

PAYC MAINSHEET

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Commodore's Corner

Commodore Russ Myers

There's not much activity at the clubhouse during the rebuilding of the marina. We did have the Commodore's Picnic on Jul 4. The briskets and chickens were cooked by club member **Ricky Richardson**, and they were delicious. **Songa Gremillion** and helpers decorated the clubhouse for the celebration. Songa also introduced the guests to some very fun and interesting games. We invited the Mariner's Cove homeowners in appreciation for allowing PAYC members to moor our boats to their bulkheads. Everybody in attendance seemed to have good time. (See photos on p. 3)

As per my last email (see p. 2) we had a meeting with several PIC commissioners on Jul 27, 2010. We discussed slip fees, the possibility of a new long term lease agreement, where we could locate our two storage containers, and the location of the boat hoist for the club powerboat. I feel it was a very productive first meeting.

With the progress of the construction in the marina, this time next month we might be able to moor our boats on "A" row; however, there will be no water or electricity available until Phase Two. At this time the Phase Two contract has not been awarded.

I want to personally thank **Carolyn Worsham** for accepting the job of the *Mainsheet* editor. In my opinion, she has not received enough recognition for the excellent job she has done. Great job, Carolyn!

Hope to see you on the water!



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AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Aug 1, 15, 29 - Olympic Race Series #2
- Aug 10 - Membership and Board Meetings
- Aug 28 - Beaumont Riverfront Cruise

Racing

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Check the calendar - we are done with our Thursday night racing. **Commodore Russ Myers** has won the series of races, but they have been very close. In the cruising fleet, the Lynd brothers, **Art and Greg**, have been fighting it out for line honors.

The Olympic Race Series begins soon. Race #1 of the three-race series is scheduled for Sun, Aug 1. Skippers' meetings will be held at 1400. The dates for the series races are Aug 1, 15, and 29.

Russ and I are putting the old Olympic marks back in place, and it is a tough job. I hope to see you out on the lake quick and sweet.

Welcome Aboard!

Bob Williamson is PAYC's newest member. He owns a Columbia 29 and has 15 years of sailing experience. Bob is interested in cruising and social events.

Flotsam and Jetsam

Carolyn Worsham

- Have you seen the video of Jimmy Buffet's live performance of *When the Coast is Clear*? If you haven't, search it out. It's an emotional reminder of the impact of the oil spill on the lives of people of the Gulf Coast. I caught it on CMT (television), but a poor quality version can also be viewed at www.margaritaville.com.
- **PacCup Update: Kim Worsham, husband Scott Dickinson, and brother Brad Worsham** placed 4th in Division B of the 2010 Pacific Cup, a 2070 mile race from San Francisco to Kaneohe, HI. Touted as the "fun race to Hawaii" because of the expected favorable winds and currents, PacCup 2010 didn't exactly live up to its billing. For five days the winds were lighter than desired; for the remainder of the race there was more wind from the wrong direction than anyone wanted. *Tiki J* finished the race in 13 days. There was much praise for the J/42's performance in the less-than-desirable conditions, and the crew is already making plans for future races. (*Editor's Note – Similar to childbirth, you must tend to forget how bad it was at times once it's over!*) Incidentally, *Tiki J* flew both the Coyote Point and PAYC burgees at the start and finish (see photos in the next column).
- 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.
- Please send agenda items for the general or board meetings to secretary@payc.us. While not required, it helps speed up the meetings.

PAYC invoices will arrive shortly. Please respond promptly. Expenses and programs continue in spite of the challenges presented by the ongoing (but welcomed) marina construction.

Letter from Commodore Russ Myers

(Sent to PAYC members via email on Wed, Jul 28)

Hello everyone,

Tonight Paul Vera, Ricky Richardson, Pat O'Quinn, and I had a meeting with PIC Commissioners David Albright, Ricky Reese, and Craig Stark, and PIC Director Jimmy Dike. We discussed the possibility of extending our lease agreement and what we thought would be reasonable slip fees. John Ardoin contacted several marinas along the Gulf Coast and produced a list of amenities and the cost to rent a slip for a 30' sailboat. We gave the list to the commissioners and they agreed to look at the fees those marinas were charging and possibly reduce their projected slip fees.

I felt the meeting was very productive. Both sides discussed their goals for the future. There should be another meeting in a couple of weeks to discuss these issues in more detail.

Several PAYC members have made phone calls to the Port Arthur City Council members and the mayor voicing their outrage at the proposed slip fees. I ask all members to refrain from calling any City of Port Arthur official. I feel it is very counterproductive to our discussions at this time.

Russ Myers, PAYC Commodore

PacCup 2010 – J/42 *Tiki J* Crew



PacCup 2010 – *Tiki J* flying the PAYC burgee

Junior Sailing

Paul Vera – 409-363-3898 (cell)

It was a logistic nightmare to move the sailing camp to Miracle Beach, our base of operation. The new floating dock was transferred to the middle of the basin and became a great platform for teaching boat docking and storage. Every evening we packed all the boats we sailed that day onto it.

As usual the food was great, and there was plenty of it. We had our largest turn-out of volunteers who took vacation days to help us with the kids. We had 8 kids, ranging from 7 –15. **Kaylen Vera** showed up to give the kids a few pointers on the Laser Radials. I really got to know this group.



