

# Mainsheet

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**NOVEMBER**

**2005**

## **COMMODORE'S COMMENTS**

Things have been so crazy lately that I don't know where to begin. I guess I will start with Rita. She blew in our back door in the early morning hours of Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup>; and although we dodged the bullet, we got some pretty bad powder burns. With lots of downed power lines, trees, and shingles covering the majority of our area, Pleasure Island fared the storm favorably well. All in all, we were pretty lucky. The clubhouse suffered some damage to the north side screen porch, some windows were blown in, and we have a few missing shingles in the same area. We also got a little water inside due to the windows blowing out. The screen porch has been taken out (which we were going to do anyway), so Rita started the project and Butch finished it. The windows are back in place and the glass has been replaced. There are some floor tiles starting to peel up as a result of the water. We also need to decide if we want to patch the roof or replace it. That sounds like a good General Meeting topic of discussion.

I would like to thank my hurricane clean-up crew that toughed out the heat, the limited facilities, and the man-eating mosquitoes. My family and I made it back into the area and out to PAYC Monday afternoon after the storm to find Paul Morgan and Larry Hevlin already on site. We set up camp and began the task of cleaning up the club, grounds, and marina. There were boats to untangle, wayward ones to retrieve, lines to be retied, and bilge pumps to be turned on. Those members who were able to come down and secure their boats seemed to weather the storm the best.

Rita did a number on the marina itself. With about a six foot higher tide than normal and strong winds to toss the boats about, many pilings and the majority of the finger piers were damaged. I would like to personally thank everyone who came together in this situation and worked together to make the best of things – living and working together for a common goal, surviving a major natural disaster, and getting our marina and club back together. First, my wife, Laurie, and family Sydney, Matthew, and Lane, did a tremendous job helping with the clean up. Then the "Rita Rats," Paul Morgan and Larry Hevlin, worked well together as a team securing boats and the grounds of the club. Later in the week Butch Neely and Gene Kohrman returned to complete the team. I don't want to forget one of our new members, Charles Seat, who came down from Oklahoma to check on his boat with a welcomed load of food and supplies for the group.

I managed to get a picture of almost every boat in the marina and finally have them uploaded to an ftp server for anyone who would like check them out or if needed for insurance purposes. The address is <ftp://paycuser:payc@66.138.58.231/>.

The Pleasure Island Commission and FEMA are working together to get the repairs done as quickly as possible. They are concentrating on repairs in the club first with priority to live-aboards. The repairs are going to take some time to complete, and Jimmy Dike has asked us to be patient due to the lack of material available.

Enough about Rita – let's talk about Katrina..... Just kidding!

First, here's a brief discussion about October, and then I'll move on to more current things. It seems we missed Moonlight Race #2 on October 1, but at the Costume Social on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, a great time was had by all in spite of light attendance. Needless to say, there was no shortage of pirates on the island that night.

Finally, I will talk about November! We start off with the ever popular Shell Island Cruise on the very first weekend of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. We have a Long Distance Race on the 19<sup>th</sup> and finish the month with the annual Tree Trimming Social and White Elephant Gift Exchange on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Remember that thing you got stuck with last year? Well, here is your chance to get rid of it, maybe!

Unfortunately with all this fun there must be some business as well. This is one of the most important months for the club, primarily due to the elections of the officers and board members who will be entrusted to run the club for 2006. And don't forget the award nominees who have worked so hard throughout the year. Try to put the time in your schedule to attend the General Meeting this month on the 8<sup>th</sup>. If you just can't make the meeting, be sure either to place your ballot in the office door mailbox or mail your ballot early enough to be received on or before the 8<sup>th</sup>.

Things have been pretty busy for most of us since Hurricane Rita. I could go on, but this is about all the time I have. Good luck to all, and Happy Thanksgiving,

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

### **SEMI-ANNUAL DUES AND INITIATION PAYMENTS**

If you haven't received your dues/initiation invoice for July and October yet, be expecting it shortly. The semi-annual dues payment of \$97.43 is customarily billed on July 1. Those paying initiation installments are also due billings of \$54.13 for both July 1 and October 1. Upon receipt of this bill, your quick attention to it will be appreciated.

