



Commodore's CommentsPat O'Quinn

July marked a very sad milestone for PAYC when Jack Painton passed. I didn't know him as well as many of the other members, but what I did know about him impressed me very much. His love for sailing, his easy going manner and his genuine expressions made him a real asset to our club. I couldn't think of a more fitting tribute to Jack than to have his ashes scattered in Sabine Lake, a place where he spent a lot of time.

The last time I spoke with Jack was at the Commodore's Picnic. Even though we all knew he didn't have long, he joked with me and put me at ease. He was truly in a place he really cared about with people he knew as true friends.

When the word came, I announced it to several members who were at the clubhouse. There was a total silence. I believe we all were thinking the same thing; guys like Jack Painton only come along once in a great while. So I decided that I would do one of those Commodore things. I have decided to give Jack a position within the club that I can appoint someone to. That's right, just because he passed on does not mean he gets out of helping out.

Jack Painton is hereby appointed as the PAYC Guardian of Lake Sabine. He is to over see the lake and make sure we all have good sailing weather and fair winds. It's not an easy job; in fact, there will be some stormy times ahead and he will have a rough time doing his job. Now every time we sail out into the lake, just remember, Jack is watching over us. If there is anyone who opposes this appointment, tough, get over it, besides, he's already on station. Oh, did I mention this appointment is for eternity? Hi Jack, see you on the lake.

Pat O'Quinn

RacingPaul Vera, 963-3525

Racing is still going on, with a weather cancellation of Olympic #3, I do plan on rescheduling it. Congratulations go out to the two Russ's that is Russ Test winner of the Thursday Night Races for the Cruiser Fleet and Russ Myers for winning the Racing fleet over alls. As usually the Thursday Night races have been the most anticipated events and looks like the most fun. I will get with our scorer and post the Danny Murphy points along with who is leading what fleet. And yes Sam Showalter's F-31 is leading in all multi-hull events.

Here what's scheduled for Aug.-Sept.-Oct:

Aug. 24 Skippers Meeting for 18 Mile Light Race
Thursday 7:00 pm

Aug. 26 18 Mile Light Race
Saturday TBA

Sept. 16 Olympic Regatta (around the buoys)
Saturday 10 am Skippers meeting

Oct. 7 Moonlight Race
Saturday Skippers Meeting (TBA)

Oct. 21 Mini-Fish PAYC World Championship
Saturday 10 am Skippers Meeting

I will get a better column going next time around.

Flying the Lima Flag in Light Air

Paul Vera
963-3525

Junior Sailing Paul Vera

Junior Sailing:

Kori Vigil and Chris Wooley competed in the US Sailing Olympic Sailing Festival held at Texas Corinthian and Houston Yacht Club. It is a great thing that Fontenot's and Wooley's stepped up and gave these kids a chance of a life time. To sail with some the best Junior Sailors from the Gulf Coast and Upper Lakes, Kori and Chris have picked up a few things that will make them better sailors. Good Job guys.

I'm still looking for that Junior Sailor of the Year. So get out there and go sailing. Congrats go out to Sierra Thiery for being our newest Junior Member of PAYC. I will be picking a date for a bring a friend out to sail day some stay tune.

Paul Vera

Cruising from the Cruising DudeGene Kohrman

Ok, I forgot to mention the June USCG Aux Safe Boating Course was conducted by Alvin Adams and Bill , there were 6 graduates of which four acquired their Texas Boating License. The next class will be Saturday the 15th of August at the Groves Fire Station. Call for class information.

We had a successful Garrison Ridge Day Cruise, there were eight rafted sailboats with 15 in attendance. We cleaned props and renewed zincs, tottied and dined, had a great day with one 'ell of a lot of sun. S/V Affinity, II, S/V Merganser, S/V Sweat Equity, S/V Dennaanne, S/V Rock-n-Robin, S/V Panache, S/V Dayo. By the way, you stink-potters had one supporter present; yet no air conditioning.

Now on the hurricane season, as we have mentioned before PAYC has a Hurricane Plan for securing the club house and properties and for you boat owners, there is a questionnaire we wish you to fill out concerning pertinent information on your vessel with contact telephone numbers and your intentions for securing your vessel for an impending hurricane. If you have not completed the form please call me and I will fwd to you.

