

PAYC MAINSHEET

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Commodore's Corner

Commodore Russ Myers

We had a very successful Spindletop Regatta. Sixteen catamarans participated, with some coming from as far away as Mississippi. Many positive comments were heard at the trophy presentation. Speaking of trophies, **Paul Vera** did an outstanding job with the trophies, mounting a miniature catamaran on a white rock. It was a great weekend of fun with the Sabine Sail and Power Squadron (SS&PS) holding their Flip to Flop social in conjunction with the Spindletop Regatta. After a long day of trying to guess what the weather was going to do, it was nice to come back to the clubhouse and enjoy all the festivities. I want to personally thank **Ricky Richardson** for getting the word out about our regatta; **Mike Gill** for letting us use his boat as the committee boat; **Paul Vera**, **Johnny Otto**, and **Deena Gill** for all their help in running the races; and **Priscilla Richardson** for cooking a lot of great spaghetti. Also special thanks to **Songa Gremillion** for all the coordination between PAYC and SS&PS, Ricky Reese for furnishing radios, **Ronnie Gremillion** and **Charles Atkinson** for furnishing chase boats and moving marks all weekend, and all the **SS&PS members** who visited our clubhouse. I am looking forward to other joint ventures between the two clubs.

I have some good news and some bad news. First the **good news**: A contractor has begun work on the marina. They are installing new bulkheads throughout the marina and removing all the old wooden piling. Now for the **bad news** (and please don't shoot the messenger): They will be removing the pilings as they proceed with the bulkhead installation which means we won't have any pilings



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MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 1-2 - Contraband Days in Lake Charles
May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - Light the Pit Socials at 1700
May 6, 13, 20, 27 - Thursday Night Race Series #3
May 9 - Social/Cruise
May 11 - PAYC General and Board Meetings
May 27 - Skippers' Meeting for Dieter Junge Offshore Race/Cruise
May 29 - Dieter Junge Offshore Race/Cruise

for securing boats. We are working on a couple of options for temporary relocation. I will update the membership weekly on the progress. (See the *Message for Boats on C&D* on p. 5.)

At the May general meeting we will consider a motion to allocate funds for the repair of our pram fleet. The items include hull and sail repair and the purchase of new or used sails, daggerboards, rudders, tillers, and miscellaneous rigging parts. (See Paul Vera's Junior Sailing article on p. 5 for an itemized list.) Please come out and vote.

Hope to see you on the water!

Give her a day, and in return Momma gives you the other 364.

--Will Rogers

Happy Mothers' Day!

PAYC Sabine Lake Treasure Hunt

Art Lynd

I am looking forward to this year's annual PAYC Treasure Hunt, scheduled for Saturday, Jun 5. In order to determine the number of teams/treasure maps, please RSVP to acly7@yahoo.com with a boat count and a head count. T-shirts will be sold to cover the cost of the gifts, so please let me know how many shirts you want (and the sizes).

General Information

1. All are welcome to participate; however, only sailboats and crew can compete in the hunt. There is no entry fee. If you don't have a sailboat to enter, one can be assigned. Power boats are welcome as spectator boats.
2. Each of the 5 teams will consist of two to three boats. Any number of crew per team is allowed, provided that they all fit on the sailboats.
3. In the hunt, one team will find the treasure at the designated spot on its map. The other teams will find a clue bottle with the treasure's location.
4. The team with the treasure must deliver it to a designated location to win. Directions will be in the treasure chest.
5. The other four teams must try to capture the treasure before it is delivered and then proceed to the delivery point. All teams will compete against each other.
6. The team that delivers the treasure will be declared the winner. The entire team will collect booty and share bragging rights.
7. "Rules of Engagement" will be provided to capture the treasure from other team. Water balloons are part of the rules of engagement.
8. A prize will be given to the best dressed pirate this year.
9. Fun may be required.

Racing

Paul Vera – 409-363-3898 (cell)

You are lucky if you haven't broken something on your boat due to the heavy weather we've been having. We have sailed in marginal conditions at best, but it has been fun if you had plenty of crew. Otherwise it's what I call sailing in the survival mode – just trying to keep the boat pointed in the right direction without rounding up.

The surprise of the year is that **Jim Pearson** has his boat underneath and is sailing very well. It's amazing what a well-equipped boat and solid crew can do.

Speaking of crew, we have plenty of visitors who are willing to crew. Please accept them and treat them well – you never know which one might become our newest member.

Jim Kincaid has shown interest in taking a young adult group out crewing. That is an opportunity to take young, enthusiastic novices out and have a great time.

