

PAYC MAINSHEET

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Commodore's Corner

Commodore Art Lynd

This is my last article as PAYC Commodore; however, as board member I will be keeping an eye on the new guy!



It's been a busy but productive year. The banquet in January was held at the clubhouse instead of the other place, and we had quite a turn out. We voted in two honorary members, Pat O'Quinn and Jack Moser. We passed a proposal to postpone new member initiation fees for six months to

encourage membership. We made attempts to renew our lease with PIC only to have our efforts tabled. In February it was an honor for me and other PAYC members to co-host a junior regatta with the Houston Yacht Club.

As the year progressed, we continued to rebuild our club. We had inactive members dropping out and other sailors stepping up to join. Boats started to reappear in the marina. Members banded together and rebuilt some of the boat slips that were salvageable. Our racing program pushed forward with Thursday night races and other races including the Spindletop Regatta. We enjoyed celebrations including the Fourth of July Picnic and the Worsham's Island Celebration that brought old friends together and connected new ones. We held our Third Annual PAYC Treasure Hunt only to have



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NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Nov 7 - Marina Raft-Up (Social and Cruise)
- Nov 10 - PAYC Regular and Board Meetings
- Nov 14 - Olympic Regatta #4
- Nov 26 - Deadline for December Mainsheet Articles

NAUTICAL TRIVIA

1. Who was the first male to sail singlehandedly around the world?
2. Who was the first female to sail singlehandedly around the world south of the major capes?

it spiced up by Mother Nature. In August, six boats made the Beaumont waterfront cruise on the Neches River.

We watched the debris from Hurricane Ike slowly start to disappear. Our members passed a proposal to use club funds towards temporary electrical power. A newly-formed PAYC Marina Committee was appointed to work with PIC on rebuilding a new marina.

I believe PAYC is well on its way to recovery, but it still has a little more ground to cover. As old members continue to contribute, tradition will be carried on. As new members come aboard, new ideas and club growth will take place. I look forward to supporting the newly-elected officers and feel that they will continue to rebuild and promote sailing.

Cruising

Mike Wise

We are finally into some fall weather. The temperatures have been getting into the tolerable range! This the best time of year to get out and spend some time on the water for a day sail or a weekend get-away.

October saw all of our scheduled Race/Cruises cancelled. The Full Moon was called due to weather. Our annual 18 Mile run was cancelled due to the Causeway Bridge not being functional. From the looks of things, that might not be a problem for much longer.

This month the only thing on the calendar is a Marina Raft-Up on the 7th. It is listed as a social, but since it involves boats on the water I am claiming it as a cruise! These little cruises are always a lot of fun and close enough for anyone to make. It's in the marina -if your boat still floats, you can make it!!!

There is discussion of a boat parade in conjunction with our Tree Trimming Party on Dec 12. I am looking for some input on this idea. Let me know what you think. Speaking of boat parades, I received an email from Jennie Ware with Beaumont YC. They are doing a Christmas Boat Parade in conjunction with the City of Beaumont's parade to end at Riverfront Park on Saturday, Dec 5. If anyone is interested, she can be contacted by email at bayouslug@aol.com. It's that time of year - string some lights from bow to stern and get into the holiday spirit!

Until next month, keep on cruisin'...

From the Secretary's Desk

Ricky Richardson (409-882-4847)

At the General Meeting Paul Vera suggested moving the Spindletop Regatta for 2010 into an April time slot. The proposed move was well received by the Division 6 sailors who were present at the Wayward Winds Regatta last weekend. We are confirming dates, and the most likely time will be April 10-11. Sabine Sail and Power Squadron is considering combining a Social Event for Saturday of the Regatta and helping with the Race Committee for the event. This will help fill the needs of putting on a regatta at PAYC. I look forward to working together with the SSPS.

We are attempting to get our roster straightened out in the wake of Hurricane Ike. Some members have sent in resignations but are still getting mailings from the club. If you are still receiving invoices for fees and dues and don't intend to keep your membership, please send your resignation to secretary@payc.us if you haven't already done so. This will help us confirm your resignation and allow us to take you off of the billing cycle. There are benefits for resigning in good standing.

The deadline for turning in receipts for electrical work on the docks is October 31, and you should get them to Jim Pearson (treasurer@payc.us) before the deadline to be considered for the distribution of the available funds.

If you would like to make a motion at the General Meeting, simply write it down and email it to secretary@payc.us. I will be happy to put it on the agenda for you.

Gary Jobson, incoming US Sailing President, isn't worried much about the 7 to 23-year-old sailors or the over-40-year-old sailors. It's the 23 to 40-year-olds who drift away from sailing to raise kids and grow their careers who concern him. "We must engage that young adult," Gary says. "Every yacht club should have adult instruction and a fleet of boats these sailors can take out. The programs must be youth-oriented and inexpensive."