Good news for you south-bounders, the Mosquito Point Bridge is operational and on Saturday the, four PAYC blowboats had to just go and have a show and tell. S/V Dayo, S/V Denaanne, S/V Merganser and S/V Sea Dreams just had to be smarty pants and go take a day sail in the Gulf. It seems to me that you will just have to ask them concerning, the whales and tales of their 'lil sail.

Website of the month:

<http://www.nauticalcharts.gov/viewer/>

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

SocialsBarbara Test

The annual Commodores picnic was a great success. Thanks to all who helped. As usual the variety of dishes was outstanding. Thanks!! 65 members were in attendance inspite of the threatening weather. At this time the next social activity on the calendar is the Tex-Mex party on August 12. Coming up in September we have the always fun "Oldies Party". Official details on these events will be announced via email or per the clubhouse Calendar of events.

Thanks, Barb

Remember—Hurricane Season is upon us! Its time to come down and check on the condition of your boats, rigging, and dock areas. We have hurricane preparedness worksheets available at the clubhouse. Please pick one up or get with one of the club officers to obtain a copy. We urge all members to complete one of these forms and submit it to the Commodore's office . These sheets will be used in the event a hurricane threatens our immediate area & the club will know what belongs to who & have contact numbers and a preparation plan from the owners of the boats in our marina. Prevention is every members duty.

Safety NotesJason Tieman

Don't forget to return your hurricane worksheet to us as soon as you can. I know some of the information might be redundant and you might not have all the answers, but it will help you identify problems before it is too late and it will help us identify what to expect from boat owners.

Please check all of your lines and other loose items around your boat slip. A few weeks ago I decided to sit in the clubhouse to watch an approaching storm. Within minutes winds were steady at 30 mph. Soon, the marina disappeared in a white wall of rain and sea spray as I watched the anemometer accelerate to over 70 mph. After the rain stopped, Bill, from Bo'sun's Landing, Ed Wiltz and myself walked the marina retying boats, securing dock-boxes, sail covers, hatches, and a headsail that came unfurled. Nearly all of the damage could have been easily avoided if all dock lines were properly tied/ maintained, and better efforts were made to secure all personal items and vessel equipment.

I also wanted to remind everyone to be mindful of their boat's condition. State and federal governments become very concerned when boats become identified as a potential pollution source. If a vessel is constantly taking on water over the deck plates and requires constant supervision from people other than the owners, your vessel can be viewed as a potential threat to the environment. It is not uncommon for the Texas General Land Office or the US Coast Guard to receive reports of vessels not properly maintained. The first question asked will be, is there any fuel onboard and if so how much. Once it is determined that there is an actual threat of the boat sinking and releasing fuel and oil, an attempt will be made to contact the owner and direct them to fix the situation. The main concern is not the vessel setting on the bottom of the marina in a boat slip, but the environmental pollution caused when the vessel leaks fuel and oil from it's tank and engine. If it is later determined that the appropriate action was not taken in a timely manner to resolve the threat, a contractor will be hired to recover all fuel and oil from the vessel. As you can imagine, is not cheap for the government to manage oil recovery operations and the funding of contractors. The owner of the vessel will then be expected to repay the government up to three times the cost of removing the pollution threat, even if it is required to recover their costs through your taxes.

This article is strictly for educational purposes and is not directed at any specific person. However, if you are getting an uneasy feeling in your stomach, you might want to stop by and check on your boat.

Jason Tieman

A word from your secretarySteve Swanson

(This article was written by Art Lynd & submitted by our Harbormaster—Gene Kohrman for safety awareness):

Most of us have been caught or had a close call with Mother Nature and her excessive winds and fury. With the jib flopping in the water and the main spilling as much wind as possible, my two buddies and I attempted to make the channel entrance to the yacht club marina. We were carried too far down wind by these 30 mph winds and went aground. Unable to fight our way back, I decided to drop the two anchors to prevent us from being drug into the concrete wall from this fierce summer storm. I wasn't afraid of tipping over my Catalina 30. Just inching it into the concrete wall. As the first wave died down and the winds shifting out of the North, we once again attempted to sail and motor back to the deep to try to make it to the marina entrance. We only made inches when our rescuers approached us in the little skiff power boat in the dark. It was Russ and Jason. They brought us the news of another front to arrive in a matter of minutes and came out to take us back to shore. So we secured my Catalina on deck and with my two anchors once again and climbed aboard with our rescuers and came back to the clubhouse.

