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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Things have really started heating up for the summer. We finished our second Thursday Night Race series and begin the third series this month. We have had great participation for club racing this year. It is great to see all of the sailors and boats on the water. If you have ever wanted to race or are just looking for another excuse to get your boat out of the slip, now is the time to do it. Whether you want to get competitive with the racing class or just want to have some fun and sail with the cruiser class, you have no excuse.

As for cruising, we had several boats make the trip to Lake Charles for Contraband Days. It was another memorable outing for the club and the cruisers. Back to racing, the Summer Olympic Regatta was another success with a fantastic Crawfish Boil Social that followed. I believe some four to five hundred pounds of the little critters were boiled up much to their dismay and our tasty delight. As a rough count, some ninety plus members enjoyed the feast. Not to mention we hosted a group from the River Road in Lake Charles. They are always such gracious hosts to our club when we visit there.

Now for the hot events for this month. As stated earlier, we begin the third Thursday night Race Series on June 2nd. On Memorial Day Weekend we will combine the Deiter Junge Galveston Offshore Race with a cruise to Offats Bayou in Galveston. A fun race to make is a Moonlight Race on June 25th. Then on the 11th the V15ers will be racing those little rockets around the lake. Finally starting on the 30th – July 3rd is the annual Junior Sailing Camp. Paul Vera lured me into helping with this a few years ago and got me hooked! It is great to see our children and even some grandchildren learning the great sport and art of sailing. As always we will be looking for all of the help we can get from membership to make this another exciting and successful PAYC event. The culmination of the camp will be the opportunity for the juniors to show what they have learned at the annual Commodore's Picnic on the 4th of July. Well, that is it for this month, until next time.

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

Port Arthur Yacht Club Board Meeting May 17, 2005

Members present were Pat O'Quinn, Terrell Adkisson, Alan Aldredge, Steve Swanson, Butch Neely, Gene Kohrman, Glenn & Janice Thibodeaux, Carolyn Worsham, Paul Vera, Michael Player, Gary & Pam King, and Paul Land.

Treasurer's Report:

Main Checking:	\$23,269.58
Money Market:	\$12,288.81
Improvement CD	\$11,949.50
Lease Renewal CD:	\$27,068.95
Self Insurance CD:	\$31,326.57
"Mystery" CD	\$3,017.51

Harbormaster:

Gary reports that there have been a few slip changes recently and that "metered" slips are still hard to come by.

Membership:

The board has accepted a request for membership from David Bonham. We have also received a membership application from Mathew Whitehead, which is pending approval. The board declined a membership application from Mr. and Mrs. Robinson.

Racing:

Summer Olympic Regatta will be held on May 21st. The Thursday Night series is really heating up (literally). We have had some great turnouts for the racing, and we are continuing to encourage participation from old members and new members alike. Round 3 of our Thursday night Racing gets under way June 2nd.

House & Grounds:

No Report

Cruising/Socials:

There will be about 400 lbs. of crawfish available for consumption on May 21st immediately following the Summer Olympic Regatta with a keg of beer on the side. There is a cruise to Offats Bayou coming up this Memorial Day weekend with several of our cruisers planning to go. The annual Dieter Junge Race, in conjunction with the official Offats Bayou cruise, is coming up on Memorial Day weekend as well.

Safety:

Here is a schedule of upcoming safety related events:

Safe Boating Course – June 18th
Red Cross First Aid Training – July 30th
C.P.R. Training Course – August 20th

Junior Sailing:

Terrill Adkisson is about ready to go with the top secret Sailing Simulator. Paul would like to remind our young racers that the summer camp will be held from June 30 thru July 3rd.

Old Business:

A gate FOB has been assigned to Heritage Marine in order that they can conveniently access our race committee boat for scheduled maintenance. Carolyn Worsham announced that the V15 Racers have paid back more than \$8000.00 of the original amount borrowed of \$32,667.00 for the purchase of the V15 fleet.

