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**SEPTEMBER**

**2005**

## **COMMODORE'S COMMENTS**

It is finally time to cool things down a bit in both temperature and activities. Summer is almost over, and I think most of us will find the fall to be comforting relief. Don't get me wrong – this summer was a blast of fun and activities for the club. In July we wound down the Thursday Night Race Series for this year, but the racing is not over yet. We hosted a fine Vanguard 15 Regatta in August and look forward to the annual 18 Mile Light Race/Cruise on Labor Day Weekend with the Island Cup Regatta later in the month. Speaking of cruising, the Beaumont Riverfront Park Cruise was great time for all that made it, whether sailing or driving. The sail over was not too bad, with good wind and a thunderstorm passing us by. Other than a dead battery, there were no serious sunburns, illnesses, or injuries (unless you count me sticking my shoulder to a hot barbecue pit while trying to set a stern anchor).

As for September, there is not much happening other than the 18 Mile Light Race/Cruise and the Island Cup Regatta. Of course we will be calling all hands to help with the Island Cup. Of all of the regattas we host throughout the year, this one is ours! I am sure we will see a variety of boats on the starting lines for this one, everything from Catamarans to Thistles and our own group of racers and cruisers that have been battling it out all year. This is a great event to host and to be a part of, so come on out and lend a hand to make this another successful PAYC event.

September and these last few months of the year may be light in races, cruises, and socials, but that is not to say that they are not important months for our club. Get ready, because after a seemingly slow September, October will be rolling in with new events. Most importantly, nominations will be made for 2006 club officers, board members, and those coveted end of the year awards that are announced at the banquet in January. So don't slack up now just because the weather is cooling down; our fun and activities will still be hot and happening. Also, don't forget that we are now having our board meetings immediately after the general meetings each month. Feel free to hang around if time allows. Until next month...

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

## **PAYC COMPOSITE CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER**

Sep 3-4	18 Mile Light Race and Sabine Light Cruise
Sep 11	Sunday Afternoon Race
Sep 17	Island Cup Regatta
Sep 24	CPR Class, 9 a.m., PAYC Clubhouse

## Port Arthur Yacht Club Board Meeting August 9, 2005

Club Members present were Alan Aldredge, Terrell Adkisson, Gene Kohrman, Pat & Suzie O'Quinn, Steve Swanson, Mark & Karen Hallquist, Paul Vera, Paul Morgan, Jerry Singleton, & Jason Tieman

### Treasurer's Report:

Main Checking:	\$4084.88
Improvement CD:	\$11,996.87
Improvement CD2	\$28,202.17
Lease:	\$27,269.39
Money Market CD:	\$12,341.40
Self Insurance CD:	\$31,448.82

### Harbormaster:

No Report – Anyone seen Gary King lately?

### Membership:

Several apps were received by our Vice Commodore. The live-aboard application for Jason Tieman has been approved but is awaiting final approval by our Harbormaster.

### Racing:

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

### House & Grounds:

We are still actively seeking a good plumber to replace the newly acquired toilet in the ladies restroom as well as other plumbing duties in and around the club. The floor beneath the toilet is in need of repair before replacement can be carried out.

### Cruising/Socials:

No socials planned for September. The Sabine Bank cruise is to be held in conjunction with the 18 mile Light Race on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. See the August General meeting minutes for more details.

### Safety:

No report

### Junior Sailing:

See August General meeting minutes for all the latest junior sailing news.

### Old Business:

The matter of Live-aboards and policies concerning Live-aboards were discussed once again in great length. Paul Vera submitted a written response to the board regarding the recent issues involving race scoring, etc. The board has elected to table the response until they have a chance to review and make recommendations at a later date.

### New Business:

Lamar State College has officially terminated its long standing agreement with the PAYC regarding the storage of college owned boats and the use of the Boston Whaler due to a lack of interest in the sailing classes offered by Lamar State College. Lamar is paid up and current at the time of termination per Alan Aldredge.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

**Steve Swanson**, Secretary of the PAYC  
[secretary@payc.us](mailto:secretary@payc.us)

### TERRELL ADKISSON'S WIT

If ever you're sailing a dhow,  
And it's going as slow as a cow,  
You can make it go quick,  
If you curse in Arabic,  
Assuming, of course, you know how."  
*From the Ruby Yacht of Sailbad the Sinner*

If you get a chuckle from that limerick, you'll be amused by the wit of **Terrell Adkisson**, PAYC honorary member and circumnavigator. Each month PAYC board members receive hand-printed reminders of upcoming meetings from Terrell, each with a witty nautical lead-in. If you're interested in reading more, check out his recent notes on the PAYC website in the Club History section.

## RACING FOR SEPTEMBER

The V15 Regatta was the only scheduled racing event for August. Carolyn Worsham, Organizing Authority (OA), did a great job putting it on.