I want to thank these two heroes (Russ and Jason). Also Paul for spotting us and any other member that worked to get us ashore. They work well together and with the Sea Skiff that was purchased by the P.A.Y.C. This boat was well worth the money we spent on it. I found out later that the coast guard would have made it too late because of the distance around the island. I'd like also to suggest that we update our phone numbers and include our cell phones. Maybe even make a print out of members and numbers that could use this boat and help our boaters that get into jams out there. I found out that the coast guard would not tow a boat that is stuck. Their job is to save lives and do not want the liability of property.

The following morning, the tides were up two feet. With the help of Gene K and Butch Neely, the club boat was used to bring me back to my Catalina 30. The anchors held. She was afloat and we motored back to the marina. There was no apparent damage to my boat, just a lot of stowing equipment and clean up to be done.

Thanks again to all the members that were there and to the ones that were responsible for purchasing this much needed power boat: "Bout Time"

PAYC BOARD MEETING MINUTES * July 11, 2006

Port Arthur Yacht Club Board Meeting July 11th, 2006

Members present were Karen Hallquist, Russell & Barbara Test, Gene Kohrman, Steve Swanson, Terrill Adkisson, Pat O'Quinn, Alan Aldredge, Mike Wise, Jason Tieman, Paul Vera, Jerry Singleton, Sam Showalter, & George Taylor.

Treasurer's Report:

Main Checking:	\$18,499.82
Improvement CD:	\$12,296.75
Improvement CD2	\$28,918.45
Lease:	\$28,088.35
Money Market CD:	\$ 3,411.49
Self Insurance CD:	\$32,590.13

Harbormaster:

Gene raised a point that there can be only one Harbormaster. It seems that a few things had been getting by him without approval.

Membership:

The board reviewed & approved the applications from Ralph Unglaube, Tom Shelley, and Sierra Thiery. Sierra has been previously participating in our junior sailing camp for several seasons now. She will be admitted as a Junior Sailor member. Welcome!

Racing:

(repost from General Meeting Minutes)

Paul reviewed recent race results from our Thursday night Racing series. August 12th will be the Olympic Race Regatta with a skippers meeting at 1400 hours. August 26th will be offshore Race #2 – possibly in conjunction with the 18 mile light race. Paul is looking to see if there is any interest in some Sunday racing by our club racers.

House & Grounds:

The issue regarding proper dock box designs and surrounding clutter was discussed. The board would like to remind the membership that there are proper dock box designations written up in the club bylaws. Please try to stay within the approved dock box designs.

Cruising/Socials:

(repost from General Meeting Minutes)

There is a cruise slated for the Beaumont Riverfront on August 5th. Barbara Test reviewed the Commodores Picnic. There will be a Tex Mex party on August 12th, following the Olympic Regatta.

Safety:

(repost from General Meeting Minutes)

Jason Tieman informed us about the "Clean Marina" program and its benefits to our Marina and the surrounding Community.

Junior Sailing:

(repost from General Meeting Minutes)

Paul recounted the ups and downs of our recent Junior Sailing Camp. He also reports that the first "womens sailing clinic" is to be tentatively held on August 19th & 20th, starting at 9 AM.

Old Business:

We are still waiting on club house roof estimates. Several bids have been submitted with more yet to come.

