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## **COMMODORE'S COMMENTS**

June was kind of a quiet month for the club with only one cruise to Galveston in which all had a great time. Of course our Thursday Night Race Series continues on.

In contrast we start this month off with a bang, almost literally. Well, at least on the 4<sup>th</sup> there will be a few bangs and booms and some oohs and aahhs maybe. We actually end June and begin July by hosting our lovable group of Knotheads at our annual Junior Sailing Camp from June 30<sup>th</sup> thru' July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Then on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> is our ever popular Commodore's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic complete with an evening fireworks display provided by the City of Port Arthur. Later in the month on the 23<sup>rd</sup> we will have a 50s, 60s, 70s Social that should be a great time. As for racing this month we continue with our Thursday Night Race Series 4 with the Summer Olympic Regatta on the 16<sup>th</sup>. As always, be sure to check inside for details of all our events for this month.

With the increased activity of the summer months we should be especially aware of good safety practices. Special care and attention should be paid to first aid of any injuries on or around the water. Members should make guests aware of PAYC rules and policies and make them aware of any potentially hazardous situations that are known or that could arise around the marina or on the water. Members are reminded that copies of our bylaws and operating policies are available on our website for review.

*See you on the water,*

*Mike...*

## **PLEASURE ISLAND COMMISSION APPOINTEES**

The Pleasure Island Commission is charged with "fully managing, controlling, maintaining, operating, and developing those lands owned by the City of Port Arthur in and under Sabine Lake and those lands owned by the City of Port Arthur and commonly known as Pleasure Island." The following are currently serving as commissioners (with City Council position indicated in parentheses):

Emanuel Preston (1)  
Allen Parker (3)  
Jimmy Whitley (5)  
Tammy Davis (7)  
Jason Hayes (Mayor)

Danny Williams (2) (PAYC member)  
James Gamble (4)  
Morris Albright, Jr. (6) (PAYC member)  
John Chirafis, Jr. (8) (PIC Chairman)

**Port Arthur Yacht Club Board Meeting  
June 21, 2005**

Members present were Mike & Laurie Wise, Pat & Suzie O'Quinn, Terrell Adkisson, Alan Aldredge, Steve Swanson, Gene Kohrman, Glenn Thibodeaux, Carolyn Worsham, Paul Vera, Michael Player, Martin Novich, & Jack Moser.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Main Checking:	\$6,805.99
Money Market:	\$12,304.57
Improvement CD	\$11,949.50
Improvement CD2	\$28,118.05
Lease Renewal CD:	\$27,068.95
Self Insurance CD:	\$31,326.57
"Mystery" CD	\$3,017.51

**Harbormaster:**

No Report

**Membership:**

The board has accepted a request for membership from Jason Tieman. We have also received a membership application from Clifford Johnson, which is pending approval.

**Racing:**

The Thursday Night series still continues thru July. We have our first moonlight race scheduled for Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. The Skippers' meeting to be held at 7 pm. Coming up on July 16<sup>th</sup> is our Summer Olympic Regatta. There is talk once again of getting a work party up later in the season to restore several missing racing marks.

**House & Grounds:**

No Report

**Cruising/Socials:**

Suzie O'Quinn has a really nice 50's,60's,70's, & 80's social planned for July 23<sup>rd</sup>. The annual Commodore's Picnic is to be held on July 4<sup>th</sup>, with the BBQ to be officially served at 2 PM. The evening will conclude with the viewing of local fireworks displays along the riverside.

**Safety:**

The recent USCG Boating Safety course was a success with a good turnout this past Saturday (June 18<sup>th</sup>). 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>***

Work on "E" row has still not begun as previously thought. We would like to remind all of our members that this row is considered very dangerous & to please watch your step.

**Junior Sailing:**

Terrill Adkisson has completed the top secret Sailing Simulator just in time for Summer Camp! Junior Sailing Summer camp will be held from June 30 thru July 3<sup>rd</sup> & Paul Vera is expecting a real good turnout with the response he has received so far. As always, volunteers are needed for various duties & activities concerning the summer camp. Let's help Mr. Vera with our youth if you can spare any time at all!

**Old Business:**

Paul Vera rehashed an insurance quote to cover our racing events, particularly the Regattas, which involve many non members participating. The board felt that the quote was reasonable for the proposed coverage and was approved. It turns out that the sewer storage tanks located behind the screen house are still owned by the Waste Removal Company, therefore we are still being billed for monthly cleanouts. In order to benefit from our recently installed waste removal system the board has voted in favor of purchasing the tanks for the agreed upon sum of \$500, thereby releasing the club from its previous commitment to the Waste Removal Company. The board is still actively working on the lease renewal with the P.I.C., but with less than favorable responses thus far.

**New Business:**

The idea of downsizing our meeting nights from (2) Tuesdays a month to (1) meeting night per month (with the Board meeting being held immediately following the General meeting) was raised by Steve Swanson. The board voted unanimously in favor of this change based on economical, practical, & especially efficiency reasons.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm.