### **LAST MONTH'S MAINSHEET**

Depending on when and where you evacuated and how your Internet access was impacted, you might not have received notice of the posting of the October *Mainsheet*. Please consult it for the following:

- Criteria for Honor Awards
- Information for ordering PAYC throws
- John Ardoin's reflections on *Trilobyte*

The October *Mainsheet* is online. It is included with this *Mainsheet* for those who receive it by U.S Mail.

### **OPPORTUNITY FOR SAIL ASSESSMENT**

Trent McBride (Banks Sails) will be at PAYC on Saturday, October 29 to assist members with quotes for repair and/or replacement of damaged sails.

### **KNOTHEADS and JUNIOR SAILING**

With the year coming to an end, I have to say that this year's Knotheads have done an astounding job in representing our club on the circuit and at the club. I hope that a trend has started and that PAYC will grow as our Knotheads grow.

The date for the 2006 TSA Mardi Gras Youth Regatta is Feb 25-26. Soon we will start gearing up for it. I will keep you informed of other upcoming events scheduled for Knotheads.

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

### **PAYC COMPOSITE CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER**

Nov 5-6	Shell Island Cruise
Nov 8	General and Board Meetings
Nov 19	Long Distance Race
Nov 26	Tree-Trimming Party

## Port Arthur Yacht Club Board Meeting October 11, 2005

Club Members present were Mike Wise, Alan Aldredge, Martin Novich, Terrell Adkisson, Gene Kohrman, Steve Swanson, & Trent McBride.

### Treasurer's Report:

Main Checking:	\$1802.92
Improvement CD:	\$12,044.95
Improvement CD2	\$28,310.32
Lease:	\$27,473.52
Money Market CD:	\$10,376.58
Self Insurance CD:	\$31,684.25

### Harbormaster:

No Report

### Membership:

No new members or applications at this time.

### Racing:

We have Moonlight Race # 3 coming up October 29<sup>th</sup>, and a long distance race on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Final details on these races to be announced via email either by Paul Vera or Steve Swanson.

### House & Grounds:

We are STILL actively seeking a reputable plumber for various plumbing tasks to be performed in the clubhouse. Butch Neely sent word that the Screen house sewer system is up and running again. The decision has finally been made to remove the unsightly screen mess from the North side of the clubhouse. Hurricane Rita almost accomplished this task single-handed.

### Cruising/Socials:

We have our annual Halloween Costume party coming up October 22<sup>nd</sup> – starting at 7 pm. For November we have our popular Shell Island Cruise on November 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> and a Tree Trimming party on November 26<sup>th</sup>.

### Safety:

Hurricanes are dangerous creatures and we are quite blessed that the damages to the Marina & Clubhouse were not worse than they were. Some of the preventative measures taken before the arrival of hurricane Rita were very effective – however fate proved otherwise on a few other preparations. Namely, the V15s did not fare to well. The V15 membership is to convene on an upcoming date to assess the damages and decide on a course of action.

### Junior Sailing:

No report from Paul at this time.

### Old Business:

We still haven't actually purchased the septic holding tanks behind the screen house even though it has been approved for some time now. Our blessed Commodore has elected to take care of this matter as soon as it is feasible.

### New Business:

The clubhouse windows on the North side sustained a fair amount of damage. The board elected to have the windows repaired as soon as we could possibly get it done & paid for the repairs out of self insurance funds. There is a possibility as of this writing that some or all of the tile may eventually have to be replaced in the immediately affected area due to water damage to the existing tiles. Discussions regarding the missing shingles on our clubhouse roof were had. Most of the board feels that a simple repair of the existing roof shingles would be more cost effective than a total replacement at this time. Trent McBride is going to be on the island most of the day on Saturday – October the 29<sup>th</sup> & will be available to assist those club members who lost their sails during Hurricane Rita with sail replacement estimates.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm.