New Business:

George Taylor from F.B. Taylor Insurance agency (also a club member in good standing) addressed the board regarding new changes in the insurance laws since the hurricanes, as well as advised us of the types and coverage of insurance needed by the club. Thanks for your important time George! News that Jack Painton had just passed away was delivered to the board while still in session. Jack will be sorely missed. Paul Vera expressed an interest in snazzing up the Commodores attire to be more like other yacht clubs. He feels it would offer more of a true yachtsman appearance. Plans for a home built "mosquito machine" were brought up by Mike Wise. The plans appear to be interesting & the club grounds could indeed use something of this nature.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:02 pm

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

PAYC BOARD MEETING MINUTES * August 8th, 2006

Port Arthur Yacht Club Board Meeting August 8th, 2006

Members present were Mark & Karen Hallquist, Russell & Barbara Test, Gene Kohrman, Steve Swanson, Terrill Adkisson, Alan Aldredge, Mike Wise, & Paul Vera

Treasurer's Report:

Main Checking:	\$18,453.35
Improvement CD:	\$12,296.75
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Money Market CD:	\$ 3,414.50
Self Insurance CD:	\$32,590.13

Harbormaster:

(repost from General Meeting Minutes)

Gene reported that we had visitors from the Lake Charles Yacht Club staying for a day or 2 recently. There will be another Safe Boating Course to be held at the Groves Fire Department on September 16th. Please contact Gene for further details at harbormaster@payc.us

Membership:

The board would like to remind everyone that next month (September) the Nominations committee will be appointed. If you are interested in serving in a club office or simply want to be considered for the committee – please come to the September Meetings to be held at West Marine.

Racing:

Paul announced that the overall winner of the Thursday night racing series was Mike Gill.

House & Grounds:

(repost from General Meeting Minutes)

Butch Neely has found someone that may be interested in purchasing Jack Painton's boat which he donated to the club. The broken window in the lounge area is still in need of replacement. Ed Wiltz volunteered to take care of it.

Cruising/Socials:

(repost from General Meeting Minutes)

There will be a Tex Mex party on August 12th, following the Olympic Regatta, starting at 6 PM. This will be a BYOB affair and please bring a sidedish that fits a Mexican theme. Coming up on September the 23rd is an "Oldies party" which should be a lot of fun for all. Stay tuned for an announcement on the time and food schedule.

Safety:

(repost from General Meeting Minutes)

Jason Tieman reported on the lack of maintenance on many of the boats in our Marina. He is urging club members to come check on their boats, especially if they haven't been down in awhile. Many major problems are caused by items left unattended for too long a period of time. Jason also introduced us to the 'American Waterway Watch' program – sponsored by the USCG.

Junior Sailing:

Paul spoke to the club regarding sustained damages to one of the club Lasers during a recent junior sailing event which took place elsewhere. The club has managed to secure the purchase of (2) used Lasers at \$300 each – to be approved by the board.

Old Business:

Plans were made some time back to purchase sheets of ½" plywood to be used as hurricane preparation covers for the lounge windows on the club house. We still need to purchase them.

New Business:

P.I.C. would like the Yacht club to consider taking over responsibility for the Dry Storage area. Laurie Wise has volunteered to make signs for that area. It was decided to table the Washer & Dryer issue until the September meeting. Concerns were raised regarding the alleged abuse of the "Bout Time" Race committee boat.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:02 pm

Steve Swanson, Secretary of the PAYC
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*This Mainsheet Edition is a very special edition in that it covers 2 months, but more than that it honors a man who will be sorely missed. The following is a special tribute to **Jack Painton** which was submitted by Carolyn Worsham, with excerpts from some of Jack's closest sailing friends. May you always have fair winds at your back as you sail the heavens Jack.*



In memory of Jack Painton (1918-2006)

Jack Painton was the last of the Sabine Sharks, a distinguished group of men who sailed Lake Sabine like no others. Jack died on July 11, 2006. Many of us saw him for the last time at the PAYC Commodore's Picnic on July 4, 2006. What a legacy he left to PAYC!

Jack began sailing Lake Sabine in 1930 at the age of 12. "I had a little skiff I used to row. I really think that my brother felt sorry for me, because he put a little mast in the boat, and my sister stitched a sail for it. After they set it up for me, I just took off." Dave Dumas, a dockside neighbor of *Hijack* for many years, said Jack told him of climbing the levee as a kid and swimming to the moored boats to go out for a day of sailing.