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

## KNOTHEADS (JUNIOR SAILING)

Glenn and Janice Thibodeaux and son Kori Vigil enjoyed a June weekend of Opti racing in Corpus Christi. Kori raced well and ultimately placed midway in a green fleet of sixteen boats. The downside was that Glenn ended up in the hospital with an eye infection and then discovered that his truck had been robbed.

Knothead Camp is coming fast, and I need all the help I can get. I really need some dinghies with motors. If you have one, please let us use it. Call me at 963-3525.

This is turning out to be a rather diverse camp with very young to young adults, but we should be able to handle it. The dates for the camp are June 30, July 1-2-3.

We plan to attend two more regattas:

**September 24-25** – Endless Summer Regatta at Seabrook Sailing Club

**October 22** – Texas Corinthian Yacht Club, Kemah

## RACING AT OTHER VENUES

**Sam Showalter** competed in the Cajun Corsair Regatta in Slidell on June 4 and was first-to-finish in all three races. On corrected time, *Trilobyte* placed second out of six boats. The recent tropical storm played havoc with regatta scheduling, but in the rescheduled New Orleans to Gulfport race Sam and crew jockeyed back and forth to a second place finish. PAYC extends best wishes to *Trilobyte* in the Gulfport to Pensacola race this weekend.

**Bill Worsham** (the elder) raced aboard *Babe*, a J/105 skippered by Byron Schnaidau, at HYC's Leukemia Cup on June 18-19 that raised over \$250,000 for leukemia research. *Babe* place first in a fleet of six J/105s.

**Bill Worsham** (the younger) is competing on *Flood Tip* in the J/24 Texas Circuit, a series sailed at Houston, Fort Worth, Kansas, Corpus Christi, Dallas, and Austin between March and November. After three races, Bill and crew (including PAYC member **Chris Kearby**) are third in a field of thirty-two J/24s (with a pending protest that could result in a higher standing). PAYC wishes the best of luck to Bill and Chris and crew as they compete in Corpus this weekend.

## RACING JULY 2005

**Ken Rutty, Bill and Carolyn Worsham, Russ Myers and Crew, Mike Givens, Martin Novich, Bob Peck, Russ and Barbara Test, Mike Ward, Mike Gill, Mark and Karen Hallquist, Mike Wise and Family, Billy Woolley, Sam Showalter, Jim and Beth Kincaid, Alan Aldredge, Trent McBride, Richard Hughes, Erv Marchand, Steve Swanson and I (Paul Vera)** Have enjoyed racing this month. With 15 boats competing in the Thursday Night races it has become one of the most well-attended and fun things to do at the club.

The Cruiser Class is having wonderful time competing in a less stressful environment while learning the ins and outs of racing. **Russ Test** made all A's this series with 3 wins in the Cruiser Class. I think having **Sam Showalter** on his boat the last time out help just a hair but not much. **Mike Wise** blew out his head sail, and as for **Mike Ward** – well, just say that he's just starting down that long road of learning how to race.

The Racers went to "1" mark amidst a 180° wind shift due to a thunderstorm. You should have been there to see it. **Ken Rutty** and crew **Richard Hughes** have teamed up to put it to the Racer fleet with 3 first places. A Doctor and a Lawyer – now that's something to think about. **Bill Worsham** is in the hunt along with **Russ Myers** for improving their position in the standings. **Martin Novich** got use of the hired gun **Trent McBride**. **Bob Peck** has a secret weapon on the race course, and it may have helped him into a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in the last race. His secret weapon is called a "CIGAR."

We are having fun, so if you haven't tried racing you're missing a great time. Thanks go out to **Carolyn Worsham, Deena Gill, and Barbara Test** who have fed us after the races. It has been very, very good.

A Moonlight Race will be held on Saturday June 25, 2005. Skippers' meeting will be at 7pm at the club. Notice of Race is posted by the calendar. Funny things can happen on a Full Moon.

*Flying the Lima Flag,*

*Paul Vera*

*3701 Russell, Groves 77619 (963-3525)*

## PAYC LOSES A CHARTER MEMBER



*Dot and Lowry Freeman – 1991 PAYC Banquet*

**Lowry Freeman**, one of the last two surviving charter members of PAYC, died on Friday, June 3. He would have been 95 years old on July 9.

Lowry loved sailing. He wasn't a youngster when PAYC was incorporated – 55 years old to be exact – but over the next 30 years, he enjoyed many hours on Sabine Lake. When Bill and Carolyn Worsham joined PAYC in 1976, Lowry was commodore. He crewed for Bill on one of Bill's first long distance races, and the committee boat came into the harbor before Bill and Lowry finished the race because the sun had gone down. One story revealed that while sailing down the ICW, Lowry panicked during a close call with an oncoming barge and jumped off his boat to ensure his safety. On another occasion, he made the morning headlines for being lost in Sabine Lake when his motor wouldn't start the previous evening. He eventually limped in on a sputtering motor the next day, having suffered only from the legendary mosquitoes. Lowry's grandchildren recalled that he loved for them to sail with him; however, immediately upon boarding the boat, he began barking orders to them while he sat back and enjoyed the sail.

