



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

**HOLIDAY ISSUE - Nov./Dec. 2006**

Well I guess you could say we have had our fair share of bad weather this year. It wasn't as bad as last year, but it sure has hampered us in a lot of our socials and races. Still, I believe a lot of the members got out there and had a good time. That's where you really learn how to sail, in all conditions and situations. We have had some good trips not only in the lake, but also into the Gulf. We still have a few outings left to go before the year is out. In November, we have the Shell Island overnight cruise; we have a long distance race, and maybe even an impromptu cruise. We had a cruise to Galveston in October that was a blast, and I would like to see more members come out and try that one. You don't have to "do" the Gulf; you can go the Intercoastal "ditch" and still have a lot of fun. When you have several boats making a trip, it's more fun and safer. I hope that for the remainder of the year, everyone tries to make it out to the club for the socials and a few cruises or races; I know you will have a great time. There is nothing more fun than sitting around the clubhouse with friends talking about all the cruises or races we have had and the funny things that happened. Come on out and see for yourself, I think you will like the company and have a great time. See you on the lake!

Pat O'Quinn

**Racing** ....Paul Vera, 963-3525

Dec.9 will be the last race of the year as this race was rescheduled. Skippers meeting will be held at 10am. The last moonlight race was a hoot. It is always a challenge to sail at night without a GPS but we had 5 boats compete. The scores of the race are posted and scored.

And we had the last LDR of the year with 3 boats competing, Dr. Ken Ruddy won by not running aground as the second place finisher. Mr. Hughes did run aground along with Mr. Myers.

As the days get shorter so goes these articles, see you out on the water.

Paul Vera

## *Junior Sailing .... Paul Vera*

Still looking for that junior sailor of the year, just about figured out who is going to receive the award. I attended a Texas Sailing Association junior meeting at Houston Yacht Club which was well attended with Junior Chairs from all over Area F and beyond. The scheduled is set and yes we are still the first regatta of the year. New things that will be going on the circuit will included anybody can race on the full rig laser line, that means you older guys that think you can still race a laser here's your chance.

Windsurfing is coming too, TCYC and Lakewood Yacht Club will have a Windsurfing line and just might loan out some boards for those who want to learn the how to. 900 plus junior sailors attended TSA's 15 youth regattas. We are still a long way from competing with the larger clubs but we are still giving our sailors a chance to do so and we do a pretty good job once we start sailing on the circuit.

*Paul Vera*

## *Other Racing News ....as submitted by Carolyn Worsham*

Several from PAYC participated in the Lakewood YC's Harvest Moon Race from Galveston to Port Aransas earlier this month. **Sam Showalter** and crew won whatever division they were in. **Bill Worsham** single-handed Grand Cru (the first sailor ever to single-hand the Harvest Moon Race-- and that was after sailing from home to the start of the race) and placed 4th in his class. **Andy Green** and **Bill Nickel** also participated aboard Andy's boat. **Ron Eddleman**, a former PAYC member, came in 3rd in his class.

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

Well it seems to me that fall is here. The weather has cooled off and summer is at its end; for this year. Time for anchoring out on the weekends. No need for the air conditioning, just open the ports and hatches and enjoy nice weather. Time for a sail with a light sweater and a warm mug of grog. Excuse me; hot chocolate is what I really 'ment. No nasty grog for me, it does not mix with boating events. Did you know, 25% of all boating incidents that occurred in 2005 were directly or indirectly related to alcohol? This is really sad. Are we not supposed to be responsible adults; I think the politically correct word is 'accountability'. Where I come from it is 'responsibility'. Same-same in my book. Let us safely enjoy our lil water toys, weather it be blow-boats or stink-pots. Let us safely enjoy our waterways.

As for safety, have you ever had a first-aid course. Jason Teiman arranged for one this summer and it was well received. Jason, lets have another! Why not, maybe the membership of the PAYC will contact Jason to arrange for another class. Why not on a Saturday in January or February? Speaking of winter, I have spoken with Terrel Adkisson and conned him in another presentation this winter. If you do not know of whom I am speaking of; Terrel circumnavigated the orb called earth in a 30' Alberg sloop in the early '70s with a only a sextant and a rubber band. If you do not get the jist of the ma t-ter; maybe, just maybe you will attend this winter evening event. What do you think of a meal along with the presentation?

Maybe, just maybe, one of our current overseas cruising members will be available for a slide presentation on another weekend. I would really like to see the fireplace warming the clubhouse plum full of our membership. What a way to spend a cold winter day, enjoying the tales of those friends of ours who have been living the dream. Would it not be nice to have a series of cruising presentations thu-out the winter months. . . . and then there was Chester!

