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Note: This *Mainsheet* was composed prior to Hurricane Rita's arrival during the early morning hours of September 24. The marina and some boats suffered significant damage during the hurricane; however, most boats weathered the storm rather well and remained in their slips. At this time (September 26) there is no power on Pleasure Island, and the official word is that it could be 3-4 weeks before power is restored. There will be a supplement to this *Mainsheet* when power is restored and plans are made to resume PAYC activities.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

With the end of the summer we reached the height of the hurricane season. With Katrina decimating the upper Gulf Coast and destroying one of the oldest yacht clubs in the country as of this writing we are hoping that Rita does not cause us to endure a similar fate.

With the month of September behind us and the memories of a fantastic 18-mile light run and a love-bug infested Island Cup Regatta we move on to October. It looks like the Halloween month will be full o' full moons! With moonlight races on the 1st as well as the 29th, there are plenty of chances to enjoy a beautiful nighttime sail on the lake. Don't forget that in the middle of all of these full moons there will be a Halloween Costume Social on the 22nd.

There is more than enough fun and sailing stuff to talk about, but on to business. The next few months are very important ones for the club. Maybe your phone has already rung with a nominations committee member asking if you are interested in becoming an officer or board member for 2006. If not, you might want to check your caller ID before you answer the next ring! Seriously, the month of October is when nominations for board members as well as officers and special awards are taken both from the committee as well as the floor of the General Meeting. Please note that if you plan to make a nomination from the floor for someone for board or office, they must be aware of the nomination and willing to accept the duties. The criteria for the awards are listed in this issue of the *Mainsheet*. Once all nominations are taken, the election will be held at the November meeting. Mail-in ballot will also be accepted. The new board members and officers will be announced at that time and they will begin their new duties at the December meeting. The award winners will of course be kept secret until the banquet in January. Good luck to all. Hope you all have a safe and fun kind of spooky month.

See you on the water,

Mike...

PAYC COMPOSITE CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER (All dates subject to change due to Rita)

Oct 1	PAYC Workday (10 a.m.) and Moonlight Race #2
Oct 11	PAYC General and Board Meetings
Oct 22	Halloween Costume Social
Oct 29	Moonlight Race #3

**Port Arthur Yacht Club Board Meeting
September 13, 2005**

Club Members present were Alan Aldredge, Terrell Adkisson, Gene Kohrman, Pat & Suzie O'Quinn, Steve Swanson, Mark & Karen Hallquist, Larry Hevrin, Butch Neely, Jason Tieman, Carolyn Worsham, Mike Wise, Glenn Thibodeaux, Russ & Barbara Test.

Treasurer's Report:

Main Checking:	\$3,015.54
Improvement CD:	\$11,996.87
Improvement CD2	\$28,269.86
Lease:	\$27,269.39
Money Market CD:	\$10,360.16
Self Insurance CD:	\$31,448.82

Harbormaster:

No Report

Membership:

The newly submitted application for membership by Mr. & Mrs. Spinney was reviewed by the board and approved.

Racing:

See September General meeting minutes for a recap of what is going on in our racing events.

House & Grounds:

There is a **CLUB WORKDAY** scheduled for **October 1st at 10 AM** – all those willing to donate a little time and muscle would be deeply appreciated. The crane lift has been restored to proper operation after the replacement of the load chain by Butch Neely & several of our club volunteers.

Cruising/Socials:

No Cruises or Socials planned for September.

Safety:

The First Aid Kit in the clubhouse is in need of supplies. Larry Hevrin & Jason Tieman have graciously offered to donate supplies. It was also brought to the board's attention that the clubhouse lacks proper storm supplies such as

flashlights and or candles. There is an official Hurricane Preparedness meeting scheduled for October 1st (in conjunction with the club workday).

Junior Sailing:

No report at this time

Old Business:

Hurricane Preparedness for the boats in our Marina was discussed once again. As mentioned in the safety report, there will be an official meeting regarding this subject on October 1st. We hope to come away from this meeting with a new & up to date contingency plan as well as guidelines for our club relating to Marina preparation as well as evacuation procedures, emergency supply lists, etc. We welcome all members to attend, especially those who have experience in any or all of these matters.

