

# PAYC MAINSHEET

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## Commodore's Corner

Commodore Paul Vera – 409-963-3525

Happy New Year to all!

PAYC is moving into a new year – a year that hopefully will result in new docks, new members, and a new gate opener among other new things. I would like to introduce you to our officers, board members, trustees, and committee chairpersons.

Vice Commodore: **Mike Wise**, former Commodore and recent Cruise Director

Secretary: **Wayne McEwen**, a relatively new member who races and participates in many club activities

Treasurer: **Alan Aldredge**, an old hand at this position

New Board Members: **Ken Rutty** and **Daniel Tatum**, offering perspectives of a long-time member and a relatively new member

New Trustee: **Bob Brammer**

Other Board Members: **Russ Myers**, **Art Lynd** and **Steve Swanson**

Social Director: **Sonja Gremillion** (Watch out – she is raring to go.)

Harbor Master and Race Chairman: **Russ Myers** will be working closely with the PIC during dock construction and also serve as race chairman.

Mainsheet Editor: **Carolyn Worsham** (She does a wonderful job.)

Cruise Director: **Greg Lynd** with **Mike Wise** helping out as his right hand man

Our club is starting to sail some of its final upwind tacks before we can enjoy the downwind run; however, we still have a couple of long tacks before



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## JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 7 - Marvin Campbell Long Distance Race  
 January 10 - PAYC General and Board Meetings  
 January 21 - PAYC 2011 Awards Banquet and Officer Installation

we make the turn. These last few years have been very demanding on the membership, and I am so glad that we are coming to the end of one of the worst disasters to hit our club in its history. So sit back and watch PAYC grow, and let's have a great time.



## Reaching PAYC Officers by Email

Commodore: [commodore@payc.us](mailto:commodore@payc.us)

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Treasurer: [treasurer@payc.us](mailto:treasurer@payc.us)

Board: [paycboard@payc.us](mailto:paycboard@payc.us)

It's that easy!

## 10 Things Crews Should Know

Borrowed from the US Power Squadron's *Compass*

All crew members should have some basic skills before heading out on the water. Here are 10 things your crew should know:

1. Location of life jackets and fire extinguishers
2. Basic operation of the VHF radio
3. How to start and stop an engine
4. Location and operation of seacocks
5. Basic understanding of controls
6. How to locate your position on paper and electronic charts
7. How to identify and follow a channel
8. How to bring a boat close to a dock
9. How to respond to a man-overboard situation
10. When not to help

If you don't feel confident teaching your crew these skills, talk to Ricky Richardson (PAYC member and SS&PS Commander) about upcoming educational opportunities offered by our local US Power Squadron.

## Junior Sailing

Paul Vera – 409-963-3525

The Mardi Gras Youth Regatta scheduled for Feb 18-19 is approaching fast. It looks great now, but as we all know, unforeseen things happen and then we must be "fluid" and adjust to the situation. What that means is we need all the help we can get. It looks like the marina construction will be on hold until the end of February, so that gives us the whole marina to sail in with no floating docks to interfere. As the dates get closer I will firm up some assignments and check on equipment to make sure everything is in order. Race officers – please check flags now. If we are missing any, I can order them before the regatta gets here.

## 2011 PAYC Awards Banquet

Songa Gremillion, Social Director



**Date:** Saturday, January 21, 2012

**Time:** 5:30 p.m. – Social Hour

6:30 p.m. – Dinner

7:00 p.m. – Awards and Officer Installation

**Place:** PAYC Clubhouse

**Cost:** \$15 per person

**Menu:** Seafood or Chicken Fried Steak dinners (catered by Courville's)

**RSVP:** Email [songa.gremillion@yahoo.com](mailto:songa.gremillion@yahoo.com) or call 409-548-3125 by Wednesday, January 18. Please specify seafood or chicken fried steaks.

## Racing

Russ Myers – Race Director for 2012

Hello everyone,

I have volunteered to be the racing chairperson for 2012. We will be kicking off our 2012 racing season with the Marvin Campbell on Saturday, 07-Jan. The Skippers' Meeting will be at 1000. We will be finalizing the race calendar after the board meeting on Tuesday, 10-Jan. We have had a couple of rule changes this year. I will send them out in an email sometime in January.

Hope to see you on the water...

*We have done wonders in silencing the power boat, but no engine can approach the blessed silence of the sails.*

---Vincent Gilpin

## Tree-Trimming Party

A View from a Fly on the Wall

The annual PAYC Tree-Trimming Party took a few new twists this year. First, the Christmas tree was a stand of palm trees donated by Richard and Linda Briggs and spruced up by Ronnie Gremillion. Second, Songa Gremillion came up with some interesting games after the gift exchange – a team competition that required wrapping two members (Ettie and Art) in the left-over Christmas wrappings and stuffing balloons in pantyhose as antlers for two others (Bobby and Alan). The competition was fierce, but a great time was had by all.



Team One – Alan, Annette, Carolyn, Ettie, Craig, Cindy, Kirk, Paul, Mike, Daniel, and Greg



Team Two – Bobby, Suzanne, Ruth, Butch, Maggie, Bill, Art, Deena, and Wayne



Bobby and Alan with “antlers”

(Photos by Songa and Ronnie Gremillion)

## Highlights from Early 1995 at PAYC

Compiled from Past *Mainsheets*

**January** – PAYC celebrated its 30-year anniversary and 133 attendees honored the charter members at the Awards Banquet. Dennis Warren assumed the position of Commodore. The PIC proposed building town houses along A finger and planned to dredge the marina. Johnny Otto joined PAYC.

