



# Mainsheet

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

Our Annual Banquet was quite an event, and from what I saw, I believe everyone had a great time. I am looking forward to a great boating season and all the socials that we have planned. I think we have something for everyone this year. The only ingredient we need is you.

As the new PAYC board takes over and we start 2006, we all agreed we want to keep the momentum going that Mike Wise started. We have a few problems

left for us by Hurricane Rita, but we are going to get past those. The Island Commission has started repairs on several of the finger piers and the barge has started replacing pilings in the yacht club. It will still take a little time, but we will be back to full steam before you know it.

Most of us have received the recent billing and for some of us, it might be a bit of a problem. Hurricane Rita hit some of us worse than others. If you

need some extra time catching up on your dues for the club, just give one of the board members a call and we will help you work out a plan you can live with. We don't want anyone being put in a financial strain or have to worry about having to pay back dues all at once.

My theme for this year is going to be the three "F's", Family, Friends, and Fun. I look forward to seeing you on the water. ☺ *Pat O'Quinn*

## Racing... *Paul Vera, 936-3525*

Reloaded and ready to go! The racing program is in full swing with Marvin Campbell and the first Moonlight on the books. Please look for the race schedule to be posted on the website soon.

We now have standard Port Arthur Yacht Club Sailing Instructions. Thank you Richard Hughes for your hard work in producing them.

And yes, our club has 4 new race rule people. Sam Showalter, Russ Myers, Russ Test and Alan Aldredge attended a race management class at Houston Yacht Club. Sixteen hours of class and travel in one day.

This was short this month, but details are forthcoming. ☺

## Junior Sailing... *Paul Vera, 936-3525*

Get ready kids! The Mardi Gras Regatta is the last week of February. Please give me a call if you plan on racing.

Congratulations go out to Kori Vigil and Chris Wooley, our new Junior Sailors of the year. I will expect a lot out of you young sailors. So get out there and go sailing! ☺

## Cruising... *Gene Kehrman*

We have had a successful 2005 cruising year—16 scheduled and impromptu events with over 290 club members and guests participating. Thank you for your participation.

2006 is the year of power boater participation in our club cruises. We need you to pull the sailboats out of the skinny waters! Please review the enclosed 2006 PAYC calendar for the scheduled cruises, and as you know, there are always the impromptu ones.

Our first function of the year is the Screen House Cruise on Saturday, Jan. 21, 2006 at 7 p.m. till ?. Please bring a dish and BYOB. On Feb. 18, 2006, the USCG Auxiliary will be conducting the Safe Boating Course, 0900 to 1630 hrs (9 am to 4:30 pm). If I am correct, there is a \$20 fee to cover the books. For the minors the class is approved for the Texas Boating Certification.

Also, Saturday, Feb. 18, 2006, is Terrell Adkisson's presentation of his mid-70's circumnavigation. It will begin at 1900 hrs (7p.m till 10ish). Please come and enjoy the events with us. ☺

• Website of the month: [www.safetyseal.net](http://www.safetyseal.net)

See you on the water, *Gene Kehrman*

## Socials... Barbara Test

The Annual Banquet for 2005 was a great success. Thank you Susie O'Quinn and all those who helped. Great fun and great friends. If you have any comments for next year's banquet, please let me know as it is being planned at this time.



Gene Kohrman receiving the much-coveted Funky Monkey Award at the Annual Banquet.

We are working with Gene on the Screen House Cruise to be held on Saturday evening, January 21st at 7p.m. Please bring a dish to share and BYOB. Weather permitting, we will have a fire burning (suitable for s'mores!)

Please check the calendar included in this newsletter for future events already planned. We are open to suggestions for changes, additions, etc. You will note some changes in day or time of some traditional events. These were made from comments from the membership. Let's see how this works out. Looking forward to a fun boating year. ☺ Barbara Test

## Awards Given at PAYC Annual Banquet

**Novice of the Year**  
Mike Gill

**Skipper of the Year**  
Mark Hallquist  
Martin Novich

**Yachtsman of the Year**  
Mark Hallquist

**Racing Crew Person of the Year**  
Karen Hallquist

**Cruiser of the Year**  
Mike Wise

**Cruising Crew Person of the Year**  
Laurie Wise

**Junior Sailors of the Year**  
Kori Vigil  
Chris Wooley

**John Blair Memorial**  
Butch Neely



Chris Wooley receiving his jacket for "Junior Sailor of the Year" from Mike Wise.



Kori Vigil receiving his jacket for "Junior Sailor of the Year" from Paul Vera.

## Safety Notes... Jason Tieman

As I understand it, the position of Safety Officer has not been filled for a while. My goal is to help PAYC address and work through any safety, security, or environmental concerns or situations.

