

PAYC MAINSHEET

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Commodore's Corner

Commodore Russ Myers

The repairs on the marina are progressing nicely. All of the sheeting has been installed; walers have been installed on rows A-E; tie back rods have been connected to the walers on rows A-C; and the concrete bulkhead cap has been poured on row A. Phase One, to be completed in a couple of months, includes the electrical infrastructure; Phase Two will include connectivity to at least rows A-D.

The annual Commodore's Picnic will be held at the clubhouse on Sun, 04-Jul. PAYC will provide the meat. Those attending are requested to bring a vegetable, salad, or dessert. Food will be served around 1700. A band will perform, games are being planned by Songa, and a fireworks display will be provided by the City of Port Arthur.

All members who have a boat moored along the bulkheads in Mariner's Cove need to keep an eye on the Gulf and tropics. I am in Tennessee right now and have been watching Invest93 all week. Members must move their boats out of Mariner's Cove when the Homeowners' Association notifies us to do so, so start making plans now.

Hope to see you on the water!

Commodore's Picnic

Sunday, 04-Jul

Social and Games from 1400 to 1600

Dinner between 1600 and 1700

Band and Fireworks Display Afterwards

Don't miss it!



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JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jul 1,8,15,22,29 - Thursday Night Race Series #5
- Jul 4 - Commodore's Picnic with Games, Band, Food, and Fireworks
- Jul 13 - Membership and Board Meetings
- Jul 24 - Moonlight Race #3

Racing

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Racing has been rip-roaring success in more ways than one. We have had a great month of sailing. The winds have been perfect. All you have to do is make sure you have the right set of sails up.

The June Thursday Night Races have ended with Russ Myers, Paul Vera, Ken Ruddy, and Martin Novich competing and finishing in that order for the racers. After one highly contested race among the cruisers, the older brother outdid the younger brother - Art Lynd bested Greg Lynd.

The article is short this month due to Junior Sailing Camp. Check the calendar for July racing events.

Celebrate our Independence!



Reflections on the 2010 PAYC

Treasure Hunt

Art Lynd

Mother Nature threatened at first but was quite pleasant for our treasure hunters. Ten knot winds and scattered clouds made for pleasant sailing.

One map was randomly drawn by five teams to find the booty. Four teams were given maps to a clue that gave only the GPS coordinates to the treasure; one team had the real detailed map to the treasure. Also there was one rogue pirate, (Ricky R. our PAYC secretary), aboard a Hobie Cat. His mission was to wreak havoc. His cat was so fast that he could be on your vessel before you knew it. Because he had no crew, firing his giant water balloon sling shot was a challenge and resulted in self destruction. He flipped his catamaran on its side. With a mutiny from another vessel, he acquired one crew member, and together they fulfilled his mission of getting everyone soaked.

Meanwhile the best dressed pirate went to **Donovan and Amanda Garrett's 11 year old daughter, Chloe**. This gave them a 5 minute head start and a good jump on the other 4 teams.

The first team was ***Butter side up* with Captain Mike Taggart, Rosie, Daniel, and Wes**. After Daniel and Wes top-sided their dinghy, they collected their clue and re-boarded *Butter side up*. Then they all headed north to find the treasure.

The second team aboard ***Faith* consisted of Captain Greg, first mate Ruth, and crew Bryce, Blake, Chris and Taylor**. As they approached the destination on their map, the young men quickly swarmed the beach at Garrison Ridge only to find a clue to the treasure as well. After a slight delay of getting stuck in the shallows, Captain Greg sailed his crew north to find the real treasure.

Meanwhile, a mile north of Captain Greg, **Captain Donovan** (5 minute head start) and crew aboard *Nereid* were anchored and searching for the

treasure. After a slight delay due to some local fishermen on site, a clue to the treasure was found. As they pulled up anchor to head north, *Faith* went flying by.

The fourth team with **Captain Jim and Captain Sara Pearson** aboard *Wenonah* fended off and out-manuevered *Eastwind* to their map destination. At one time, they doubled back while on route and found a bottle floating but no clue. Turns out it had a line with a live fish swimming around in it.

