

# PAYC MAINSHEET

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## Commodore's Corner

Commodore Russ Myers

**Marina Update:** PIC hired an electrical contractor to install electrical conduits and wire from Entergy power poles to the transformers in the marina. The contractor should be finished with the installation in a couple of weeks. At that time Entergy will begin installing and energizing the transformers. The marina should have electricity available by 01-Jan. At that time PIC will probably start charging the \$175 slip fees for PAYC members. There is still no reply from FEMA on any additional monies for the floating docks.

**November Social:** We had a social on 20-Nov at Sabine Pass, or what we now refer to as PAYC South. I had plans to sail my boat to Sabine Pass and spend the night on my boat; however, before I could get out of the basin my outboard motor quit so I had to sail back to my slip and drive to Sabine Pass. **Art Lynd** brought a portable gas grill and cooked the food that members brought. **Mike Wise** cooked red beans and rice and shared them with everybody present. **Mike and Deena Gill** sailed to Sabine Pass earlier in the day and graciously offered me a place to spend the night on their boat. Everybody that attended the social seemed to have a great time.

**Business:** At the December general meeting we will vote on not funding the capital improvement fund for 2010. Due to the decline in membership and unforeseen maintenance around the clubhouse, we do not have sufficient funds in the checking account to transfer the money to the capital improvement fund. A ballot is included on p. 2.

Hope to see you on the water!



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## DECEMBER/JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec 4 - Marvin Campbell / Jack Painton Long Distance Race #5
Dec 11 - Christmas Tree Trimming Party
Dec 14 - PAYC General and Board Meetings
Jan 1 - Marvin Campbell Long Distance Race #1
Jan - (Date TBD) 2010 PAYC Awards Banquet

## Racing

Paul Vera - 409-363-3898 (cell)

Another year of racing is about over. We have raced many races on courses where PIGs rule along with trying to get a piece of the PI.

Memories have been made. How about sailing out of Mariner's Cove and wondering how boats were going to be moved in the event of a hurricane?

No collisions occurred this year, but we did have a race that started out with the fleet actually floating over the finish line.

The New Year brings hope. I hope that in 2011 we will finally have a marina and end the political turmoil. But don't forget the catch phrases -- we will have water and electricity in two weeks, we are waiting on FEMA for more money, etc.

Check the calendar for upcoming races.

## Junior Sailing

Paul Vera – 409-363-3898 (cell)

We have begun preparations for the TSA Valentine Youth Regatta (with requested date of Feb 19-20). That means our youth regatta team is in place, but yes, we have a place for you. We will hang the floating dock on the bulk head in front of the club for launching and recovering youth sailboats. Hopefully we can raise the flag pole too. We have plenty of positions to fill from kitchen to grounds to on-the-water duties. Come on out and enjoy watching the best young sailors in Texas compete in the sport we love so much. These kids from the ages of 7 to 21 are amazing. Last year we had over 50 boats.

If there are any PAYC kids out there who want to race, please let me know so I can make sure you have a well-prepared boat. Call me at 363-3898.

## Results of Officer/Board Election

**Commodore:** Russ Myers

**Vice Commodore:** Paul Vera

**Secretary:** Ricky Richardson

**Treasurer:** Alan Aldredge

**Trustee:** Bob Brammer

**Board Member** (as Past Commodore): Art Lynd

**Board:** Mike Wise, Mark Feeney, Steve Swanson, Larry Lognion

### Capital Improvement Fund Ballot

Email: [secretary@payc.us](mailto:secretary@payc.us)

Regular Mail: 410 PI Blvd, PA 77640

In Person: 09-Nov PAYC General Meeting

Mailed ballots must include identification.

\_\_\_\_\_ I approve **not** funding the Capital Improvement Fund for 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_ Fund the Capital Improvement Fund for 2010.

## Cruising

Mike Wise

The cruising for this year has come to an end, at least those slated on the calendar.

As I said last month that doesn't mean we can't come up with something, and that we did.