I would like to start by reminding everyone what we need to do to maintain the oil-recycling receptacle located near the southeast entrance gate. The only thing that goes in this tank is oil, *not* gas, chemicals or water. After you dump your used oil into the tank, simply leave your used oil filter upside-down on the tank opening and the next person will double bag your filter in plastic bags and place it in the trash, while leaving his for the next person.

Recently the Texas General Land Office (TGLO) and the United States Coast Guard has notified the Pleasure Island Commission that the condition of the receptacle was not acceptable. They noted that there were buckets of used oil filters and oily rags that had filled with rainwater and was running over. This offense can involve penalties. We are very fortunate to have the ability of dumping our used oil without leaving the Yacht Club. So please, do your part and help us keep it clean. I don't think anyone wants to find him or herself stuck with a state or federal fine.

For everyone's knowledge there is one number that you should become familiar with while working or playing on America's waterways. **1-800-424-8802** will put you in direct contact with the US Coast Guard National Response Center (NRC). The primary function of the National Response Center is to serve as the sole national point-of-contact for reporting all oil, chemical, radiological, biological, and etiological discharges into the environment anywhere in the US and it's territories. The NRC also takes terrorist/suspicious activity reports and maritime security breach reports. So the next time you see an oil/fuel spill, unidentified bucket or drum of product, or some type of suspicious activity, please call that number and the appropriate local authorities will respond.

If you have any questions or comments, you can reach me at my cell phone, 409-245-5560 or work phone, 409-723-6526. ☺ Jason Tieman

Check out the enclosed 2006  
PAYC Calendar and then  
VOLUNTEER for an event.  
It's Fun...Plus the Club needs  
and appreciates your help.  
Call an officer today!

## PAYC BOARD MEETING MINUTES • DECEMBER 13, 2005

Club members present were Mike & Laurie Wise, Alan Aldredge, Terrell Adkisson, Gene Kohrman, Steve Swanson, Karen Hallquist, Russell & Barbara Test, Paul Vera, Butch Neely & Jason Tieman.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Main Checking:	\$6,712.77
Improvement CD:	12,044.95
Improvement CD2:	28,310.32
Lease:	27,473.52
Money Market CD:	3,390.95
Self Insurance CD:	31,800.26

**HARBORMASTER REPORT:** See December General Meeting minutes.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** See December General Meeting minutes.

**RACING REPORT:** Paul Vera reminded us of the up and coming Marvin Campbell Frostbite Race on January 14th. A reminder announcement with a little more detail will be sent out before the event.

**HOUSE & GROUNDS REPORT:** We still have a few nagging issues regarding plumbing, etc. around the clubhouse. The board plans on getting some affirmative action in the upcoming year on getting some of these outstanding issues fixed.

**CRUISING/SOCIALS REPORT:** No cruising or social events are planned for the rest of December.

**SAFETY REPORT:** Questions were brought up regarding how soon the Island Commission was going to actually get anything done. There are no good answers for this one at this time.

**JUNIOR SAILING REPORT:** Paul Vera quickly discussed a few things regarding the upcoming Mardi Gras Regatta.

**OLD BUSINESS:** More discussions and ideas were hashed over regarding some type of permanent or temporary storage to be used for sailing gear, junior sailing items, & other club owned items. Everything from boxcars to trailers was mentioned – still with no clear direction at the end of it all. More discussion is needed on this matter as the club desperately needs more storage space.

**NEW BUSINESS:** A decision to hold a calendar meeting was discussed. Commodore Pat O'Quinn is to arrange the meeting place & time. Reminders were also made regarding the Year End Banquet to be held at the Pompano Club on Saturday, January 7th, 2006.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:43 p.m. 📄  
*Steve Swanson, Secretary of the PAYC*

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

## PAYC BOARD MEETING MINUTES • JANUARY 10, 2006

Members present were Mike & Laurie Wise, Terrell Adkisson, Alan Aldredge, Steve Swanson, Pat O'Quinn, Gene Kohrman, Russell & Barbara Test, Mike Gill, Karen Hallquist, Lynn & Becky Eastep, Ed Wiltz, Sam Showalter, Jason Tieman, & Paul Vera.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

No updated report at this time.

**HARBORMASTER REPORT:** Gene has re-established the official slip waiting list, as well as an updated boat slip occupied list. Gene also brought up the matter of the oil dump facility & how it is not properly being used. The board is in agreement that our members need to follow club procedures regarding the oil dump facility – please discard your old filters & oily rags if you use the facility – don't leave the area in a mess for another member to clean up. This facility is present for the convenience of our membership and should properly be cared for on an equal basis by all members who utilize it.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** A new membership application has been accepted and approved from Joe & Nina Newkirk. Welcome aboard Joe & Nina!

