



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

Many of you have received or will receive a letter from PAYC. It is extremely important that you read the enclosed material, which gives you information about the V 15 club and the proposal they have made to PAYC. Also enclosed in the material is your ballot. Please do not disregard the ballot; it is your right to vote on this important issue in our club. What you are voting on is to either accept or reject the proposal by the V15 club. I realize that many of you cannot be at our next meeting in June so you may use the ballot to vote absentee. Those of you who can come to the meeting please bring your ballot with you. The June general meeting will include a discussion on the V15 issue and then a secret ballot. I cannot stress enough how important this issue is. As commodore, it is my duty to do what ever is best for all of our members and this club. What I fear the most is that this issue will cause a division within our club that will not soon heal. Since the issue of the V15's started, I have seen some of our members belittle and try to discredit members of the V15 club. I have heard members talk about wanting to filing civil suit against the V15 club, members have also suggested making the V15 members pay higher dues. I have had a very hard time believing our members would do this to each other, but it has and is happening. I have researched this issue from every angle I could think of. I have consulted three attorneys and a Judge. I believe I know the ends and outs of this issue as well as anyone could. According to Robert's Rules of Order, I am supposed to remain unbiased in this matter, but I find that very hard to do. It conflicts with my responsibility as Commodore, that is to say, "doing what is best for the members and the club". If you read the April edition of the Main Sheet, you already know my position. I still maintain that position more now than ever. This vote should not be based on personalities or vendettas, but rather on what we feel is the best thing to do for our fellow members and our club.

Pat O'Quinn  
Commodore

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

As the silver lance of a once great conquered Knight swung with vengeance, the unsuspecting squire soon found a blooded face but alas for a sip of grog. As with another squire the lance found but a nose to break. HMS Chips is renowned for it blooded and motley crew. God save this King and save this crew.

So much for the BS, Martin Novich joined Mike Wise as the latest victim of his Mega 30 boom. He got hit square to the face black eye and about a dozen scratches. The same boom broke Mike's nose two weeks ago. If you ever get a chance to crew, wear a football helmet.

Our second Thursday Night Series has ended and Russ Myers is the winner. Givens, Rutty, Hughes, Peck, Novich, Gill, Ward, Test and others that I have forgot because I'm doing this late. Please forgive me. We as a group have had a really great time. The hot topic with racers has become who can Shanghi Hide the best crews. Its been great to have different people crew on different boats. Sam Showalter had a string of 4 TNR wins in a row on different boats. If you get a chance come out and get Shanghi Hide.

Coming up events:

June 10 Full Moon Regatta Skippers Meeting 1800hrs

June Thursday Night Series #3

Flying the Lima Flag

Paul Vera

963-3525

## **Junior Sailing**

Knothead camp will be held June 30, July 1, 2, 3. I am compiling a list of names please contact me if you want your child to attend this years camp. You can leave a message on my home phone 963-3525 or my cell 363-3898. This will be a great camp with help from the club. I will be calling and sending applications out the first part of June.

Hope you know your knots.

Paul Vera

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

### **Summer is upon us, into another hurricane season and into the dragon's mouth.**

Now for the month of June, Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> is a Garrison Ridge play day, plan on the possibility of anchoring out for the night. 12v dc fan(s) will be worthwhile.

Also, the Ardoin's and Fitzgerald's visited PAYC East for Contraband and are off to 'army hole' and south for their annual sabbatical. Hopefully, we will have e-mail reports of their days in paradise. Good friends, good conversations and good times will definitely be had by these two couples.

If you read last month's spiff of the annual Galveston cruise by yours truly (Mean Gene, the Sailing Machine). Well this one may just overwhelm you: Once upon a time two blow-boats were headed to Contraband by way of the ICW; and somehow, somehow, sometime in the day . . . they lost their way . . . and into the dragon's mouth . . . somewhere up Sabine River, around Orange, in the state of Texas. Well folks, let me tell you . . . nada . . . I tink, I will just allow you to hear the real story from those that participated in the voyage to entrapment by sea dragons. Now; I have just said, way too much. You just need to inquire on your own . . . and please do not tell anyone that I mentioned anything concerning the adventures (or should it be) mis-adventures of those bitten by the dragon of the sea.

