



Commodore's CommentsPat O'Quinn

October 2006 Edition

Well, summer is almost over, and we can feel the cooler weather moving our way. I don't know about you, but I have had about enough of the hot. I like the fall, with the colors and the cooler temperatures. That means we can sail out to places and spend the night and not have to worry about air-conditioning, and later no mosquitoes.

We have a lot of socials and cruises planned for the next few months, and we sure hope to see some of you take advantage of some of these events. We do need your help on a couple of things. If you have changed your cell phone or home phone, please notify the Harbor Master, Gene Kohrman. If something should happen to your boat, we need to be able to contact you. Also, if you have a boat in dry storage or a dingy here at the club, again contact Gene. There is some difficulty in tracking down who belongs to what. PIC and the PAYC may be doing an auction on unclaimed property, in the future, and we don't want to sell something we already have an owner for.

For those who missed the last general meeting, it was at West Marine in Beaumont. We really appreciate West Marine's staff allowing us to have our meeting there. We had a guest speaker there from the Sabine Pilots association. She has some great information about safety and procedures they use in the ship channel. We hope to have more guest speakers attending our general meetings. Until then, I hope to see you on the lake.

RacingPaul Vera, 963-3525

Challenges are the spice of our lives. The 18 mile race was one of those challenging events that would test a skipper and his boat to the maximum of their ability. Some boats their challenge was to get to end of the Jetty in one piece; others were to just get back at all. Then you had those who made it but got lost in a storm on the way back to the Jetty. Of those who actually made it we had only three out nine boats that finished the race. I would like to commend those boats that took on a very extreme challenge and made it back safely. Butch Neely, Russ Test, Richard Hughes, Steve Swanson, Russ Myers, Mike Gill, Bill Worsham, and Andy Green took on 18 Mile Light challenge and all made it back safely and each one has a story to tell.

The Island Cup was another challenge but for me as race chairman to make sure we had a course to sail. But alas we had two Olympic marks missing, with an hour delay; we got the 3 races off and were on shore well before dark thirty. 11 multi-hulls and 5 mono-hulls took part and the results for each race are posted on the board.

Oct. 7 Moonlight

Oct. 21 Mini-Fish World Championship

Nov. 10 LDR

Dec. 2 LDR

Well that's it for now.

Paul Vera

Junior Sailing Paul Vera

Well its time for a bring a friend to sail party Oct. 28, we will start around 1pm Saturday. Let's get out and have a good time. I'm still watching out for that junior sailor of the year.

Cruising from the Cruising DudeGene Kohrman

October is upon us with cool weather ahead and maybe, just maybe a drastic drop in the in the flying biting lil bugs called, the mosquito. Also, we seem to have made it through the brunt of hurricane season, let us keep our fingers crossed. By the way, I need a few favors that pertain to our boats, as well as the membership. First, we need to all update our addresses, home, work and cell phone numbers. You would really be surprised in how many are outdated. I, as the cruis'n and harbor dude need this information to contact you or your family, if needed. The commodore needs current info so he can return your call at 11:45pm; 1 hour and 15 minutes after you called him. The vice commodore requires this updated info just because he can. The treasurer needs this info to send billing. The secretary would really appreciate you maintaining the correct address/ telephone numbers to keep the officers of PAYC off his back and asking why he does not have the correct information for a response to a particular question of no substance. Myself, I just need it to harass you because I want to. No, really; we would appreciate your updating this information. We have return mail every month with the old Elvis song, 'Return to Sender, Address Unknown'. Do you ever think why this is? Mmmm, I wonder

I also need your assistance in two other matters:

- 1) One is if you use the PAYC Dry Storage, I need the owners current address/telephone info and so does the PIC. Seems there are a couple unclaimed trailers and/or boat(s). To acquire PAYC Dry Storage you are required to sign a contract with PIC.
- 2) I am really concerned about several of our members who have dinghies in the dinghy racks. We have no idea who over half of them belong. I would hate to hear that you came down to PAYC and found your dinghy missing. Therefore, please contact me if you have your dinghy stored in one of the two dinghy racks. . . . And by the way, there is one I have an eye on . . . I just wonder who it belongs to? No, really. We need to know who owns what & in which slot and rack your dinghy is stored.

