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## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

March was just the beginning of things to come for the racing, cruising and social season at PAYC. We started the month off with a great cruise to Johnson's Bayou. Fair weather and great wind for the weekend made for an excellent cruise. And yes it is shallow going into the bayou! Another great day of fair weather and good winds helped support the Spring Olympic Regatta with eleven boats in three classes competing for top honors and bragging rights. The new powerboat proved its worth in setting marks and serving as committee boat for a great regatta. Check out the web site for all of the race results as well as photos of the day.

March was just a warm up for the months to come so get ready for April! The 7<sup>th</sup> starts our Thursday Night Racing Series. Our Thursday Night races started really heating up last year and the competition looks to continue this year. Our rating committee has been hard at work making sure that every boat in the club has an accurate PHRF rating. There is little excuse not to come out and join the fun on Thursday nights if you have never even thought about racing your boat. With a new Cruiser Class for those who just want to race and have a good time or for the more serious competitor, the Thursday Night Series will test your skills at sailing, racing, bragging, whining, or beer drinking! While we are talking racing, the annual Fred Grund Long Distance Race will be on the 16<sup>th</sup>. This is another great chance to test your skills and have a great day of sailing. Then on the 23<sup>rd</sup> the V-15 sailors will be streaking across the lake once again. You haven't sailed until you have handled one of these. It may look like a dingy but it will surprise you with its speed and agility on the water.

At the end of the month is the annual cruise to Contraband Days in Lake Charles. This is a two weekend cruise starting either Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> through May 1<sup>st</sup> and then again the following weekend May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Looking at our calendar on the web site it looks to be a day off in reference to this cruise.

Unless I am mistaken our Social Director has a cruise/social planned at Esther's Restaurant this month. Sail over, drive over, walk over or however you choose to make the trip, just make it for an evening of good food and great friends.

*See you on the water,*

*Mike...*

## Port Arthur Yacht Club Board Meeting March 15, 2005

Members present were Mike Wise, Terrell Adkisson, Alan Aldredge, Steve Swanson, Pat & Suzie O'Quinn, Butch Neely, Gene "BuzzSaw" Kohrman, Martin Novich, Carolyn Worsham, & Paul Vera.

### Treasurer's Report:

Main Checking:	\$13,259.51
Money Market:	\$12,268.30
Improvement Funds (total):	\$42,946.08
Lease Renewal CD:	\$26,872.16
Self Insurance:	\$45,924.53

### Harbormaster:

No Report

### Membership:

A resignation from Tim & Joy Hughes was submitted. One new membership application has been received from Russell & Barbara Test. Mr. Robert Thompson appeared at the meeting and respectfully requested a reinstatement of his membership. Martin Novich made a motion that Mr. Thompson be officially reinstated, with a second by Steve Swanson, with the motion carrying.

### Racing:

The next big racing event is our annual and ever popular Spring Olympic Regatta on March the 19th. Skipper's meeting will be held at 1:00 pm. Paul Vera wanted to reiterate that we now have racing "classes", which allows for our cruisers and weekenders to get in on the fun and be able to compete with boats in their own class! Racers & Cruisers get that Spring maintenance done on those sailing machines & come join us for a day of racing fun!

### House & Grounds:

There are new outside outlets located on the screenhouse & there will be no need for cords stretched through doorways anymore. After much deliberation & research, it has been decided that 4 new screen doors will be purchased for the clubhouse to replace the damaged ones.

### Cruising/Socials:

The Johnson's Bayou cruise was a great success & fun was had by all who attended. Gene took the opportunity to provide a nice

write-up of the weekends' events as they unfolded. For those of you who are not on the listserv, you may contact Gene Kohrman ([cruising@payc.us](mailto:cruising@payc.us)) for a copy of his wonderful commentary. Suzie O'Quinn officially announced the TBA cruise for April is to be a trip to Esther's Seafood house on April the 9<sup>th</sup>. All members are welcome to meet at 6:30 pm by boat or by car. Mark your calendars to attend!

### Safety:

Gene "BuzzSaw" Kohrman still plans to invite the Coast Guard Auxiliary to the marina to conduct voluntary inspections. A more tentative date & time schedule is to be announced.

### Junior Sailing:

The V-15's will be sailing this month on the 26<sup>th</sup> of March. Paul discussed options for the Junior sailing camp that will be coming up this summer.