New Business:

No new business at this time.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Steve Swanson, Secretary of the PAYC
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Dr. Sam Showalter built a Windmill while in high school with a varnished mahogany hull, slotted spruce mast, and homemade stainless hardware. This photo was taken in about 1962. Note the PAYC Aloha Hut on the right and the Pleasure Pier swimming pool and ballroom in the background on the left.

RACING FOR JUNE

HOT, HOT, HOT, HOT. The lake is boiling hot with yachts braving the sun and extreme temperatures. We have been having some really great races coming from the Cruiser Class and Racing Class. Russ Tess is developing a winning record along with Mark Halquist in the Cruiser Class with Mike Gill learning fast. If Carl Nutt can just start without going into irons, things should get interesting. Billy Wooley blasts on the scene too. And don't forget about that frenchie boat.

The Racing Class has been and will continue to be the most constant and competitive class at our club. With Bill Worsham, Ken Ruddy, Russ Myers, Martin Novich, Bob Peck and Richard Hughes, from start to finish it's all about distance, and that distance means time. These guys have it down to an art form.

We have just finished the 2nd Olympic Regatta and the winners are: Racing Class – Ken Ruddy followed by Bill Worsham, Bob Peck, and Russ Myers; Cruiser Class – Russ Tess won all 3 races followed by Mark Hallquist and Mike Gill. The results are posted on the website.

Memorial Day weekend the Dieter Junge Offshore Race to Galveston will be held. Keep your own time. The race is between the entrances of Sabine Jetty and the Galveston Jetty. Hopefully we will have boats making the trip.

Thursday Nights racing continues along with our first Moonlight Race on June 25th. Skippers' Meeting will be held at the club at 7 p.m. for the Moonlight Race.

On a side note, Billy and Laurie Worsham took out a V-15 to take on the Racing class and corrected out in 2nd place. They actually won the 3rd race on corrected time, but you don't see them on the score card because the V15s didn't make class. A boat that doesn't make class can compete outside of its class; however, it won't acquire class points but will get points for the year-ending Danny Murphy Trophy for boats beaten.

Stay cool and drink plenty of water – not beer – when it gets really hot, like in the 90s.

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

KNOTHEADS and JUNIOR SAILING

Sunday, May 29, at 4 p.m. I will have the boats out for a summer sail. Please try to bring a friend. The Thibodeaux's will be heading to Corpus Christi June 18-19 for the Change in Latitude Regatta. Good luck, Kori – it's your wind.

I will be sending out applications at the beginning of June to those who have sent self-addressed envelopes to me. Once again, our camp is JUNE 30, JULY 1, 2, 3. Please send me a self-addressed envelope so I can get you on my list. Here is the current list of Knothead Kamp Kids: Sidney Seehusen, Matthew Seehusen, Lane Seehusen, Andrew Borel, Alex Borel, Miranda Girouard, Conner Segura, Giji Van Holtoon, Sierra Theiry, Kaitlin Warren, Kori Vigil, Dillan Oxford, Kaylen Vera, and Tyler Hood.

Special note to parents and other club members: We surely do need your help. If you have a dinghy with a motor on it, we *really* need it.

Let's open that door of sailing to our youth.

Paul Vera (963-3525 or racing@payc.us)

Are You in Need of New Sails?

PAYC member **Trent McBride** runs a full service sail loft operating out of Winnie and offering services to Port Arthur. He also works out of the Banks Sails South Texas Loft in Kemah. With over 10 years experience in sail making, Trent can offer everything from the latest in high tech custom membrane racing sails to a new jib for your day sailer. Trent can be reached at 361-658-SAIL (Cell); 409-296-4421 (Office) or trent_mcbride@msn.com.

Trent learned to sail on Sabine Lake, and after an absence of a few years, has returned to take part in the racing program. Sam Showalter is highly complimentary of the spinnaker Trent constructed for the F31. Sam said, "We were clearly the fastest F-31 downwind [at the 2005 Corsair Nationals], and this made up for our inability to point with the others upwind. My spinnaker has 90 panels and about 750 feet of seams, all of which have passed my inspection. The finish work at the corners is exceptional."