Sunday Evening Races have gotten off to a shaky beginning, with 3 boats competing and only one completing the course in the first race. Russ Myers, Andy Green, and Martin Novich competed, but Russ was the only one who finished in the heavy winds. Here are the dates for future **Sunday Evening Races**:

**September 11**      **October 9**  
**November 13**     **December 4, 11**

Skippers' meetings will be held at 2 p.m.

September will be busy. The first event is the **18 Mile Light Race** on **September 4**. In lieu of a scheduled Skippers' Meeting, instructions will be posted on the white board in the clubhouse by 9 a.m. on Thursday, September 1. The official NOR is posted on the PAYC website (<http://payc.us/racing>). The racers will try to start between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. The Start/Finish line will be between the second set of buoys (#33 and #34) outside the Sabine Jetty. Participants should record their elapsed sailing time **and** elapsed motoring time (if used). Times should be deposited in the slot in the Commodore's Office by Monday morning, September 5. Safety is in numbers, so talk it up and try to leave together. Participants will have from Saturday morning at 12:01 a.m. until Sunday morning at 12:01 a.m. to start/finish the race.

The **Island Cup** will be held on **September 17**. This is a big event. The Thistles as well as the multihulls will be participating. The official NOR is posted on the PAYC website.

Moonlight races (with Skippers' Meetings at 7 p.m.) will be held on October 1<sup>st</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

*Paul Vera (963-3525 or [racing@payc.us](mailto:racing@payc.us))*

## SOCIALS

No socials are scheduled for September.

## WHERE ARE THE PAYC CRUISERS?

**Don Price**, aboard *September Morn*, is "alive and well in Beau Chene, a beautiful little community close to Madisonville, LA."

He and Peggy will be there until the first of November when they will head to Tampa for a short visit. After the holidays they're on to the Caribbean. Don can be reached by phone at 409-718-7572, by mail at 8691 9th Ave. PA 77642, or email at [pricelessdl@msn.com](mailto:pricelessdl@msn.com).

**Ed and Sandy Ludwig**, aboard *Touché*, are currently visiting family and friends in SE Texas. *Touché* is in Trinidad where Ed and Sandy are planning to work and play on the boat. In November they will work their way back through the islands to Florida. Next summer's plans include cruising the eastern coast of the United States.



*Lowry Freeman, Frank Proft, Tom Ellis, and John Ardoin are shown in this photo taken in the mid-1960s. All four men were charter members of PAYC. Frank built Lollipop in his garage. His daughter, Lisa Harper, provided this vintage photo.*

## REMINDERS

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

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## CRUISING

It seems we have had an active hurricane season. My question is, "What is your hurricane contingency plan?" Hopefully, it is not to leave your boat in the marina.

Let's see, there was an impromptu afternoon cruise to Garrison Ridge on the 31<sup>st</sup> of July. In attendance were four sailboats – AFFINITY II, LATE GUPPY, SWEAT EQUITY and WinTaGo. Seems they had a great day.

The Beaumont Riverfront Cruise on August 13 and 14 was a success. Seven sailboats attended (AFFINITY II, DAYO, DEENANNE, LAME GUPPY, PANACHE, SWEAT EQUITY and SWEET DREAMS). Kaitlyn Warren and I even saw an 'ol piney woods rooster cooling off to beat the heat in the water on the east bank of the Neches River. We were met at Riverfront Park by the John and Ginger Ardoin, Chuck and Marilee Devenzio, Jack and Billee Painton, Bill and Dana Warren, and new members Jason Tieman and Larry Hevrin. Later in the evening we moved on to the Spindletop Restaurant on Crockett Street for dinner. Once again, where were the power-boaters? We definitely need your support.

As you are aware, we cancelled the July Red Cross First Aid class because they wanted \$40 per person for their First Aid certification. The postponed **August CPR Class** has been rescheduled for **Saturday, September 24 at 9 a.m.** at the clubhouse. Please, an RSVP telephone call to Gene Kohrman (409-718-7069) would be appreciated. Also, don't forget the **18 Mile Light Race and Sabine Bank Cruise** on Saturday, **September 3**.

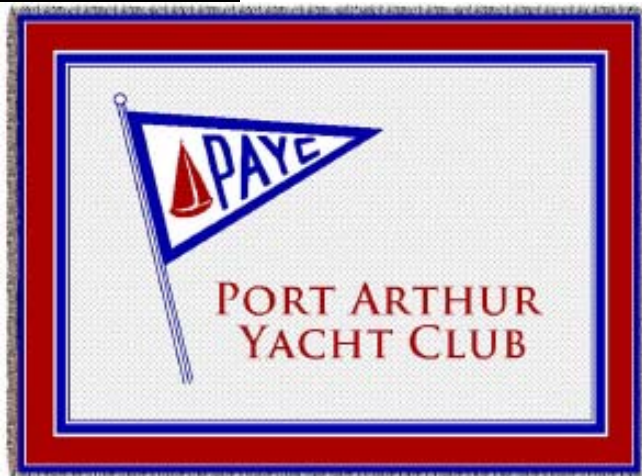
Website of the Month:  
<http://www.topix.net/sailing>