Make sure to place the first weekend of November on your calendar. We have scheduled the **Shell Island Cruise** for the **4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> of November**; leaving the marina 10/11ish arriving early afternoon and returning Sunday morning 10/11ish. A great weekend it will be and I expect you stink-potters to attend. How else do you think we blow-boaters will get out of the 'skinny'. Concerning your boats and the marina. I will start with, 'No, the barge has yet to return to replace Hurricane RI TA damaged pilings, therefore we still have finger-piers that have not been repaired. They cannot be repaired until the pilings have been replaced. Your boat, when was the last time you were at the clubhouse to check on your boat. I have one that has been pumped out four times this year. I have called the owner when needed. Now, do you think I should have to call you every time you have a problem. Another came down to check on the boat and had several inches of water over the floorboards. When was the last time you checked you boat? I want to thank those of you who responded to last month's article pertaining to the dry storage and the dinghy racks. Yet, we still have not identified all boats/trailors and dinghies? Please, if you have a boat/trailor or dinghy on the hard on PAYC premises; please contact me, Gene Kohrman, 409 718-7069. We need to know who you are!

**Is your boat documentation and/or State Registration current? This past month the marina was visited by a Game Warden and he mentioned he would be back to assess current State Registrations**

Website of the Month: <http://www.boat-links.com/linklists/boatlink-27.html>

## *Socials . . . . .Barbara Test*

Saturday, October 28th, could not have been more perfect for our Halloween Party. Skies were clear with minimal wind, and a comfortably cool temperature. The grill was hot and going all evening with the bon-fire flaming high until late into the night. And as usual, the serenading just kept getting better as the night went on. We all had a chance to get to know some of our newer members as well. Food was outstanding and abundant as usual! Thanks to all who helped make this a fun evening .

Our next social event is our Christmas celebration.(Yes, Christmas!) This year it will be held on Saturday, December 2. It is actually an all day affair. We will start decorating the club and boats early in the day so that it will be completed by 5 PM. You are all welcomed to come down to the Club to help with decorating the club, yard, and putting up the tree. Don't forget to light up your own boat if you'd like. You and your family and guests are invited to the dinner at 6 PM. Please bring a dish to share. After dinner, (around 7 PM) We will have our white elephant gift exchange. If you bring a gift you may take a gift. Price range is less than \$20.00. (Remember that the gift you take may be stolen from you!) Hope to see you there!

Also, as you plan your Holiday calendar, remember that our annual banquet will be held January 13, 2007 at the Pompano Club. Reservations will be need. So please watch for more information in the upcoming weeks.

## *Safety Notes . . . . .Jason Tieman*

It is that time of the year again where the water gets cold and your risk of hypothermia becomes greater. Once the water becomes less than 80 degrees you will have a greater potential of dropping your body's core temperature between 89 and 95 degrees, at which hypothermia will set in. If you need to get in the water, try to limit you exposure time. It is also a good idea to trail a line behind your vessel if you are sailing or swimming alone so that you increase your chance of getting back to your dry cockpit. Below is a table to give you an idea of safe exposure times to cold water.

### **WATER TEMPERATURE / EXHAUSTION / SURVIVAL TIME**

32.5 degrees.....	Under 15 min.....	Under 15 TO 45 min.
32.5 to 40.....	15 to 30 min.....	30 to 90 min.
40 to 50.....	30 to 60 min.....	1 to 3 hrs.
50 to 60.....	1 to 2 hrs.....	1 to 6 hrs.
60 to 70.....	2 to 7 hrs.....	2 to 40 hrs.
70 to 80.....	3 to 12 hrs.....	3 hrs. to indefinite
Over 80.....	Indefinite.....	Indefinite

I also wanted to remind everyone of the Texas requirement to have your vessel registered with the state, even if your vessel is documented with the Coast Guard. All the forms and information you will need to get your vessel registered can be found at this web-site; [http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/fishboat/boat/owner/titles\\_and\\_registration/](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/fishboat/boat/owner/titles_and_registration/) Please avoid any fines and get your boat registered.