**Steve Swanson**, [secretary@payc.us](mailto:secretary@payc.us)

### TRILOBYTE, RITA, AND THE HARVEST MOON

Sam Showalter towed *Trilobyte*, the Corsair 31, 800 miles at 9 mpg to keep her out of harm's way. Soon afterwards, Sam, Trent McBride, and three others competed in the GBCA Harvest Moon Race. With a moderate breeze from the northeast, it was a downwind race – very difficult in a multihull where the gybing angle is about 90° and speed must be maintained to bring the apparent wind forward. "We sailed too low and slow, more like a monohull, so we traveled less distance but took longer. We averaged about 9 knots VMG but didn't do well on corrected time."

Congratulations to Sam and Trent and crew for representing PAYC at the Harvest Moon.

## **RACING FOR NOVEMBER**

Let's get back to racing! I know everybody has been under a lot of pressure dealing with hurricane Rita. Now it's time to relax and chill out. On October 29 there will be a Moonlight race. The skippers' meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Extra advantages in time will be given to this race. To receive these advantages you must attend the skippers' meeting.

1. Time will be given to crews and skippers in Halloween costumes.
2. Time will be given to the boat that has the heaviest crew.
3. Time will be given to the boat that has the lightest crew.
4. Time will be given to the boat sailing with all females.
5. Time will be given to the boat that has people who never been sailing before.
6. Time will be given to the boat with the most empty aluminum cans.
7. Time will be given to the boat with pumpkins on board.
8. Time will be given to the boat with junior sailors on board.

### **Upcoming Races:**

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| Nov 19 | Long Distance Race<br>Skippers' meeting at 10 a.m. |
| Dec 3  | Moonlight Race<br>Skippers' meeting at 7 p.m.      |

The Texas Sailing Association (TSA) will hold its annual meeting at Houston Yacht Club at 1 p.m. on November 5. I would like to get some people together to make that meeting.

*Flying the LIMA flag again and still waiting for an adjutor from Allstate –  
Paul Vera (963-3525 or racing@payc.us)*

## **CRUISING FROM THE CRUISIN' DUDE**

Well, we lucked out, and Hurricane RITA was kind to the marina. Forty-two finger piers were damaged or floating in the marina, and I do not know how many pilings need replacing. Michael Player's Hunter 34 sank in the slip, and I noted fourteen destroyed roller-furling headsails within PAYC slips. We are lucky we have a marina.

Only seven boats evacuated the marina: 1) Mickey Rouse's Hinkley sank at the Port of Beaumont; 2) Terry Winchester ended up in Morgan City; 3) Randy Palmero, 4) William

Earnest and 5) Ed Wilkes' boats were in a marina in Orange; 6) Glenn Thibodeaux anchored in a bayou in Orange; and 7) Gene Kohrman's ketch had two anchors deployed and three lines tied to trees in Baird's Bayou, Beaumont. It just seemed rather strange to me that so few boat owners took action to prevent damage to their boats. Yes, this may be strong wording of my thoughts on hurricane preparedness as per your vessel, but do you not complain of the high cost of your boat insurance. Wonder why? My question is why you would leave your roller furling headsail on the forestay when in the path of a hurricane. Maybe 'wolf' has been cried too many times and we just became complacent; that's typical of us humans.

I want to personally thank Butch Neely, Jerry Singleton, and Paul Morgan for their efforts in the cleanup of the PAYC building and grounds.

We had an impromptu Harvest Moon Cruise the evening of the 15<sup>th</sup> of October. Three sailboats participated – *Merganser*, *Panache*, and *Sweat Equity*. It was a very nice night on the water with a full moon and winds of 6 to 7 mph.

The Shell Island Cruise is scheduled for the first weekend of November – the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. We hope to see you out on the water.

How about another Galveston cruise this year?

Website of the month:

<http://www.navrules.com/uscgauX>

*See you on the water,  
Gene Kohrman*

## **SOCIALS**

Well, it appears that hurricane season has taken her toll on all of us, but the Halloween Party still went forward as planned. Everyone attending had a good time and enjoyed the evening with great friends and conversation. The Tree Trimming Party is coming up on November 26<sup>th</sup> at the Yacht Club. It will be a White Elephant Gift Exchange and will begin at 7:00 p.m.

This has been a fantastic year and a busy social schedule that has been enjoyed by all. Have a Happy Thanksgiving. I hope to see you at the Tree Trimming Party!!