**RACING REPORT:** The Marvin Campbell Frostbite Race was held on January 7th & proved to be quite interesting. First Moonlight Race of 2006 is to be held Saturday, January 14th. Skippers meeting to be held same evening at 6:00 p.m. The 2nd Full Moon Race of 2006 will be on February 11th, with the Skippers meeting to be held same evening at 6:00 p.m. Paul is still getting things geared up for the upcoming Mardi Gras Regatta coming up on February 25th & 26th. As always, Mr. Vera needs volunteers to help out on this event. If you would like to assist either as race scorers, race mark placement, or kitchen help – please come out and support our racing program. We need you!

**HOUSE & GROUNDS REPORT:** A plumber has finally been secured & the ladies toilet is finally going to be restored within the next few days.

**CRUISING/SOCIALS REPORT:** The first official "cruise" of the New Year is our ever popular Screen House Cruise on January 21, 2006. We always have a great time on this one. The good times will start about 6:30 p.m. or 7:00 p.m.—Please bring some type of food that you would like to share.

Barbara Test is taking votes on where to hold our 2006 Year End Banquet. If you have any suggestions for her, please email her at rtest5@gt.rr.com .

**SAFETY REPORT:** There is talk of putting another Safe Boating Course together for possibly February 18, 2006, to be held at the clubhouse, if enough interest is generated. Last year's course was a great success & several of our members have benefited from the insurance savings. Jason Tieman reports that he may also be able to lineup a CPR class at a very reasonable rate.

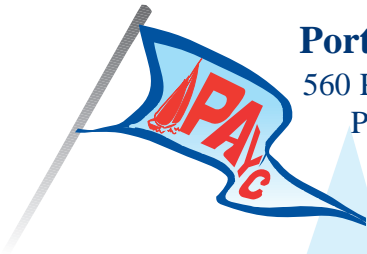
**PIC REPORT:** Commodore Pat O'Quinn attended the PIC meeting and reports that the Spinnakers Club is to possibly be reopened by new owners later this year. The pump out station has been repaired and is back in service. Repairs of the marina will start this month—The work barge has already been in the area and has removed obstructions first. It is to return and begin pile driving very soon.

**JUNIOR SAILING REPORT:** Paul reviewed the Junior Sailors of the Year. Congratulations to Kori Vigil and Chris Wooley! Volunteers will be needed to assist on the upcoming Mardi Gras Regatta.

**OLD BUSINESS:** No Report.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The matter of dry storage solutions for club equipment was hashed over. Many good ideas were brought up including trailers & seagoing containers. Club insurance was discussed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m. 📄  
*Steve Swanson, Secretary of the PAYC*



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### Next General Meeting: Tuesday, February 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](mailto: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](mailto:mainsheet@payc.us).

### 2006 PAYC OFFICERS

#### COMMODORE:

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#### VICE COMMODORE:

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Lynn & Becky Eastep [mainsheet@payc.us](mailto:mainsheet@payc.us)

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Terrell Adkisson, Gene Kohrman, Russ Test, Paul Vera and Mike Wise (Past Commodore)

#### TRUSTEES:

Terrell Adkisson, Pam King, and Sam Showalter

#### HARBORMASTER:

Gene Kohrman

#### WEBPAGE EDITOR:

Carolyn Worsham [webmaster@payc.us](mailto: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 <a href="mailto:thigpen@midrex.com">thigpen@midrex.com</a>
B10 Catalina 25 w/trailer	Russ Test	409-722-5739 or <a href="mailto:rtest5@gt.rr.com">rtest5@gt.rr.com</a>
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

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## Summary of PAYC Events in February



- Feb 11 Sat Full Moon Race and Cruise
- Feb 14 Tue General Meeting 7:00 pm. Board Meeting to follow.
- Feb 18 Sat Coast Guard Boating Safety Class at PAYC clubhouse 9-4:30 pm.
- Feb 18 Sat Around-the-World w/Terrell Adkisson.
- Feb 25/26 Sat & Sun Volunteer Worker Youth (Mardi Gras) Regatta.

# PAYC 2006 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For the most current events, dates and times, be sure to check the back of your monthly newsletter for updates.

## JANUARY

7<sup>th</sup> Sat Marvin Campbell Frostbite Reg LDR#1  
7 Sat Annual Banquet 6pm  
10 Tue Gen Mtg 7pm. Board Mtg following  
14 Sat Full Moon Race & Cruise  
21 Sat Screenhouse Cruise 7pm until. Bring a dish to share & BYOB.