Consider giving Trent, a fellow PAYC member, an opportunity to give you a quote on your next purchase of sails.

PAYC Members Racing in Other Venues

Jim and Beth Kincaid, along with a sailing friend from 20 years ago, placed first in the recent Thistle Central Southern Interdistrict Championship Regatta at Windycrest Sailing Club on Lake Keystone in Tulsa, OK. This regatta is one of five US Regional Thistle Class Championship Regattas held annually. Eighteen Thistles from Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, and Louisiana competed. The participants included four who have recently finished in the top ten at Nationals and/or Midwinter events. Conditions ranged from a stormy Friday evening to a weekend blessed with clear blue skies, good north-easterly winds, fair temperatures, and fantastic racing.

Jim has worked diligently to build up Thistle fleets across the Gulf Coast. In addition to organizing and hosting regattas, he shares his recipes for success with others. Chris LaBorde, one of his students, placed second in the regatta.

Congratulations, Jim and Beth, for your first place finish at the Thistle Interdistrict Championship.

Dr. Sam Showalter has raced *Trilobyte*, his Corsair F-31 in the Corsair Nationals 2004, the Cajun Corsair regatta, the Race to the Coast from New Orleans to Gulfport, the Gulfport to Pensacola Race, the Harvest Moon Race from Galveston to Port Aransas, the Leukemia Cup in New Orleans, and the Corsair Nationals 2005.

The high-tech trimaran is fast, trailerable, heels minimally, and can be pulled up on a beach. Talk to PAYC crew members (**Jim Kincaid, Trent McBride, and Mike Gill**) about reaches in 5-foot seas and flying the spinnaker in Pensacola Bay at 18-21 kts. What a rush – and especially with an occasional cavitating rudder! At those speeds, it is understandable that *Trilobyte* is regularly among the first to finish in regattas. She was the second boat to cross the finish line in the Harvest Moon 2004 Race out of 201 participants.

On a recent cruise around Santa Rosa Island, *Trilobyte* left Destin at 2:45 p.m. and arrived in Perdido Key about 7 p.m. with an average speed of 14 knots. She then motored back to Big Lagoon by Fort McRae and anchored for the night. That's what you call performance cruising!

Trilobyte is now in Slidell, awaiting the Cajun Corsair Regatta on June 4, followed by races from

New Orleans to Gulfport and Gulfport to Pensacola. After the July 4 weekend, *Trilobyte* will return to PAYC for hurricane season. Visit <http://www.dr.samstrilobyte.com/> for pictures and more information about *Trilobyte* and the Corsair F-31.

A Note to the Graduating Senior Sailors

This time of the year is very emotional for me. I get to see the kids grow up. Boy do they grow fast. We have three that will be graduating this year and each one of them has a very different story behind them.

Andrew Richard has had a hard road to travel. With the love of his grandmother, he has made it through. Andrew has always been a challenge but one that I did not mind. I have spent a great amount of time with him taking him to the regattas and watching him compete. Out of all the kids that I have taught to sail, he has been the hardest to keep in line; at the same time, out of all my young sailors, his love for sailing was the greatest.

Kyle Reed went down a different road – one that had big bumps and small bumps. Kyle is the type of sailor that just goes with the flow and makes no waves. He listens to me and has been a joy to teach. I am very proud that Kyle fulfilled one of his Dad's wishes by graduating. I know Jack loved him very much, and I know he is smiling right now.

Christa Vera, my debutante sailor, my daughter. She was more concerned about her hair getting messed up than what the boat was doing. She has never raced, and she has never been competitive. But you know what – she could sail circles around her sister if she put her mind to it. What I have seen in her is the laid back way of sailing. Just getting in a boat and lying in the sun is her idea of sailing. Sailing isn't always about who can go the fastest in her book; it's how much fun it can be.