New Business:

The matter of club officer nominations for 2006 was brought up & recruiting committees were formed to gather nominations from club members during the next few weeks. More discussions were had involving high speed internet access for the club & a list of interested members was taken by Steve Swanson. If any members are interested in participating in the shared cost for high speed access on the island please contact Steve Swanson at 727-0231 or via email at secretary@payc.us and he will be glad to put your name on the list. The more members who participate - the cheaper cost overall for all. Consider the value of having up-to-the-minute weather report access, storm awareness, as well as access to major news & of course multimedia.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:19 pm.

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

SOCIALS

The Fajita Rita Party was a great time had by all. The food, provided by Robert and Imelda Broussard, could not have been any better, and the attendees, as always, were a great group of members. As the party rocked along a storm moved in and we lost power. The party group stayed for a while then gave up and continued the social at the home of Russ and Barbara Test. Word has it the party became even better by those attending.

Things are starting to slow down for the year and give everyone a breather. The next social will be the Halloween Costume Party scheduled for October 22nd at 7:00 p.m. Please give thought to your costume and let's see what we can all come up with for this social. Please bring your own beverage of choice and an appetizer of your choice.

*See ya there –
Susie O'Quinn*

SERVICES OFFERED BY PAYC MEMBERS

Do you provide a marketable service that possibly could be needed by PAYC members? Do you wish you knew whom to call to get a particular service? Here are some services that might fit your needs:

Massages – Barbara Test, Registered Massage Therapist, offers Swedish massages and other services at the Academy for the Healing Arts Massage and Bodyworks in Port Neches. Call 409-729-9610 or 409-719-7698 for an appointment.

Send information to mainsheet@payc.us if you offer a service that could be included in this section.

REMINDERS

Minutes of the PAYC general meetings are posted on the PAYC website.

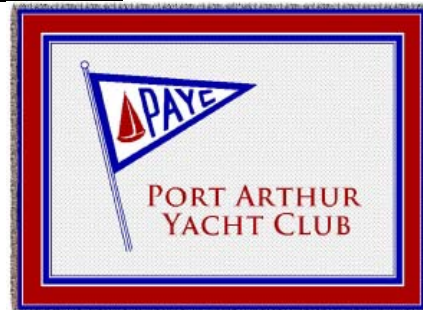
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PROPER PROCEDURES FOR BUYING AND SELLING BOATS

Game wardens advise people to treat the buying or selling of a boat like they would that of an automobile. Failure for not transferring or improperly transferring a title is a fine of as much as \$500. The appropriate forms can be obtained at any TPWD office or at <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/boat/forms.phtml>.

A separate transfer form must be filled out for the outboard motor title. There is a civil tax penalty and a fine for not registering and paying the sales tax on the boat and outboard motor within 20 days of purchase.

PAYC THROWS



100% cotton, 50"x70"
Machine Washable
\$30 each

Send your check to PAYC Throw Order, 560 Pleasure Island Blvd. #79, Port Arthur 77640. The order deadline has been extended until October 30.

SAILING IN OTHER VENUES

Leave it to a "mama" to get the story a little wrong. I reported in last month's *Mainsheet* that "**Bill Worsham** (the younger) won the 2005 J24 Texas Circuit." Actually there are two more regattas in the circuit. Bill and crew are currently in second place. I apologize for reporting the results incorrectly. Visit <http://home.austin.rr.com/j24district14/2005Results.htm> for official results of the J/24 Texas Circuit.

Carolyn Worsham

WHO SAYS YOU CAN'T TEACH AN OL' SALTY DOG NEW TRICKS?

