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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

What a fantastic month November was at PAYC. The day was cold and the skies were cloudy but the wind was great for the last long distance race of the year. As I am writing this the annual Tree Trimming Social and following Screen House Cruise has yet to happen, but I am sure they will be great events as well. November was also the month of elections for the officers and board members for 2005. The majority of officers and board members will continue their duties so we have some experience at the helm, with a little influx of new blood to keep the club moving in a positive direction. I would like to welcome Pat O'Quinn as Vice-Commodore and Steve Swanson as Secretary. We all look forward to working together in the coming year to keep PAYC the great organization that it is. We also finally have a solution to the holding tank issue with the screen house head. Weather permitting this project may be completed by the New Year. Big thanks to Butch Neely for his ingenuity in engineering the solution and implementing the project.

Don't forget to make your plans to attend the annual banquet. We will be back at the Pompano Club on January 15th. It was a tight race for all of the award nominees. They were all deserving of the awards, but we can have only one winner.

Speaking of deserving members, we are not through voting yet for the year. Included in this month's edition is a ballot to make Gary King and Terrell Adkisson Honorary Members. As per our By-Laws an honorary membership "shall be a membership awarded to a member by three-fourths vote of the membership at the December meeting or at a special meeting called for such purpose. His or her selection shall constitute recognition by the Club for the contributions made to the growth and activities of the Club, as well as interest and experience contributed to the membership." If this does not describe these two nominees, I am not sure what does. Please take the time one final time this year to vote. Get your ballots in before the General Meeting December 14th.

Well, I saved business for last this month. In accordance with our By-Laws registered letters went out in October to members who were delinquent in their dues payments. Of the letters mailed most responded with payments; however, not all responded. As for those who did not reply, the board was forced to take action and terminate the memberships. It was a difficult decision but a necessary action. As I have said here before, our dues are the lifeblood of the club. Our annual operating budget is calculated based on membership dues, calendars are made, and bills must be paid. A list of those members is published inside and the membership terminations were made official at the November Board Meeting. Also in the coming year a list shall be published in the *Mainsheet* of all members delinquent in payments.

A note to members with boats for sale – please do not give your club keys, gate codes or fobs to the new owners. Contact a board member or officer of a pending sale so that arrangements can be made for the new owner to either have the option to join the club or make arrangements to move the boat to another location.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Holiday Season.

See you on the water,
Mike...

Port Arthur Yacht Club Board Meeting November 16, 2004

Board members / Trustees present were Paul Vera, Mike Wise, Terrell Adkisson, Butch Neely, Alan Aldredge, Gary King, and Teresa Wick. Others present were Pat & Suzie O'Quinn, Gene Kohrman, and Steve Swanson.

In lieu of a reading of the minutes, Paul Vera made a motion that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted as printed in the *Mainsheet*. After a second by Gary King, the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report:

The Board asked the Treasurer to look into the variations in the monthly telephone bills for the past year.

Main Checking:	\$11,814.83
Improvement MM:	\$12,125.46
Improvement CD:	\$27,758.77
Improvement CD:	\$11,743.90
Lease Renewal CD:	\$26,437.73
Self Insurance:	\$43,291.56

Harbormaster:

The Pleasure Island Commission will start moving non-member's boats from club slips starting this month. Any member who has a boat stored in the dry storage area must make rental arrangements with the PIC or their boat will be removed.

Membership:

Membership applications were accepted from Melvin & Alice Flitcraft and Robert Marston. Resignations were accepted from Larry & Deborah Guidry and Greg & Ann Caldwell.

Racing:

The last Long Distance Race of the year was held on Nov. 13th.

House & Grounds:

Repairs on the toilet in the women's restroom should be completed by this weekend.

Cruising/Socials:

The Tree Trimming Party will be held on Saturday, November 27th at 6:30 p.m. The 2004 Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday, January 15 at the Pompano Club. Look for details in next month's *Mainsheet*.

Safety:

No Report.

Junior Sailing:

A Junior Sailing event will be held in conjunction with the Nov. 27th Tree Trimming Party. Planning has begun on the TSA Youth Regatta that will be held on Feb. 5th and 6th of next year. Volunteers are needed for chase boat duties.

Old Business:

Alan Aldredge made a motion that the recommendations for granting Honorary Membership to Terrell Adkisson and Gary King made at Sep. 14th General Meeting be presented to the membership for a vote. After a second by Paul Vera, the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The results of the registered letters mailed to members whose dues were in arrears were presented by the Treasurer. After some discussion, the board determined that 2 members had resigned in the past and the remaining 13 memberships should have their membership terminated. Alan Aldredge made a motion that the board should terminate the membership of Jimmy & Shea Bailey, John & Melinda Manuel, Buzzy Ienna, Robert & Susan McAdams, Jacob & Sherry Boaz, Troy Bradford, Cheryl Coons, Randy & Nan Laing, Kent Lavergne, Steve & Carolyn Milam, Randy Palmero, Joseph Soliz, and Robert & Joyce Thompson. After a second by Gary King, the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

New Business:

The Board was notified that John Green was called to active duty for service in Iraq. The Board sends its best wishes and prayers for the safe return of CPT Green and all who serve in the armed services.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:33PM

Alan Aldredge, Secretary secretary@payc.us

Cruising Report for December

The Clear Lake Christmas Parade is December 11th. Everyone should go to at least one. 300 highly decorated boats make quite an impression on children of all ages.

