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**2005**

## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Once again the dog days of summer are upon us. We had some great events last month in racing and socials, but get ready to really heat things up in August! It all starts on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> when we host a V15 circuit regatta. These sailors like to party hard and sail harder. This is a great regatta and a fun time for all. Come on out to check these guys out or to lend a hand. On the 13<sup>th</sup> our Beaumont Riverfront Park Cruise will be setting sail up the Neches River for a good time on the water as well as a great time on historic Crockett Street in downtown Beaumont. If you haven't made a cruise this year, there is little excuse to miss this one. Whether by sea or by land, this is a fun cruise. Finishing up the month is the ever popular Fajita/Rita Social on the 27<sup>th</sup>. The same day the Junior Sailors will have a Back to School Sail. The evening social is a great time for the big junior sailors to enjoy the fajitas and ritas and the little ones to spend the day sailing the prams and showing their friends their sailing skills.

We are finishing this year up with a bang with lots more racing, cruising, and socials to come in the following months. Also remember coming up in October nominations (either mailed in or from the floor of the General Meeting) will be taken for the end of the year awards which will be presented at the banquet in January. The award criteria for the cruisers, racers, and sailors will be posted in an upcoming edition, so keep a sharp look out.

*See you on the water,  
Mike...*

## HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

The BoatU.S. Marine Insurance Damage Avoidance Program has prepared a brochure entitled ***A Guide to Preparing Boats and Marinas for Hurricanes***. The 14-page brochure can be accessed from the PAYC website (<http://payc.us/notices.htm>).

Some of the topics include

Knowing What to Expect  
Preparing a Boat for a Hurricane  
Where to Keep Your Boat in a Hurricane

When to Take Action  
A Guide for Preparing Marinas  
After the Storm: Some Guidelines

## PAYC COMPOSITE CALENDAR FOR AUGUST

August 6-7 V15 Southern Circuit Regatta  
August 13 Riverfront Cruise  
August 14 Start of Sunday Races

August 20 CPR Course  
August 27 Junior Sailing Day  
August 27 Fajita/Rita Social

**Port Arthur Yacht Club Board Meeting  
July 12, 2005**

Club Members present were Mike Wise, Alan Aldredge, Terrell Adkisson, Gene Kohrman, Butch Neely, Pat & Suzie O'Quinn, Steve Swanson, Glenn & Janice Thibodeaux, Russell & Barbara Test, Bill Worsham, Karen Hallquist, & Paul Vera.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Main Checking:	\$3,966.26
Improvement CD:	\$11,996.87
Improvement CD2	\$28,202.17
Lease:	\$27,269.39
Money Market CD:	\$12,322.67
Self Insurance CD:	\$31,448.82

**Harbormaster:**

No Report

**Membership:**

The board approved new membership applications from **Cliff and Cindi Johnson**, **Denise Friend**, and **Mathew and Alison Whitehead**. The board also approved the reinstatement of former members **Rohn and Lori Wenner** and **Joe and Mary Fitzgerald**.

**Racing:**

The last series in the Thursday night racing has taken off with a bang according to Paul Vera. The first "official" Sunday race has been slated for August 14<sup>th</sup>. Details will be announced as we get closer. The Summer Olympic Regatta is July 16<sup>th</sup>. Skippers meeting to be held at 1:00 Pm. Bill Worsham informed us that the V15 Regatta is to be held on August 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> at the PAYC grounds.

**House & Grounds:**

Our Vice Commodore, after discussions regarding the various repair issues on the clubhouse property, has graciously volunteered to obtain estimates for specific repairs written out by the board. We should know more about these estimates in the coming week. The parts for the broken Ice Machine are in and ready to be installed by the Ice machine man. Thanks, Pat, for taking care of these details!

**Cruising/Socials:**

The annual Riverfront Cruise will be coming up on August 13<sup>th</sup>. Suzie has us bopping and a hopping this month with our 50's, 60's, & 70's Social on Saturday July 23<sup>rd</sup>. The fun starts at 7 pm. Bring a favorite snack if you desire and of course it is a BYOB event. Dress casually.