I was sailing my first boat about this time of the year in 1965. I still have my first sailing trophy, engraved **1965 Spring Series, PAYC**. The boat was a 18' Kingfisher designed by William F. Crosby and built by Tom Ellis on 16th Street (Gulfway Drive) in Port Arthur. She was built of 1" edge-nailed cedar, and the deck was covered with canvas and paint for waterproofing. The mast was a tapered spruce spar; the keel was built at the Gulf Refinery; and the sails were built by Port Arthur's own sail maker, Marvin (Jimmie) Fontenot. I never would have dreamed that 40 years later I would be sailing a high tech rocket ship like *Trilobyte*, the Corsair 31 Trimaran owned by Dr. Sam Showalter. She is everything I expected her to be. I had read about these boats, but one can not begin to realize what they are all about until you sail one.

I had wanted to accept the invitations to sail *Trilobyte* for some time, but I knew I needed to pick the right day since I am not quite as agile as I used to be. While powering out of the marina, I noticed how well the boat responded to the helm. There is a linkage bar from the tiller to the engine. A boat with this beam would have never steered that well without that linkage. That was just the beginning of my new experiences. After raising the 500 sq. ft. mainsail, an ordeal in itself, Trent put a girdle around the mast to prevent snagging. That was the first new doohickey I had to ask about. Then Sam handed me a wrist band GPS. I thought maybe I was under house arrest like Martha. I needed this to see how keen my helmsman skills were. I soon found out *Trilobyte* was not as forgiving as all the old monohulls I had sailed. When my attention was taken off the telltales, speed would drop in half really quickly. The old monohulls I was used to sailing would drift for a half mile with the momentum of all that weight.

The winds were very light this day, mostly less than 10 kts, but several times my wrist band GPS would show sailing speeds of 7 kts. The helm was very light. The balanced spade rudder was obviously not made at the Gulf refinery. I had fingertip control, even with the chute up, which brought sail area to about 1500 sq. ft. Another high tech gizmo I thought was only for Hobie Cats was the rotating mast. It is unbelievable that a spar of this size with that amount of compression on the deck would be rotating to give better wind foil to the mainsail.

I put Ginger on the helm, just to see if she still remembered how to steer a boat with a tiller. It had been twenty years since she had a tiller in hand. She did very well and exceeded the speed I was able to achieve. Of course, I got a little flack from Sam about this. We sailed across to the Louisiana shore and put the chute up, so this gave me reason to get Ginger off the helm so she couldn't embarrass me anymore.

Coming back to the marina was a little slower since the wind had shifted around and dropped off. Sam just knew that as owner of an old stink pot, I would want to start the engine. No way – I sailed her right into the marina! Now this high tech sailing machine does have something in common with a 1929 Model A Ford. When Trent got ready to drop the main, he started cranking the handle on the front of the mast, as if to start the engine of the Model A. The main rolled up completely on the boom.

Throughout the afternoon Sam tried to encourage my interest in the boat, but Ginger was quick to respond to the fact this was not a boat for us. I know she was thinking of the generator, A/Cs, oven and range, shower, and lawn chairs on the deck of *Acadian Gypsy*, our 38' Ocean Nova trawler. To some ol' salty dogs like me, you just can't get it out of your blood. Sam was surprised that I still remembered to keep a slight curl in the leading edge of the spinnaker. It all came back, and it really felt good. Ginger could see the gleam in my eyes and was wondering, "Where is this leading?" She had to remind me that this is the month I go on Medicare and to get these young ideas out of my head. It's kind of like an old or married man looking at young women. You can still appreciate the beauty of it, even if you can't participate. It truly was an afternoon I will remember for a long time.

Thanks, Sam.

John Ardoin, PAYC Charter Member



Election of Officers for 2006 and Honor Award Recipients for 2005

PAYC By-Laws require that nominees be "published in the October *Mainsheet* and announced at the general membership meeting in October. **Nominations may be made from the floor at the October general meeting [prior consent of a nominee for officer or director is required].** Nominations may be made by mail directed to the Commodore provided such written nominations carry the signature of five active members.... All nominations...shall be published in the November *Mainsheet*."

Members in good standing can vote for officers and honor award recipients either by secret ballot at the November meeting or by absentee ballot received at PAYC by the day of the November general meeting. In order to ensure only one ballot per membership, mail-in ballots should be traceable to the member submitting the mail-in ballot.

