

PAYC MAINSHEET

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Commodore's Corner

Commodore Russ Myers

Happy New Year to each and every member of PAYC! With your help during 2010, PAYC can experience renewed energy. Talk up the club among your friends, pay your dues when invoiced, take advantage of the racing, cruising, and social activities, and let's make some memories!

Be on the lookout for a full calendar of events.

Mike Wise (Cruising and Social Chairman) and **Paul Vera** (Racing Chairman) are working to coordinate all of the activities. The Sabine Sail and Power Squadron, under the leadership of Commodore **Songa Gremillion**, will join with PAYC for some of the year's activities.

The Awards Banquet for 2009 is scheduled for Jan 23. **Farley Fontenot**, father of Marvin (Jimmie) Fontenot, will make presentation during the dedication of the Jimmie Fontenot Top Gun Trophy that you don't want to miss.

Again, Happy New Year. May 2010 be a great year for PAYC.

From the Secretary's Desk

Ricky Richardson (409-882-4847)

Our burgee stock has been depleted since Ike, and the Board should be approving purchasing some at the January Board Meeting. If you are interested in a PAYC burgee, let me know before the Jan13 meeting so I can get you in on the count. Please send your request to secretary@payc.us.

The year 2010 is already upon us and I'm looking forward to slowing down and enjoying the water this year. My plans are to catch rides on Thursday Night races, travel to some Division 6 events, and



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JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan 2 - Marvin Campbell Long Distance Race #1

Jan 12 - PAYC General and Board Meetings

Jan 23 - PAYC Awards Banquet for 2009

NAUTICAL TRIVIA

1. What is the nautical significance of 1-8 bells and 16 bells?
2. What is the Legend of Kisselpoo?

build a dinghy class at PAYC. Please contact me if you are interested in racing dinghies so we can discuss where we can go with this at PAYC.

If you have something to bring before the membership at the General or Board Meeting, write your request down so I can distribute it to the board before the meeting. This is not required, but it does help speed things along. I look forward to serving you in 2010 and hope that you have a good year on the water as well.

The beautiful yacht may not be the driest, most comfortable, or even the fastest; she may even be as lacking in the principal virtues as the most beautiful woman often is, but still she will always be the most desirable. Her faults will be overlooked, and it will be a pleasure to correct her shortcomings.

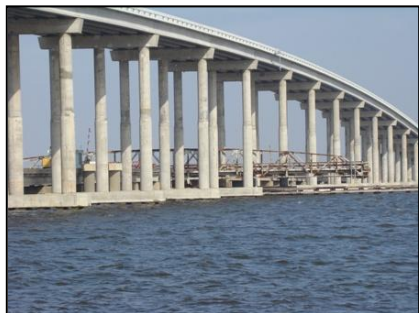
If you like eating better than sailing, you should stay home and have a barbecue in the back yard.

--L. Francis Herreshoff

Flotsam and Jetsam

Carolyn Worsham

- With a little luck, this will be the last update on the Louisiana Causeway Bridge. The new bridge



The new and the old bridges

is now open to road traffic.

Contractors will begin the 10-day demolition of the swing bridge on

Jan 4. During that 10-day period, it will be closed to boat traffic unless a daytime opening is arranged with TXDoT. By Jan 15 boaters should be free to pass under the bridge 24x7. Yea!! Thanks, **Gary LeBlanc**, for keeping PAYC updated on the progress.

- Christmas greetings arrived from Bob and Judy Bailey, PAYC cruisers aboard *Pooh Bear* in Alanya, Turkey. They enjoyed the summer cruising up the west coast of Turkey, spending time near the Dardanelles before sailing north to Greek islands including Samothraki and Thasso. They spent two weeks exploring around Thessaloniki, the Royal Tombs, and Alexander's birth place. Quoting Bob and Judy, "We will never find [a country] as comfortable and enjoyable [for cruising] as Turkey."
- The *Legend of Kisselpoo* is still alive. **John and Ginger Ardoin** recently took their newly-purchased O'Day Mariner, *Kisselpoo*, on its



maiden voyage on Sabine Lake. John has been a "mullet crusher" for the last few years.

The sailing bug just wouldn't quit biting, so expect to see John and Ginger out on the lake when the wind cooperates. The O'Day Mariner has been in production since 1963 and is now built in Maine by Stuart Marine. They are built to MORC self-righting specs and have foam flotation – a nice touch for "middle-aged" sailors.

- **Dr. Sam Showalter's** F27 *Trilobyte* experienced a major structural failure during the Harvest Moon



race when the hull separated from the main bulkhead at 0400 about 7 miles south of

Port O'Connor. While the boat is awaiting repair, it is in dry dock behind Sam's house. Sam has a new temporary recreational vehicle – an RV! For Harvest Moon stories, talk to Sam, Russ Myers, or Mike Gill.

