



Mainsheet

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Commodore's Comments... Pat O'Quinn

Looks like we had a bit of an awkward start for 2006 as Mother Nature tripped us up some. The Screen House Cruise was a very wet and cold event and had to be moved to the clubhouse. In February, the Full Moon Race was cancelled because of very high winds. Most of us couldn't even get out of the marina. Undeterred, we still managed to have a good time on both events by simply getting together at the clubhouse.

The Board has been very busy with

the Island Commission and working on the budget. We met with PIC about repairs at PAYC and progress is being made slowly. The PAYC 2006 budget is finished. You can find it on page 3 of this newsletter. We are a little behind schedule but it couldn't be helped.

We have a lot of great events coming up, such as the Shell Island Cruise, the Olympic Race #1, and the St. Patrick's Day party. I am confident Mother Nature will be a lot kinder to us for

these events.

On a positive note, we had five new members who have joined the club and we certainly want to welcome them. Robert & Theresa Reeves, Steve Stewart, Thomas & Edith Giles, Gerald Lyons and Lyle Rayburn have all decided to join the fun and sail with PAYC. Like I always say, its all about Family, Friends and Fun. See you on the water! 🐾

Pat O'Quinn

Racing ... Paul Vera, 936-3525

Moon Lights have been rather a "who-can-get-out-in-bad-weather". We did have four boats attempt to race with one finishing. Ken Ruddy got out and finished. Bob Peck, Mike Gill, and Russ Test also had a try at it.

Our next big event will be the MARCH 18 Olympic #1, followed by a social that night. We'll have a good time so join us! As for you beginners, this is the best time to learn something new from the old timers out there--Crew for them. Skippers meeting will be at 10 am. I will have a short sailing class at 9 am for the beginners.

April 6th starts our "Thursday Night Series".

Junior Sailing

...Paul Vera,
936-3525



As this month's Mainsheet is going to press, the 2006 Mardi Gras Youth Regatta will have come and gone. We appreciate all who volunteered in various capacities this past weekend. The entire event was fun for the kids as well as the adults. See photos of the weekend on page 2. I will update you on the details in next month's issue.

Juniors, spring break is coming and I would like for ya'll to start sailing! I will get the group together soon for a "Bring a Friend to Sail Day". 🐾

Cruising ... Gene Kehrman

Saturday the 18th was a busy day at the clubhouse. A USCG Safe Boating Class conducted by the USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 6-11 with seven in attendance.

All attendees successfully received their certificates of completion. Saturday night Terrell Adkisson presented his circumnavigation slide presentation with 27 in attendance. Again, thank you, Terrell.

In March we have two events scheduled:

- March 11 & 12: Shell Island Cruise--We will leave the marina at 10 am on Saturday. (It is a 3 to 3 run to Shell Island) with a return Sunday 10-11 am.
- March 24-29: Galveston Cruise--Presently our intentions are to anchor at Shell Island Friday night the 24th and depart for Galveston at daybreak on Saturday, the 25th. Return trip--Leaving Galveston daybreak on Wednesday the 29th.

Who knows, we may overnight at Stingaree or Steve's Landing. Last year the S/V AFFINITY II and S/V PANACHE made the trip. We had slips at the Harbor House. Last year their week day rates were \$1 per foot per night. Weekends were \$2 per foot per night. Hopefully, I can convince the crews to head to Offats Bayou with day trips to Moody Gardens and the Confederate Air Museum and then to Harbor House Marina and the Strand. If you are interested in this trip, RSVP's are required for marina slip reservations by Friday, March 10.

Call Gene Kehrman, 409-718-7069. 🐾

Socials...Barbara Test

The social committee has assisted with refreshments for the recently held screen house cruise, Terrell Adkisson's presentation of his trip around the world, and meals for the Youth Regatta. Thanks to all who helped. I think the PAYC sailors are among some of the best cooks around! Karen Hallquist's Lemon Pudding Cake served at Terrell's Around-The-World Presentation was such a hit that in response to numerous requests, we are printing the recipe here:



- Lemon Pudding Cake** Preheat oven 350°. Prepare cake mix as on pkg. Pour batter into greased 13x9 inch pan. Pour milk & water into large bowl. Add dry pudding mixes & granulated sugar. Beat with wire whisk for 2 min. or until blended. Pour over cake batter in pan. Place pan in oven on baking sheet to catch bubbling over. Bake 55-60 min. Cool in pan 20 min. Sprinkle with powdered sugar. Spoon into serving dishes. Serve warm or cold.
- 1 pkg. lemon cake mix
 - 2 cups cold milk
 - 1 1/4 cups water
 - 2 pkgs. (3 oz each) instant lemon pudding
 - 1/3 cup sugar
 - 2 Tbsp. powdered sugar