Molly Winans in the October 2009 Spinsheet, Chesapeake Bay Sailing

Flotsam and Jetsam

Carolyn Worsham

- The ballot for 2010 officers and 2009 award recipients is printed in the next column. Cast your vote at the Nov 10 general meeting, mail the ballot to PAYC, or email your ballot to secretary@payc.us. Ballots that are mailed or emailed must include your name.
- The 33rd America's Cup will begin on February 8, 2010, in Ras al-Khaimah in the United Arab Emirates. A purpose-built island at the Al Hamra Village will provide the teams, sponsors, and fans with an outstanding venue. The Swiss holder of the Cup, *Alinghi*, selected the venue.
- Do you have any *Mainsheets* from 1968 to 2003? If I can borrow your copies, I will scan them to recapture the rich history of PAYC. I promise to return them to you.
- Happy Thanksgiving to each of you!

More of PAYC 40 Years Ago

From 1967–68 *Mainsheets*

Here are more snippets from PAYC's early days:

1. Entertainment was provided at each monthly PAYC meeting. Films of international and local sailboat races were big hits. It was always stated that "Ladies are invited to the PAYC meetings."
2. Two perpetual trophies were born – one to promote class racing and one to the winning O–O–A–K fleet skipper. Active one-design fleets included Lightnings, Geary 18s, and Flying Scots.
3. Commodore Jimmie Fontenot (recently deceased and newly-named PAYC Top Gun Trophy honoree) was cited as an excellent sail maker and repairer. Jimmie also headed the junior sailing program (which included sponsoring a teen dance at the Sportsman's Club for son Farley, nephew Bill, and friends) and served as Geary 18 District Coordinator.
4. The Mainsheet was mailed with a 6¢ stamp!

2010 Officer and Board Ballot

Nominees for Officers

Commodore: Russ Myers

Vice Commodore: Randy Palmero, Paul Vera

Secretary: Ricky Richardson

Treasurer: Jim Pearson **Asst.:** Alan Aldredge

Board Member (as Past Commodore): Art Lynd

Trustee (vote for one): Martin Novich, Mike Tagert, Steve Swanson

Nominees for Board (vote for four):

Alan Aldredge

Ted Mahavier

Scott Bryson

Paul Morgan

Chuck Devenzio

Pat O'Quinn

Mike Gill

Jim Pearson

Songa Gremillion

Mike Tagert

Larry Lognion

Mike Wise

2009 Honor Award Selection Ballot

Novice of the Year

Nominees: Scott Bryson, Greg Lynd, Darrell Reeves, Chris Reid, Mike Tagert

Yachtsman of the Year

Nominees: Art Lynd, Russ Myers, Bill Nickel Jr., Pat O'Quinn, Paul Vera

John Blair Memorial

Nominees: Chuck Devenzio, Art Lynd, Paul Morgan, Butch Neely, Pat O'Quinn, Mike Tagert

Skipper of the Year: Vic Scalco Memorial

Nominees: Richard Hughes, Martin Novich, Ken Ruddy, Paul Vera

Racing Crewperson of the Year

Nominees: Robert Latimer, Ann Lynd, Ted Mahavier, Russ Myers, Ricky Richardson, Sam Showalter, Kirk Wickizer

Cruiser of the Year – Chilton O'Brien Memorial

Nominees: Karey Amick, Mike Gill, Larry Lognion, Art Lynd, Greg Lynd, Butch Neely, Pat O'Quinn, Charlie Seat, Sam Showalter

Cruising Crewperson of the Year

Nominees: Deena Gill, Ann Lynd, Ricky Richardson, Mike Tagert

From the Galley

Adapted from *Texas Fish & Game*, Oct '09

What could be better on a cold November evening than a steaming bowl of soup? Try this one.

Cream of Winter Squash Soup

- 1 acorn squash, about 2 pounds
- 1 butternut squash, about 1 pound
- ½ stick butter, cut into T portions
- ¼ C molasses
- 1 carrot, peeled and halved
- ½ onion, julienned
- 3 gloves of garlic, peeled
- 1 C white wine
- 4 C chicken stock
- ½ t allspice
- salt and white pepper
- ¼ C heavy cream
- ½ T finely chopped parsley

Preheat oven to 350°. Cut squashes in half; remove the seeds; season with salt and pepper. Place the halved squashes, skin side down, in a shallow roasting pan. Place 1T butter and 1 molasses in the center of each. Arrange the carrots, onions, and garlic around the squash. Pour ½ C wine and ½ C stock in the pan. Cover with foil and bake 2 hours. Remove from oven and cool for 5 minutes.

Scoop the flesh out of each squash and place in a large saucepot along with the roasted vegetables and cooking liquid from the pan. Add the remaining wine and stock. Bring the liquid to a boil; season with the allspice, salt, and pepper; and simmer for 10 minutes. Puree the soup until smooth. Add the parsley and cream and season with salt and pepper. Serve. Yummy!

Answers to Nautical Trivia

1. **Who was first to sail singlehandedly around the world?** **Joshua Slocum**, Nova Scotia born with family roots in New England, departed Boston in his tiny sloop *Spray* on April 24, 1895, at the age of 51 and sailed around the world single-handed, a passage of 46,000 miles, returning to Newport, Rhode Island on June 27, 1898. His adventures are chronicled in *Sailing Alone Around the World*, now considered a classic of travel literature.

