

PAYC MAINSHEET

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Commodore's Corner

Commodore Russ Myers

Phase One construction should be complete by the end of September. I talked to Jimmy Dike on Tuesday, 24-Aug to touch base on a couple of questions I had on what was included in the Phase One contract. My first question was if any paving was included in Phase One. Jimmy said, "No paving was planned until all the slips have been completed." My next question was about reinstalling the fencing to keep the public from accessing our boats if we move to A row. Jimmy replied, "PIC has been purchasing fencing material as the money has become available, and PIC might start erecting fences in September." Jimmy also told me that PIC only has enough funding to rebuild half of the marina. Jimmy stated that at the next PIC meeting they are supposed to make a motion to award the contract for Phase Two. Since the ship unloading terminal that was to be built at the dry dock location fell through, Jimmy said that PIC was going back to FEMA for more money. Jimmy did tell Paul Vera on Friday that PIC was going to meet with the City of Port Arthur in two weeks and ask the city for the money they need to finish all the slips.

Hopefully next year we will have some affordable slips in the marina and activities at the club can return to normal.

Hope to see you on the water!

The true secrets of the sea cannot be learned upon the shore.

– Captain F. G. D. Bedford



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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sep 4 - 18-Mile Light Offshore Race/Cruise
Sep 14 - General and Board Meetings
Sep 18 - Island Cup Olympic Regatta #3
Sep 25 - Work Day and After-Work-Day Cruise

Racing

Paul Vera – 409-363-3898 (cell)

The Sunday evening races have been a success. We've already run two races on the new/old Olympic course. You can find the GPS coordinates on the racing website. The 18-mile Light offshore race is coming up on 04-Sep. The Skippers' Meeting will be held on Sunday, 28-Aug, at 1400.

One of our Junior Sailing "bad boys" has shown up on *Bonnie Blue* and had a great time. Dare I say his name is Andrew Richard? It gave me a good feeling to see a young person for the PAYC Junior Sailing Program still in love with sport of sailing.

And yes, the marina is still under construction.

Look at the calendar for upcoming races.

Whenever your preparations for sea are poor, the sea worms its way in and finds the problems.

– Francis Stokes

Flotsam and Jetsam

Carolyn Worsham

- **Thetford Eco-Smart Formaldehyde-Free Holding Tank Deodorant** received raves in *The Ensign* (Summer 2010). It's environmentally sound and effectively controls odor, decreases waste materials, and maintains a clean holding tank. Amazon.com and Blue Water Marine (\$13.49 for 36 oz.; \$18.27 for 64 oz.) have it online, and the Thetford website lists Lloyd's Trailer Park in Port Neches as a local dealer.
- **How can the Worshams thank the Gills?** Mike and Deena Gill's boat is docked behind the Worsham's house in Mariner's Cove while the marina is being rebuilt. When Mike and Deena arrived on Saturday, 21-Aug, for an afternoon sail on their boat, they discovered that a toilet pipe in the house had burst and flooded the first floor. When Bill arrived on Sunday morning (after a 48-hour round trip aboard *Grand Cru* to participate in the GBCA Single-Hander's Race on Galveston Bay), he found they had turned off the water and cleaned up all of the damage. Wow! Thank you, thank you, Mike and Deena!
- 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 were recently mailed. Please respond promptly. PAYC expenses and programs continue in spite of the challenges presented by the ongoing (but welcomed) marina improvements.

Texas Registration Requirements

<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us>

The following vessels when on Texas public water are required to have current registration, including when docked, moored, or stored.

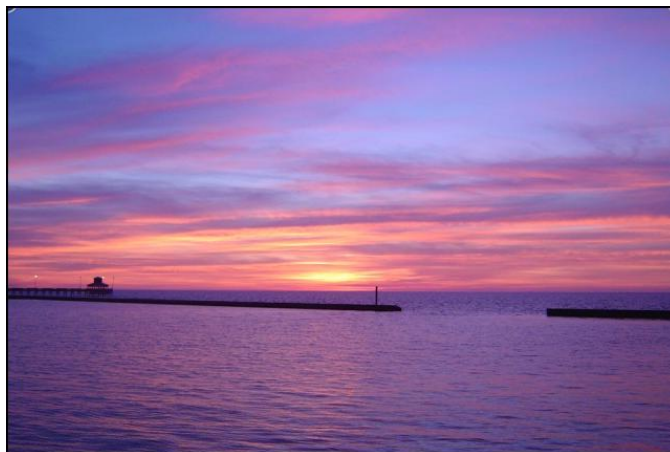
- All motorized boats, regardless of length;
- All sailboats 14 feet in length or longer or any sailboat with an auxiliary engine; and
- USCG Documented vessels (Vessel Form PWD 143, current USCG Documentation Certificate or copy; verification of sales tax payment or proof that purchase date was more than four years prior; and payment of registration fee)

Exempted vessels — All (non-motorized) canoes, kayaks, punts, rowboats, or rubber rafts (regardless of length) when paddled, poled, or oared and sailboats under 14 feet in length when windblown.

Registration Fees (based on boat length):

- Less than 16 feet — \$32.00
- 16 feet but less than 26 feet — \$53.00
- 26 feet but less than 40 feet — \$110.00
- 40 feet or more — \$150.00

Sunrise Over Lake Sabine



Highlights from 1980+ Mainsheets

Compiled by Carolyn Worsham

As I mentioned a couple of months ago, Bill found a stack of *Mainsheets* from the 1980s when he retired from LSC. Reading them was great fun.