We are planning a St. Patrick's Day dinner to follow the first Olympic race on Saturday, March 18. We will provide the main dish. We ask members to bring a side dish with an Irish flavor or a green dessert. Bring your own Irish drink of choice. Look for more information for other upcoming events--Cruise to Esther's by land or water on April 1 and the Crawfish Boil on April 19. Reservations will need to be made, so clear your calendar and make plans to attend. ♪

Safety Notes...Jason Tieman

After the monthly PAYC meeting on February 14th, I visited with the Pleasure Island Commission (PIC) to check the status of channel marker lights and the after range light. I was informed that as soon as the barge returns to complete the pylon work in the marina, the PIC would replace the lights that are currently on the channel pylons.

I also learned that there was a reason the last set of lights did not last very long. It seems that the local bird population feels the the solar panels are a convenient place to relieve themselves, greatly reducing the amount of sunlight available to keep the batteries charged. In an effort to reduce the amount of birds visiting our new lights, the PIC staff has engineered an attachment making the new solar panels the last place anything would want to sit and relieve itself. They hope to have both the marker lights and after range lights replaced before we get into prime boating season.

After hearing more than one story from people having engine problems just as they are docking, a thought came to me that I would like to pass along; Those who have had or will have this experience should know--You are not alone.

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(Safety Notes continued)

Apparently it is enough of a problem for merchant vessels that it became a requirement for vessels returning to port to perform a steering and gear test prior to coming into coastal harbors and waterways. The test consists of shifting your rudder from hard left rudder to hard right rudder and slowing your RPMs and reversing your engines for a few seconds.

The point I guess I'm trying to make (and something I think I will start practicing myself) is...Once I get inside the breakwaters of our marina, I plan to reduce my speed and reverse my engine along with cycling my rudder *before* I make the final approach into my slip. If there are problems at any point, you'll have room to anchor and find a solution. ♪

The Mardi Gras Youth Regatta!

...Photos taken by Steve Swanson



**It's All
Good!**

PAYC BOARD MEETING MINUTES • FEBRUARY 14, 2006

Club members present were Mark & Karen Hallquist, Russell & Barbara Test, Paul Vera, Gary King, Gene Kohrman, Jason Tieman, Steve Swanson, Terrell Adkisson, Pat O'Quinn, Jerry Singleton and Lynn and Becky Eastepp.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Main Checking:	\$8,585.35
Improvement CD:	12,093.22
Improvement CD2:	28,506.56
Lease:	27,679.19
Money Market CD:	3,396.95
Self Insurance CD:	31,957.50

HARBORMASTER REPORT: Gene Kohrman reports that there are some bigger boats coming in before long needing slips. He is still in the evaluation process and moving around stage of boats that don't need metered slips. (repeat of General Minutes)

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Lyle Rayburn, Gerald Lyons, Steve Stewart, Robert Reeves and Thomas Giles were officially accepted and approved by the board.

RACING REPORT: The next big racing event for the club will be the Olympic Regatta, to be held on March 18. Skippers meeting to be fired off at 10:00 am. The Thursday night series of racing will commence coming up in April. Details to be announced in March. (repeat of General Minutes)

HOUSE & GROUNDS REPORT: Mr. Jerry Singleton has graciously stepped up to the plate and is now heading up the House & Grounds Committee. Thanks Jerry—you are much appreciated! (repeat of General Minutes)

CRUISING/SOCIALS REPORT: The cruising dude (Gene Kohrman) has suggested a 10:00 am blastoff time for the early season Shell Island Cruise coming up on March 11 & 12. This is always a great cruise to make—be there or be square! (repeat of General Minutes)

SAFETY REPORT: Jason Tieman talked about safety on the water, including waterway obstructions, pipelines & recently activated restriction zones in and around our area. (repeat of General Minutes)

JUNIOR SAILING REPORT: Mardi Gras Regatta is upon us—February 25 & 26. Volunteers are always needed for this event. Remember, this is our youth that need your participation! Please let Paul Vera know if you can provide any assistance in the way of a chase boat, kitchen help, or registration help. (repeat of General Minutes)

OLD BUSINESS: The matter of the V-15 fleet and what their intentions are regarding the status of the fleet were brought up. Gary King led the discussion along with Terrell Adkisson on what they felt the V-15 group was responsible for. It was decided by the board that the V-15 group as a whole should hold another meeting and decide exactly what they want to do to rectify the remaining debt incurred for the purchase of the now defunct V-15 fleet. The club will undoubtedly have to accept whatever reasonable offer that the V-15 group makes and work with them on any remaining balances.