We are still waiting on the barge to return to replace the 80-90 pilings in the marina. We have several partial finger piers due to the end pilings being damaged and the PIC not able to complete the finger piers.

Three club sailboats anchored at Garrisons Ridge this past month, the Affinity II, Sea Dreams and Panache. Several have sailed out the jetties for a full day of Gulf sailing, and fall is upon us.

Once again, we need your assistance to update our records, as previously mentioned in this article; of which would be much appreciated and please come down to the club for our weekend breakfasted and dinners. By doing this you could check on your boat. Heck, why not just come on down for the weekend and overnight on your lil' condo-in-the-water.

Website of the Month :<http://www.furledsails.com/>

See you on the water, Gene Kohrman (409-718-7069)

SocialsBarbara Test

Saturday, September 23 the annual Oldies Party was held. A fun time was had by the few who attended. I realize that not all members can attend all of the social activities. Our intent is to try to have enough choices so that all of the members can participate in at least a few each year. We have a lot of members who are new and it would be nice to at least put a name and a face together. So I am asking for any input from all of our members as to what social activities you would like the club to sponsor for which you would be interested in attending. I am open for suggestions. On **Saturday, October 28, our Halloween Party is scheduled.** At this time it is being discussed as to whether or not it will be held as planned. Your input is welcomed. A memo will be sent out to let you know what is decided.

Safety NotesJason Tieman

I would first like to thank everyone for working to keep the diesel and oil out of the marina. The few remote problems I have seen appear to have been resolved. I have also noticed that the oil-recycling container has been well maintained the past few months.

If you missed the last PAYC meeting, which was held at West Marine, you missed a great presentation by Captain Ellen Warner. Captain Warner is the senior ship pilot for the local pilot association. For those of you that are not familiar with this exciting job, ships transiting the channel come from all over the world and many times the captains of these visiting ships have never been to our port and are not familiar with the waterway. For this and a few other reasons, local captains or “pilots”, that are very familiar with the channel, will go offshore and board every ship you see and provide the technical knowledge needed to pilot the ship all the way to the dock. While the ship is underway to and from the dock the pilot will give every helm and engine order, ensuring its safe transit while meeting other traffic and navigating every turn. Captain Warner stressed the need for everyone to be aware of all the vessels we share the waterway with and how important it is to maintain good communication with them. Their visibility and reaction time is greatly reduced because the size of the vessels they operate. Many of these vessels have a draft over 30 feet and need to be near the center of the channel. Remember to always be aware of your position in the ship channel and be ready to talk to vessel traffic on VHF channel 13.

I know that it is the end of summer and there will not be much swimming again until next year, but I have heard of a few situations over the past few months where boaters got in the water either from an anchored or grounded boat and did not realize the speed of the current they were in. All it takes is a slight current to take you away from the safety of your boat. If you do plan on getting in the water where there is the possibility for a stronger current, like I have seen at Garrison’s Ridge, throw a long line over with a bumper or float that will drift down current from your boat. If you find yourself drifting from your boat faster than you can swim, you will be able to grab the line and pull yourself back to your boat.



A word from your secretarySteve Swanson

I wanted to pass along the fact that this years officer nominations committee has been selected and they are off to a great start. It has been rumored that there are several folks vying for next year’s Commodore slot already . It’s always a good thing to see club members get in the spirit and participate. This is my last year as club secretary for now, as I find it ever increasingly harder to keep up the pace of my daily life, work, and club secretary duties in addition to the publication of this Mainsheet. I plan on staying on as the Mainsheet editor for now—but if anyone is interested in taking those duties over too—I would be more than glad to assist them in any way possible. I have truly enjoyed my 2 terms as secretary and have gotten to witness many fine club events come and go. I would truly like to see some new and older faces alike step up this next year and fill some of these vital positions. The officers are the backbone of the club and without them the club wouldn’t have a very good point of sail so to speak.....There have been quite a few new members join this year, so I would say that our club is in a steady of state of growth for the most part. I hope to see these newest members as well as our older members come out and participate in more of our club sponsored events this coming season. Mr. Vera has got our racing program running pretty darned good and I hear there are some really cool social event plans dreamed up as well! Please come on out and support your club ...we NEED each and every one of you to make our club a successful one. I want to offer a special thanks to this years officers ...they have done a fantastic job of leadership and hopefully one or two of them will stay on for at least another term. See you out sailing folks!