The fifth crew was on *Eastwind*. They were the last to get to the treasure area but seemed to be the best armed. **Captain Morgan, Steve, Julie, Darryl, and Gary** were closing in on their objective (which you know by now is the actual treasure), when a kayak and a flag came out of the marsh heading for the *Faith*. It turned out that **Captain Greg** and team beat *Eastwind* to the treasure. **Captain Morgan** and his wild bunch were just a little too slow.

Meanwhile, all of the boats were closing in and the battles began. As **Captain Greg** and crew headed for the GPS destination to claim the key and unlock the treasure box, they got nailed by **Jim and Sara** on *Wenonah*. But *Wenonah* failed to retrieve the prize. Then the "rogue pirate" and his awesome balloon gunner attacked and tricked *Faith* to lower their sail. The rogue pirates refused the booty so *Faith* moved on. But before she could escape, **Captain Donovan** and crew nailed *Faith* and ended up being the victors of the day.

The pirate teams rafted together in the lake, the key was handed over, and the chest was opened. Water balloons continued to fly, and a final sail ended the camaraderie of the day. Gift prizes were handed out later that evening back at the PAYC clubhouse.

Everyone had a great time and stated that they look forward to next year's event.

(See photos on p. 4)

Flotsam and Jetsam

Carolyn Worsham

- Do you have anything you'd like to share via the *Mainsheet*? As many of you know, I work in VA most of each month, so I'm not really up on what's happening around the club. If you have something to share, please send it to me at mainsheet@payc.us. Without your input, you only get what I choose to print!
- **The Gossip Circuit:** I heard that **Rick Hughes** sold his J/80. Rick, I hope that doesn't mean you're getting out of sailing – PAYC would certainly miss you!
- **Worsham Offspring Sailing Update:** **Bill** (the younger) aboard *Vitesse*, a Swan 42, came in 3rd by a nose at the NYYC regatta in June. Bill was invited back for a second regatta next weekend. The other two Worsham offspring – **Brad** and **Kim** – leave SF for Kaneohe, HI, on Tue, 06–Jun. Follow *Tikij's* route live at www.pacficcup.org via a link to the tracking software.
- If your boat is docked in Mariner's Cove, be sure you have provided Ricky Richardson with contact information and are prepared to move your boat on short notice. Hurricane Alex's potential was enough to get the attention of at least one Mariner's Cove resident!
- Please send agenda items for the general or board meetings to secretary@payc.us. While not required, it helps speed up the meetings.

Junior Sailing

Paul Vera – 409-363-3898 (cell)

PAYC Junior Sailing Camp 2010 came about in spite of no access to the water from the clubhouse due to marina construction. We used Miracle Beach to launch boats and took advantage of **Francis Bodin's** offer to use his house as a base for basin sailing activities. I will have a full report in the next *Mainsheet*. (See p. 5 for a photo of the campers.)

Cruising

Mike Wise

Summer is officially here, and the temperature has been reflecting that!

The Memorial Day Weekend cruise was cancelled due to several factors. The Moonlight Race/Cruise #2 during Junior Sailing Camp has not happened yet, so I will have information on that next month.

Coming up this month is Moonlight Race/Cruise #3 on 24–Jul. The days are hot, but the nights are much cooler.

Speaking of hot, coming up in August – yes August, the hottest month of the year – is the Beaumont Riverfront Park cruise. Typical of August weather, it's a hot trip up the Neches but the destination is well worth the trip. A fun night out on Crockett Street with good food, cold beverages, and good friends makes you forget the heat of the day.

That's it for another month. Keep on cruising...

What is a Waler?

Carolyn Worsham

Russ's article mentioned that walers had been installed in the marina. Waler wasn't in my vocabulary, so I found these definitions for new docks that were built in Bay Shore, NY.

The docks are constructed of:

- **pilings** – the vertical structural members that connect the dock to the bay bottom;
- **walers** – the structural ribs connecting the pilings to each other and to the sheeting;
- **sheeting** – the facing on the exterior vertical portions of the dock;
- **joists and girders** – the cross members that support the decking;
- **decking** – the part of the dock on which we walk;
- **sand** – with which the dock is filled to provide lateral strength and stability.:

And now you and I both know what a waler is!