The Deiter Junge Offshore Race is very much in question. Stay tuned for further announcements. Check the race calendar for other races in May.

Thanks to **Priscilla Richardson**, Ricky's wife, for putting up with us for another weekend. As for **Ricky** (OA) and our **Commodore Russ Myers** (PRO), they did a great in pulling off the Spindletop regatta in windy conditions. Let's not forget the SS&PS for providing mark set boats and entertainment. I still haven't figured out what "FLIP the FLOP" means, but the crawfish was good.

That's it -- see you on the line.

*How little do the landmen know
Of what we sailors feel,
When waves do mount and winds do blow!
But we have hearts of steel.*

–The Sailor's Resolution

Cruising

Mike Wise

May is upon us, and the sailing on the lake has been great. We have had great wind in the last month. Hopefully it will continue into this month.

The good news is we have two cruises on the calendar this month; the bad news is we may not have any place to dock when we get there. After speaking with the folks at the Contraband Days office, it appears that Lake Charles may be overrun with boaters. All marinas are expecting a crowd. Most are already near capacity or don't take in transient boaters. The bright side is that we may have a destination up the river near our old PAYC East. At this time I am waiting to hear if that is an option. Shell Island is once again a possible destination. The island has been pretty much cleared of vegetation, but it appears to be clear of barges as well. I am hoping to have all the information together soon.

Now for the next cruise with no place to stay: the Deiter Junge Race/Cruise to Galveston on Memorial Day Weekend. Once again we have a great trip with no place to stay on arrival (well, no place with cushy amenities). Galveston Yacht Basin is still doing repairs from Ike and has only about 18 slips for transients. The other option is to drop the hook out of the ICW and call it a night. A few ideas were tossed about at the General Meeting, such as doing a race half way to Galveston and back and staying in Sabine Pass for the night or doing an 18-Mile Light run and again making Sabine Pass the overnight destination. The Sabine Pass Marina rates are \$36.00 a night for 30 amp services and \$45.00 a night for 50 amp service, with plenty of room. It's not Galveston, but they have space, BBQ areas, power, water and hot showers. Decisions on where and when will be decided at the Skippers' Meeting on May 27.

That's it for another month. Until next month, keep on cruisin'...

From the Secretary's Desk

Ricky Richardson (409-882-4847)

Spindletop Regatta was a big success, thanks to support from many. Thanks to **Russ Myers** and **Paul Vera** for running the race courses. Without their support, this event would not happen. Russ did an excellent job as PRO, making some tough weather-related calls. Everyone appreciated the Race Committee's persistence in setting the course Saturday after the clouds and lightning passed. Two races were sailed in heavy air Saturday afternoon, and three were sailed before noon on Sunday. **Mike and Deena Gill** provided the Race Committee boat, and **Ronnie Gremillion** and **Rusty** from SS&PS provided chase boats. **Linda** from Texas City Dyke YC worked with the Race Committee crew, and **Betty Reah** from San Antonio helped on the chase boat. It was comforting to know that we had enough volunteers to assist capsized boats and set up courses quickly.

SS&PS hosted the Redneck Wedding weekend, and a great time was had by all. If you weren't able to make this event, plan to come next year. The SS&PS is willing to make this an annual joint venture, and our hopes are that it will grow as word spreads. The SS&PS was out in full force and cleaned the clubhouse before and after the event. I look forward to working with them next year.

The PIC approved Phase 1 of the marina rebuild. Piling removal and bulkhead repairs have begun. The PI Marina Committee met with the PAYC Marina Committee. PAYC asked to keep the area in front of the clubhouse clear for our Junior Sailing Program and to retain the hoist and screen house areas. The PIC was open and granted every request; to me, this confirms their intention to keep PAYC on PI. Thanks to **Jimmy Dike** for getting Miracle Beach cleaned up for our Spindletop Regatta on short notice; this was much appreciated by our guests.

Please send agenda items to secretary@payc.us. It helps speed up our meetings.

Flip-to-Flop Weekend/Spindletop Regatta – A SS&PS/PAYC Success

Songa Gremillion, PAYC Social Chairperson and SS&PS Commodore

The Sabine Sail & Power Squadron would like to thank the Port Arthur Yacht Club for the cooperation between our clubs to present the Regatta and the Redneck Wedding weekend.

Commodore Russ and **Paul Vera** were great to work with and a special thanks goes to you. Several of the SS&PS members helped with chase boats during the races and joined with PAYC members to feed everyone during the weekend. A special thanks goes to **Ricky Richardson**, who cooked spaghetti, salad, and bread for the Friday night meal (which just kept on giving for Saturday lunch) and Sunday lunch. Ricky is a member of both clubs, so we are both blessed to have him and his wife **Priscilla** as members. **D J Page** and “**Uncles**,” along with **Ricky Reese** and **Lucy Leger** prepared some mighty fine crawfish! Everyone was helping everyone which made the weekend a success!!