NEW BUSINESS: There was much discussion regarding a new Novice Sailing Class. The motion carried, with a possible start date of March 18 and to begin before the start of the Olympic Regatta. There were also many discussions raised regarding which sailing organization we should stay or become a member, including the AYA and the GYA. The decision to choose was tabled until the next month's board meeting.

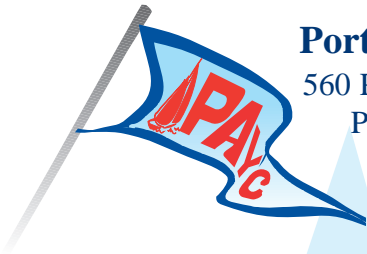
Meeting was adjourned at 9:31 p.m. 
Steve Swanson, Secretary of the PAYC

The next General Meeting will be
March 14th, 7:00 pm, in the clubhouse.

PAYC Proposed 2006 Budget

	Proposed 2006 Budget	Paid 2006
ADMINISTRATIVE		
Acct, Taxes, Dues	\$ 2,200.00	
Office Expenses	\$ 100.00	
Postage, Printing	\$ 250.00	
Mainsheet	\$ 250.00	
Pub/Membership	\$ 200.00	
CLUBHOUSE		
Insurance	\$ 3,400.00	
Self Insurance	\$ 2,500.00	
UTILITIES		
Electricity	\$ 6,700.00	
Telephone	\$ 600.00	
Waste Services	\$ -	
City of PA (water)	\$ 1,600.00	
Gas (SUG)	\$ 250.00	26.34
MAINTENANCE		
Building	\$ 1,000.00	
Ice Machine	\$ 300.00	
Janitorial	\$ 3,400.00	
Cleaning	\$	
Supplies		
RACING PROGRAM		
Race Committee	\$ 1,400.00	
TSA Regatta	-	
Spindletop Regatta	-	
CRUISING PROGRAM		
	\$ 300.00	
JUNIOR SAILING		
	\$ 1,500.00	
SOCIALS		
Functions	\$ 1,600.00	
Pantry	-	
ANNUAL BANQUET		
Banquet Cost	\$	1,647.09
Honor Awards	\$ 1,000.00	1,433.93
Door Prizes		724.57
Decorations		307.89
LEASE RENEWAL		
	\$ 1,500.00	
CONTINGENCY FUND		
	\$ 1,810.00	
SALES TAX		
	\$	1,944.74
MONTHLY TOTALS	\$ 31,860.00	\$6,084.56

Member
Name/Signature: _____
Date: _____



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Next General Meeting: Tuesday, March 14, 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 and request one. Also, any member wishing to move from US Mail delivery to email delivery (or vice versa) can do so by sending an email to mainsheet@payc.us.

2006 PAYC OFFICERS

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Terrell Adkisson, Pam King, and Sam Showalter

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Gene Kohrman

WEBPAGE EDITOR:

Carolyn Worsham webmaster@payc.us

YACHTS FOR SALE AT PAYC

(Call Martin Novich at (409) 727-0752 to list your vessel or have it removed from this list.)

30' Olympic Princess*	Tom Thigpen	704-866-8856 or thigpen@midrex.com
C38 Catalina 42	Jim Bell	409-796-1711 or 409-729-2266
B44 Bayliner 25	Debi Adams	409-962-6296
D02 Ranger 29	Al Hebert	409-722-2048

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 or (409) 963-0744. After your date has been cleared with Laurie, you can then visit www.payc.us for a reservation application and more info.

Summary of PAYC Events in March



Mar 11/12	Sat & Sun	Shell Island Cruise
Mar 14	Tue	General Meeting 7:00 pm. Board Meeting to follow.
Mar 18	Sat	Olympic Race #1
Mar 18	Sat	St. Patrick's Day Party after Olympic Race #1
March 24-29		Galveston Cruise See Gene's Cruising Report on page 1.

A Salute and Thank You!

To John Green on Pier B. Just back from 18 mos in Iraq with 56th Brigade Combat Team. Welcome Home John!