From the Galley

Terrell Adkisson's recipe (via Gene Kohrman)

HOT BUTTERED RUM MUD

½ lb salted butter

½ lb dark brown sugar

4 t ground cinnamon

4 t ground cloves

2 t ground nutmeg

2 t ground ginger

1½ jigger of rum (per serving)

Cream the first six ingredients until the mixture is the consistency of mud. Add 1 T mud and 1½ jiggers of rum to a heated mug. Fill the mug with boiling water, and stir until smooth. Store any unused mud in the refrigerator.

Remember, it is 1½ jigger rum! Why 1½? You will see! This is great drink for a couple on a cold winter night, in front of the fireplace, with the lights down low...

Welcome Aboard!

PAYC welcomes new members **William and Shirley Gregory**, owners of a 42' Bertram. The Gregorys live in Dry Prong, LA.

Cruising

Mike Wise

As you could tell by my December article, I thought it was my last one. I was mistaken! Our new Commodore asked me to continue to be the Cruising Chairperson, and I agreed.

The Christmas boat parade turned out to be scheduled on a soggy day. I can't blame anyone for not getting too enthused about decorating and parading around the marina. We did, however, have two boats decorated for the occasion. **Art Lynd** and **Mike Gill** participated, and Mike won the prize for the best light display.

Now for the coming year. At this time we do not have the calendar set, but that should be ready for February. I am not sure what events we will schedule, but I am sure we will come up with some fun and interesting cruises. We may be able to head east this year as I hear that Lake Charles has built some nice docks near the Civic Center.

I know the usual cruises will be included on the calendar, but if anyone has any suggestions, they are always welcome. Maybe we can come up with some new cruises for the coming years.

Last year was a rebuilding year for everyone since Hurricane Ike almost did us in, but the progress made is obvious. The club house and grounds are taking shape, and we are getting boats back in the marina, such that it is. Damaged boats are under repair and some happy sailors have new boats to replace lost ones. Hopefully this year we will see more participation in the cruising events. I know that I am looking forward to heading out for some fun times with great friends.

We have power back to many slips and water hoses running amok, so charge up those batteries, top off those tanks, and let's go cruising!

Until next month, keep on cruisin'...



PAYC Awards Banquet

DATE: Saturday, Jan 23, 2010

PLACE: Port Arthur Yacht Club

TIME: 6 until 7 p.m. – SOCIAL HOUR
7 p.m. – DINNER

DRESS: Casual (please, no shorts)

COST: \$15 for adults; \$5 for children under 12

RSVP: Please RSVP by Jan 20 to Paul Vera at 409-963-3525 or vseaturtle@aol.com

MENU: Gumbo Appetizer, Fish, and Shrimp
Catering provided by Courville's (Big Rich)

Note: A limited number of alternate meals (chicken-fried steak) will be available.

Junior Sailing

Paul Vera – 409-363-3898 (cell)

The floating dock should be well on its way to being built, and we are getting ready for the Feb 13-14 Mardi Gras Youth Regatta (less than 2 months away). I will be tugging on shirt tails asking for help on that date. We need everybody to help out. This will be PAYC's 11th year to conduct this regatta, and this year I expect over 60 boats to participate. With 3 race courses to run and over a hundred people to feed over a weekend, you can see why we need all the help we can get.

If you can help out, please contact me at 409-363-3898.

***Eight Bells for Quincy Prestridge**
Quincy Prestridge, long-time member of
PAYC, died on Dec 13 after a bout with
cancer. Our thoughts and prayers are
extended to Janis and family.*

Racing

Paul Vera – 409-363-3898 (cell)

The Marvin Campbell LDR will be held concurrently with the Jack Painton LDR on Saturday, Jan 2. The Skippers' Meeting will be held at 1000. As Cruisers raise a glass to Jack, the Racers will compete for the Marvin Campbell trophy.

We have lots of sailing scheduled in 2010, with even more competitive racing opportunities including a Sunday series and a single-handed race. With the bridge completed we will once again head out to the Gulf of Mexico with races to the 18-mile light and Galveston (the Deiter Junge Race). We will also continue our traditional races – the intense five series Thursday Night Races, three Olympic around-the-buoy regattas, three Moonlight Races, and three Long Distance Races.

I will try to arrange for a couple of seminars with guest speakers on racing to build racing skills.

Give racing a chance. You never know how good a sailor you are until you do.

Practical Hints for the Galley

From *The Mariner's Book of Days* – 2010

The galley on all seagoing vessels must be capable of performing these tasks: keeping things cool and making things hot.

To brighten a metal pan – clean, then rub with a piece of sliced lemon or a cloth soaked in vinegar.

To clean a frying pan – soak up grease with old coffee grounds, then wash in ammonia and water.

To protect salt, bouillon cubes, yeast, and other foods that attract moisture – use two glass jars; i.e., a covered small jar inside a covered larger jar.

To protect flour, rice, cornmeal, and other bulk grains from insects – add bay leaves.

To prevent pans, dishes, glasses, etc. from sliding across the counter – use a nonslip mat or a damp towel.