**Safety:**

Here is a schedule of the remaining upcoming safety related events:

~~**Red Cross First Aid Training – July 30<sup>th</sup>**~~  
**C.P.R. Training Course – August 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Junior Sailing:**

There is a "Back – to – school" Sail planned for August 27<sup>th</sup>. This is aimed at our junior members as well any potential new junior members that are interested in sailing. We want to encourage our youth to bring a friend and let them see what it's all about! Contact Paul Vera for details.

**Old Business:**

No Old business

**New Business:**

The board would like to make it VERY clear that the recently purchased club boat, as well as the whaler owned by Lamar College is to be ONLY used by authorized club members such as the race chairman, race committee members, or specially appointed members - preferably members that possess USCG certification, and ONLY for club related events. There will be an informal meeting of club volunteers after the Regatta on July 16<sup>th</sup> to organize a Hurricane Preparedness Plan for the club. Karen Hallquist suggested that a more formal calendar be devised to make it better for keeping track of events. Bill Worsham addressed the board regarding the "Risk Management" guidelines which he previously released last month. Bill also covered money matters regarding the Lamar boats, as well as his disapproval of our current race results tallied by our current race scoring program.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:25 pm.

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

## **RACING FOR AUGUST**

Thursday Night Racing has come to an end. Everybody had a great time. The Racers and Cruisers had the biggest fleets. I will have fleet results in next month's *Mainsheet*.

Our first Moonlight Race was a hoot. After setting the mark, I couldn't find it. Boy, was Novich mad because we lost the lead! Oh well, it happens. But let me tell you, those crews had a great time. The boats stayed out after the race and sailed all over the Lake. The crews abandoned their boats after their refreshments ran out and boarded boats that had ample supplies. Man, that was fun.

I hope that we will continue to have a great turnout when we start **Sunday Evening Racing on August 14**. Skippers' meetings will be held at 2pm. On the first two Sundays of each month remaining in the year we will hold a "SER."

The **18 Mile Light Race** is coming up on **September 3**. There will be some changes from the past. A "Notice of Race" will be out soon. The **Island Cup Regatta** will be held on **September 17**. This should be our biggest club regatta of the year. We will need sponsors for the raffle that night as well as refreshments.

There has been much discussion at our skippers' meetings about PHRF rules. The banter has been heated but constructive, and it has opened a lot of eyes to the idea that Port Arthur Yacht Club has to form a set of guidelines for its own PHRF fleets.

I have directed the Ratings/Race Committee to start the process of forming our own fleet guidelines and rules. It will be a very lengthy process. A lot of questions have to be addressed and agreed upon by the whole group. I would like each and every sailor involved to write down what he thinks the PAYC PHRF rules should include, i.e., length of spinnaker pole, sails, inboard or outboard motors (fixed or stowed), gas, anchor and chain length, spinnaker and non-spinnaker, standard rig or fractional rig, roller furling, crew numbers, courses, scoring, factory/non-factory boats, and the process of developing PHRF numbers. Please place your ideas in the slot on the Commodore's office.

Race Chair is a big undertaking. To share the load I have assigned duties to people who have long supported the direction in which our program

is heading. Let me start off with the Rating/Race Committee. These sailors are in charge of how your boat is rated and the formula that is used to score the races. They, along with the Race Chair, will handle racing disputes as well as the program. Richard Hughes, Bob Peck, and Ken Rutty are serving as the R/R Comm. Also we now have an Official Points Keeper. This sailor keeps up with each race; if any mistakes are made in the scoring he will inform the Race Chair of the problem so it can be fixed. His duties also include compiling fleet points for year ending trophies. That duty falls to Russ Myers. As for scoring, that job falls to the Race Chair and my assistant scorer, Alan Aldredge.

Of all things we even have a food group of Carolyn Worsham, Barbara Test, and Deena Gill. Man, can they cook!

Our Racing program has a history centered around the "Olympic Circle." The paper trail on the circle that I have found goes back as far as 1971. Of the nine marks, three are still visible. A work detail will be organized to have the old "Olympic Circle" as well as the Long Distance Marks in place for next year's racing.

The direction of the Racing Program has been headed in a positive direction, and I have no doubt that it will continue to grow with the help of the whole group. When the rules are in place and the marks are set, the only worry will be how to get around the course as fast as you can.