The 1980s were heydays for the PAYC. The roster included some 232 families; Sunday afternoon races regularly attracted 25 boats in NA-23, CAL-20, Cruiser, and Handicap classes; monthly meetings included educational programs; the junior sailing program took wings with as many as 18 PAYC youngsters in an afternoon race series; well-attended monthly socials including cook-offs and crawfish races were held; two-week summer cruises attracted 8-10 boats that went as far south as Corpus Christi, and there was so much activity on weekends that an Officer of the Day was assigned to oversee the PAYC property.

There aren't many current members who go back that far, but those who do will remember Bob Elston, Danny Murphy, Dieter Junge, Fred Switzer, Dennis Warren, Weldon Denbo, Pete Auer, Gordon Thibodeaux, Jack Fox, Don Howard, Wallace Barbay, Kyle Preston, Raymond Singletary, Fred Hebert, Charles Peterson, Stan Killian, Russ Hawkins, Joe Fitzgerald, Jack Painton, and a host of others (most of whom had an active wife as First Mate).

Lots has changed since then – we have experienced more hurricanes than we deserved, the marina deterioration has reduced the number of slips available to PAYC members, many of those who were active in the 80s have since moved, “aged-out,” or passed away; and the economy has impacted the ability for many in our area (and other areas as well) to find the surplus funds for hobbies. What is the future for PAYC? The PAYC Clubhouse is a great facility for gathering, and we will soon have a new marina with amenities. Getting back to a roster size of 232 might be a pipe dream, but the future for PAYC is bright. It's up to each of us to “sell” what we have to others. Let's do it!

Cruising

Mike Wise

Ahh, September! It reminds us that cooler weather is just around the corner. I think most of us are ready for a break from the heat and humidity. September also means several other things, like hopefully we have made it through another H-word season successfully and that our cruising calendar for the year is almost at the end.

We start this month early on Labor Day weekend with the 18 Mile Light Race/Cruise. Then it's back to the PAYC South, er Sabine Pass Port Authority Marina for an evening of food, beverages, and good friends. Last I checked it is \$36.00 a night with power and water. With the nice new bridge, lake access is a breeze (pun intended!). I am hoping to have the cruising skippers' meeting in conjunction with the racers' meeting. I'm thinking it's 03-Sep at 1800. Watch your email for updates.

Our last cruising event for the year is Moonlight Race/Cruise #4 on 23-Oct.

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

First Aid Kit Rx

Condensed from *The Ensign*, Summer 2010

Before heading out make sure you have a well-stocked medical kit and are competent in CPR.

A basic first aid kit should be packed in a watertight container and include the following supplies for stabilizing a victim until help arrives:

- Assorted bandages, gauze pads, adhesive tape, elastic roll bandages
- Aspirin, ibuprofen, salt pills, antacids, anti-seasickness and anti-vomiting medications
- Sterile dressings, instant cold packs, eyewash, antibacterial skin cleanser and ointment
- Thermometer, tweezers, scissors, blanket, finger splint, triangular sling, sterile and non-sterile gloves

Minutes for August 10, 2010

Board Attendees: Russ Myers, Paul Vera, Ricky Richardson, Mike Wise, Larry Lognion, Pat O'Quinn, Alan Aldredge

Member Attendees:

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

Membership: No report.

Harbor Master: No report.

Racing: Sunday afternoon races have begun on alternating Sundays. The 18-mile Light Race will be held on 04-Sep, and racers will meet at Sabine Pass. The Island Cup will be held on 18-Sep. The Skippers' Meeting will be at 1000.

Junior Sailing: Paul Vera discussed some conflicts with Mardi Gras and the Texas Sailing Association's Youth racing schedule. PAYC may be hosting the Youth Regatta in early March.

House & Grounds: Russ reported the air conditioner is operational in the TV room.

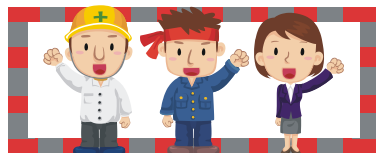
Cruising: The Beaumont Riverfront Cruise will be held 28-Aug. Let Mike Wise know if you intend to go. Skippers' Meeting is 27-Aug at 1800. The 18-Mile Light Race/Cruise will be 04-Sep. Mooring at Sabine Pass is \$36.00 overnight, and ice is 25 cents a scoop.

Socials: No report.

Safety: No report.

Old Business: None

New Business: Conrad Woodring notified the Board concerning his vacation and made arrangements for his boat to be moved out of Mariner's Cove in case there was a notice to vacate.



Happy
Labor Day!

What Does SOS Really Mean?

Condensed from an article found on *Yahoo!*

In popular usage, the letters SOS are commonly believed to be an acronym for Save Our Ship or Save Our Souls. These are termed backronyms, because they came into popular use *after* SOS went into effect. As originally intended when SOS was introduced in 1908, the letters have no meaning.

SOS is a Morse **procedural signal** or "prosign." As such, its respective letters have no inherent meaning. SOS is a signal indicating distress and the need for help, not an acronym or abbreviation.

After SOS was first used by the steamship Arapahoe in 1909 (not the Titanic in 1912), people applied their own meanings to the letters. The most popular ones are Save Our Ship and Save Our Souls.

SOS was chosen because the three dots, three dashes, three dots are easy to transmit and not easily confused with other letters by the sender or recipients. With the advent of radios on ships in the 1920s, **MAYDAY** became the International Distress Signal, but SOS served its purpose for a while.

Photo Gallery



Past Commodore Gary King with PAYC charter members Danny Murphy (deceased), John Ardoin, and Lowry Freeman (deceased) - photo taken in 1996

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Motto

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Visit us at:

[*http://payc.us*](http://payc.us)

Board of Directors:

Larry Lognion, Paul Morgan, Pat O'Quinn, Mike Wise,
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[Gene Kohrman](#) and [Paul Morgan](#)

Mainsheet/Website:

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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, Sep 14, 2010, 1900, 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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