



Commodore's Corner – Paul Vera



As a club, we had to chisel a piece of rough granite. We hit it many times. We broke a hammer or two, but we kept working at that piece of granite. We chiseled it more and more. When we thought we were done, we had to pick up that chisel and hit that piece of granite a few more times. Then all of sudden, that piece of granite turned into one of the most beautiful pieces of artwork this club has seen in a long time. For those who helped make "The Two Step Regatta" a great success, thank you so very much. We have created long-lasting relationships from this event that will benefit Port Arthur Yacht Club in the future.

We will be voting on new officers and award winners at the next meeting, so please attend.

Adult Sailing/Racing Report – Paul Vera



Adult Sailing: As the end of year is closing fast, the Adult Sailing Program has ended for the 2020 year. We start a new chapter in 2021. Some of the classes will involve our pram fleet, so be prepared to get wet and have fun. See y'all next year.

Racing: We have a Long-Distance Race on Nov. 7 and the Single-Handed Race on Nov. 21. We will hold our annual PAYC Race Rule meeting on Thursday Nov. 12, 6 p.m. at the clubhouse.

On Oct. 3, we completed our first Moonlight Race of two for the month. David Bradley took the Cruising Fleet followed by Brian Meadowcroft and followed by Michael and Barbie Martinez in their first race. Ted Mahavier took the Racing Fleet.

The Moonlight Race on Oct. 31 was held on a beautiful moonlit night, but the wind laid, engines started and boats motored across the lake. Two boats finished the course. Ken Ruty won the racers' side of it and Art Lynd took the race on the cruisers' end. Richard Hughes, Mike Martinez and David Bradley all enjoyed the moonlight while motoring around the lake.

Hurricane Delta wrecked many roller furlers and flipped my Hobie Getaway completely upside down, trailer in all, with no damage – lucky me. That hurricane was one for the books as the first one to come in sideways west and east.

The Two-Step Regatta was a success. The club was exposed to how a regatta is run by one of the best Principle Race Officers around: Billy Richnow. The club's Bout Time easily set our new marks and thanks goes out Brian Meadowcroft for the use of his Endeavor and the committee of Steve, Steven and Peter. Well done, guys. Mike Wise and I set marks. Everybody learned something about race management that day.

The Two-Step Regatta and Jitterbug Regatta scores:

Galveston to Sea Rim – Greg Way-1st. / Ted Mahavier-DNC / Chad Wilson-DNC
Sea Rim to Galveston – Greg Way -1st. / Ted Mahavier- 2nd. / Chad Wilson- DNC
Total: 1st. Greg Way / 2nd. Ted Mahavier / 3rd Chad Wilson

Jitterbug Lake Race 4 Races:

Ted Mahavier- 1-1-1-1= 4 Winner / Greg Way-2-2-2-2 = 8 2nd. / Chad Wilson=DNC

Beach Cats Non-Spinnaker:

Jim Casto- 1-1-1-1= 4 winner / Rennie Ihle- DNC / Weston Dillon-DNC

Beach Cats Spinnaker:

Ricky Richardson 1-1-1-1=4 winner / Daniel Tatum- DNF-DNC

Junior Sailing Report – Ted Mahavier



Brother and sister team Andrew and Butterfly Brooks, two of our own camp counselors, were instrumental crew in securing four bullets (first places) in the Cajun Jitterbug on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Member Sam Showalter keeps Trilobyte in Bristol condition. Member Trent McBride of Bank's Sails made the sails and assisted with trimming. Junior Sailors Elijah Champion and Nathan Oldbury often crew on Thursday night races as well. Junior Sailors Rock!

Amber and Cliff Johnson, some of our newest members, joined because of their son Drake's interest in sailing. Drake will be a Junior Counselor in training for JSC 2021 and was out on a Laser last Saturday. Before it gets too cold, all you parents of

Junior Sailors need to have a kids' day in the marina and take advantage of your fleet. Rumor has it that Cliff and Amber may have already found a new boat after losing their Hunter 26 to Hurricane Laura.

Work will resume after Thanksgiving, so expect me to put together an impromptu workday sometime in early December before the holiday festivities take over. We'll strip a derelict or two, replace an outboard propeller, replace an outboard impeller, shuffle some trailers, patch up an Opti or two, leak test a Laser, and replace a scupper or two on a Sunfish. And that's just what I can think of while typing without actually looking at the list.