## *A word from your secretary . . . . .Steve Swanson*

I would like to apologize for getting so far behind on getting the Mainsheet out—I've been consumed by work related projects and little time was left to catch up here. There was quite a bit of confusion over the matter of Nomination of club officers not making it out in the November Mainsheet. I want everyone to know that it was 100 % my fault for this and bless his soul—the Commodore allowed me to send out ballots by mail since we couldn't get the Mainsheet out in time. In this fashion we had hoped to circumvent the deadline problem. As I stated in the last issue, this is my last term as club secretary and I would hope that you feel I have done a good job during my possession of this office. I hope you all support the incoming secretary—Russ Myers and help him out anyway you can! It is also my goal to get the Mainsheet back on track starting in January. See you out on the water sailing!

## PAYC BOARD MEETING MINUTES \* October 10th, 2006

### **Port Arthur Yacht Club Board Meeting October 10th, 2006**

Club Members present were: Pat O'Quinn, Karen Hallquist, Russell & Barbara Test, Terrill Adkisson, Alan Aldredge, Steve Swanson, Gene Kohrman, Jason Tieman, Bill Wooley, Russ Myers, Chuck & Merilee Davenzio, Jessie Aranda, & Butch Neely

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Main Checking:	\$26,356.28
Improvement CD:	\$12,426.31
Improvement CD2	\$29,140.88
Lease:	\$28,298.62
Money Market CD:	\$ 3,420.44
Self Insurance CD:	\$32,945.82

#### **Harbormaster:**

(repost from General Meeting Minutes)

Gene reports that slips are still being repaired at a very slow pace by the Island commission

#### **Membership:**

No new members to vote in.

#### **Racing:**

(repost from General Meeting Minutes)

Moonlight Race # 3: Cruisers who made the race - Chuck Davenzio, Steve Swanson and Jesse Aranda.

Racers were Richard Hughes & Russ Myers

Chuck Davenzio finished first in the cruiser class

After 3.5 hours. Richard Hughes finished in front of Russ by less than a minute.

On Oct.21 there is a Mini-fish Championship race planned with skippers meeting @ 10am.

Coming up on Nov. 10 there is an LDR @ skippers meeting @ 10am.

#### **House & Grounds:**

(repost from General Meeting Minutes)

Butch Neely reported regarding the dry slips area and discussions with the island commission regarding the ones that are for use by the club free of charge. They have suggested that we use 13,14,&15.

#### **Cruising/Socials:**

(repost from General Meeting Minutes)

There is another Shell Island cruise coming up on November 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>. Barbara reported on the recent Oldies social – a lot of fun was had by all who attended. She is asking for suggestions regarding future social events. Please contact her if you have any ideas for upcoming events. Barbara took a vote and members present elected not to adorn costumes this year for the Halloween party.

#### **Safety:**

The issue of getting the lights on the outer pilings outside the basin was discussed. It is further agreed that the placement of some reflective navigation signs as was approved in the General meeting could be applied at the same time as repairs are made to the lights. A future work party is to be formed to accommodate these tasks.

#### **Junior Sailing:**

No report at this time

#### **Old Business:**

Questions were raised regarding the proper usage of the boat donated to the club by Jack Painton & it was agreed that repairs need to be done in order to make the boat useable. Questions were also raised regarding the status of the V-15 boats and their purported sale. Paul Vera says that the deal for a local repairman to fix some of the hulls has fallen through due to the closing of said business.

#### **New Business:**

The board officially approved the submission of ballots to the membership regarding the replacement of the clubhouse roof bid. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm

*Steve Swanson*, Secretary of the PAYC  
secretary@payc.us

## PAYC BOARD MEETING MINUTES \* November 14th, 2006

### **Port Arthur Yacht Club Board Meeting November 14th, 2006**

Club Members present were: Pat O'Quinn, Karen Hallquist, Russell & Barbara Test, Terrill Adkisson, Alan Aldredge, Steve Swanson, Gene Kohrman, Jason Tieman, Bill Wooley, Russ Myers, Mike Wise, Ed Wiltz, Chuck Davenzio, Jessie Aranda, Butch Neely, Johnny Otto, Quincy Prestridge, Larry Elliot, & Paul Vera.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Main Checking:	\$23,556.75
Improvement CD:	\$12,426.31
Improvement CD2	\$29,140.88
Lease:	\$28,298.62
Money Market CD:	\$ 3,423.46
Self Insurance CD:	\$32,945.82

#### **Harbormaster:**

(repost from General Meeting Minutes)

Gene reported on the last club cruise and how enjoyable it was for those who participated. Gene also made mention about Dry storage and is still requesting that any club members that have a boat either in dry storage or in one of the boat racks to please contact him and let him know so he can properly update the harbor records.

