

PAYC MAINSHEET

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Commodore's Corner

Commodore Art Lynd

June was a productive month at PAYC. Thanks to the following for your hard work on our Saturday workday: **Mike and Deena Gill, Bill Worsham, Mike Tagert and Rosa, Butch Neely, Paul Morgan, Paul Vera, Alan Aldredge, Jim Pearson, John Otto, Kerry Amick and crew, Scott Bryson, Sam Showalter, Darrell Irvin, Greg Lynd, and Annette Lynd.** Some of the accomplishments included fencing, trim work, landscaping, painting, and building boat racks for our prams. We also picked up trash and pulled heavy wooden planks out of the water that were attached to the dock.

I talked with Dana at PIC concerning our new slip rental lease agreement that we received in the mail. She said an explanation will be mailed in late July. This agreement is between PIC and each individual boat owner. Some of you have signed it, and others feel uncomfortable with the wording. This is not a club issue. I suggest that if you have concerns with the agreement, talk to other slip owners in our marina, talk to PIC, or check with a contract lawyer.

July with the Commodore's Picnic is my favorite month. This year we will celebrate our country's birthday with fun and games for all ages. The band "Second Wind" will be back with their great sounds from the last three decades. Brisket will be served by the club, and favorite side dishes will be provided by you and all our members. We will close out the evening with a short cruise to view the fireworks display. Make plans to enjoy the event.

Two weekends later, the hunt begins. July 18th, our Third Annual PAYC Treasure Hunt will take place. The last two hunts are still talked about around the



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JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July 2,9,16,23,30- Thursday Night Series #5
- July 4 - Commodore's Picnic; Full Moon Race/Cruise; Fireworks
- July 11 - Garrison Ridge Cruise
- July 14 - PAYC Regular and Board Meetings
- July 18 - Third Annual PAYC Treasure Hunt
- July 21 - Southern Yacht Club, the second yacht club in the US, was founded in Pass Christian and New Orleans.
- July 28 - Deadline for August Mainsheet Articles

NAUTICAL TRIVIA

1. What was the first yacht club in the US?
2. When was PAYC founded, and who is its sole surviving active charter member?

club. This year we will have a little different twist. Everyone can be a pirate. Wear your favorite pirate outfit. Be creative – a winner will be selected.

Teams are being formed and posted at the club house. Sign up ASAP so final preparations can be made. Enter your boat on one of the teams, or sign up to crew. ARF! It's going to be fun, matey!

*The pessimist complains about the wind;
 The optimist expects it to change;
 The realist adjusts the sails.*

-- W. A. Ward

May we strive to be the latter two.

From the Secretary's Desk

Ricky Richardson

June is heating up, but the winds have been blowing steadily. Rennie Ihle (skipper) and I (crew) made the 40 nm Dash at the Great Texas 300 from Surfside Beach to Galveston on June 20th on my boat. We ran the rhumb line, which proved to be the fastest route. We and two Miracle 20s led the pack of 13 boats followed by F18s and Inter 20s from the Great Texas 300 mile run. Dave McDaniels made it to the beach in front of us and the other Miracle 20 was not far behind us. We corrected out over the Miracle 20s and took the first place trophy for the second year. Check out the Misfits at www.gt300.com. Chris Green won his first TCDYC Overall GT300 and F18 Class in a very close race and exciting finish. The weather was good for this year's event.



Misfits Ricky and Rennie – First Place in the 2009 Great Texas Dash (picture from www.gt300.com w/o permission)

July will be an exciting month at the Yacht Club with a couple of social events (the Commodore's Picnic and the Treasure Hunt). I look forward to seeing some of you there. I hope to take my rig down to the club and do some pleasure sailing next month, so look for the *Hobie Bob* on the water, probably fishing. Who said you can't fish on a sailboat? On my rig it pays to have the rod tied to the boat!

Reminders – Email 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).
- ...to present a motion for the General Meeting.

Also, get your PAYC membership card from Ricky Richardson at the General Meeting.

The Greenest Sport

From the Captain's Log (George Day), *Blue Water Sailing*, May '09

One of the highlights of the stimulus package is the federal emphasis on "green energy." A sailboat is the purest solar and wind machine you could ever imagine. First, why aren't sailboats worthy of tax credits as low-emission vehicles – and why aren't auxiliary powered sailboats that can roam the world identified as true hybrids? Second, why is no federal, state, or private equity going into the development of sail power for commercial vessels? Lastly, what happened to all those people who used to charge around our waterways in high-powered motorboats and jet skis before the fuel crisis and economic collapse turned them into landlubbers?

This summer, we all need to be thinking about grass roots ways to invite boaters of all types to come sailing. Sailing is the greenest sport. It's a huge part of our civilized past. There's no reason why sailing shouldn't be a huge part of our greener, healthier, and even more civilized future.

Racing

Paul Vera

The wind is still strong, so we are able to sail longer courses. For some time we have been running windward/leewards and having fun doing them, but now we are into triangle courses. This offers opportunities for an array of tactics – some good, some bad – but when we are done, we have had a great time.

Bonnie Blue is still holding on to the top spot, but as always *Sugar Baby* has taken line honors, and Ken Ruddy is shaking things up in the middle. Jim Pearson and Mike Givens are mixing it up too. The racing group is small but fast.

As for the Cruising Fleet, it's become a family affair with Greg Lynd sailing against his brother and our Commodore, Art Lynd. Greg continues to lead his older brother in the Thursday Night Standings. A side bar to this note is that Greg and I both graduated from the TJ Class of 1976.

July 4th is a Full Moon Race. The Saturday skippers' meeting will be held at 1800. Need I say we will also have fireworks on and off the water plus a full stomach from the Commodores' Picnic?

