



# Mainsheet

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## Commodore's Comments... Pat O'Quinn

In the last few months, I have used the "Commodore's Comments" to talk about past events and upcoming events. This month I would like to depart from that and instead talk about some very important Club business, the V-15 club.

For those of you who don't know the history of the V-15 club, it was started withing PAYC in 2003 as part of the one design racing fleet. PAYC gave \$32,000 to the V-15 club to buy six boats to use in competitive racing. The V15 membership has been repaying the money borrowed from PAYC over the last couple of years, until Hurricane Rita dealt the V-15 club a terrific blow. Four of the six boats were destroyed during the storm and the other two sustained some damage. The V-15 club was faced with a tough problem, what to do with the remaining equipment, loss of membership and what to do about the \$20,000 or so still owed to PAYC.

I believe that the V-15 club tried to do a very positive thing that might have really benefitted PAYC. In fact, they were doing exactly what the club by-laws say we should do, "Advocate yacht sailing and one design racing". With the boats destroyed, the V-15 club has asked the board and members of PAYC to help with this disaster.

There has been a lot of discussion

within PAYC about this, and what we should or shouldn't do, how we should deal the the money that is owed to the club, and who is responsible for the damage to the boats, and why the V15 club failed. We could point fingers, accuse people of neglect, and about anything else you might think of; but none of that really makes any difference. What does make a difference is that some of our club members need our help.

These are our friends, fellow club members and some of the life's blood of this club. Several of the V-15 members wanted to continue paying their part of the money owed to the club even though the V-15 club was doomed. My opinion is that all the V-15 members pay or none pay. Some simply cannot pay what they owe. To force them to pay is , I believe, the worse thing we could do to them. I believe that the best thing we as a club can do is help the V-15 club resolve what has happened to them.

The V-15 membership held a meeting and decided it would be best to give PAYC the V-15 budget of some \$3,000, sell the remaining equipment from the four destroyed boats for at least \$3,000 and give the remaining two boats back to the club. This will leave about \$16,000 left for the PAYC to absorb. The V-15 club then disbanded itself. A copy of this proposal

is in the clubhouse. I believe this is the best course of action for everyone and the club will not be financially strapped by this move. As I have said before, it is my firm belief that the members of the V-15 club tried to do a good thing for the PAYC, but because of a lot of different reasons, it just didn't work out.

I am asking you the membership to accept this agreement and put this behind us. It was a tragedy that the V-15 club had its boats destroyed by the hurricane, but it would be an even worse tragedy to loose even one member over this. Hurricane Rita destroyed a lot of things, but she could not and did not destroy the spirit of this club. I believe friends should help each other. That's what friends do. *Pat O'Quinn* 🐾

I \_\_\_\_\_  
(PAYC Member's name. Please print.)

- Accept or**
- Reject**

**the V-15 proposal.**

Signature of member \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please return the above ballot to the clubhouse before the next PAYC board meeting:

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## *Cruising from the Cruising Dude... Gene Kohrman*

Finally, spring is here, as well as the mosquitoes— and warm weather is on it's way too. We are waiting on the piling barge to return for renewing Hurricane Rita damaged pilings and the PIC employees are still repairing and replacing damaged finger piers. Thanks, Jimmy and the employees of the Pleasure Island Commission.

OK, we sailed the trade winds in Sabine Lake with winds to 36.3 knots on Saturday the 11th—and 24.8 knots on Sunday. A very challenging Shell Island Cruise. Skinny water and high winds over that weekend definitely challenged the motley fleet of the Southwesters. Six sailboats committed to the weather conditions, high winds and heavy lake chop. Susie O' read and slept through it all. Participating boats included, *Affinity II* (Pat & Susie O'Quinn), *Deena Anne* (Mike Gill), *Late Guppy II* (Paul Morgan), *Panache* (Gene Kohrman), *Luckenbach* (Jason Tieman & Aarin), and *Sweet Dreams* (Mark & Karen Hallquist). Two turned back due to weather conditions, motor boat *Sweat Equity* (Steve Swanson), and (Glenn, Janice and Cory Thibodeaux), actually attempted the voyage, but were turned back. Actually, the trip to Shell Island was uneventful. On the return, *Late Guppy II* blewout the headsail and *Affinity II* towed her to her slip. *Panache* experienced air in fuel line and with no engine came to a sudden halt with a dock line wrapped around the piling at the fuel dock in the marina—another story in itself! Air in the fuel line will do it every time! An exciting and enjoyable weekend by all. By the way, if you were not there, you missed the Saturday night steak dinner and the excuses given by all. Some call them stories, maybe just tall Texas tales. Myself, I call them excuses for a reason to talk.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24 – TUESDAY, MARCH 28 will be an impromptu Galveston Cruise leaving Friday to Shell Island or Taylor Bayou for an overnight anchorage. Then, at daylight, Saturday, on to Galveston...leaving Galveston on Tuesday, March 28 to return to PAYC. Four sailboats have confirmed the Galveston cruise. Also, by hook or crook, I plan to head the troops to Offats Bayou for a day at Moody Gardens and the IMAX theater. A detailed report of the misfits of the Southwesters of PAYC will be forthcoming in the May issue of the Mainsheet.