Keep your eyes open for deals on clean Sunfish or Lasers, so we can swap one or two boats out of our fleet with newer ones in better shape.



Two wooden Windmill's for sale. Make an offer! Match racing anyone? We can bring them down and have a fun day!

Notice of Proposed Clubhouse Improvements – David Bradley

It has been proposed that three windows and a door originally installed (and long since removed) between the kitchen and great room be replaced. Additionally, the AC system is to be upgraded with additional supply registers and ducting to provide additional airflow to the kitchen, commodore's office and storage room. The majority of the labor required for installation is being donated by club members. The anticipated cost is \$1499 and will be made from Capital Improvement Funds. Consideration and approval will be made at the November General/Board meeting.

The Trip of 1000 Plans – Brian Meadowcroft



Daphne, Isaak and Elijah



Route out of the lake



Brian at the helm - Port of Port Arthur

My default kid activity when my wife, Crystal, is out of town is to sail. The kids like it, I like continuing to learn to sail with them, and it's fun!

Crystal and our oldest planned a girls' trip the second week in October and I started planning a trip. It started with a sailing trip to Kemah, Texas to see our friends Louis and Chari Clifton. Over 6 weeks, I worked out the details and watched the Windy App on my phone. I didn't see an issue with Hurricane Gamma. Then, all of a sudden, Delta turned into an organized mess a week before the trip. Discretion being the better part of valor, I saved my planning work and looked for a new trip inside the protection of the lake.

I've heard Steve Romeis speak well of the Sabine Lighthouse and I've always wanted to sail around Pleasure Island. I planned to combine the two: sail around the island on Wednesday, anchor at the lighthouse and explore with the kids, return home Thursday. I checked Windy, and all looked good.

We departed Wednesday morning, but the winds must not have gotten the memo and forgot to show up. Change 2! I decided we would sail up to Green Bayou and row and kayak and maybe sail to 1000' Cut in the evening. Just as we approached the bayou, a strong gust knocked the boat down a bit and our speed jumped. It was the signal for the winds to start for the day! Strong winds aren't good for teaching kids to learn to row or to let them loose in a kayak. Change 3, head to 1000' cut for a protected anchorage and some water time.

Channeling Steve, I looked for places to play near Shell Island. I vaguely remembered Steve telling me about another cut into the GIWW from the lake and we poked around to find it. Luckily, winds were on the bow and the tide was low – both good factors for exploring shallow, unknown waters.

When the water got too shallow, according to the depth gauge, we climbed in the dingy and rowed along our desired path and sounded depth with a boat hook. (I'm buying a true lead line after this). I rowed and two of the kids paddled to assist me going into the wind. We found good water and turned back, giving the kids a chance to learn that rowing isn't as simple as it is shown in Minecraft and RoadBlox!

We anchored 100 yards outside of the GIWW on the lee shore of Shell Island and settled in for the evening. We were far enough away from the barge traffic that we never got bounced around by any wakes.

Thursday brought with it better winds and intermittent rains as we entered the waterway and headed south on a very board port reach or a run with comfortable overcast skies and light rain.

We got to see 1000' Cut, the entrance to the Neches River, the various shipyards and the Port of Port Arthur. Each time we passed a shipyard, workers waved and took pictures! We were about the only boat headed south on the river as most were headed up to seek shelter from Hurricane Delta.

By the afternoon, the clouds built up and rains increased. As we passed Texaco Island, we saw a Coast Guard small boat headed up-river. They slowed next to us and turned on our stern to check and make sure we were headed somewhere safe before the storm hit. Fortunately, we were not boarded!

We rounded Mesquite Point later in the afternoon and had a fast, spirited leg around Blue Buck Point, a quick tack, and the final leg into the marina. We were most fortunate to see Mike Martinez on the dock

who offered to help us with mooring lines, thus, ending a trip that took weeks to plan and hours to make multiple changes to on the fly!

There is good sailing in the north end of Sabine Lake. The kids were entertained with schoolwork and helm time. They all enjoyed seeing the different bayous in the lake and thinking about exploring them when the weather is better. With some planning, one can sail all the way from PAYC to Shell Island in about 6 hours! Who else wants to go next time?