On 20-Nov there was a PAYC South Dock Party Cruise. Now, only the **Gills** actually made the cruise via water, but the party had many overland cruisers present. With about 15 plus members and several of the friendly locals, the festivities started around 1800 and went on way past my bedtime! I was battling a nasty case of an early seasonal bug; however, as usual, a great time was had by all. The food was good, and the spirits were as lively as the camaraderie. Thanks to **Alan Aldredge** for hosting the party on *Odyssey*. I still don't have the pictures from this party or the last, but when I get them they will be in the *Mainsheet*. If you haven't guessed, whoever isn't at the party gets noted as the host, and everyone takes a group picture on his boat. Last time it was **Pat O'Quinn**; this time **Alan Aldredge**... who is next???? Guess we will have to plan another dock party cruise.

Things are slowly starting to come back together for cruising -- folks are getting repairs completed and ready to sail. Now if we could only get a marina from which to base things! The cruising program has continued to gain momentum. Don't let the holidays slow you down too much. A new year is approaching, and with it is another year of PAYC cruising. Be on the lookout for the new calendar, and mark off those cruising dates for the coming year. Let's keep the momentum going.

Here's wishing each and everyone Happy Holidays and a Joyous New Year!!!

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

## Open Your Bag of (Racing) Tricks

From *Sailing World* (Nov–Dec 2010) by Steve Hunt

There's no magic to doing well in sailboat races, but having a few more tricks up your sleeve than the other guy can help. Don't hide behind excuses. Look at your racing with an open mind and work on the areas that preventing you from winning.

1. Sail the boat at its optimum angle of heel. Figure out your boat's "groove angle" and steer, hike, and trim to keep the boat on that angle.
2. Do more pre-start research. Find the laylines, time the length of the line, figure out which end is favored, determine the tidal flow, etc.
3. Clearly define the roles on your boat. Discuss who will do what in all maneuvers, record it on a spreadsheet, and practice performing those roles.
4. Use tuning guides. Sailors at the back of the fleet have their own tuning matrix or none at all.
5. Accept responsibility for winning and losing. Sailing well is more fun than having to explain why you lost, over and over again.
6. Read *Sailing Smart* by Buddy Melges. It helped Steve win a national regatta – it can also help you!
7. Make sailing in clear air a top priority. If someone tacks or jibes on you, stealing your breeze, do something about it.
8. Mark your sheets. The best sailors mark their main and jib sheets so they can repeat fast settings.
9. Don't be afraid to let boats cross. If you're confident in the direction you're sailing and a duck is not too significant, the favored side gives you more gain than the small loss incurred when ducking a few feet.
10. Lead on the long tack if possible. If you are stuck in a group of boats and the other tack is becoming longer, try to be the first to tack or jibe so you are leading toward the mark.

## Tech Review – Christmas Gift Ideas

From *Sailing World* (Nov–Dec 2010) by the Editors

**Gill Race Hat:** Lightweight, breathable, and there's a mesh headband to absorb the beads when it's sweltering; no logo on front, so it makes a great team hat. \$19.95

**Rocky Socks:** The best in Gore-Tex socks; the next best thing to sea boots. \$59.99

**Petzl TIKKA XP2 Headlamp:** Lightweight; includes three white LED white light modes (maximum, economic, and flashing), a red light, and whistle. \$54.95

**Atlas 370 Nitrile Tough Gloves:** Cut the fingertips off these gardening gloves found at hardware stores and they rival expensive sailing-specific gloves for providing a super grip on wet items. 12-pack for \$34 – a real steal!

**Leatherman Skeletool CX:** The best multipurpose knife; 4" long, weighs only 5 oz. \$72

**Glacier Clear Dry Bag:** A roll-top drybag that allows you to see its contents; comes in several sizes. \$21.95 for medium-size

**Patagonia Capilene 4 Beanie:** Lightweight, effective temperature regulatory device; does not absorb water. \$25

**Multicolored Electrical Tape Pack:** Use for marking sheets, halyards, jib tracks, etc. \$2.49



Watch your email for details about the Christmas Tree Trimming Party on 11-Dec!