## FEBRUARY

11<sup>th</sup> Sat Full Moon Race & Cruise  
14 Tue Gen Mtg 7pm. Board Mtg following  
18 Sat Coast Guard Boating Safety Class 9-4:30  
18 Sat Around-the-World with Terrell Adkisson 7pm  
25/26 Sat/Sun Volunteer Worker Youth Regatta (Mardi Gras Regatta). Begins Sat 8 am

## MARCH

11/12<sup>th</sup> Sat Shell Island Cruise. Depart 10 am  
14 Tue Gen Mtg 7pm Board Mtg following  
18 Sat Olympic Race#1  
18 Sat St. Patrick's Day Party. Time TBA

## APRIL

1<sup>st</sup> Sat April Fools Day Cruise/Drive to Esther's Restaurant 6pm  
6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> Thur Night Race Series#1  
11 Tue Gen Mtg 7pm. Board Mtg following  
22 Sat Fred Grund LDR#2  
29 Sat Crawfish Boil 4 pm

## MAY

6/7<sup>th</sup> Sat/Sun Contraband Days Lake Charles Cruise. More info to follow.  
4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Thur Night Race Series #2  
11 Tue Gen Mtg 7pm. Board Mtg following  
13 Sat Full Moon Race & Cruise  
28 Sat/Sun Dieter Junge Offshore Race

## JUNE

3/4<sup>th</sup> Sat/Sun Cruise to Galveston. More info later.  
1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> Thur Night Race Series #3  
10 Sat Full Moon Race & Cruise  
13 Tue Gen Mtg 7pm. Board Mtg following  
30 Fri Junior Sailing Begins. June 30-July 3<sup>rd</sup>

## JULY

1/2<sup>nd</sup> Sat/Sun Junior Sailing Continues  
6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> Thur Night Race Series #4  
4 Tue Commodore's Picnic. 4pm. Stay for City of PA Fireworks about 9pm.  
11 Tue Gen Mtg 7pm. Board Mtg following  
15/16 Sat/Sun Garrison Ridge Cruise. Depart 10 am

## AUGUST

5/6<sup>th</sup> Sat/Sun Beaumont Riverfront Cruise. Depart 10am  
8 Tue Gen Mtg 7pm. Board Mtg following  
12 Sat Olympic Race #2  
12 Sat Fajita Rita Party 6pm  
26 Sat Offshore Race-18 Mile Light. Time TBA

## SEPTEMBER

12<sup>th</sup> Tue Gen Mtg 7pm. Board Mtg following  
16 Sat Olympic Race #3  
23 Sat Oldies Party at 7pm  
30 Sat/Sun Adams Ridge Cruise. Depart 10am

## OCTOBER

1<sup>st</sup> Sun Completion of Adams Ridge Cruise  
7 Sat Full Moon Race & Cruise  
10 Tue Gen Mtg 7pm. Board Mtg following  
21 Sat Club Mini Fish Championship. 10am  
28 Sat Halloween Costume Party. 7 pm

## NOVEMBER

4/5<sup>th</sup> Sat/Sun Shell Island Cruise. Depart 10am  
10 Sat Long Distance Race #3  
14 Tue Gen Mtg 7pm. Board Mtg following

## DECEMBER

2<sup>nd</sup> Sat Last Race of the Year. Time TBA  
2 Sat Christmas Celebration. Boat & Club Decorating before 5pm. Dinner at 6pm. White Elephant Gift exchange at 7pm.  
12 Tue Gen Mtg 7pm. Board Mtg following

## JANUARY 2007

Annual Banquet date, time & place TBA.

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## PAYC 2006 RACING CALENDAR

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DATE	REGATTA	SKIPPER'S MEETING
Jan 7	Marvin Campbell Frostbite LDR#1	1000
Jan 14	Full Moon #1	1800
Feb 11	Full Moon #2	1800
Feb 25-26	Volunteer Worker Youth Regatta	
March 18	Olympic Regatta #1	1000
April 6,13,20 & 27	Thursday Night Series #1	1800
April 22	Fred Grund Race LDR#2	1400
May 4,11,18 & 25	Thursday Night Series #2	1800
May 13	Full Moon #3	1800
May 26–29	Offshore #1 Dieter Junge	TBA
June 1,8,15,22 & 29	Thursday Night Series #3	1800
June 10	Full Moon #4	1800
July 6,13,20 & 27	Thursday Night Series #4	1800
August 12	Olympic Regatta #2	1400
August 26	Offshore #2–18 Mile Light	TBA
September 16	Olympic #3–Island Cup Regatta	1000
October 7	Full Moon #5	1800
October 21	Club Mini-Fish Championship	1000
November 18	Long Distance Race #3	1000
December 2	Last Race of the Year TBA	1000