Also noted, Mike and Laura Player have repaired 'Windplay', their Hunter 34 which sunk in the slip during Hurricane RITA. Mike with the swarthy Butch Neely as crew made the trip to Pensacola Fl. in less than 3 ½ days. Mike and Laura will eventually move 'WINDPLAY' to Mandeville, La.

The Thibodeaux's, David Glenn and Janice have purchased an Endeavour 37 on the west coast of Florida. Glenn with crew of three (Pat O'Quinn, Charles Seat and David Norfolk) will be transiting the gulf when you receive this issue of the Mainsheet. As for the status of the marina, the pile driving barge has yet to return to replace the pilings damaged by Hurricane RITA.

Website of the month:

<http://www.boatbuilding.net/search.pl>

See you on the water,

Gene Kohrman

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

The Crawfish Boil was held on April 29th. We had planned for 100 people based on last years numbers. We had 42 members attend in spite of the early foul weather conditions. Turned out to be a great day by dinner time. The high cost of the crawfish this year necessitated raising the price per person but the low attendance will necessitate the club funding the balance. There is no official social event for this month, but watch for information via the e-mail and posting at the club house for future add-on events. 'Remember, too, that week end dinners and breakfasts are happening on a regular basis. So come on down and join us for some pretty good eats!!

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

It is the beginning of hurricane season and time for everyone to start thinking about what they will do to prepare their vessel for a tropical storm or hurricane. After reviewing the events that lead up to and the recovery from Hurricane Rita, the PAYC board has developed a hurricane plan that will help the yacht club members prepare their vessels and PAYC grounds for the next heavy weather event. As some of you may have heard, we are asking that everyone take basic actions to prepare you vessel for the season by checking your dock lines and providing the harbormaster with brief hurricane plan for each vessel moored in the yacht club. Boat owners will be provided with a form to fill out that will act as an individual hurricane plan for their boat. This information will help us keep in contact with you after an evacuation and will also help guide you through the process of preparing you boat for a storm.

On another note, please check you bilge for oil and fuel. In the past few months I have seen and smelled fuel spilled in the harbor at different hours. I assume this is not an intentional event, but never the less it is still against federal and state law to pump anything overboard that will cause a sheen, even if it is due to an automatic bilge pump. Please understand, if a federal pollution investigator sees a sheen in the harbor they simply need to take a sample of the spill and samples from the boats in the vicinity of the spill to identify the source. This method is very accurate and used often to establish a violation. While we are on the topic of spills I wanted to also remind everyone that the use of dispersants (Dawn, Ivory, or degreasers) on a spill is also a violation of state and federal regulation. It might look like the oil just disappears without a trace, however it becomes suspended in the water-column and becomes a greater threat to the environment. It is much better to let the sun and heat burn the sheen off the top of the water. I really do not want anyone at PAYC to find themselves in a situation where they are on the receiving end of a steep federal or state fine. I will do whatever I can to help anyone that needs to resolve any oily situations.

Jason E. Tieman

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**Port Arthur Yacht Club Board Meeting  
May 9th, 2006**

Members present were Karen Hallquist, Russell & Barbara Test, Gene Kohrman, Steve Swanson, Terrill Adkisson, Pat O'Quinn, Alan Aldredge, Mike Wise, Jason Tieman, Mike Gill, Sam Showalter, Paul Vera, Martin Novich, & Butch Neely .

