

# PAYC MAINSHEET

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## Commodore's Corner

Commodore Art Lynd

May surely seems to have gone by fast. The sailing has been good overall with the exception of occasional heavy winds. The Thursday night races continue, but boats are a little scarcer than last year. We continue to see boats appearing in the marina. The last word I heard is that the marina will be rebuilt as before with wooden bulk heads, wooden docks, and fixed pilings with tidal bars. While many are disappointed that we won't have floating docks, I will be ecstatic just to replace what we had and have permanent power to the slips again. On the power issue, we were given written okay to install temporarily power hookups to the boats. We are currently working on doing that.

Work continues - boats are being pulled up by a Florida contractor under supervision of the Texas Land Office. **Bill Nickel** and son volunteered their time and equipment and cleared quite a bit of the debris from land. **Kerry Amick** et al have been available and cooperative with their heavy equipment. **Butch Neely** is busy with the house and grounds. That included purchasing and delivering our new club ice machine. **Pat O'Quinn, Mike Gill, Paul Vera, and Alan Aldredge** hooked up the big ice machine. **Darrell Irvin** donated his time putting wood trim on our new windows around the club house. **Greg Lynd, Jim Pearson, and Johnny Otto** moved electrical debris to make way for future temporary power hook ups. And last but not least, **Paul Morgan** assisted all the above and headed up projects on his own. There are other PAYC members that I haven't mentioned. Thanks to each of you.



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## JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- June 4, 11, 18, 25 - Thursday Night Series #4
- June 6 - Full Moon Race/Cruise
- June 9 - PAYC Regular and Board Meetings
- June 23 - The Mayflower II arrived in Plymouth Massachusetts after a transatlantic voyage from Plymouth, England in 1957
- June 25 - Deadline for July Mainsheet Articles

A group workday will be announced via email. We have fence that was donated by **Chris Reid and father**, a gate opener to be installed, a fence to be painted, and other items to address.

Membership continues to grow. Two new members joined in May. **Darrell Reeves** from Sour Lake owns a Tanzer 26 on 'C.' **Yogi Milsap** from Tennessee bought *Eastwind*, a Westwind 32 (and yes, she is related to Ronnie Milsap). Yogi's children will be active in our junior sailing and treasure hunt. If you run into these new members, introduce yourself and welcome them aboard.

Thanks to **Alan Aldredge**, our clubhouse now has a telephone number (409-356-6253) that directs callers to leave messages. The number is posted at [payc.us](http://payc.us). Be aware that the number is long distance from local landlines.

I was recently hired on by **Total Refinery** in Port Arthur as a process operator. Total is committed to community involvement. In regard to the loss of our prams during Ike, I wrote a letter to the Total committee and explained that our junior sailing camp is for all youth, not just PAYC members. I requested that they sponsor one boat; in turn we would put their logo on the boat. Although I haven't received the check, Total is donating \$500 toward a pram with the intentions to donate another \$500 near the end of the year. Thanks, Total!

I challenge each of you to check with your employer to see if they have similar programs. I further challenge your employer to match the Total contribution to youth sailing. Imagine seeing 5-10 new prams in the youth program with logos from Total, Motiva, Dupont, Invista, Huntsman, Valero, Wal-Mart,.... I think you get my drift.

**Martin Novich**, a head honcho in the safety department at Huntsman, also heads the newly-formed PAYC Rescue Committee. This committee's purpose is to help members that the Coast Guard is reluctant to assist. For example, if your boat were to get stuck in the mud or run out of gas, the Coast Guard would probably not come out unless a life were in danger. Martin will be meeting with the committee volunteers to go over a few details. He has already provided some first aid and safety equipment for our club, and a list of emergency cell phone numbers will soon be available to PAYC members for placement on their boats. If you would like to be a rescue committee volunteer, please contact Martin Novich or one of the club officers. Thank you, Martin.

**Mark Hallquist**, past commodore, purchased a new boat from Florida and sailed it across the Gulf to Kemah with **Pat O'Quinn** and crew. If you see these guys, you might want to get the scoop on their adventures.

Speaking of adventures, next month (July 18) we will hold our Third Annual PAYC Treasure Hunt in Lake Sabine. We will have 5 treasure maps, one for each team. Each map will have only one GPS coordinate on it. Only one map will have the real treasure. That team must deliver the treasure to a predetermined destination (only available in the treasure chest) without getting captured by another team. And don't forget the water balloons. Simple? We'll see! The custom designed "T" shirts for the Treasure Hunt are available now. Contact me at the club or at [commodore@payc.us](mailto:commodore@payc.us). The shirts are the same price as last year: \$15 for any of 5 different sizes available. Get them early.

Stay positive...enjoy sailing...enjoy life.

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## Junior Sailing

Paul Vera



*Pre-Ike Junior Sailing Program at PAYC*

Our Junior Sailing program is in transition mode, rebuilding the fleet of boats and creating a safe sailing environment. PAYC is working to resolve all the issues so our youth can learn to sail safely. This will take time, but I have come to realize that moving the venue will not serve our club well.