*See you on the water,  
Gene Kohrman*

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON BOATING LAWS

1. **Does the "Open Container" law apply when I'm on my boat?** No. This law, effective 09/01/01, prohibits the possession of an open container of an alcoholic beverage in the passenger area of a motor vehicle. It does not apply to watercraft.
2. **Can my driver's license be suspended if I'm arrested for operating a boat while intoxicated?** Yes – if the arrested person is operating a watercraft powered with an engine having a rating of 50 hp or more and the person refuses to provide a specimen (breath or blood) to determine intoxication.
3. **Who reports boating accidents to the TPWD?** It is the responsibility of the boat operator who is involved in the accident if it results in death to a person **or** injuries to a person requiring medical treatment beyond first aid **or** if the accident causes damage to vessels or property in excess of \$500.

## PAYC THROWS



Are you interested in a PAYC throw for your boat or home? The 100% cotton 50"x70" machine washable throws (made in the USA) are quite striking; and at only \$30 each, they are a true bargain. If you would like to order one or more, send a check for the proper amount to PAYC Throw Order, 560 Pleasure Island Blvd. #79, Port Arthur 77640. The order will be placed on September 25, so get your check in early.

## V15 SOUTHERN CIRCUIT AT PAYC

PAYC outdid itself again! The V15 fleet (primarily from HYC) was overwhelmed by the hospitality shown by PAYC members.

While being somewhat disappointed by the turnout (11 boats), the fellowship enjoyed by club volunteers and the compliments expressed by the participants made it all worthwhile. Without going into the many hats worn by each, I would like to thank the following club members for all that they did to make the event a success: **John and Ginger Ardoin, Richard and Linda Briggs, Mike and Laurie Wise, Gary and Pam King, Mark and Karen Hallquist, Mike and Deena Gill, Bill and Laurie Worsham, Terrell Adkisson, Paul Vera, Larry Devlin, Gene Kohrman, Alan Aldredge, and Jerry Singleton.** As you can see, our volunteers almost outnumbered the participants!

Billy Richnow from HYC served as Principal Race Officer. As he expressed at the trophy presentation, "We milked the two days for great dinghy racing conditions." The wind died just as we finished the last race on Sunday morning. PAYC even kept part of the hardware – **Bill and Laurie Worsham** finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

*Carolyn Worsham (v15@payc.us)*



*Eleven V15s participated in the 2005 Southern Circuit Pleasure Island Extravaganza on August 6-7, 2005.*

## SAILING IN OTHER VENUES

**Jim Kincaid** participated in the Thistle Nationals in Lavallette, NJ, crewing for a high school graduate who earned the Junior Skipper Award in the under-18 age group. Jim, Scott Finefrock, and Ben Weibel finished 27 overall out of 80 Thistles. Congrats!

**Bill Worsham** (the younger) won the 2005 J24 Texas Circuit. He and crew finished 2<sup>nd</sup> at HYC, 3<sup>rd</sup> at FWBC, 1<sup>st</sup> in Kansas, and 5<sup>th</sup> in Corpus in a fleet of 34 J24s. It wasn't without drama, however; *Flood Tip* was involved in a protest in Kansas that was eventually resolved by the United States Sailing Association. For some interested reading, check out the protest on the PAYC website.

## THE ROAD TO THE AMERICA'S CUP

With two years until the first America's Cup in Europe, 11 challengers and one defender are competing in the reformatted Louis Vuitton Cup. Officially, the competition for the 2007 Louis Vuitton Cup – and the right to challenge for the 32<sup>nd</sup> America's Cup – started on June 16. Teams will compete in "Acts" in Sweden, Italy, and Spain from now through April 2007. Those who qualify for the LVC will compete in two round robins, semi-finals, and finals in early 2007 before the America's Cup kicks off in Valencia, Spain, on June 23, 2007.

For up-to-date coverage of the 32<sup>nd</sup> America's Cup, check <http://www.americascup.com/en/>.

## KNOTHEADS

### **Back to School Sail – August 27**

Bring a friend, and get there early. We will start putting the boats in the water at 10 a.m. I will be leaving around 12:30 p.m. We need to start practicing with those who are going to attend the following upcoming regattas.

September 24-25	Endless Summer Seabrook Yacht Club
October 22	Year-End Regatta Texas Corinthian YC

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

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**GENERAL MEETING: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2005 – 7 p.m. – 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**

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**PAYC Yachts For Sale**

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

D37	1980 Bristol 29.2	Alan Mickelson	409-420-0088 ( <a href="mailto:mickelsonscuba@att.net">mickelsonscuba@att.net</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