### Old Business:

Paul Vera has recently put the newly acquired club boat through sea trials & discovered a few minor bugs. Heritage Marine is graciously attending to these problems & we should all be able to see the boat in action this weekend – March 19<sup>th</sup> at our Spring Olympic Regatta. Discussions regarding the "pilot(s)" of said vehicle were raised by Terrell Adkisson. The club should have a proper list of "approved" drivers for the new club boat posted & due to boat insurance constraints, this list must be approved members only. Paul Vera has agreed to provide a proper list.

### New Business:

Pat O'Quinn proposed that we review our present Club Bylaws & perhaps see if there is a need to better clarify and or define some of the existing clauses. After quite a bit of discussion it was decided that it would not be necessary at this time.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

**Steve Swanson**, Secretary of the PAYC  
[secretary@payc.us](mailto:secretary@payc.us)

## Cruising Report

Sunshine and warmth equates to spring in my book and this means we need to be on the water. The racers racing, the cruisers a cruisin', the fishermen fishing, and not to forget the ladies a sunbathing; yes, spring is here.

Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, the Esther's Restaurant Social/Cruise is a must-to-be. Contact Susie O at [socials@payc.net](mailto:socials@payc.net) for details. Then on Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> the USCG Auxiliary will be conducting Courtesy Vessel Safety Checks. Also, a USCG Auxiliary Safe Boating Course will be held at the clubhouse in the near future. Check your boat insurance policy; there is normally a 10/15% discount upon completion of the Safe Boating Courses.

Four boats made the Johnson Bayou Cruise (12-13 March), Affinity II, Day O, Das'ha and Panache. The wind was a blowin', the skinny waters a challenge, the kites a flyin' and the mosquitoes were kind. Beautiful weather and gracious company denoted a perfect weekend for all. What more could one ask? Maybe, it would be . . . Where were you?

Website of the month: <http://www.greatlandlaser.com/>

*Gene Kohrman*

## Social Report

The "Welcome the New Members" social will be Saturday, April 9th, 2005 at Esther's Restaurant. The Social will begin at 6:30 p.m. The downstairs has been reserved. You may either sail or drive to this event. Please RSVP by April 2nd to [socials@payc.us](mailto:socials@payc.us) or call (409) 782-1071. Hope to see all the "new" and the "old" there! Have a Happy Easter.

P.S. Mark your calendars – the Crawfish Boil is set for May 21st.

*See ya, Susie*

## Racing

**'Bout Time!** Racing has begun in earnest with the first Olympic Regatta just finishing up and our Thursday nights about to start. It looks like a great year for racing.

The wind was up and the waves were small, so off we went with 11 boats racing in Lake Sabine in our first Olympic Regatta of the year. The Board Boat Class, Cruiser Class, and Racer Class all participated. The sailors had Ws (windward-leewards) and Ts (triangles) and even an O (Olympic) thrown at them, and all sailed very well. No time was wasted between starts, and boy did we have some starts! The finishes were just as close. The Mike Wise crew was pencil whipped into 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall, but took it to Alan Aldredge in the 3<sup>rd</sup> race by putting the old horizon job on him. Mike's crew also had the most rousing finish that I have seen in 20 years – everybody was hollering and just plain ol' having a good time. As for Alan, he made sure my pencil was sharp. He finished in the number one spot. Mark Halquist had a great regatta, coming in 2<sup>nd</sup>. He never got far behind, and was in the hunt the whole time.

As for the racers, Russ Myers came out on top of another highly contested series. Bill Worsham with his crew, Carolyn, had line honors in each race, but Russ stayed just close enough to correct out over him using PHRFToT. Bob and Debi had a wonderful time ducking my errant throws of bottled water. Richard Hughes always had Ken Ruddy and Bob right on his tail end; I bet his neck is sore for looking back so much.

And yes, I finally saw our Commodore Mike Wise flying his Commodore Flag during the regatta, but alas the Commodore of Vice Pat O'Quinn wasn't flying his. I guess he didn't want people to know who he was sailing with. OUCH

And I won't forget Steve Swanson aka "Captain Crunch." He really got Mike going on his boat, and he didn't hit anything. YET

Jim Kincaid brought in his Thistle group, and 3 boats got out. One of them soon became a bathtub full of cold water, but that's what bailing buckets are for. They got some really good sailing in.

For full results and the pencil whipping, go to the PAYC website.

The Fred Grund LDR will be held on April 16. Be prepared for an extremely long race. The Cruiser class might need to bring extra butane bottles for their grills.

The new boat handles great, plus I was able to carry all the marks at one time. Thanks go out to all of you who supported the boat issue. The impact that the boat has and will have on the club will be enormous.