**February** – A weekly Sunday afternoon Social Series with covered dish dinners afterwards attracted a large number of participants.

**March** – Ten entered the Chili Cook-Off held in conjunction with the PAYC Mardi Gras party. An overnight cruise to the I-10 bridge just northeast of Orange was enjoyed by 17 boats – *Aurora*, *Thriller*, *Top Keg*, *Zanadu*, *Arrival II*, *Merganser*, *Bell Star*, *Susie’s Way*, *Foxfire*, *Passages*, *Marekesh*, *Hawk 6*, and five USPS boats. Racers participating in the 13.61 nm Brass Monkey and/or Winter Regatta included Danny Murphy, Bill Worsham, Hyman Taylor, Rick Hughes, Rocky Whitman, Phil Guidry, Frank Way, Trent McBride, and Hans Kohler.

Anyone can steer the ship when the sea is calm.

--Publilius Syrus

## Minutes for December 13, 2011

**Board Attendees:** Russ Myers, Paul Vera, Ricky Richardson, Alan Aldredge, Mike Wise, Wayne McEwen, Daniel Tatum

**Member Attendees:** Ted Mahavier, Chuck Devenzio, John Ardoin, Butch Neely, Bill and Carolyn Worsham

**Treasurer's Report:** (Email [secretary@payc.us](mailto:secretary@payc.us).)

**Membership:** Gene Kohrman submitted his resignation effective 12/31/2011.

**Harbormaster:** Russ Myers reported floating dock construction will possibly begin at the end of February. There are no foreseen conflicts with the TSA regatta.

**Racing:** Paul Vera reported that 5 racers entered the last race of 2011. The date for the Marvin Campbell Race is 07-Jan with Skippers' Meeting at 1000. The annual race meeting is scheduled for 15-Dec at 6:30 and will be chaired by Russ Myers, Race Director for 2012.

**Junior Sailing:** Mardi Gras is scheduled for Feb 18-19. Volunteers are needed.

**House and Grounds:** The gate opener is installed and operating. Volunteers who helped with the installation were thanked. The ice machine has been repaired.

**Cruising:** Mike Wise reported we had a good year in 2011 and the calendar for 2012 is being prepared.

**Socials:** There might be an impromptu New Year's Eve event. A Movie Star Costume Party is planned for the 21-Jan Awards Banquet. Songa will be looking for volunteers to help decorate. Use of the clubhouse for two joint events with the Sabine Sail and Power Squadron and one private event were discussed for 07-Jan, 10-Mar, and 14-Apr. The Spindletop regatta is scheduled for 31-Mar - 01-Apr.

**Safety:** There is still washout around the hoist on B Row. The clay is slippery when it rains.

**PIC Report:** Ricky Richardson presented the report from the 13-Dec PIC meeting.

**Old Business (Board Meeting):** By-law recommendations were discussed. They will be re-submitted for consideration at the 10-Jan-12 meeting .

**New Business:** The annual budget workshop will be help on 10-Jan-12.

Alan produced suggestions from the bylaws committee for changes. After a modification of his suggestions the changes will be resubmitted for a vote from the membership.

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## Cruising

### Greg Lynd - Cruising Director for 2012

Let me start by introducing myself as the newly appointed cruise director. As Paul Vera says, I am a "weekender," as Ruth and I spend most weekends aboard *S/V Island Time* at Pleasure Island Marina. Our friends are always welcome aboard.

There isn't much sailing happening during these cold months, but as we often sit inside wishing we were out, it's a good time for dreaming and planning cruises. Some of the trips I hope to put on the calendar include: Garrison's Ridge, the Louisiana lighthouse, PAYC South, Contraband (Lake Charles), Galveston, Beaumont Riverfront or Beaumont Yacht Club, Taylors Bayou and Shell Island. We'll also look at scheduling a trip to the Renfest which has been a popular and successful land cruise the last few years.

Some of these trips will include kayak/dinghy excursions. We'll have day trips and weekend or longer cruises. If you have suggestions for other trips or cruising events, please contact me.

Sail on, and don't let anyone steal your joy....

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**Officers for 2012**

[Paul Vera](#), Commodore

Rear Commodore

[Mike Wise](#), Vice Commodore

[Wayne McEwen](#), Secretary

[Alan Aldredge](#), Treasurer

**Motto**

PAYC - The Fun Spot of  
Southeast Texas

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**Board of Directors for 2012:**

Ken Rutty, Daniel Tatum, Art Lynd, Steve Swanson, and  
Russ Myers (Past Commodore)

**Trustees (with Term Expiration Year):**

Carolyn Worsham ('12), Ken Rutty ('13), and Bob Brammer ('14),

**Honorary Members:**

John and Ginger Ardoin (Charter Member)

Jim and Beth Kincaid

Gary and Pam King

Jack and Jo Ann Moser

Pat and Susie O'Quinn

**Harbormaster:**

[Russ Myers](#)

**Mainsheet/Website:**

[Carolyn Worsham](#)

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

Email [clubhouse@payc.us](mailto:clubhouse@payc.us) or contact a club officer.

**Next General/Board Meeting:**

Tuesday, January 10, 2012, 1900, PAYC Clubhouse

**Request a PAYC Roster:**

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

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