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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

We managed to get a lot accomplished in the short month of February. The Mardi Gras Regatta was another great success for the club. The event went smoothly, and the food was fantastic. Much thanks to all of those members and even a few non-members that helped make this event such a great success. The list of help is too long to even attempt to list, and I would hate to leave anyone out, but you guys know who you are so let me give you a great big thanks for your help. For more details check out the website under the Junior Sailing link for race results as well as pictures of the event. The annual Business Meeting had a light attendance, but with that and the ballots received the annual budget passed as well as the vote to enter into negotiations with the Pleasure Island Commission to renegotiate and extend our current lease agreement. I will keep you posted on those negotiations as they progress.

As for this month we start things off with a little cruise across the lake to Johnson's Bayou on the 12-13. This is a great cruise for everyone to make, not too far to get there and a good time to be had by all that make it. I believe Gene has some interesting things planned so be sure to check his column for details. The following weekend will be the Spring Olympic Regatta on the 19th. If you have been looking for an excuse to get your boat out of your slip, come on down and let's chase each other around the marks for the day. As always check the racing column inside for all of the details. Finally on the 26th the V15s will be out on the water for a day of fun. If you have never sailed a 15 foot rocket on the water, come give it a try!

The last item of business this month is the ballot that is included in this issue. The motion has been made again asking the membership to vote on the purchase of a power boat to be used in support of club functions as outlined in our by-laws. I think this time the request is more concise with a specific boat and a quoted price from Heritage Marine. The dealer will have the boat available for inspection at the March 8th General Meeting. Also there is the intention to purchase insurance, a yearly maintenance contract, and a fitted fabric cover for this boat; however prices are not available at this time. The boat that we are looking at is a 2005 Triumph 170CC (17 foot center console boat with a 50HP Honda engine) for the sum of \$14,951.31 per the Heritage Marine quote dated February 16, 2005. If we make the purchase before the end of March they are offering a five year warranty on the engine in place of the regular three year. If you would like more information on the boat check out the following link on our website: <http://payc.us/boatinfo>. Better yet, come to the General Meeting and check it out first hand.

Well that is about it for this month.

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

Port Arthur Yacht Club Board Meeting February 15, 2005

Board members / Trustees present were Mike Wise, Terrell Adkisson, Glenn Thibodeaux, Alan Aldredge, Steve Swanson, Pat O'Quinn, & Butch Neely. Others present were Gary King, Gene Kohrman, Martin Novich, Paul Vera & Bill Warren .

Treasurer's Report:

Main Checking:	\$12,647.12
Improvement MM:	\$12,258.84
Improvement CD:	\$42,946.08
Lease Renewal CD:	\$26,872.16
Self Insurance:	\$45,924.53

Harbormaster:

Gary King is still compiling an updated boat slip listing.

Membership:

No new members; however there were resignations tendered by Robert & Nancy Walker, and Tom & Jody Thigpen.

Racing:

We have the upcoming Spring Olympic Regatta on March 19th. Skipper's meeting will be held at 1:00 pm. Paul Vera would like to add that we have a great racing season lined up with some exciting changes. The biggest change of the year is we now have racing "classes", which allows for our cruisers and weekenders to get in on the fun and be able to compete with boats in their own class! So put on your racing shoes & come on out for some racing fun this year!

House & Grounds:

The new sewer pump appears to be working great, however, the clubhouse vacuum isn't so lucky. We are actively seeking a replacement vacuum at an economical cost. We still have an issue with a commode in the ladies' restroom and a new issue with some of the clubhouse doorknobs.

Cruising/Socials:

The next official cruise is the upcoming Clubhouse cruise on February 26th, where Terrill Adkisson will be treating us to a presentation of his circumnavigation travels. The fun starts at 7:00 pm. Word has it that Suzie

O'Quinn is already working on the details for the TBA cruise to Esther's Seafood.

Safety:

Gene Kohrman mentioned the idea of members looking into getting their fire extinguishers officially inspected. Gene plans to invite the Coast Guard to the marina to conduct voluntary inspections, perhaps in March.

Junior Sailing:

The V-15's will be sailing on the 19th of February. We would like to see all our Junior sailors come out. There is an out of town racing event at Canyon Lake on March 5th & 5th & we hear that a couple of our Junior sailors might be attending. We wish them success for a great race.

Old Business:

Screen doors are still an ongoing issue on the clubhouse. Butch Neely has agreed to obtain pricing on custom made doors from an area vendor & we hope to get this issue taken care of before "mosquito season" gets here in full force!