## **SOCIALS**

The 50, 60 & 70s social went off as planned. Paul Vera and his lovely wife, Maggie, were able to make it after all. A great time was had by all that attended. Now, we have the **Fajita Rita Party** coming up on **August 27th**. Please make plans to attend. More information will be coming soon.

*Susie*

## **CRUISING**

Website of the month: Sail Calculator – Pro

<http://image-ination.com/sailcalc.html>

Check out your hull speed and proper engine size at this website.

*See you on the water,  
Gene Kofrman*

## **SKIPPERS MAY BE LIABLE IF DRUNKEN GUESTS END UP IN THE DRINK**

What happens if an inebriated boating guest is injured or even dies? "It's no secret that if you (the owner) have been drinking heavily and your boat is involved in a serious accident, you could be held liable," says Bob Adriance, BoatUS Damage Avoidance Program Director. "What may not be as apparent is the liability you assume for other people aboard who have drinking. This is true even if you haven't had a drop of alcohol and are completely sober."

In "Alcohol and Liability," an article in the April 2005 issue of *Seaworthy*, two recent cases bring light to the issue. In one, a drunken man passed out on a boat's stern bench seat. Later that evening he apparently woke up, fell overboard, and drowned. In another, a vessel was returning from a bar when an inebriated guest went overboard unnoticed and perished.

Courts apportion liability – with the boat owner's share ranging from 0% to 100% – based on the degree of perceived negligence. The dollar amount depends on the victim's age and what he or she expected to earn. Awards for conscious pain and suffering and loss of companionship can also be granted.

The total of the potential awards could easily surpass \$300,000, the amount of the "average" boating liability policy. To protect yourself financially, especially if you have significant assets at stake, Adriance advises purchasing an "umbrella" policy (usually in conjunction with a homeowner's policy), which typically covers damages beyond standard boating liability policies.

"The lessons here are that **you** are responsible for the safety of all aboard, **you** should do whatever you can to discourage excessive drinking by anyone on your boat, and **you** should seriously consider adding umbrella coverage," said Adriance.

Boat safely, and have fun!

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**NOTE: The Red Cross First Aid Training Course scheduled for July 30<sup>th</sup> has been postponed.**

## **V15 SOUTHERN CIRCUIT AT PAYC**

The third leg of the **V15 Southern Circuit** will be hosted by PAYC on **August 6-7**. Expect to see lots of activity around PAYC as 20-25 V15s and crews gather for two days of racing. Last month's regatta at HYC was hampered by lack of wind. We have promised nice sea breezes on Sabine Lake for both days.

Here's the schedule:

SAT	1230	Lunch
	1300	Skippers' Meeting
	1400	First race (of 5 or 6)
	1900	Dinner
	2000	Party at Spinnaker's
SUN	1000	First race (of 2 or 3)
	1300	Lunch and Trophies

If you'd like to help in any capacity, please give me a call (985-9652 or 728-9493).

*Carolyn Worsham (v15@payc.us)*

## **KNOTHEADS and JUNIOR SAILING**

Knothead Camp was a great success. For those who helped out, I thank you. We had 28 boys and girls and about 10 adults or more helping out. It was a true sailing camp. We got in more sailing this year than any other year in the past. The kids had a blast, and the debut of the Adkisson Trainer was a smash. The Knotheads learned a lot from it.

Chris Woolley, son of Billy Woolley, took Terrell Adkisson's Sunfish to compete in Race week, racing with the best of the best. He had a trying time but finally settled in at Houston Yacht Club and actually put boats behind him. I tell you what - he has a big lead on the Junior Sailor of the Year. Good job Chris. Keep it up.

We will be going to Seabrook Yacht Club for the Endless Summer Regatta on the Sept. 24-25. Make plans to attend. We will be spending the night at Houston Yacht Club. Please let me know if you will attend so we can make arrangements to have a boat ready for you. Also, we will be heading to Texas Corinthian Yacht Club on Oct. 22 for a one day regatta.

We have eight Optis, one Radial laser, and one Sunfish that will be available for racing at these venues.

*Flying the Lima Flag,  
Paul Vera (963-3525 or racing@payc.us)*

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**NEXT GENERAL MEETING: TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2005 – PAYC CLUBHOUSE**  
**Board Meeting Immediately Following General Meeting**

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).

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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