We will start our PAYC “Light the Pit” socials on Saturday evenings beginning Apr 24 around 1700. Please, wives, come out and support this! This is a trial period to see if the members are interested. It can be a success, but only if **YOU** participate. Just bring something to throw on the pit and a snack of sorts. We have the clubhouse, so let’s use it.

See you on the water!



Message for Boats on C & D Fingers

The marina reconstruction project is controlled by the contractors, and with very little notice PAYC boats on C must be moved by May 8 and boats on D must be moved by May 14. The Mariner’s Cove Homeowners’ Association has offered dock space; however, the property owner must approve the docking. Email **George Broussard** at islandtime@gt.rr.com for property owner contact information. Contact **Pat O’Quinn** at 782-4098 or **Ricky Richardson** at 882-4847 for the Mariner’s Cove gate code. A second option is the Sabine Pass Port Authority (971-2411).

‘Bout Time, the PAYC chase boat, is available to tow boats into Mariner’s Cove if needed. Please don’t delay – move boats ASAP!



Junior Sailing

Paul Vera – 409-363-3898 (cell)

It's camp time again. Junior Sailing Camp 2010 will be held on Jun 25 (Fri) – Jun 28 (Mon). It will be a sleep-over camp, but it will be segregated and well supervised. I will post registration forms shortly.

As for boats, we have nine club Optimist Prams, one personal Optimist Pram, one Flying Scott Junior, five Lasers (only three ready for this year), and six Minifish/Sunfish (only one ready for this year). The Minifish/Sunfish are the boats in most need of parts. We as a club need to put money into getting the other 5 boats ready to go. In May I will request funds for the following to finish the pram rebuilding project necessitated by Hurricane Ike.

Hull repairs	\$200.00
Sail repairs	50.00
Misc lines and rigging	300.00
5 rudders (Minifish/Sunfish)	500.00
3 daggerboards	300.00
5 tillers and extensions	540.00
5 rudder cheeks	333.90
5 rudder springs	64.55
5 rudder spring posts	27.50
3 sprits	222.00
1 Laser daggerboard	285.00
5 Minifish sails	1,220.00
5 sets tiller straps	189.60
4 sets Sunfish sail rings	47.92
TOTAL	\$4,280.47

That should do it for now.

Navigation is that excellent art which demonstrateth by infallible conclusions, how a sufficient ship may bee conducted the shortest good way from place to place.

–John Davis

Minutes for April 13, 2010

Board Attendees: Russ Myers, Paul Vera, Jim Pearson, Ricky Richardson, Art Lynd, **Mike Wise**, Larry Lognion, Pat O'Quinn

Member Attendees: Gene Kohrman, Alan Aldredge, Britt Hartford, Ronnie and Songa Gremillion, Mark Feeney, Bob Brammer, Ted Mahavier, William Nickel, Charles Seat, Mike Vaughn

Treasurer's Report: (Email secretary@payc.us.)

Harbormaster: Gene Kohrman will be working on an updated copy of slip assignments.

Membership: Britt Hartford is in good standing.

Racing: Olympic #1 is Apr 24. Thursday night races continue. Spindletop was a great success. Russ Myers, Paul Vera, Johnny Otto, and Mike and Deena Gill helped with racing.

Junior Sailing: Paul Vera will produce an itemized list of equipment needed for Junior Sailing Camp for consideration at the May meeting. Volunteers are needed Jun 25–28 for the Junior Sailing Camp.

Cruising: Mike Wise reported a Contraband Skippers' Meeting on Apr 29 after the TNS race. Contraband is May 1–2. The Dieter Junge Skippers' Meeting is May 27 after the TNS race. Departure for the Galveston Race/Cruise is May 29.

House & Grounds: The motion to allocate no more than \$2500.00 for air conditioning repairs passed.

The swing set and yard arm will be welded.

The purchase of the FOB reader was tabled.

Socials: Songa Gremillion reported that Light the Pit begins Saturday, Apr 24 at 1600. The charcoal pit will be lit and members are encouraged to come join in the social and throw some meat on the grill.

Old Business: There was a discussion of the air conditioning vent in the women's restroom.

New Business: The 2010 Treasure Hunt will be held Jun 5. More information is forthcoming.

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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, May 11, 2010, 7:00 p.m., PAYC Clubhouse
Board Meeting immediately follows the General Meeting.

Request a 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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