Answers to Nautical Trivia

1. What is the nautical significance of 1–8 bells and 16 bells?

Strikes of a ship's bell are used to indicate the hour aboard a ship and regulate the sailors' duty watches. The strikes of the bell do not match the number of the hour; instead, there are eight bells, one for each half-hour of a four-hour watch. Bells are struck in a pattern of pairs for easier counting.

The term "eight bells" can also be a way of saying that a sailor's watch is over. Ultimately the passing of a sailor is marked with the ringing of eight bells.

At midnight on New Year's Eve sixteen bells are struck – eight for the old year and eight for the new. So wherever you are this New Year's Eve, ring sixteen bells to say bye to 2009 and hello to 2010.

Happy New Year from the Bill and Carolyn Worsham and family from Coyote Point Yacht Club in CA!

2. What is the Legend of Kisselpoo?



Legends of the Attacapas Indians are numerous, but the most fascinating tale of all is the one of Kisselpoo, the princess whose name means "full moon." It's the classic story of a princess who was betrothed to one but loved another; however, it's a story that takes place on Lake Sabine. Who knows? You might even see Kisselpoo and

her lover on a moonlight night on Lake Sabine.

Read the legend in its entirety at

http://www.pleasureislandtx.com/pdf/kiss_legend.pdf

If you're behind with your PAYC dues, please catch up ASAP. Contact Jim Pearson or Alan Aldredge (treasurer@payc.us) if you have any questions about your invoice or need to make payment arrangements. Remember that invoices for the first half of 2010 will arrive soon after the first of the year.

Minutes for Dec 15, 2009

Combined General and Board Meeting Minutes

Board Attendees: Russ Myers, Paul Vera, Jim Pearson, Ricky Richardson, Art Lynd, Mike Wise, Larry Lognon, Paul Morgan

Members: Ronnie & Songa Gremillion, Johnny Otto, Steve Swanson, Gene Korhman, Chuck Devenzio, Bill Worsham

Treasurer's Report: (Request a Treasurer's Report from secretary@payc.us.)

Membership: Russ reported an application was submitted by William and Shirley Gregory from Dry Prong, LA; they have a 42' Bertram. (Their membership was approved at the Board Meeting.)

The following members were sent Certified Letters and have not responded, placing them in Bad Standing: Billy Wooley, David Roberts, Michael Givens and Robert Thompson.

The following members have resigned in Good Standing: Jared Waring and David Wilson.

The following members will receive Certified Letters: Chris O'Brien, Sierra Thiery, Eugene Brennan, Michael Wilson, Mark Bonnette, Glenn Fontenot, Robert Hook, Richard Hudgins, Eric Phelan, Melvin Flitcraft, Barry Jepson, Neil Smith

Harbormaster: Paul Morgan reported we have a good number of boats in the marina. The Causeway Bridge may be finished next week. Gene Kohrman reminded members to keep the bows toward the bulkheads in the slips.

Racing: Two boats showed up for the Jack Painton race, and Jack was toasted before the race. The participants were Greg Lynd and Mike Gill. Greg took the honors during a light air race.

The Marvin Campbell Long Distance will be held on Saturday, Jan 2 (Skippers' meeting at 1000).

A Race Meeting is scheduled for Monday Dec 21 at 7PM.

The Spindletop Regatta is scheduled for April 10–11 and will include a contest for a Redneck Couple. The Sabine Sail and Power Squadron will hold a Crawfish Boil on Saturday along with the wedding ceremony for the winner of the Redneck Couple. The Sabine Sail and Power Squadron will provide some chase boats for racing Saturday and Sunday along with some activities for non racers Saturday.

Junior Sailing: Paul Vera reported some of the material for the floating dock is here and some items are on back order.

The Mardi Gras Youth Regatta is coming up on Feb 13–14. The Sabine Sail and Power Squadron has been asked to help with safety boats for 3 racing areas.

House & Grounds: Mike Wise installed the striker plate on the Commodore's Office door. Paul Vera expressed appreciation to the Sabine Sail and Power Squadron for the Christmas Tree and decorations in the clubhouse.

Cruising and Socials: Mike Wise reported a boat parade is scheduled for Dec 12 with a tree trimming party and white elephant gifts exchanged. A flyer will be emailed before the party Saturday.

Safety: Art Lynd reported that the frequency of snake sightings has decreased. Paul Vera mentioned hypothermia related to cold weather boating and recommended wearing life jackets.

Mike Wise suggested cleaning your cuts well because of the possibility of high levels of bacteria in the coastal waters.

New Business: Farley Fontenot will make a special slide presentation highlighting PAYC's early history during the dedication and award of the Jimmy Fontenot Memorial Trophy at the Awards Banquet on Jan 23.

Art Lynd presented the Commodore's flag to Russ Myers.

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Board of Directors:

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Art Lynd (Past Commodore)

Trustees:

Ken Ritty and Steve Swanson

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, January 12, 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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