#### **Membership:**

Applications from Eric Phelan & Becky Zumo were approved. Resignations have been received from William Cook & Albert Folley.

*Here are the nominee results from the Awards Nominations Committee:*

**Novice of the Year** – Jesse Aranda

**Yachtsman of the Year** – Pat O'Quinn

**John Blair Memorial** – Butch Neely, Terrill Adkisson

**Skipper of the Year** – Russ Myers, Martin Novich, Sam Showalter, Richard Hughes

**Racing Crewperson** – Alan Aldredge, Mike Gill, Karen Hallquist, Barbara Test

**Cruiser of the Year** – Mark Hallquist, Mike Wise

**Cruiser Crewperson of the Year** – Alan Aldredge, Suzie O' Quinn.

#### **Racing:**

Paul reports that we have a long distance race coming up on November 18<sup>th</sup> @ skippers meeting @ 10:00 AM. The race originally slated for December 2<sup>nd</sup> has been pushed off to a later date in December to be announced.

#### **House & Grounds:**

One of the toilets in the men's room is in need of repairs again.

#### **Cruising/Socials:**

(repost from General Meeting Minutes)

No other cruises are planned at this time for November. Barbara states that we have our annual Christmas Party coming up on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> starting with a potluck dinner at 6pm and White Elephant gift exchange from 7pm until -. Also, coming up in January we have our annual Banquet to be held on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Mingling and drinks start at 6pm with dinner slated for 7pm. The menu choice plans will be posted in the December Mainsheet –please RSVP with Barbara and let her know which dinner plan you would like to receive.

#### **Safety:**

Jason wants to remind everyone to check the condition of their mooring lines – especially during this time of the year when it is considerably rougher weather.

#### **Junior Sailing:**

Paul reported on the status of other sailing clubs throughout the district regarding their willingness to host Youth Regattas. He says that the PAYC is still planning on hosting future Youth Regattas even though some of the other clubs are starting to opt out of hosting future events.

#### **Old Business:**

Bill Wooley has been officially cleared of any further actions on the damaged Laser some time back.

#### **New Business:**

No new business at this time. Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm

*Steve Swanson*, Secretary of the PAYC

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Gene Kehrman's "Panache" underway



Mike Wise's "Day O" at rest



John Ardoin's "Acadian"

***The following nominations have been submitted by the PAYC Nominating Committee for honor awards:***

**Novice of the Year**

**Criteria:** Is a new sailor (less than one year as member of PAYC); shows a willingness to accept responsibilities in promoting club activities; an demonstrates improved sailing abilities through participation in major and minor sailing activities both in the lake and offshore.

**Nominees:** Jessie Aranda

**Yachtsman of the Year**

**Criteria:** Participates in club activities at a high level; demonstrate sailing skills and ability through participation in both major and minor sailing abilities and shows a willingness to accept leadership roles in promoting club activities.

**Nominees:** Pat O'Quinn

**John Blair Memorial**

**Criteria:** Provides outstanding service to the club.

**Nominees:** Butch Neely Terrell Adkisson

**Skipper of the Year: Vic Scalco Memorial**

**Criteria:** Participates in a majority of club racing activities; demonstrates racing skills and abilities by placing well in a fleet or class and displays a sportsman ship and a positive competitive attitude.

**Nominees:** Russ Myers Martin Novich

**Racing Crewperson of the Year**

**Criteria:** Crews in many races either as a crewperson on their boat or as a "fill-in" on another boat; demonstrates ability and skills in handling sails in various weather conditions; exhibits a positive attitude toward the skipper and crews of other boats; demonstrates an ability to withstand the harsh atmosphere of a racing boat; is willing to return time and again to develop winning skills required by a winning crew on a winning boat.

**Nominees:** Mike Gill Karen Hallquist Barbara Test

**Cruiser of the Year – Chilton O'Brien Memorial**

**Criteria:** Participates actively in the cruising program of PAYC; promotes PAYC not only in the club but in other ports as well; and is recognized as a sailor.

**Nominees:** Pat O'Quinn Mark Hallquist Russ Test

**Cruising Crewperson of the Year**

**Criteria:** Participates actively in the cruising program of PAYC; exhibits a positive attitude toward the skipper; is recognize as promoting PAYC not only in the club but in other ports as well.