But where, after all, would be the poetry of the sea were there no wild waves?

-- Joshua Slocum

2. **Who was the first female to sail singlehandedly around the world south of the major capes?** New Zealander **Naomi James** singlehandedly circumnavigated from east to west aboard the 53' ocean racer *Spirit of Cutty Sark*, renamed *Express Crusader*. Her 272-day feat in 1978 that broke the record set by Sir Francis Chichester is chronicled in *At One with the Sea: Alone Around the World*.

The Small World of Sailing

Carolyn Worsham

Bill and I attended the Annapolis Boat Show in early October. Within minutes of arriving, we were greeted by Farley Fontenot, HYC member and son of PAYC charter member Jimmie Fontenot. Farley is preparing slides of early PAYC days that will be shown in conjunction with the dedication of the Jimmie Fontenot Top Gun Trophy at the PAYC Awards Banquet. Don't miss that occasion (on a January date to be determined).

Just as it takes wind to propel our sailboats, it takes money to provide our programs. If you're behind with your PAYC dues, please catch up ASAP! PAYC By-Laws state that "Billing shall be made by the first of the month due and payment due by the first of the following month. Payment not received by the due date shall be considered past due." Contact Jim Pearson (treasurer@payc.us) if you have any questions.

Minutes for Oct 13, 2009

General and Board Meeting Minutes (combined)

Board Attendees: Art Lynd; Russ Myers; Jim Pearson; Ricky Richardson; Mike Wise; Alan Aldredge; Mike Gill; Chuck Devenzio

Members: Pat O'Quinn, Paul Vera, Gene Korhman; Paul Morgan

Treasurers Report: Jim Pearson reported 102 members have made payments since January 2009.

Harbormaster Report: After discussion a motion was introduced to pay Paul Morgan \$100 plus parts to restore A/C. The motion passed unanimously.

Membership: The following members have resigned: David Roberts (bad standing), David Wilson (good standing), and Jared Waring (good standing, May 2009). The following members are noted as being overdue on their fees: Neil Smith; Barry Jepson; Melvin Flitcraft; Eric Phelan; Richard Hudgins; Robert Hood; Glenn Fontenot; Sierra Thiery; Chris O'Brien; Michael Wilson; Eugene Brennan; Kevin Thibeault & Cindy Bolt; Timothy Storbeck; Jerry Singleton; Randy Robin; Robert Peck; Ed Painton; Don Miller; Donna McBride; Donald Jennings; Steven Guidry; Mack Davis;

Racing: US Sailing has a conference on the 26th of October at Kemah, and you are encouraged to go online and sign up for the event. There will be a racing meeting set in December. There was a motion introduced to move the date for Spindletop to the time slot in early April. The motion passed unanimously.

Junior Sailing: Paul Vera reported Mardi Gras date has been set in February and that the floating dock material will be ordered in preparation for that event. The dock is intended to be able to be moved if needed during marina upgrades.

House_& Grounds: Art Lynd reported that Dr. Showalter had done some work on the electrical

gate and it may be ready for operation soon. Butch Neeley reported some problems with toilets in the men's and women's restrooms.

Cruising: Mike reported the 18-mile light cruise was cancelled. Nov 7 is a scheduled marina raft-up, and members are invited to participate. PAYC members are invited to join the Beaumont YC for a Christmas Parade Dec 5 at 7PM, finishing at River Front Park. Contact Jennie Ware at bayouslug@aol.com. The bridge is scheduled to open Nov 15 but unsure if the old bridge will be gone at that time. Paul Vera was in Lake Charles and noted there were floating docks at the Civic Center with electrical hook-ups.

Socials: Nov 7 is a scheduled raft up.

Safety: Gene reported that safety classes will be available if 3 people attend and the schedule will resume in 2010. Martin Novich commented on the cleanup around the clubhouse.

Old Business: Art Lynd reported the deadline is coming up on electrical proposal on October 31st. Members need to get with Gene Korhman/Paul Morgan for slip assignments and Pat O'Quinn for access to electrical. Members have to take the initiative to get electrical by the deadline of Oct 31 when club funds will not be available after that date. Receipts have to be turned in by Oct 31 for decisions on reimbursement by the Board. Gas will be turned back on by Butch Neely.

At the Board Meeting: Chuck Devenzio will contact the Attorney to get the final bill for services rendered.

New Business: Art Lynd formed a PAYC Marina Advisory Board. Members are Art Lynd; Gene Korhman; Paul Morgan; Ricky Richardson; Ronnie & Songa Gremillion; Chuck Devenzio; Alan Aldredge. A trophy Committee was organized, and Paul Vera was nominated by Russ Myers.

The Jack Painton is set for the last race of the year for the Cruising Fleet.

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[Jim Pearson](#), Treasurer

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

Co-Harbormasters:

[Gene Kohrman](#) and [Paul Morgan](#)

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, November 8, 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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