I am acquiring equipment to replace what was lost. My plan is to have 10 boats ready by mid-summer – 3 Laser Radials, 3 Sunfish, and 4 Optimist Prams. The club has agreed to build a floating dock at some point in the future; for now we plan to build racks for the boats to get us through the first stage of rebuilding our Junior Sailing program.

## Cruising

Mike Wise

We started the month of May off with the annual Contraband Days cruise to Lake Charles. Two boats made the trip on the last weekend. A reported good time was had by all.

The May Full Moon Race/Cruise was cancelled due to lack of participation. It seems that too many of us are still making repairs to our damaged boats or to our new boats! Regardless, we are trying to keep all of our activities going.

I am not sure if any boats made the Memorial Day Dieter Junge Galveston Race/Cruise; however, several boats enjoyed Sabine Lake over the weekend. I will have more information next month.

June is a light cruising month with only one event – the Full Moon Race/Cruise on the 6th. The Skippers' Meeting is scheduled for 1800 hours at the clubhouse. Hopefully we will have a good turnout for this event.

Get ready for July. We have several cruising events including a Full Moon Race/Cruise after the Commodore's Picnic on the 4th. Get out on the water and watch the fireworks from the lake while enjoying what we love most!

Until next month, keep on cruisin'...



*Flotsam recently removed from the marina*

## Racing

Paul Vera

The racing continues with heavy wind conditions. The third Thursday Night Series is up and running and it looks like the Cruisers will have a throw-out race if they complete the whole series. The racers are out of luck; they have missed one race, so no throw-out will be given. Skippers are keeping their own times. (NOTE: Please contact me if you're willing to serve as Thursday night race committee.)

I will be taking up a collection for Richard Hughes to help offset all the therapy bills he's been piling up. First he went without a boat for a long time; then he found one; then he was beaten by his old boat; then there was the episode of the shrimping spinnaker; then his rudder found a unmovable object and cracked; and lastly that same rudder was given a chance to perform under pressure but alas it broke off  $\frac{3}{4}$  up from the bottom. Oh – and let's not even mention his slip. His therapist really has to work overtime on him. Richard, I promise things will get better! (PV)

*Bonnie Blue* will be featured in an upcoming *Beaumont Enterprise* article focusing on our Thursday Night Races. We actually took the reporter out for the race. The photographer came out Saturday for pictures and Jim and Sarah Pearson posed for pictures with ole *Blue* barking along the way. The pictures should come out really good. Hopefully with this publicity we will get the word out that PAYC is still here.

As of writing this article the Dieter Junge Galveston race is still on with Dr. Sam Showalter's Corsair F-28R *Trilobyte* heading out. The Skippers' Meeting will be held at 1800 Thursday, May 21.

**Paul's Nautical Trivia:** What do you do when you brale? What is a tabernacle?

## From the Secretary's Desk

Ricky Richardson

May is almost gone, and I don't have much to report about the sport we love; however, I was able to rinse my boat off at Toledo Bend during the Community Christian School Seniors' getaway last weekend. My intention was to make a few repairs and see if any of the graduates wanted a ride. Tyler swam out 30 yards to my anchored catamaran. We hooked up the main sail, put on our life jackets and found the groove to windward. We came upon what looked like an underwater forest and decided to jibe around, hoist the spinnaker and reach back to the shoreline where the rest of the pack was sunning in a gigantic inflatable tube. Tyler was a bit surprised by the speed we were making on our downwind trek. When we got to the shoreline we snuffed the spinnaker and made a pass by our group. Tyler hadn't had enough so we took off again, and I offered him the helm. He hesitated, not knowing if he could handle the boat well enough to keep it upright; however, while I tended to some tuning, I set the stick down by Tyler. He saw the need to keep the boat on course and took over the helm, so I took a little time to show him how to find the groove. He was a natural and was handling the boat quite well so I let him keep the helm. We jibed again at the underwater forest and Tyler hoisted the spinnaker while I took over the helm. In no time we were speeding downwind again and I explained to Tyler what he needed to do to the sheet for the spinnaker on the downwind run. Once again he made an easy task of it, and we were back at the shoreline in record time. Tyler took the helm again and he took us on a reach and we were just flying the hull and heading up a bit to correct. What a fun day of sailing we had!

Most people don't like the idea of having to work so hard to go out in a boat, but I don't mind the extra effort it takes and look forward to getting out again in June at the Great Texas Dash 2009. Rennie

Ihle and I took first last year and we will be making that run again. Yes, it requires getting up at 4AM to drive to Surfside and rig the boat before the 9AM start, but for beach cat sailors, that's the way it is. This year there will be 3 Hobie 18SXs, 2 Hobie 18s, and a Miracle 20. This will be a Portsmouth Class, and we intend to make the competition fierce.

**Reminders – Email [secretary@payc.us](mailto:secretary@payc.us) ...**

- ...for a copy of the PAYC meeting minutes.
- ...for a User ID and Password for the Yachting Club of America ([www.ycaol.com](http://www.ycaol.com)).
- ... to make a motion at the General Meeting.
- Also, get your PAYC membership card from Ricky Richardson at the June General Meeting.