New Business:

The board has agreed that we need to assess the standings on Lamar owned boats & equipment. The racks by the screenhouse appear to be in need of repair & the boats are deteriorating. The small sailboat owned by Lamar - tied near the screenhouse is to be relocated into a vacant slip as soon as Gary King allocates one for it. Martin Novich made a motion for the broken down chase boat (ole 'brownie'), which has fallen beyond repair to be hauled away. Gary King made a 2nd on the motion. In other business, Alan Aldredge made a motion to get a quote on a new 17 foot chase boat with a 60 HP motor, made by Triumph - to be used for all club racing events. Martin Novich made a 2nd on the motion. There will be details included in this month's Mainsheet & on our club website regarding price and features. The motion to adjourn was made by Mike Wise and a second by Paul Vera. Meeting ended at 8:55 pm.

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

V15 Sailing

The V15s sailed on Saturday, February 18. It's not just everywhere that you can sail a dinghy in February! If Saturday's weather was the worst of the year, we're in for a great year of sailing.

After spring cleaning all six of the boats, we went out on three and had a delightful sail. Charlie Tweedel and his eight-year-old daughter Kate came out for a test drive. Two Lamar State College students, Ricky Jaimes and Ben Thomas, crewed for Mike Pedigo, Bill and me. Ricky has a tale to tell because I failed to negotiate a U-turn at the screenhouse, and Ricky and I went swimming. The water was nippy, but proper clothing (a wet suit) really took the shock out of the experience. Thanks to Bill, we were able to right the boat within a reasonable amount of time. In spite of our February swim, a great time was had by all.

If you'd like to try sailing on a V15, our next sailing day is Saturday, March 26. We're always looking for crew.

Carolyn Worsham, v15@payc.us

Socials

Well, it's a new year and I'm the new Social Director. I'm new at this, but plan on having some great times with all of you. There are social events already planned and some to be planned as the year progresses. We hope these will be great fun for the entire family. There are dinner outings, bar-b-ques, even an old time sock-hop with 50's, 60's, and 70's music. Hopefully there is something for everyone. We want everyone at the PAYC to come out and have a good time and show your support of our club for the upcoming year.

See ya, Susie O'Quinn

Knotheads

The Mardi Gras Regatta was a big success, and congratulations to each and everyone who took part in making it happen. We had three Knotheads sailing in their first regatta: Kaitlen Warren, Kori Vigil and Chris

Wooley. They went out there and proved that they can sail against much lighter kids. Kori got a 4th in a race, Chris had a 2nd, and Kaitlen had a 5th, but in the total scoring she topped the boys by finishing 8th out of 13 boats. Kori finished 10th and Chris Wooley 11th. They will hopefully start racing on the Junior circuit. Canyon Lake is next on March 5-6 followed by Roadrunner on March 19-20 at Austin Yacht Club. Remember our Junior Camp dates are set; they are June 30th thru July 3rd. Let me know early if you have some kids that want to attend.

Well, that's it. Keep those kids sailing.

Racing

The Ides of March Regatta. I hope David Poe doesn't get mad at me for the name. He has been holding that regatta on Lake Sommerville for years.

So much for the disclaimer, let's go racing. *Ides of March* Regatta will be held on March 19, the first Olympic Regatta of the year. We will sail around the buoys. This regatta is open to all classes: **Board Boat Class** (BBC) open to Lasers, Thistles, and V15s; **Cruiser Class** (CC) for sailors who enjoy racing, cooking, and drinking at the same time; **Multihull Class** (MHC), the fastest of classes; and the **Racing Class** (RC) for the top racing Sailors of PAYC.

It takes two boats to make a class, so to make sure you have a class, call somebody. Examples: BBC – call fellow V15 sailors to sail. The CC should also burn up the phone lines. Each class will have its own start.

Skippers' meeting will be held at 1300 on Sat., March 19. We will go over the courses, class flags, and starting sequences. Start times will be given at the meeting.

Get ready; our racing will be in the full throttle mode for the month of April. Thursday nights start with 4 races and we will have our second LDR on the 16th.

Now get out there and build your class. The winner of each class will receive the first-ever Best of Class trophy.

Flying the Lima Flag - PAUL VERA

PS – Please vote yes to the new boat.

Dave Perry and Yacht Racing Rule Changes for 2005-2008

Dave Perry, collegiate All-American and two-time Congressional Cup champion, spoke to racers at Houston Yacht Club about the significant yacht racing rule changes for the next four years. Visit payc.us/racing.htm for a summary.

February Sailing on the Gulf Coast

The sailing season has begun. The New Years race whetted the appetite, but February was the month when the sailing calendar really began popping. The TSA Mardi Gras regatta hosted by the Port Arthur Yacht Club was a rousing success because of the tremendous effort by the members who volunteered their weekend to “work” the event. The top young sailors from Texas, Kansas, and Louisiana have always said that this regatta is their favorite for the year. It was a joy to witness their skill, knowledge, and enthusiasm for the sport.