**Nominees:** Alan Aldredge Susie O'Quinn Karen Hallquist Barbara Test

The following is this years menu of choice for our Annual Awards Banquet. Please RSVP Barbara Test ASAP as to which Menu plan you would like the Pompano to provide for us. Choose either Menu A, B, or C. Barbara is going to submit the Menu plan that is considered most popular by the membership. You can reach Barbara at rtest5@gt.rr.com or by phone at 409-722-5739. We look forward to seeing as many club members as possible at the banquet this year. It is the one time that we get to dress up a little and enjoy some great fellowship and some of the best cooking you've ever tasted! For those that have made it in the past—you know what I'm talking about! Please—please— please contact Barbara and let her know how many will be attending in your party. Hope to see you all there!

**Menu A**

**Choose Three Entrees from the Selections Below:**

<p><b>Jumbo Fried Shrimp</b> Eight Gulf Shrimp butterflied and fried golden</p>	<p><b>Bourboned Ribeye</b> Heavy-aged center-cut 12 oz. Ribeye seared with bourboned, caramelized onions</p>	<p><b>Whiskey Bay Flounder</b> Crabmeat Stuffed Fillet topped with Crawfish Ettouffe</p>	<p><b>Broiled Red Snapper</b> Lightly seasoned and broiled to perfection</p>
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Dinner includes Tossed Salad, Baked Potato, Rolls, Tea and Coffee  
\$24<sup>00</sup> per person (Includes Tax & Gratuity)  
Children 12 and Under - \$9<sup>00</sup> (Shrimp or Chicken Strips)

**Menu B**

**Choose Three Entrees from the Selections Below:**

<p><b>Fried Shrimp</b> Medium Gulf Shrimp butterflied and fried golden</p>	<p><b>Fresh Stuffed Flounder</b> Fresh Whole Flounder stuffed with our own special blend of crabmeat dressing</p>	<p><b>Chicken Bayou Teche</b> Chicken Breast stuffed with Rice Pilaf Dressing topped with Bacon Rotel Cream Sauce</p>	<p><b>10 oz. Ribeye</b> Heavy-aged center-cut beef charbroiled to your specification</p>
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Dinner includes Tossed Salad, Baked Potato, Rolls, Tea and Coffee  
\$22<sup>00</sup> per person (Includes Tax & Gratuity)  
Children 12 and Under - \$9<sup>00</sup> (Shrimp or Chicken Strips)

**Menu C**

**Choose Entrees from the Selections Below:**

<p><b>Catfish Pontchartrain</b> Topped with Seafood Wine Cream Sauce</p>	<p><b>Fried Shrimp</b> Gulf Shrimp Fried Golden to perfection</p>	<p><b>Parmesan Chicken Breast</b> Lightly crusted in Italian Bread Crumbs</p>
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Dinner includes Tossed Salad, Baked Potato, Rolls, Tea and Coffee  
\$20<sup>00</sup> per person (Includes Tax & Gratuity)  
Children 12 and Under - \$9<sup>00</sup> (Shrimp or Chicken Strips)

**Desserts**

- New York Style Assorted Cheesecakes .....\$3.75
- Banana Pudding .....\$3.00
- Ice Cream Pecan Balls .....\$3.00
- Bananas Foster .....\$4.50

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**Next General Meeting: Tuesday, December 12th, 2006, 7:00pm at the PAYC Clubhouse. Board Meeting immediately following General Meeting.**

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**Commodore** : Pat O 'Quinn

**Vice Commodore** : Mark Hallquist

**Secretary** : Steve Swanson

**Treasurer** : Karen Hallquist

**Board of Directors** : Terrill Adkisson, Gene Kehrman, Russell Test, Paul Vera, Mike Wise (Past Commodore)

**Trustees** : Terrill Adkisson, Sam Showalter, Pam King

**Harbormaster** : Gene Kehrman

**Mainsheet Editor** : Steve Swanson

**Website Editor** (<http://payc.us>) : Carolyn Worsham

### YACHTS FOR SALE AT PAYC

(Call Steve Swanson at 409-659-2272 to list your vessel or have it removed from this list)

30' Olympic Princess  
27' 1978 Hunter

Tom Thigpen 704-866-8856 or [thigpen@midrex.com](mailto:thigpen@midrex.com)  
Glenn Thibodeaux 409-886-3113 or [tibodoe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tibodoe@sbcglobal.net)

### **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 December:**

**Dec. 2nd**— Christmas Celebration, Boat & club decorating before 5pm. Dinner at 6pm. White elephant gift exchange at 7pm.

**Dec. 9th**—LAST RACE of the YEAR—skippers meeting at 10 AM.

**Dec. 12th**—Club Meeting w/ board Meeting following—7pm