According to my records the following have cruised this year: John and Ginger Ardoin, Ed and Sandy Ludwig, Chuck and Marilee Devenzio, Steve Swanson and Jessie Block, Mike Wise and Theresa Wick, Carl Nutt, Conrad and Charlotte Cooper, Bill and Carolyn Worsham, Don and Ellen Pruet, Don Price, Randy Palmero, Glenn and Janice Thibodeaux. Please contact me if any cruisers have been left off of this list.

Sea yawl -

Bill Worsham cruising@payc.us or 985-9652

Social Report for December

Don't forget about the **PAYC Annual Tree-Trimming Party** on **Saturday, November 27 beginning at 6:30 p.m.** Take a snack and either a \$10 gift or a White Elephant gift to share in what is always a fun evening. PAYC will provide wine for the festivities. Thanks in advance to Pam King for hosting this social.

Saturday night is also a scheduled Screen House Cruise. If you haven't made a PAYC cruise this year, this is your last chance. All who spend the night aboard are invited to breakfast at 9 a.m. in the clubhouse.

The **PAYC 2004 Awards Banquet** will be held at the **Pompano Club** on **Saturday, January 15, 2005.** Mark your calendars now! A choice of entrées will be offered for \$20.00 each. The Pompano offers delicious meals, and those who want can stay after the banquet for dancing with Joe Solis in the main dining room. There will be a cash bar from 6:30 – 7:30, and dinner will be served at 7:30. Reservations will be required, so watch for that information in the January *Mainsheet*.

I'm passing the torch to a new social committee chairman, so I'd like to offer my thanks to all who helped with events during this past year. Two of my special memories are the formal catered dinner and wine tasting held in April and the Commodore's Picnic (attended by about 180 yachters) held on July 4. I encourage each of you to take advantage of the opportunities provided by the scheduled socials to join together and talk about sailing. If you don't regularly attend the socials, you don't know what fun you're missing!

Happy holidays to all –
Carolyn Worsham 985-9652

PAYC Roster Information

Because of privacy concerns of members, the burgees on the roster web page are not linked to rosters as stated in last month's *Mainsheet*. If you'd like a copy, email roster@payc.us and request one.

Where in the World are PAYC Cruisers Bob and Judy Bailey?

October 26, 2004

Tell everyone hello from Pooh Bear. We are now through the Corinth Canal and into the Aegean and working our way through the Greek islands. At the moment we are gale bound in an isolated cove on the island of Kithnos. Looks like we will be here for at least four more days. Then on toward Turkey.

Bob and Judy Bailey (aboard *s/v Pooh Bear* anchored in Kolona Bay, Kithnos Island, Greece)

News from Other PAYC Cruisers

If you have any information about our other cruisers, please send it to mainsheet@payc.us.

Mainsheet Delivery Options

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.

Racing News for December

We had two races, a Moonlight and a Long Distance. They were both well attended. The results are posted on the PAYC web site.

We have a lot of late bloomers sailing. That is, they started late in the year for racing. The newcomers are Alan Aldredge, Randy Palmero, Steve Swanson, and Carl Nutt. From what I have seen, it looks to be a very interesting coming year. A lot of fun on the race course is to be had, so get your boat ready and let's go sailing.

The Frost Bite Marvin Campbell LDR will be held Saturday, January 1, 2005. The skippers' meeting will be held at 10am. After the race we will hold a meeting to discuss the 2005 racing program and go over ratings with the Rating Committee. If you have any questions about the racing program, this is time to ask them.

Watch the website for the Danny Murphy and Top Gun points and the totals from the Thursday Night racing.

Flying the Lima Flag,
Paul Vera 963-3525

PAYC Website

The PAYC website (payc.us) keeps you abreast of PAYC racing, cruising, and social events. It also provides links to

- real-time weather reporting from Pleasure Island
- special notices for mariners
- past *Mainsheets*
- minutes of PAYC General Meetings
- contact information for officers and board members
- PAYC By-Laws and Policies
- an application for PAYC membership
- a PAYC calendar for the year
- junior sailing events
- V15 fleet events and a membership application
- links to regional yacht clubs and yachting resources

If you have friends who are interested in sailing, point them to payc.us.

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, December 14, 2004 – 7 P.M. @ PAYC

2004 PAYC Officers

COMMODORE	Mike Wise (commodore@payc.us)
VICE COMMODORE	Ken Smith (vicecommodore@payc.us)
TREASURER	Teresa Wick (treasurer@payc.us)
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TRUSTEES	Butch Neely, Chuck Devenzio, and Terrell Adkisson
HARBORMASTER	Gary King (985-5737 or 728-8095 or harbormaster@payc.us)

PAYC Yachts For Sale

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

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
E12 Mega 30	Linda Robinson	409-982-2565 / 504-1815
Pvt Catalina 25	Steve Lowe	903-561-0599
E03 North American 23	Paul Bronson	409-724-1302

Ballot for Honorary Memberships

The Board of Directors of PAYC has recommended awarding honorary membership status to Terrell Adkisson and Gary King. Please indicate whether or not you approve of this recommendation by checking the appropriate boxes.

	Approve	Do Not Approve
Terrell Adkisson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gary King	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Return the ballot by December 9 to PAYC.

(Signature required unless ballot is cast at meeting)