Yes, the Richard Hughes saga goes on. The therapy is working, and after enormous expense, he is out on the race course and is all business. *Bonnie Blue* [Richard's former boat that is now owned by Paul and Martin], reared her ugly head and gave *Sugarbaby* [Richard's current boat] a "blue kiss" on the starboard quarter at the toe rail after rounding up while racing neck-and-neck, close-hauled to Platform G. After two penalty turns *Bonnie Blue* was still close enough to *Sugarbaby* to win the race. After the race I [Paul] offered to pay for the damage. Richard's response, true gentleman that he is, was that these incidents can be expected when racing, and because I [Paul] took responsibility as a true captain, no compensation was expected. [Editor's comments added.]

Commodore's Picnic – July 4

Games at 1; band at 4; brisket dinner at 5;
sail at 7; fireworks at 9

Bring a game and a side dish or dessert.

Come and join the fun!

Junior Sailing

Paul Vera

A big thank you goes to Sam Showalter for driving me to Corpus Christi where we picked up 4 Opti prams. We had a great time and got to view Corpus Christi YC's pram set-up and see how nice their club is. Another thank you goes to Johnny Otto, Jim Pearson, Alan Aldredge, and Sam Showalter for helping move all the prams to the screen house and build 2 new storage racks for the Optis.

Sam also repaired the front dock of the club. In the process we removed a large wooden mat and a couple of long pilings. Also we found the copier that was in the PAYC office pre-Ike; needless to say, it was very wet and useless.

Junior camp will not happen this year due to an equipment shortage and the need for a floating dock. I will address the Board about a work schedule for building the floating dock now that the debris has been removed.

- Boats ready for use: 4 Optimist Prams and 1 Laser
- Boats almost ready for use: 4 Lasers, 3 Sunfish, 4 Mini-Fish, 3 Optimists

*Russ Myers,
checking out a
Sunfish at Houston
YC.*



*Sam Showalter,
checking out an
Optimist Pram at
Corpus Christi YC.*

Cruising

Mike Wise

July is here, and it is getting hot! June's Moonlight Race/Cruise was postponed until a later date so there is no news there.

We have two cruising events scheduled for July. First is a Full Moon Race/Cruise on July 4th. The skippers' meeting is at 1800, and hopefully we won't all be too full from the picnic to have some racers and cruisers on the water. Depending on the race course, we may be able to watch the fireworks from the water. If not, we always have a front row seat right from the marina.

Our second event of the month is a Garrison Ridge cruise on July 11th with the skippers' meeting scheduled at 0900 which puts it somewhere before, during, or after breakfast! I am thinking, reflecting on my opening comment, we may want to make this a "day" cruise across the lake. Make a leisurely sail over, drop the hook, splash some water, fire up the grill, and enjoy the day and the company. I have a feeling that the heat and humidity provided may be too much for a comfortable night's sleep if you don't have a functioning generator!

For next month we have the annual Beaumont Riverfront Cruise scheduled for August 15th. This is a nice cruise up the Neches, and even though it will be one of our hottest months, at least there will be power at the destination for running the air conditioners.

Until next month, keep on cruisin'...

When a sailorman decides to take on a motor, he is something like an old bachelor taking a wife. He should be very careful of his choice.

-- L. Francis Herreshoff

Men in a ship are always looking up, and men ashore generally looking down.

-- John Masefield

New Members

Welcome to **Ronnie and Songa Gremillion**, motor sailors who live in Mariner's Cove. Both were involved in youth sailing camp last year and look forward to our next youth sailing event. Welcome them aboard!

Flotsam and Jetsam

Carolyn Worsham

- FEMA assessed the Pleasure Island damage from Hurricane Ike at almost \$8M. Wow!
- The contract has been awarded for removal of the boats on land. Expect to see progress within a week.
- A contract has been awarded for removal of debris from the water. Expect to see progress within two weeks.
- Marina repair is in the works. The basic project design calls for 4' wide walkways and 40' pilings (20' above and 20' below), with 10' tidal bars.
- The Louisiana Causeway Bridge will be open from 9-5 on M-F until further notice. (It was announced earlier that it would be open on the weekends as well; something occurred that changed that plan.)
- Check out Nautical Talk Radio, the "number one nautical radio program that takes you around the nautical world in 60 minutes." The radio show, hosted by Captain Lou, can be heard online every Sunday at 1000 CDT at <http://www.nauticaltalk.com/html/listen.asp>.

Answers to Nautical Trivia

What was the first yacht club in the US? The New York Yacht Club, holder of the America's Cup from 1851 to 1983, was founded in 1844.

When was PAYC founded, and who is its sole surviving active charter member? John Ardoin and wife Ginger have been active members since PAYC's incorporation on May 18, 1965.

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Motto

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Board of Directors:

Alan Aldredge, Chuck Devenzio, Mike Gill, Mike Wise, and
Mark Hallquist (Past Commodore)

Trustees:

Sam Showalter, Ken Rutty, and Eric Phelan

Harbormaster:

[Gene Kohrman](#)

Mainsheet/Website:

[Carolyn Worsham](#)

Reserving the PAYC Clubhouse (Members Only):

Email clubhouse@payc.us or contact a club officer. Visit payc.us for a reservation application after the date is cleared.

Next General/Board Meeting:

Tuesday, July 14, 2009, 7:00 p.m., PAYC Clubhouse
Board Meeting immediately follows the General Meeting.

Request for PAYC Roster:

Email roster@payc.us.

Mainsheet Delivery:

Email mainsheet@payc.us or contact the PAYC Secretary to move from USPO delivery to email delivery or vice versa.

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