Our club has had a really good Junior Program that was going on long before I got here. I am glad that this club has continued to provide its resources for youth sailing.

Congratulations and best wishes to Andrew, Kyle, and Christa.

Paul Vera

Finding Sustenance on Pleasure Island

Have you ever found yourself looking for a meal on Pleasure Island? Visit **Sharkys' Grill** for everything from hamburgers to fried shrimp to barbeque to home-made ice cream. He's located near the entrance to the Pleasure Island RV Park on South Levee Road in a tropically-decorated trailer. General hours are 11 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Tuesday through Sunday. The menu is posted at http://pleasureislandtx.com/bus_sharky.htm. Orders can be called ahead to 409-454-3823. Help support our Pleasure Island entrepreneurs!

Other Lives of PAYC Members

Dr. Joel and Karen Smith run a blackberry farm in Sour Lake! Time is running out, but picking is offered on Wednesday through Saturday from 8 a.m. until noon through June 4. The blackberries are large and sweet, and it doesn't take long to fill a one-gallon bucket (\$7). If blackberry cobbler and ice cream sound good to you, it's well worth the trip to 1827 Moore Road (69N to 105W; L on Reins Road; R on Moore Road). Joel and Karen sail *Salty Tramp*, a Morgan 28.

Socials

The Crawfish Boil was a great hit as always. We had a good turnout, and the food was fantastic. It was nice to unwind and visit with everyone. I believe the Coast Guard guy had a really good time also. The PAYC "East" group from Lake Charles was entertaining and hopefully enjoyed the returned hospitality that they have always shown us. For those of you who arrived a little late for the Crawfish Boil, if we did not collect the fee of \$10.00 from you, please either get the money to me (Susie O'Quinn), Pat O'Quinn or one of the PAYC Board Members. I apologize for any oversight.

Our next event will be the Commodore's Picnic on July 4th. Everyone is asked to bring appetizers, desserts, or anything along those lines that you would like to share. The time will be posted and more information given in the next *Mainsheet*.

*See ya,
Susie*

Cruising

We have a Memorial Weekend cruise to Offats Bayou (Galveston) scheduled to leave PAYC at 2:00 PM, Friday the 26th and return on Monday. The weekend of Saturday the 4th of June is a TBA (To Be Announced) cruise. Also on June 8-12 June, several boats will be continuing a Galveston cruise.

Saturday the 18th of June, the USCG Auxiliary will conduct a Safe Boating Course at the clubhouse. As I mentioned last month, upon completion of the eight hour course most marine insurance companies give a 10-15% discount. Please mark the 18th of June on your calendar.

Website of the month:

<http://www.waterwayradio.net/>

*See you on the water,
Gene Kofrman*

Florida Cruising on a Grand Banks 42

Chuck and Marilee Devenzio and former PAYC members **Joe and Mary Anne Fitzgerald** chartered a Grand Banks 42 for a two-week cruise from Sarasota to Fort Myers, FL, and back. On the return trip, they traveled in the Gulf of Mexico from Fort Myers to Venice Beach. Favorite venues included Cabbage Key and Venice Beach. A highlight was meeting up with John Derby, a former PAYC member and friend from Lake Charles. Joe and Mary Anne are in the market for a trawler that they plan to move eventually to PAYC.

A Pooh Bear Report from the Baileys

Bob and Judy Bailey, PAYC cruisers, recently embarked on a 35-day Eastern Mediterranean Yacht Rally along with 75 other boats that set out to cover over a thousand miles visiting 10 ports in Turkey, Syria, Lebanon, Israel, and Egypt. Things didn't go quite as they had planned, but all is well that ends well. Read about their experiences of the first six days at <http://payc.us/cruising.htm>.

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING: TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2005 – PAYC CLUBHOUSE

If you'd like a copy of the current PAYC roster, email 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

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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 (mickelsonscuba@att.net)
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
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