From the Secretary's Desk

Ricky Richardson, Secretary and Club Race Officer

This year has really been going fast: the bulkheads are starting to look good, the sailing has been good, and the heat of the summer is upon us. Hurricane season is at our door, and we are developing a hurricane plan for the boats in Mariner's Cove. The Homeowner's Association has welcomed us with an outstretched arm in our time of a slipless marina, and we should work closely with them to ensure that their needs are met. It's imperative that we have accurate records of boats and their owners who are PAYC members and have their rigs moored in Mariner's Cove. You should have received an email concerning this need, and I appreciate your responses. If you haven't given me your current information, please do so quickly so that we can have accurate contact information should a hurricane approach our shores.

I had an excellent time at the recent Treasure Hunt. **Art Lynd and Annette** really put on a quality event for us this year. I had the opportunity to get my boat on the island for this occasion, and I think a good time was had by all who attended. Annette was commandeered to jump on my boat with me (it seems she needed some righting experience), so we practiced that a few times before we got down to serious business of creating havoc. Annette was at the gun, and she succeeded in turning over the possession of the treasure. Thanks for your help, Art and Annette. I couldn't have handled this by myself.

Rennie Ihle and I just competed in the Texas Dash race from Surfside to Galveston. The race was 33.2 miles in light air, and Rennie was able to pull out a second place trophy for us. You can see more details about the race at www.gt300.com. This is a yearly event, and it seems to be growing. We had 23 boats on the Dash this year with 11 entrants in the Great Texas 300, a 300 mile race up the Texas Coastline over a four day period.

Please Don't Procrastinate!

Invoices for dues for the second half of 2010 will arrive shortly. For the health of our club, please respond promptly. Expenses for the PAYC clubhouse and programs continue in spite of the challenges presented by the ongoing (but welcomed) marina construction.

2010 Treasure Hunt



Minutes for June 8, 2010

Board Attendees: Russ Myers, Paul Vera, Jim Pearson, Ricky Richardson, Art Lynd, Larry Lognion, Paul Morgan, Chuck Devenzio

Member Attendees: Ronnie and Songa Gremillion

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

Membership: Scott Bryson resigned with regret due to college commitments for his kids. Scott spent time around the clubhouse and sailing, and he looks forward to the time when he can return.

Racing: Thursday Night races have continued and there will be 4 races slated for June. There will tentatively be a moonlight race during Junior Sailing Camp.

Junior Sailing: Junior Sailing Camp is scheduled for Jun 25–28. **Paul Vera** is soliciting volunteers. **John Ardoin and Butch Neely** saved the club a good deal of money on rudders and dagger boards for our Prams. The price for camp was set at \$100.00 for members and \$125.00 for non members.

Paul stated the Junior Sailing Camp would be "Simplistically Fluid."

House & Grounds: **Russ Myers and Alan Aldredge** worked on the attic ducting to get the clubhouse cooled down for the heat of the summer. There was a circuit board replaced on the big unit, and we now have a cool clubhouse.

If you would like to help with repairs around the grounds, look for a list on the board and help scratch some of the items off the list.

Sam Showalter brought a stack of sailing magazines to the clubhouse and they are located under the trophy case for your enjoyment.

Randy Palmero donated an old navigational chart to the clubhouse, and you should see it proudly displayed in the near future.

Socials: **Songa Gremillion** discussed some of the plans for our Commodore's Picnic. The games

should start around 1400, and we should eat around 1700. There are competitive activities scheduled to help pass the day away, so come on out and get on a team.

Old Business: *'Bout Time* is getting repaired, thanks to **Ronnie Gremillion**.

New Business: The Homeowners' Association in Mariner's Cove has asked for a Hurricane Plan for the boats moored in Mariner's Cove. We are attempting to gather information for a plan and need your assistance. If you have a boat in Mariner's Cove and haven't notified the secretary, please do so.

A motion was introduced to invite the residents in Mariner's Cove to the Commodore's Picnic. It was approved unanimously.

Junior Sailors and Marina Construction



(Marina Construction as of 29-Jun-10)

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Motto

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Board of Directors:

Larry Lognion, Paul Morgan, Pat O'Quinn, Mike Wise,
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Trustees:

Ken Rutty and Steve Swanson

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

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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, July 13, 2010, 7:00 p.m., PAYC Clubhouse
Board Meeting immediately follows the General Meeting.

Request a PAYC Roster:

Email roster@payc.us.

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