APRIL 1st, ESTHERS RESTAURANT: SOCIAL/CRUISE (Due to shoaled entry, the cruise is optional to shallow draft craft but the social is still on.) Please RSVP to Barbara Test for the evening of dining and camaraderie. Last year 47 members and guests were in attendance. A fine meal and many PAYC stories of old were told. See Barbara "Socials" report in this issue of the Mainsheet.

10 AM, SATURDAY, APRIL 1st, CPR CLASS: Jason will provide the particulars (approximately 4 hrs). Please contact Jason Tieman, PAYC Safety Director for further information concerning the class. See Jason's report in this issue of the Mainsheet. *See you on the water; Gene Kohrman* 🐾

## *Racing... Paul Vera, 936-3525*

Our first Olympic race of the year which was in line with Hurricane Rita, was blown out, needless to say. With sails needing repair and "Bout Time" chasing marks in the Lake and around the RV Park, I have never had line twist so tight that it would snap. And the waves! I thought I was offshore in 5-8 swells!

Ken Ruddy, Make Wise, Bob Peck, Russ Test, Russ Myers, and Mike Gill had their boats out ready to make a go at it. But I abandoned the race due to unsafe conditions. I was getting average wind ratings at 25 mph with gusts close to 30 mph. Martin and Alan crewed for Mike Wise with a great tendency to light the grill.

Thursday Night Races start April 6th with skippers meeting at 6 p.m. Come on out and enjoy the sailing. April 22nd will be a long distance race called the Fred Grund. Skippers meeting at 10 a.m.

I'm still working on a beginner class for our new members and for the women who want to figure out what's it all about. I'm looking for a Saturday afternoon to schedule it, so stayed tuned. 🐾

## *Junior Sailing ...Paul Vera, 936-3525*

Lakewood Yacht Club will be hosting the San Jacinto Regatta on April 22-23. If you plan to attend this youth regatta, let me know and I will get some boats ready for you.

They have a very good club that is youth-friendly. And best of all, they have a swimming pool. I will be posting Junior Camp information soon. 🐾

## *Socials...Barbara Test*

Our St. Patrick's day dinner was well attended in spite of the weather's uncooperative attitude. Thanks to all who helped with preparing the meal and to those who contributed some great sides and desserts. I am sorry that some confusion occurred as to the dinner time. Because the race was cancelled and the food was ready we did put it out a bit earlier than planned so that those who had been there all day could eat and others could eat as they arrived.

The next social event is the cruise to Esther's Restaurant. Because of all the tales of last year's trip, most of us will probably just drive to the restaurant. But the sailing is still up to you. It will be on Saturday, April 1 at 5:30pm. I need RSVP's by March 29th so that enough space is allotted to us. Call me at 722-5739. Or email to rtest5@gt.rr.com . We will have a limited menu for that evening. Your dinner choices will be made at the door at the time of arrival. A 15% gratuity will be added to each check. A cash bar will be available. Hope to see you all there.

Plans are also underway for the Crawfish Boil on April 29th. Keep that date open as well. More details to follow. 🐾



## PAYC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES • MARCH 14, 2006

Club members present were Pat O'Quinn, Karen Hallquist, Richard Spinney, Gene Kohrman, Russell & Barbara Test, Terrell Adkisson, Alan Aldredge, Steve Swanson, Quincy Prestridge, Mike Wise, Bill Worsham & Sam Showalter

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

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**HARBORMASTER REPORT:** Gene reports that the Island Commission has been actively repairing the finger piers in our marina. Gene has also just about completed a marina survey of all boats and slips and has generated an updated list for the club.

**MEMBERSHIP:** New applications were received from Scott Elliot and Dirk Bader.

**RACING:** Our Thursday night series of racing begins on Thursday, April 6th—with the Skippers meeting starting at 6 pm. The Fred Grund long distance race is to be held on Saturday, April 22nd. The skippers meeting will commence at 10 am.

**HOUSE & GROUNDS:** There have been several complaints brought up in regards to the lack of kitchen cleanup on a regular basis by an unknown person. We would like to encourage everyone who uses the clubhouse facilities to please clean up after themselves. There will be a club work day on Saturday, April 8th and possibly the 9th as well. We hope to perform some screen repairs on the Screen House, etc. It is decided by popular vote that all the recently acquired items from the old "Spinnakers" club should be returned. We do not really have the room or the real need for any of the obtained items. The gesture was a well founded one, but it just doesn't fit into the club well.