## Flotsam and Jetsam

Carolyn Worsham

- **Download free books.** 621 English nautical books are available for free download at: <http://manybooks.net/categories/NAU/1>. Once you choose the book, select from numerous formats (including eReader, Kindle, html, pdf, text, Ipod, Newton, Sony Reader, etc.) Thanks to **Gene Kohrman** for pointing us to this site.
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- **Enjoy Lemon Chicken Artichoke Soup** – If you like lemons and chicken, here's a great soup recipe to use up some of that leftover holiday chicken or turkey: Saute ½ C diced onion in 1 T olive oil. Add 2 C chopped cooked chicken or turkey, 2 cans artichoke hearts (chopped), and 3 C chicken broth. Zest one lemon and add the zest and juice from the lemon. Slice another lemon and add the slices to the soup. Season with ½ t thyme, ½ t red pepper flakes, and salt to taste. Simmer 20–30 minutes. This soup will chase the scurvies away!

## Minutes for November 9, 2010

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

**Member Attendees:** Alan Aldredge, Mark and Leslie Feeney

**Treasurer's Report:** (Email [secretary@payc.us](mailto:secretary@payc.us).) After discussion it was decided to place a vote before the membership at the Dec meeting for not funding the Capital Improvement Fund for 2010.

**Membership:** Stephen Guidry stated in his letter of resignation that he had many fond memories at PAYC since joining as a junior member in 1979.

Hurricane Ike took his boat, and a replacement is not in the immediate future.

**Harbor Master:** Russ Myers reported no power and water was hooked up on A row. While you are entering or leaving the marina between A and B row, you should stay in the middle of the channel.

**Racing:** Russ Myers reported on the Wurstfest Regatta aboard *Trilobyte* with **Sam Showalter, Jim Kincaid, and Trent McBride**. Three skippers (**Sam Showalter, Ed Bush, and Bill Worsham**) participated in the Moonlight Race. There is a solo race scheduled for 13–Nov (Skippers' Meeting at 1000).

**Junior Sailing:** A TSA Valentines Regatta will be scheduled in February. Volunteers will be needed. A plan is forthcoming for installing the floating docks in front of the clubhouse.

**House & Grounds:** Water pressure in the kitchen is still low. The boat hoist is out for repairs at Passco.

**Cruising:** Mike Wise reported the cruising schedule is done for the year. There was discussion about a PAYC South Dock Party on 20–Nov.

**Socials:** Thanks to **Songa Gremillion** for organizing the Thanksgiving dinner before the Nov meeting.

**Safety:** Art Lynd reported on no egress on the slips on A row. After discussion it was decided to put the safety issue on the agenda for PIC.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** The election of officers and board members was conducted.



*Please respond promptly to PAYC invoices for dues and fees. PAYC expenses and programs continue in spite of the challenges presented by the marina.*

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[Ricky Richardson](#), Secretary  
[Jim Pearson](#), Treasurer  
[Alan Aldredge](#), Asst. Treasurer

**Motto**

PAYC - The Fun Spot of  
Southeast Texas

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**Board of Directors:**

Larry Lognion, Paul Morgan, Pat O'Quinn, Mike Wise,  
Art Lynd (Past Commodore)

**Trustees:**

Ken Ruddy and Steve Swanson

**Co-Harbormasters:**

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

**Mainsheet/Website:**

[Carolyn Worsham](#)

**Reserving the PAYC Clubhouse (Members Only):**

Email [clubhouse@payc.us](mailto:clubhouse@payc.us) or contact a club officer. Visit [payc.us](http://payc.us) for a reservation application after the date is cleared.

**Next General/Board Meeting:**

Tuesday, Dec 14, 2010, 1900, PAYC Clubhouse  
Board Meeting immediately follows the General Meeting.

**Request a PAYC Roster:**

Email [roster@payc.us](mailto:roster@payc.us).

**Mainsheet Delivery:**

Email [mainsheet@payc.us](mailto:mainsheet@payc.us) or contact the PAYC Secretary to move from USPO delivery to email delivery or vice versa.

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