During the 90s, Lowry found it necessary to sell *Sugar 'n Spice*, his last boat. He devoted several years to the devoted care of

his wife, Dot, as her health failed. His daughter Pat continued to read every *Mainsheet* to Lowry long after he was able to comprehend its contents for himself.

Pat Wood Jr. recalled that he and Lowry sailed together several times – each on his respective Cal 20. Pat said, “Lowry worked at Gulf Refinery when my father-in law (Tom Hogan) was there in the 50s. He was a great guy to be around and loved to sail. He was a real asset to the yacht club all of his life...he will be missed.”

A \$100 donation was given to The Museum of the Gulf Coast in memory of Lowry and Dot Freeman.

## AND THEN THERE WAS ONE...

**John Ardoin** is the sole surviving active charter member of PAYC. PAYC was incorporated in May 1665 by twenty-four forward-thinking gentlemen who recognized Lake Sabine as an outstanding natural resource for the sport of sailing. Cap'n John and his first mate **Ginger** (along with their deceased son, **Darrell**) have raced, cruised, partied, and served as ambassadors for PAYC during its entire forty year history. John took his first official cruise with **Chuck Devenzio** aboard *Bon Ami*, a Santana 22, in 1972. They sailed directly from Sabine Pass to Corpus Christ YC using RDF, guess work, and speed and depth logs for navigation. They cruised Baffin Bay and Laguna Madre before heading home. John and Ginger's most recent venture was a three-week cruise to Rockport and back on *Acadian Gypsy*, an Ocean Nova trawler with lots more amenities than the Santana 22. (Read their log at <http://payc.us/cruising.htm>.)

Congratulations, John and Ginger, and thanks for providing leadership and continuity to PAYC programs for its forty-year history. As a challenge to John and Ginger, Seabrook Sailing Club's sole surviving active charter member (Earl Gerloff) joined SSC in 1934, seventy-one years ago!

## CRUISING

Twelve attended the safe boating seminar on June 18. Two boats cruised to Galveston. **John and Ginger Ardoin** took a three-week cruise to Rockport and back. The next scheduled cruise is to the Beaumont City Front on August 13-14 (where power is available for the AC!).

## FUTURE PAYC BOARD MEETINGS

Note that by vote of the PAYC Board, future PAYC Board Meetings will be conducted immediately following the General Meeting (held at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month).

## V15 NEWS

The V15 Southern Circuit 2005 has begun. The first regatta was held at Seabrook Sailing Club on June 4-5. **Bill and Carolyn Worsham** and **Billy and Laurie Worsham** joined in the competition. Billy and Laurie placed 8<sup>th</sup> in the 16-boat fleet, scoring a 4<sup>th</sup> place in one race. Bill and Carolyn didn't fare as well – placed 14<sup>th</sup> but have more stories to tell than space allows! Saturday was a day when everything that could go wrong did go wrong. Sunday was a much more enjoyable day of sailing.

The next circuit regatta is at HYC on July 9-10. Both Worsham couples plan to race in that regatta as well. Following closely afterward, **PAYC will host the V15 Southern Circuit Regatta on August 6-7.** PAYC has a great reputation for hosting regattas, so if you're able to help out that weekend, please contact Carolyn at [v15@payc.us](mailto:v15@payc.us). We're expecting from 20-25 boats for the regatta.

The V15 fleet welcomes new members **Charlie and (daughter) Katie Tweedel.** The V15 is a great boat for a couple or parent and child. If you're interested in joining the fleet, check the website (<http://payc.us/v15.htm>) or contact Carolyn at [v15@payc.us](mailto:v15@payc.us).

## SOCIALS

The annual Commodore's Picnic will be Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, starting around 2:00 p.m. We will have our annual barbecue, potato salad, and beans for all members and their guests. If your last name begins with A-K then please bring a side dish for the barbecue. If your last name begins with L-Z, then please bring a dessert. Please e-mail or call me at 782-1071 to advise the item you are bringing. After a good meal with friends and family, we can sit back and enjoy the fireworks!!

Also, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, Paul Vera's request – the 50, 60 and 70s Social – will be taking place. This will be in the Club House beginning around 7:00 p.m. If you have any favorite CDs, please bring them that night. Any one attending that would like to bring appetizers, please do so. Bring your own drinks.

*See you soon,  
Susie*

P. S. I would like to say a special thanks to **Gene Kohrman**, Cruising Director, for lining up these safety-related items for the membership.

- **Red Cross First Aid Training - Saturday - July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2005**
- **CPR Training Course - Saturday - August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2005**



Russ Myers and Martin Novich on a Thursday Night Race

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**NEXT GENERAL MEETING: TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2005, 7 PM – PAYC CLUBHOUSE**  
**BOARD MEETING: IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 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)

**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	E03 North American 23	Paul Bronson	409-724-1302