth some funds to restore equipment.

One new Pram was purchased and will be delivered to Pleasure Island Commission. Main needs are rudders and dagger boards. The plans are to have Junior Sailing this summer with the girls camp separate from the boys camp. Jim Kincaid worked on 2 lasers. Paul is seeking volunteers for Junior Sailing Camp in June for the two camps scheduled. This year there will be two camps, one for the boys and one for the girls. Paul expressed the need to get boats ready for camp, there is a great need for complete boats.

Old Business:

New Business:

(Carried Over)

A temporary slip assignment was placed before the membership. Once the repairs to the marina have been completed the slip assignment policy in the bylaws will be reinstated. After discussion a motion was made to amend and drop rule number 5 of the Temporary Slip Assignment Policy which was seconded in which passed unanimously.

The amended motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

The amended motion now reads as follows

PAYC Temporary Slip Assignment Policy

1. This document was created because of the hurricane disaster in 2008. It is intended to be temporary and will be void at a future date to be determined. Upon termination, the previous policy will be reinstated.
2. The following steps will be used to acquire a slip:
 - a. Locate an empty slip and determine if the boat will fit.
 - b. Meet with the harbormaster to determine if the slip is unclaimed.
 - c. If unclaimed, notify harbormaster and PIC and claim slip.
 - d. If necessary, repair pier for usability and safety. (PAYC members may help build slip upon request)
 - e. **THE MEMBER WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING PIC** slip fees.

All lease agreements with the Pleasure Island Commission are part of these rules.

A motion was made to renew the Yachting Club of America membership at a cost of \$400.00. A discussion was made concerning the importance of the membership. A vote was taken with one member opposed and the motion passed.

A motion was made to renew the Sailing World prescription for 3 years and seconded. After discussion a vote was made with 3 approvals and 11 opposed. Motion failed.

Pat O'Quinn stated that he has several boat motors and if you could provide him with serial numbers for proof of ownership, he may have your motor to return to you.

John Ardoin had questions about non members having slip assignments, after some discussion the topic was tabled.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:50 PM.

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

*"A fair March wind blowing strong, should move your boat right along. If you don't make good speed, It's a sure sign indeed, that what you are doing is wrong" -
--From the **Ruby Yacht** of Sailbad the Sinner.*

From the Secretary's DeskRicky Richardson

February started with the longest General and Board Meetings possibly in the history of the club. I feel though the meetings were long due to primarily the agenda and the visitation by Jimmy Dykes, important things for the club are getting discussed and the tasks on the agenda are getting accomplished. You have an opportunity to introduce new business by writing your motion down and emailing it to secretary@payc.us , then the motion will be placed on the agenda and sent to the membership a week before the meeting. If you place something on the agenda you will need to be at the meeting to make the motion and get a second before it becomes business before the membership. You can get someone else to introduce your motion if you can't make it though you are encouraged to be present. The benefit of having the motion in writing is to give advance notice of business intended to be brought before the membership. Also it's beneficial for the board because they will have an idea of what's important to you. As always, it is not necessary for your motions to be on the agenda in order to make a motion at any meeting. All new business is welcome during the call for New Business. I had the pleasure of volunteering for the Valentine's Regatta at the Houston Yacht Club February 14th and 15th. This regatta took the place of our annual Mardis Gras regatta held at PAYC for the Texas Sailing Association. Paul Vera did an excellent job once again of making the trophies and t-shirts for the event. Paul and Russ Myers were running the Laser and 420 line while I had the luxury of running the Green Fleet. I would like to thank the Volunteers from PAYC who helped out, on the Green Fleet most of the Race Management team came from our club and we ended up working well together. I couldn't have asked for a better group to work with, we got the first start off on time on Saturday and got into a groove that worked well for us. Karen Hallquist had the course signals for the starts and helped with the finishers. Annette Lynd was our recorder and helped keep me in line on getting the required information on the recording sheet. Art Lynd and Greg Lynd were setting the marks for the Green Fleet and helping with safety issues, Belinda was also on the mark set boat and stuck it out in the rain with us on Saturday, her sweat shirt was soaking wet when we finished Saturday. Although we only got in 2 races Saturday, we did spend a lot of time on the water. We came ashore briefly for a weather report and decided to return on the water and set the courses again, but the weather won and we had to come back in before the fleet rounded the weather mark. Sunday was more productive and we got an early start at 8AM for a 9 O'clock start sequence. We ran 4 races Sunday for a total of 6 races for the event; it surprised me that 10 out of 11 racers on the Green Fleet showed up on the start line at 9AM. I had a great time and appreciate the help I had, I look forward to working with these people again, thanks for your support. The board is in the process of creating a new slip assignment board and we have a lot of information left off the list. If you have a boat in the water at PAYC rows B,C, or D, please email me your boat name boat, model, length, TX numbers, the owners name and phone numbers. This information is needed to confirm whose boats are in what slips and that we have a means of contacting the owner in case there is a need to.

Secretary PAYC
Ricky Richardson
Club Race Officer




March 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Full Moon Cruise/Race. 6 pm
8	9	10 General Meet- ing/ Board Meeting at the clubhouse. 7 pm	11	12 Thursday Night Race— Series I— Skippers meeting at 6pm	13	14 Garrison's Ridge Cruise— Skipper's meet- ing time— 9 am
15 Beware the Ides of March !!	16	17 Saint Patrick's Day 	18	19 Thursday Night Race— Series I— Skippers meeting at 6pm	20 Spring Officially Begins !!	21
22	23	24	25	26 Thursday Night Race— Series I— Skippers meeting at 6pm	27	28
29	30	31				



The "Ides of March" are marching upon us !






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Next General Meeting: Tuesday, March 10th, 2009, 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 : Art Lynd

Vice Commodore : Russ Myers

Secretary : Ricky Richardson

Treasurer : Jim Pearson

Board of Directors : Alan Aldredge, Chuck Devenzio, Butch Neely, Mike Wise, & Mark Hallquist (Past Commodore)

Trustees : Sam Showalter, Chuck Devenzio, & Eric Phelan

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 by contacting a club officer in person. After your date has been cleared with the PAYC, you can then visit www.payc.us for a reservation application and more info.

In this month's issue :

***** Lots of Racing News , including post coverage on the recent Valentine's Regatta held at the HYC*****

***** Some Cruising News regarding a recent PAYC Club cruise as told by the Cruiser's Cruiser *****

***** Important news regarding the state of the club from last month's club meetings *****