Austin (7) – very funny; well spoken for his age; has a ways to go to learn how to sail a Opti, but he is young and in time will become a very good sailor

Emma (9) – straight-faced, but when she smiled it would light up the room; first time sailor; fearless; tried to sail by herself; in time she will become a good sailor; sleeps like a rock – turn the lights out and she is among the first to go to sleep

Bryan (13) – old school sailor; fourth year camper; moved to Sunfish; handled the boat very well; became our first medical case with an ankle cut

Kody (14) – new sailor; first time on a Minifish; fast learner; one of the first to jump off Francis's deck; picked up sailing very fast

Caroline (14) – probably the most improved sailor; hardly had any problems getting around in her Sunfish; very mature – when I asked for some help, she was the first to volunteer

Madoline (14) – new sailor; caught on very fast; was soon sailing her Minifish with ease; very limber – put her ankle behind her ear to show her blister

Hunter (15) – second year sailor; Laser Radial sailor; had the most fun out of all; look forward to seeing him on the Radial; sails with ease and confidence

Bryant (15) – fourth year sailor; has two race weeks under his belt; by far the best sailor of the bunch; nice to see him grow into a very good sailor; first year to sail the Laser Radial the whole camp; appeared to have a really good time

As you can see, we had a good group of kids – possibly the best yet. Once again we had a great group of adults. Thank you for all your help with junior sailing – from cooking, to teaching, to cleaning up messes, to building rudders/dagger boards, to rigging and storing boats, to loaning video equipment, and to actually running the kids in the morning.

2010 Commodore's Picnic



Cruising

Mike Wise

August and the heat are upon us. If we can just keep those pesky hurricanes away a little longer, we will have made it through another season.

We have one of the best cruises of the year coming up on Jul 28, the trip to Beaumont's Riverfront Park and Crockett Street. It is a long steamy trip up the Neches to Beaumont, but worth the perspiration at the destination. If you are planning on making the trip or even considering it, please let me know so we can get the security lined up. I am definitely planning on making the trip this year and hope to have a few boats make the cruise. This is one that we know we will have a place to dock when we get there! Even if you don't cruise up by boat, you can always make the drive. The Skippers' Meeting will be held Friday, Jul 27, at 1800 in the clubhouse.

We are winding down the year with only one more cruise and a moonlight run slated on the calendar – one cruise in September and one in October.

Let's talk about the Sep 4–6 Labor Day Weekend 18–Mile Light run and overnight stay/social at the Sabine Pass Port Authority Marina. They should have some transient slips available, but it is fast filling up and becoming PAYC South. It is only \$36.00 a night with power and water. With unrestricted access to the lake, there is no excuse not to head out to the Gulf for a cruise and then rock Sabine Pass!

I know it has been a rough time for us the last couple of years, but let's take this year out with some good times and fun cruises. These are some of my favorite cruises because they are short, close to home, not a lot of work, and a whole lot of fun – the complete list of reasons I'm a "cruiser!"

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

Mitigating Oil Damage

Condensed from *Sailing*, July 2010

It will be years before the full effects of the oil spill will be understood, but sailors can take steps now to protect their boats. The best solution is to have it hauled out. It is not clear whether BP will cover the cost, so contact your insurance provider first.

BoatUS recommends common sense actions including closing all sea cocks and not running the engine or other equipment that uses seawater intakes, such as refrigeration or AC. Keep the contaminated water outside the boat.

Interlux and Awlgrip note that the antifouling coating may become "blocked," preventing the biocide from being released and causing premature fouling. Pettit notes that if a boat has had contact with the spill for two weeks, it's likely the oil has penetrated the antifouling paint.

For fiberglass boats with heavily contaminated bottom paints, paint makers recommend using a paint stripper to remove all the pollution and the paint down to the gelcoat or barrier coat, scrubbing the substrate using a solvent or detergent, and rinsing with clean water. The hull is clean when water cascades off the surface with no beading or separating. Sanding or sand blasting the bottom paint is not recommended as it may drive the oil into the surface.

For boats that only have a light coating of oil, paint companies recommend power washing the hull with a 2,200–psi minimum, using a household detergent with water or paint thinner to remove any pollution, sanding with 80–grit paper, and rinsing thoroughly.

Regardless of the method used, contact your boatyard or marina to ensure the contaminated wastewater and cleaning materials are collected in accordance with local and federal guidelines.

Minutes for July 13, 2010

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

Member Attendees:

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

Membership: Bob Williamson was approved unanimously for membership. Bob owns a 29' Columbia and has 15 years sailing experience, including a voyage in the Gulf of Mexico. Bob is interested in cruising and socials.

Harbor Master: Slip assignments for the new marina were discussed.

Racing: July was the last month of the Thursday night series. In August races are slated for every other Sunday with Skippers' Meetings at 1400. The 18-Mile Light Race will be Sep 4. The Island Cup Regatta is Sep 8 with the Skippers' Meeting at 1000.

Junior Sailing: Paul Vera reported on the success of the Junior Sailing Camp and extended his gratitude to all the volunteers that contributed to its success.

House & Grounds: Paul Morgan stated we need a new water heater. There are also boat lift issues that need to be addressed. There was discussion about taking the lift down and getting the hoist repaired.

Russ reported the air conditioner is operational in the TV room.

Ducting for woman's restroom needs to be addressed.

Mike Wise was nominated to investigate shades for the clubhouse windows to help reduce heat.

Cruising: The Beaumont Riverfront cruise is Aug 28. Contact Mike Wise if you plan to attend. A Work Day/Cruise is scheduled for Sep 25.

Socials: The clubhouse has been approved and reserved for a wedding/reception on Sept 18.

Sabine Sail and Power Squadron has opened an invitation to a Poker Run that will be scheduled sometime in September. Details will follow.

Safety: No report

Old Business: The Mariner's Cove Homeowner's Association asked PAYC for a hurricane policy in writing. We are in the process of compiling a list of boats in Mariners Cove.

After discussion it was agreed that our policy will state that within 72 hours of a projected landfall for Sabine Lake we will post an evacuation notice to the boat owners. At 48 hours boat owners will be responsible for moving their boats out of Mariner's Cove.

New Business: None

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Motto

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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, Aug 10, 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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