PAYC BOARD MEETING MINUTES * September 12, 2006

Port Arthur Yacht Club Board Meeting September 12th, 2006

Members present were Pat O' Quinn, Mark & Karen Hallquist, Russell & Barbara Test, Gene Kohrman, Steve Swanson, Terrill Adkisson, Alan Aldredge, Mike & Laurie Wise, Jason Tieman, Mike Givens, Bill Wooley, Sam Showalter, & Paul Vera.

Treasurer's Report:

Main Checking:	\$26,124.31
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(repost from General Meeting Minutes)

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Membership:

The applications for Mike Holmes & Jessie Aranda were reviewed and approved.

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Old Business:

The washer & Dryer issue was rehashed again by the board. A motion was made to accept the verbal proposal by the live-boards that they self maintain the equipment by Paul Vera with a 2nd by Karen Hallquist.

New Business:

The subject regarding the recent incident with the Laser being damaged was discussed at great length. Bill Wooley found 2 Lasers for \$300 each – totaling \$600, and has offered the board the opportunity to buy them. Paul Vera made a motion that the board purchase them with a 2nd by Terrill Adkisson. The subject of roof replacement was discussed again. The board previously reviewed several bids but the issue was tabled until now. Gene Kohrman made a motion to accept the lowest estimate for approval with a 2nd by Paul Vera. The board also discussed the purchase of storage containers again – but the issue was tabled for 2 months. Terrill Adkisson suggested that the club split our monies into different banks for security reasons. Discussions were had regarding proposed changes to our club bylaws – the changes will be submitted for approval at a later date.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm

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

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PIC Report:

No report at this time

Old Business:

The old subject regarding the Washer and Dryer issue at the screen house was briefly rehashed.

New Business:

Paul Vera suggested forming a committee to perform maintenance on “Bout Time” and also possibly double as a S. A.R.S. (Search And Rescue Squad) committee. Mike Wise, Steve Swanson, Alan Aldredge, & Russell Test bravely volunteered. Commodore Pat O'Quinn appointed this years officer nominations committee. Terrill Adkisson will fill the Chairman slot, followed by Gene Kohrman, Bill Wooley, Russell Test, & Jason Tieman as appointees.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

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



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<http://payc.us>



Next General Meeting: Tuesday, October 10th, 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 U.S. Mail delivery to email delivery (or vice versa) can do so by sending an email to mainsheet@payc.us

Summary of PAYC Events in October 06':

Oct 7th: Full Moon Race & Cruise

Oct 10th : PAYC Club Meeting 7pm

Oct 21st : Club Minifish Champion ship 10am

Oct 28th : Halloween Costume Party Starts at 7 pm

2006 PAYC OFFICERS	
COMMODORE: Patrick O'Quinn commodore@payc.us	BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Terrell Adkisson, Gene Kohrman, Russ Test, Paul Vera and Mike Wise (Past Commodore)
VICE COMMODORE: Mark Hallquist vicecommodore@payc.us	TRUSTEES: Terrell Adkisson, Pam King, and Sam Showalter
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YACHTS FOR SALE AT PAYC
 (Call Steve Swanson at 409-659-2272 to list your vessel or have it removed from this list)

30' Olympic Princess	Tom Thigpen	704-866-8856 or thigpen@midrex.com
27' 1978 Hunter	Glenn Thibodeaux	409-886-3113 or tibodoe@sbcglobal.net

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.