The following nominations for the PAYC Board have been submitted by the PAYC Nominating Committee (Terrell Adkisson, Mark and Karen Hallquist, Gene Kohrman, and Carolyn Worsham):

Commodore: Pat O'Quinn
Vice Commodore: Mark Hallquist
Secretary: Steve Swanson
Treasurer: Alan Aldredge Karen Hallquist
Directors: (4 to be elected)
Martin Novich, Paul Vera, Glenn Thibodeaux, Terrell Adkisson, Chuck Devenzio,
Russell Test, Mike Gill, Gene Kohrman, Michael Player

Trustee: (2 to be elected; one for a one-year term, one for a three-year term [top vote recipient];
Pam King has two years remaining on her term)
Jim Kincaid, Sam Showalter, John Ardoin, Randy Palmero, Terrell Adkisson

The following nominations have been submitted by the PAYC Nominating Committee for honor awards:

Novice of the Year (Last Year's Recipient – Alan Aldredge)

Criteria: Is a new sailor (less than one year as member of PAYC); shows a willingness to accept responsibilities in promoting club activities; and demonstrates improved sailing abilities through participation in major and minor sailing activities both in the lake and offshore

Nominees: Russell and Barbara Test, Jason Tieman, Mike Gill

Yachtsman of the Year (Last Year's Recipient – Carolyn Worsham)

Criteria: Participates in club activities at a high level; demonstrates sailing skills and ability through participation in both major and minor sailing activities; gets along well with others; and shows a willingness to accept leadership roles in promoting club activities

Nominees: Gene Kohrman, Paul Vera, Mark Hallquist

John Blair Memorial (Last Year's Recipient – Carolyn Worsham)

Criteria: Provides outstanding service to the club

Nominees: Butch Neely, Pat O'Quinn, Jack Moser

Skipper of the Year: Vic Scalco Memorial (Last Year's Recipient – Billy Worsham)

Criteria: Participates in a majority of club racing activities; demonstrates racing skills and abilities by placing well in a fleet or class; and displays a sportsmanship and a positive competitive attitude.

Nominees: Mark Hallquist, Mike Gill, Russell Test

Racing Crewperson of the Year: (Last Year's Recipient – Alan Aldredge)

Criteria: Crews in many races either as a crewperson on their boat or as a "fill-in" on another boat; demonstrates ability and skills in handling sails in various weather conditions; exhibits a positive attitude toward the skipper and crews of other boats; demonstrates an ability to withstand the harsh atmosphere of a racing boat; is willing to return time and again to develop winning skills required by a winning crew on a winning boat

Nominees: Karen Hallquist, Barbara Test, Trent McBride

Cruiser of the Year – Chilton O'Brien Memorial (Last Year's Recipient – John Ardoin)

Criteria: Participates actively in the cruising program of PAYC; promotes PAYC not only in the club but in other ports as well; and is recognized as a sailor

Nominees: Randy Palmero, Pat O'Quinn, Mike Wise

Cruising Crewperson of the Year (Last Year's Recipient – Ginger Ardoin)

Criteria: Participates actively in the cruising program of PAYC; exhibits a positive attitude toward the skipper; is recognized as promoting PAYC not only in the club but in other ports as well.

Nominees: Laurie Wise, Karen Hallquist

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GENERAL MEETING: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2005 – 7 p.m. – PAYC CLUBHOUSE
Board Meeting Immediately Following the General Meeting

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2005 PAYC Officers

COMMODORE	Mike Wise (commodore@payc.us)
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HARBORMASTER	Gary King (728-8095 or harbormaster@payc.us)

PAYC Yachts For Sale

(Email mainsheet@payc.us to list your vessel or have it removed from this list)

B10	Catalina 25 with trailer	Russ Test	409-722-5739 (rtest5@gt.rr.com)
C38	Catalina 42	Jim Bell	409-796-1711/729-2266 (itheron2@earthlink.net)
B44	Bayliner 25	Debi Adams	409-962-6296 (debiadams@gt.rr.com)
D02	Ranger 29	Al Hebert	409-722-2048 (aaabearsden@aol.com)