**Treasurer's Report:**

Main Checking:	\$21,510.62
Improvement CD:	\$12,169.92
Improvement CD2	\$28,703.76
Lease:	\$27,881.89
Money Market CD:	\$ 3,405.57
Self Insurance CD:	\$32,260.09

**Harbormaster:**

(reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

Hurricane Preparedness sheets were handed out to attending members by Gene Kohrman

**Membership:**

We have several delinquent members to report. The following members are in serious arrears: Tim & Cathy Tompkins, Steve Guidry, Paul Land, Russ Meyers, Bill & Michelle Wooley, Rod Hatch, William & Catherine Hammond. We would like to urge ALL members who are needing some time to pay their dues because of losses suffered by Hurricane Rita to please contact Karen Hallquist to make arrangements to pay what you can and also let her know your intentions.

**Racing:**

(reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

The Dieter Junge has been officially postponed & will be announced at a later date. The Olympic Regatta will be held May 20<sup>th</sup> – Skipper's meeting at 10:00 A.M. Paul discussed getting a work party together to reestablish the old race marks.

**House & Grounds:**

Butch Neely submitted estimates for a possible steel roof replacement for the clubhouse. Butch also brought up the issue of coin operators on the washers and dryers at the screenhouse. The board unanimously approved the installation of coin operators (freely acquired) on the equipment.

**Cruising/Socials:**

(repost from General Meeting Minutes)

Several members are attending the Boat parade up on the Neches River – May 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>. This is also the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend for the Contraband days. We have an upcoming cruise to Garrison's Ridge coming up on June 15<sup>th</sup>. There is talk of another trip to Galveston on the first weekend in June. Barbara went over the details from the recent Crawfish Boil. Possible socials for June TBA soon.

**Safety:**

Jason Tieman spoke about the issue of the impending pipeline to be laid in the Sabine Lake and what effects it might have on boaters.

**Junior Sailing:**

(reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

Junior Sailing Camp will be coming up from June 30<sup>th</sup> through July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Volunteers are always welcome. Contact Paul Vera for more details – you need to get your kids signed up by the first of June at the latest if they plan on attending this years camp.

**Old Business:**

Pat O Quinn disclosed the estimate figures for the proposed removable storage containers.

**New Business:**

Steve Swanson raised the issue of having the club purchase a good printer to be used for the mainsheet, racing events, & various other printing needs. The club needs to purchase a new insurance policy for our facilities soon. An executive committee has been appointed. Pat O Quinn, Steve Swanson, & Mike Wise comprise the new committee.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm


*Steve Swanson*, Secretary of the PAYC  
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**Next General Meeting: Tuesday, June 13th, 2006, 7:00pm at the PAYC Clubhouse. Board Meeting immediately following General Meeting.**

If you would like a copy of the current PAYC roster, email [roster@payc.us](mailto:roster@payc.us) and request one. Also, any member wishing 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)

**Summary of PAYC Events in June:**

- Jun 1,8, 15,22,29 Thu. Thursday Night Races
- Jun 3,4 Sat-Sun. Galveston Cruise
- Jun 10 Sat Full Moon Race #4  
Skippers Meeting: 1800
- Jun 13 Tue General Club Meeting -  
followed by Board Meeting
- Jun 30 Fri Junior Sailing Camp  
begins (continues through July 3rd)

**2006 PAYC OFFICERS**

<b>COMMODORE:</b> Patrick O'Quinn <a href="mailto:commodore@payc.us">commodore@payc.us</a>	<b>BOARD OF DIRECTORS:</b> Terrell Adkisson, Gene Kohrman, Russ Test, Paul Vera and Mike Wise (Past Commodore)
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**YACHTS FOR SALE AT PAYC**

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

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|----------------------|------------------|--|
| 30' Olympic Princess | Tom Thigpen      | 704-866-8856 or <a href="mailto:thigpen@midrex.com">thigpen@midrex.com</a>       |
| 1978 - 27' Hunter    | Glenn Thibodeaux | 409-886-3113 or <a href="mailto:tibodoe@sbcglobal.net">tibodoe@sbcglobal.net</a> |

**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.