The third weekend in February was loaded with sailing. We hosted the first scheduled PAYC V15 outing on Saturday morning. Members **Mike Pedigo**, **Charlie Tweedel**, and **Carolyn Worsham** rigged their boats with the help of their young crew members. Charlie brought along his oldest daughter **Katie** to call tactics and trim the jib, while Carolyn and Mike introduced LSC-PA students **Ben Thomas** and **Ricky Jaimes** to board boat sailing on a windy day in Sabine Lake. They were stoked with the excitement. Carolyn provided a delicious lunch afterwards where everyone discussed the morning of heavy air including two capsize, one at the dock and the other in the chop just outside the cut.

We ended the day with a drive over to Houston listening to **Garrison Keillor** and “The Prairie Home Companion Show” on the radio. We had the pleasure of meeting him in Port Arthur the previous week. We then walked the docks, had a delicious dinner, and checked into a room at the Houston Yacht Club.

Sunday morning was the second day of the Houston Yacht Club’s Midwinter regatta.

We just happened to bring along our sailing gear. The plan was to stand on the dock next to a J/105 and solicit an invitation to crew. The reality was that the captain and crew of an Ensign invited me aboard to work the foredeck for the two remaining races. The joy was sailing well against 8 other boats and being the youngest member of the crew.

After the races we gathered under the shed to debrief and meet the other competitors. They found that we had an Ensign in Port Arthur and immediately began planning how they could help us get it up to speed and join the HYC fleet. We followed everyone to the awards ceremony of the HYC Midwinters which we have attended intermittently since 1979.

At 4:00 p.m., **Commodore By Baldrige** introduced some guy named **Dave Perry** who talked about the changes in the racing rules for the next four years. We have read his articles in sailing magazines for years. He is perhaps the leading expert in the world on racing rules. All of those who raced for two days remained to listen until 7:00 p.m. on Sunday night. Remember, most had a 2-5 hour drive towing their boats home.

Then we sat down to a light dinner. Our Ensign crew joined us along with **Dean Snider** and his wife. They have been the guiding force behind the Ensign Fleet for at least 30 years and North American Champions more than once.

The drive home seemed really short. I must have been pondering the last beat of the second race. What a weekend!

Bill, the Tired Ol’ Man



Charlie Tweedel, daughter Kate, and a V15

PAYC Award Recipients for 2004

Alan Aldredge	Novice of the Year & Racing Crewperson of the Year
John Ardoin	Cruiser of the Year
Ginger Ardoin	Cruising Crewperson of the Year
Bill Worsham (the younger)	Skipper of the Year
Carolyn Worsham	John Blair Award & Yachtsman of the Year
Bill Worsham (the elder)	Racing <i>Top Gun</i> Award
Andrew Borel and Sierra Thiery	Junior Sailors of the Year

Cruising

With spring upon us we will be headed for Johnson's Bayou for the weekend of 12-13 March. Cruise meeting is on 12 March, at 0900 hrs, in the clubhouse. The stink-potters will be judging the blow-boaters on their performances. What? What? Blow-Boaters beware; your skills will be tested! Also, we are confirming date(s) for state approved portable fire extinguisher inspections and USCG Auxiliary Courtesy Safety Check. Keep an eye on listserve for updated scheduling.

Website of the month: noonsite.com – Jimmy Cornell's website with many interesting links.

Gene Kohrman - cruising@payc.us

Spanish Sailing Ship to Visit Galveston in April

The *Juan Sebastian del Cano*, a Spanish sailing ship, will visit the Port of Galveston on April 6 for a one-week visit. Constructed in 1925, the four-masted top sail schooner has a square rig foremast and 20 sails, is as long as 1½ football fields, houses 250 Spanish sailors, and is a "true sailing vessel."

The ship will be open for public tours.

Capital Outlay Expenditure Ballot for the Purchase of a Club Power Boat

The PAYC Board of Directors is once again asking the membership to vote on the purchase of a power boat to be used to support club functions as outlined in our club by-laws. Several members had voiced their concerns over vague language used on the last ballot, so the Board has tried to be more concise as to its intentions. Heritage Marine will have the boat available for inspection at March 8th General Meeting. It is the Board's intention to purchase insurance, a yearly maintenance contract, and a cover for this boat but those prices were not available at this time. More information on the boat purchase is available on the PAYC web site at: <http://payc.us/boatinfo>.

Please cast your vote on the purchase of a 2005 Triumph 170CC (17 foot center console boat with a 50HP Honda engine) for the sum of \$14,951.31 per the Heritage Marine quote dated February 16, 2005. If the vote passes, the Board will also purchase insurance, a yearly maintenance contract, and a fitted fabric cover for the new boat.

Vote **FOR** the purchase.

Vote **AGAINST** the purchase.

Votes may be submitted in person at the March 8th meeting. Members who will not be able to attend the March 8th meeting are asked to sign their ballots and deliver them to the Club House before the next General Meeting.

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Next General Meeting: Tuesday, March 8, 2005 at PAYC

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

2005 PAYC Officers

COMMODORE	Mike Wise (commodore@payc.us)
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TRUSTEES	Butch Neely, Pam King, 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)

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
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