## Flotsam and Jetsam

Contributed by Carolyn Worsham

Flotsam and jetsam describe debris in the sea:

**jetsam** has been voluntarily cast into the sea (jettisoned) by the crew of a ship, usually to lighten it in an emergency; **flotsam** describes goods that are floating on the water without having been thrown in deliberately, often after a shipwreck. Jetsam is the property of the finder, while flotsam remains the property of its original owner. For me, this is a place to publish assorted items of interest!

- Rick Hughes asked to remind members to be careful in the marina. He hit a submerged metal object between B and C, about midway down, and damaged his rudder beyond repair.
- Do you need crew for Thursday night races? Steve Guidry is interested in crewing. Are there any others out there that are interested? Send me an email, and I'll get the word out.
- Kim Worsham, husband Scott, and crew placed second in the San Francisco-to-Monterrey Spinnaker Cup aboard *Tiki J*, their J/42. They port-tacked the fleet at the start and held on for the 88 nm race. Congrats! Their long-term goal is the San Francisco-to-Hawaii PacCup in 2010.

## From the Harbormaster

“Habadude” Gene Kohrman

Summer and HURRICANE season are here again. As we are painfully aware, last year was devastating and virtually destroyed the marina. Thanks to **Pat and Susie O'Quinn's** quick actions, 80 to 90 boats were saved. At a special PAYC meeting this past fall the membership decided to rebuild. We have had setbacks and lost members, yet PAYC remains a viable entity in the community and we are gaining members monthly.

We currently have 59 boats on 'B', 'C' and 'D' fingers, most tied to finger piers that boat owners have built for their vessels. There is no electricity to the slips in the marina; however, PAYC is working to rectify this. We had a productive workday on May 23rd when the **Gills, Paul Vera, Chuck Devenzio, Pat O'Quinn, Paul Morgan, John Otto, Greg Lynd, and Alan Aldredge** assisted in installing the new ice machine and cleaning up the grounds. Thanks to **Big Bill and Lil Bill** of Bo'sun's Landing for the time they spent cleaning up the PAYC this past winter.

A few odds and ends –

- Co-Habadude **Paul Morgan** feels we need a PARTY to celebrate the continuance of the Port Arthur Yacht Club, and I think it is past due.
- Congrats to **Randy and Michelle Palmero** who tied the knot May 23rd in San Antonio.
- USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 6-11, Bmt will hold the American Boating Safety course on the 3rd Saturday of each month from now through October. A Texas Boating License is required for those 13-18 years of age. Many insurance companies give a 10-15% discount.
- Vessel Safety Check is a volunteer safety check that assures your boat meets minimum federal and state standards. Virtual safety check: [www.uscgboating.org/SAFETY/vsc/vsc\\_a.html](http://www.uscgboating.org/SAFETY/vsc/vsc_a.html)

## Pleasure Island Update

Contributed by Carolyn Worsham

The following information came from Jimmy Dike, Pleasure Island Director and Gary LeBlanc, Project Engineer for the Louisiana Causeway Bridge:

- The GLO is currently addressing two debris fields – one in the water and one on land. All boats will be removed. Bids for removing the boats on land will be opened on June 17 and removal should begin shortly thereafter.
- The Louisiana Causeway Bridge will be open to boat traffic in the very near future.
- The Walter Umphrey State Park at the south end of the island is open; however, the fishing pier was destroyed. There are no plans to replace the fishing pier at this time.
- There are no marina fuel or pump-out services in the marina area. They will be replaced in due time.
- The Corps of Engineers will be resurfacing the roads on the north and south levees. Bids are being taken this month.
- All of the Pleasure Island fishing piers were destroyed. The only one scheduled for repair is the blue-roofed one near the marina entry.
- The marina restoration project is estimated to be a three-year project with completion in 2012.
- The Palms of Pleasure Island Golf Course is scheduled to reopen in March of 2010.

## Answers to Nautical Trivia

Contributed by Paul Vera

**Brale:** Partially furling sails to lessen wind resistance or partially unfurling sails to make them ready for instant use

**Tabernacle:** A hinge mast step located on deck. Since it is hinged, the mast may be lowered easily.

**NEXT MONTH: SAILING –THE GREENEST SPORT**

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Mark Hallquist (Past Commodore)

**Trustees:**

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**Harbormaster:**

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**Mainsheet/Website:**

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**Reserving the PAYC Clubhouse (Members Only):**

Email [clubhouse@payc.us](mailto:clubhouse@payc.us) or contact a club officer. Visit [payc.us](http://payc.us) for a reservation application after the date is cleared.

**Next General/Board Meeting:**

Tuesday, June 9, 2009, 7:00 p.m., PAYC Clubhouse  
Board Meeting immediately follows the General Meeting.

**Request for PAYC Roster:**

Email [roster@payc.us](mailto:roster@payc.us).

**Mainsheet Delivery:**

Email [mainsheet@payc.us](mailto:mainsheet@payc.us) or contact the PAYC Secretary to move from USPO delivery to email delivery or vice versa.

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