From 1963-1980 Jack sailed *Pirate*, a 36' classic beauty originally built in 1927 for former Texas Governor Ross Sterling. Jack described *Pirate* as "a wooden super-racing boat with a 45' mast. If a sudden gust came up, you had to be ready to act."

Jack single-handedly sailed *Hijack*, a 27' O'Day from 1980 until she was dismasted by Rita in September of 2005. He continued to sail aboard *El Set* with Mack and Lauren Davis and *Bitter End* with Chuck and Marilee Devenzio until shortly before his death.

Jack participated in all aspects of the PAYC yachting program. He was both a racer and a cruiser. He and Billee seldom missed a social event. Jack helped with the junior sailing program, participated in work parties, and did many things around the PAYC property without fanfare just because they needed to be done. He was recognized as an honorary member in 1985 and never relinquished the informal title of *Mr. Port Arthur Yacht Club*.

Jack was many things to many people. He was a loving husband, brother, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and more to his family. He was a sailor extraordinaire. He was a gentleman, a sage, a historian, a gymnast, a friend, and a role model. Who among us wouldn't like to think we'll be sailing single-handedly into our late 80s? He left his mark on Port Arthur Yacht Club, his family, his friends, and the sailing community.

Friends offered the following reflections:

Mack and Lauren Davis

Jack told us on numerous occasions, “If only remembered for one piece of advice, it would be DON’T PINCH AT THE MARK.”

At first this expression was taken literally, intended for racers. As the many miles of sailing together passed beneath our keel, the meaning broadened to apply to our daily lives.

Set your goal, and reach for the mark. Once your objective is within site, hold your course steady with strength and precision. Don’t choke, don’t waiver, DON’T PINCH and lose momentum. Reach your goal with full sails. This phrase, like Jack, is understated and simple, but so complex.

Jack’s gentle laughter will be missed more than we can say.

Chuck and Marilee Devenzio

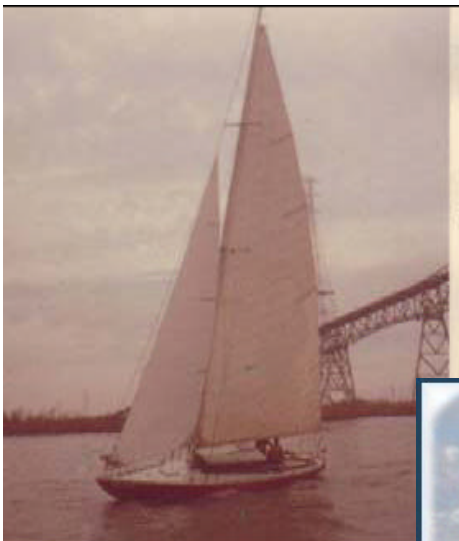
Jack was our very dear friend. We spent many hours sailing and listening to all of Jack’s wisdom. I (Marilee) learned so much history and listened to so many sailing tales and family secrets on our Wednesday afternoon sails.

Jack was an inspiration to us to live each day to the fullest, to love all of those close to us, to let our loved ones know how precious they are, and to refrain from holding grudges.

We miss Jack so much, but we know he is in a better place and will be sailing with us forever.

From Jack’s friends at PAYC: “We miss you dearly, *Hijack*.”

(Contributed by Carolyn Worsham with quotes from Thomas Taschinger’s *Port Arthur News* article of January 13, 1985 (online at <http://payc.us/pdf/painton.pdf>). The picture of *Hijack*, the PAYC namesake pram that participated in Jack’s memorial service, was taken by Bill Worsham and enhanced by Carolyn Hebert.)



Jack sailing *Pirate* in the late 1970s



Jack aboard *Hijack* in 1985



Hijack without its skipper(taken at Jack’s memorial service)



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Next General Meeting: Tuesday, Sept 12th, 2006, 7:00pm at West Marine in BMT. 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 September:

Sept 12th - Tues General Club meeting & board meeting at West Marine in BMT.

Sept 16th Sat. Olympic Race #3

Sept 23rd Sat. Oldies Party 7pm

Sept 30th Sat. Adams Ridge Cruise Depart at 10 am.



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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)
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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.