P.S. Thank you Susie O'Quinn for the chili after the regatta, and thank you Gene Kohrman for helping me on the race committee boat.

*Flying the Lima Flag on "Bout Time"*  
*Paul Vera 963-3525*

### **Editorial from a Sea Turtle:**

As I look back on where we have been and where we are going, the future of PAYC is bright, very bright with a new sense of volunteerism. Just show up one Saturday morning and see the sit-down breakfast waiting for you. I'm not kidding – they even use real silver ware.

The club has been kind of going through the motions, but with the movement on getting our lease renewed we can hopefully put together a much needed face lift for the club. I'm excited that we finally got the boat. This boat will be with us a very, very long time.

The racing program has finally come full circle, and everybody is having a good time. PHRF numbers have been overhauled for the first time in years.

Our Cruising program is planning to once again sail to Galveston, and we are expecting to take a large group to Contraband Days.

The juniors will be going on the TSA circuit once again, and this will renew ties that we have had with other yacht clubs.

Look out – Susie will have the socials hopping. Don't miss a one.

Let's get the party started! Come on out to your club and enjoy the company. If you don't, PAYC will become just a place to park your boat. Don't let that happen, because a Yacht Club is a terrible thing to waste. (I guess you've heard that before.)

*PAUL VERA*

## **HYC Beasley Cup Results**

Houston Yacht Club's annual Beasley Cup Regatta for J/24s was held on March 19-20. Bill Worsham (the younger) and crew (including PAYC member Chris Kearby) placed second in the 28 boat fleet even after being over early in the first two races of the six-race regatta. Their finishes were 12, 10, 3, 3, 1, and 3. Congratulations to Bill and crew for representing PAYC so well!

## **A Special Thanks to Terrell Adkisson**

I thought the rainy weather would place a damper on the evening; but no, nada, the evening was a success. Terrell Adkisson, PAYC's own circumnavigator, made a great presentation that was attended by 29 adults and eight plus young-uns.

Terrell's slide presentation far exceeded our expectations. He answered many in depth questions, such as injury and health issues, reprovisioning of supplies in third world countries, water rationing, transiting the Panama Canal, sea state during knockdown, celestial navigation and dead reckoning, and quality of crew-mates along the way. Once again, thank you Terrell, you have accomplished the dream of many, and we appreciate your sharing your experiences with us.

We also want to thank all for dinner which consisted of fajitas, crawfish cornbread, boudin-balls, lobster/crab chowder, salads, chips and dips, popcorn and boat rum brownies. It was a feast indeed.

*Gene Kohrman*

## **Where are PAYC cruisers Tom and Jordan Fisher?**

**Tom and Jordan Fisher** are in Florida aboard their newly purchased Manta 42 Catamaran, *St. Christopher*, en route to the Bahamas for their sixth visit. In May they plan to go north to the Chesapeake, Washington DC, Maine, and Nova Scotia. Longer range plans include returning to the Caribbean for a few years.

Tom and Jordan have used their PAYC membership card in several yacht clubs, enjoying the reciprocal privileges it allows. They proudly fly the PAYC burgee in all of their travels.

Tom and Jordan can be reached by email at [svstchris@hotmail.com](mailto:svstchris@hotmail.com).

## **Sunshine Boat Wash**

Is your boat in need of a spring cleaning? Jamey Williams of Sunshine Boat Wash will perform that dreaded job for you for a reasonable price. Contact Jamey at Bo'Sun's Landing (409-985-3523) to make the arrangements.



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**NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, April 12, 2005 – PAYC Clubhouse**

If you'd like a copy of the current PAYC roster, email [roster@payc.us](mailto:roster@payc.us) and request one. Any member who would like to move from U. S. Mail delivery to email delivery (or vice versa) can do so by sending an email to [mainsheet@payc.us](mailto:mainsheet@payc.us)

**2005 PAYC Officers**

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**PAYC Yachts For Sale**

**(Call or email Martin Novich to list your vessel or have it removed from this list)**

D37	1980 Bristol 29.2	Alan Mickelson	409-420-0088 ( <a href="mailto:mickelsonscuba@att.net">mickelsonscuba@att.net</a> )
C38	Catalina 42	Jim Bell	409-796-1711/729-2266
B44	Bayliner 25	Debi Adams	409-962-6296
D02	Ranger 29	Al Hebert	409-722-2048
Pvt	Catalina 25	Steve Lowe	903-561-0599
B31	Pearson 26	Martin Novich	409-276-3770 – 409-963-4888
E03	North American 23	Paul Bronson	409-724-1302