**CRUISING/SOCIALS:** Our ever popular cruise to Esther's Seafood is to be held on April 1st, and will meet there at the restaurant between 5:30 & 6:00 pm. The annual Crawfish Boil is to be held on Saturday, April 29th—and all the fun begins at 4pm.

**SAFETY:** There is talk of a possible CPR class to be held on Saturday, April 1st from 10 am to 2 pm. The cost per person is purported to be \$20.

**JUNIOR SAILING:** No report at this time.

**PIC REPORT:** Commodore Pat O'Quinn attended the PIC meeting and came back with some updated news. It appears that the Island Commission has had a recent audit performed of the island by an independent firm to determine probable value of the property on the island. There is renewed talk of the Commission possibly selling land to third party investors for the purpose of establishing a hotel and restaurant, as well as putting the existing golf course up for sale to private investors. The commission also claims once again that the pile driving barge is supposed to return soon to complete work that was started months ago.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None to report.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Suggestions for modifying the PAYC new membership form were discussed. Steve Swanson has volunteered to make the needed changes. The concept of holding a marine "garage sale" on the island was raised with good reception of the idea. It was agreed that we would attempt to hold one on Saturday, April 29th—prior to the start of the Crawfish Boil Social. Karen Hallquist would like to remind everyone that PAYC throws are still available for purchase at \$30.00 each.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.

*Steve Swanson, Secretary of the PAYC*

## PAYC BOARD MEETING MINUTES • MARCH 14, 2006

Members present were Karen Hallquist, Russell & Barbara Test, Gary King, Gene Kohrman, Steve Swanson, Terrell Adkisson, Pat O'Quinn, Sam Showalter, Alan Aldredge, Mike Wise, Quincy Prestridge, Ed Wiltz & Bill Worsham.

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**HARBORMASTER REPORT:** See March General Meeting Minutes.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Milburn Coleman, Jerry Barron & Don Price have tendered resignations. Mike Givens submitted a new member application last month and was reviewed and approved. Welcome aboard, Mike!

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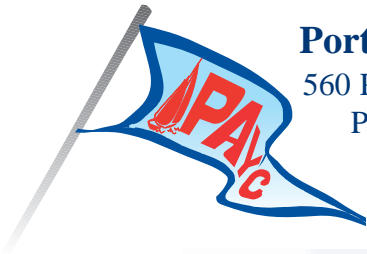
**JUNIOR SAILING:** No report at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The matter of the status of the V-15 fleet was brought up. Bill Worsham led the discussion with a statement addressing the board with the intentions of the V-15 fleet. The V-15 fleet has elected to officially disband and sell all sellable assets in order to defray the owed balances to the club. The board feels that the remaining members from the V-15 fleet have acted in good faith by appearing before the board with a notable proposition & agree wholeheartedly that the PAYC should put this matter behind us and move on. Hurricane Rita was not planned by anyone, and all possible efforts to secure the fleet before the storm were initiated. The club stands to gain whatever proceeds are generated through the sale of remaining sellable assets from the V-15 group.

**NEW BUSINESS:** No new business at this time.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:41 pm.

*Steve Swanson, Secretary of the PAYC*



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### Next General Meeting: Tuesday, April 11, 2006, 7:00PM at the PAYC Clubhouse. Board Meeting Immediately Following General Meeting.

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

### 2006 PAYC OFFICERS

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Terrell Adkisson, Gene Kohrman, Russ Test, Paul Vera and Mike Wise (Past Commodore)

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Gene Kohrman

#### WEBPAGE EDITOR:

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### YACHTS FOR SALE AT PAYC

(Call Martin Novich at (409) 727-0752 to list your vessel or have it removed from this list.)

30' Olympic Princess*	Tom Thigpen	704-866-8856 or <a href="mailto:thigpen@midrex.com">thigpen@midrex.com</a>
C38 Catalina 42	Jim Bell	409-796-1711 or 409-729-2266
B44 Bayliner 25	Debi Adams	409-962-6296
D02 Ranger 29	Al Hebert	409-722-2048

### Reserving the PAYC Clubhouse

Members wishing to reserve the clubhouse should first call or email Laurie Wise. Laurie will determine clubhouse availability by checking the most current calendar. Contact her at [clubhouse@payc.us](mailto:clubhouse@payc.us) or (409) 963-0744. After your date has been cleared with Laurie, you can then visit [www.payc.us](http://www.payc.us) for a reservation application and more info.

### Summary of PAYC Events in April



Apr 1	Sat	Esther's Restaurant Cruise/Drive 5:30pm
Apr 6,13, 20,& 27	Thur	Thur Night Race Series #1
Apr 11	Tue	General Meeting 7:00 pm. Board Meeting to follow.
Apr 22	Sat	Fred Grund Long Distance Race #2
Apr 22-23 Sat & Sun		Lakewood Yacht Club will be hosting San Jacinto Regatta Youth Regatta
Apr 29	Sat	Crawfish Boil Time TBA