*See ya,  
Susie*

## Ballot for Officers for 2006 and Honor Award Recipients for 2005

**Instructions:** Ballots may be cast at the November 8<sup>th</sup> General Meeting, delivered to the PAYC Commodore's Office, or sent by U. S. Mail (with receipt required on or before November 8). Ballots delivered to the Commodore's Office or sent by mail must have the legible signature of a PAYC member. (Mail to 560 Pleasure Island Blvd. #79, Port Arthur, TX 77640.) Select **one** for each office and honor award nominee. Select **four** board members. Select **two** trustees (top vote recipient will serve a 3-year term; other elected trustee will serve a 1-year term). A space is provided for write-in candidates for officers, board members, trustees, and honor award recipients.

### Officers, Directors, and Trustees for 2005

#### Commodore:

- Pat O'Quinn  
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#### Vice Commodore:

- Mark Hallquist  
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#### Secretary:

- Steve Swanson  
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#### Treasurer:

- Karen Hallquist  
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#### Directors: (Vote for 4.)

- Terrell Adkisson  
 Chuck Devenzio  
 Mike Gill  
 Gene Kohrman  
 Martin Novich  
 Michael Player  
 Russell Test  
 Glenn Thibodeaux  
 Paul Vera  
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#### Trustees (Vote for 2.)

- Terrell Adkisson  
 Jim Kincaid  
 Randy Palmero  
 Sam Showalter

### Honor Awards for 2005

#### Novice of the Year

- Mike Gill  
 Russell and Barbara Test  
 Jason Tieman  
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#### Yachtsman of the Year

- Alan Aldredge  
 Mark Hallquist  
 Paul Vera  
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#### John Blair Memorial

- Jack Moser  
 Butch Neely  
 Pat O'Quinn  
 Mike Wise  
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#### Skipper of the Year (Vic Scalco Memorial)

- Mike Gill  
 Mark Hallquist  
 Richard Hughes  
 Martin Novich  
 Russell Test  
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#### Racing Crewperson of the Year

- Karen Hallquist  
 Trent McBride  
 Barbara Test  
 Laurie Wise  
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#### Cruiser of the Year (Chilton O'Brien Memorial)

- Pat O'Quinn  
 Randy Palmero  
 Mike Wise  
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#### Cruising Crewperson of the Year

- Karen Hallquist  
 Laurie Wise  
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Please vote!

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**NEXT GENERAL MEETING: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2005 – PAYC CLUBHOUSE**  
**Board Meeting Immediately Following General Meeting**

If you'd like a copy of the current PAYC roster, email [roster@payc.us](mailto: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](mailto:mainsheet@payc.us).

**2005 PAYC Officers**

<b>COMMODORE</b>	Mike Wise ( <a href="mailto:commodore@payc.us">commodore@payc.us</a> )
<b>VICE COMMODORE</b>	Patrick O'Quinn ( <a href="mailto:vicecommodore@payc.us">vicecommodore@payc.us</a> )
<b>TREASURER</b>	Alan Aldredge ( <a href="mailto:treasurer@payc.us">treasurer@payc.us</a> )
<b>SECRETARY</b>	Steve Swanson ( <a href="mailto:secretary@payc.us">secretary@payc.us</a> )
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<b>TRUSTEES</b>	Butch Neely, Pam King, and Terrell Adkisson
<b>HARBORMASTER</b>	Gary King (728-8095 or <a href="mailto:harbormaster@payc.us">harbormaster@payc.us</a> )

**PAYC Yachts For Sale**

**(Call or email Martin Novich to list your vessel or have it removed from this list)**

	30' Olympic Princess*	Tom Thigpen	704 866-8856 or <a href="mailto:tthigpen@midrex.com">tthigpen@midrex.com</a>
B10	Catalina 25 with trailer	Russ Test	409-722-5739 or <a href="mailto:rtest5@gt.rr.com">rtest5@gt.rr.com</a>
C38	Catalina 42	Jim Bell	409-796-1711/729-2266
B44	Bayliner 25	Debi Adams	409-962-6296
D02	Ranger 29	Al Hebert	409-722-2048

\*You might remember this as *Atlas Shrugged*, Tom Hooper's former boat. Contact Tom Thigpen for specifics.