Port Arthur Yacht Club Minutes



Port Arthur Yacht Club (PAYC)
General Meeting
Oct. 13, 2020

The regular meeting of the PAYC was called to order at 7:01PM on Oct 13, 2020 by Paul Vera.

Present:

In Person: Paul Vera, David Bradley, Judy Walters, Rodney Champagne II, Nicole Champagne, Brian Meadowcroft, Crystal Meadowcroft, Chuck Devenzio, Butch Neely, Mike Wise, Ettie Wise, Ted Mahavier, Shawn Pichoff, David Wilson, Divina Wilson, Mike Martinez, Barbie Martinez, Ruth Lynd, Greg Lynd, Art Lydn, Craig Belair

Prospective Member(s): None

Online: Mike Givens

Approval of Minutes

Judy moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Greg L seconded. Motion carried via verbal vote.

Treasurer: Mike Givens

Monthly billing continuing to work well.

Cruising Membership is reduced to 50% of their dues for the duration of their cruise.

Detailed financials should not be listed on the website.

The Club House is rented on 20 Feb, 2020. Club house rental is \$100 for members and \$300 for deposit.

TMCA is going to mail a check for all the monies owed to PAYC for the Regatta.

Mike has provided two credit card readers for the club to use for the Regatta.

Membership: David Bradley

Membership application(s) were received for Greg & Allison Mistler and Peter & Laurie Kolp. All will be voted on at the board meeting.

Club needs a new member party.

A new membership application has been developed and approved. It will be posted on the webpage.

House and Grounds-Harbor Master: Butch Neely

We have 55 boats, 41 PAYC member boats, 75% occupancy by club members.

Some shingles may be missing from the roof. Please pay attention for leaks and report

The pump project needs a work day, and a month without hurricanes.

Ken Smith donated a toilet for the women's bathroom. Paul V. installed it.

PIC Advisory Board:

Jimmy Dykes is retiring in December. He will not be replaced.

Socials: Judy Walters resigned as social chair. Crystal Meadowcroft and Nicole Champagne are the new joint Co-Chairs. Christmas party and awards banquet are coming up.

Craig B. has the club house rented on Tuesday, 20 October, 2020.

Cruising: Chris Boone

Not Present. No report. No cruise(s) scheduled for October.

Racing: Paul Vera

Moonlight Race:

3rd - Mike M.

2nd - Brian M.

1st - David B.

Racers:

1st Ted M.

Meeting to be scheduled in November to discuss rules. Major topic will be boats taking points, not skippers. The goal is to not penalize skippers if they miss a race.

Junior Sailing: Ted Mahavier

Selling old boats & trailers. Support the club, buy stuff!

A workday will be scheduled in November to repair boats and strip old boats.

The club needs replacement Sunfish and Lasers. If you see a good deal within 45 miles, please let Ted know.

Sea Scouts: Donald Hearn

No Report.

Adult Sailing: Paul Vera

On hold until after the regatta. Paul has offered to sail with new members on any races to get them out and sailing. The club, as a whole, should make sure to offer to help new members take their boats out for racing.

Old Business:

David B. moved to install 3 aluminum framed windows between the kitchen in and the main room. The bottom section of the frame can be removed to allow for sliding service between the kitchen and main room. The recommendation for the door is to have a commercial door, with a window. Drop two additional vents and one return vent into the kitchen and AC supply register into the commodore and storage office. \$375 for three windows, door is \$425 or \$450, PAYC can provide labor. AC modifications, materials and labor, \$750. Total cost: \$1,575 plus taxes. Funds to be drawn from Capital Funds. Ted M. Seconded. Brian M. Amended the motion to fund \$1,499 for said project. Ted M. seconded. Ted M. called the question. The Amendment carried on a verbal vote. David B withdrew his motion and will present it at the board meeting.

Ted M. moved that Judy W. proceeds with planning a Rock The Dock Event in April of 2021 and to be funded from the Social Budget. Crystal M. seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by verbal vote.

Chuck D is the Nomination Committee chair. Please contact him if you would like assist with developing nominations.

Commodore: Paul Vera

Vice Commodore: David Wilson

Secretary: Brian Meadowcroft

Treasurer: Mike Givens

Board:

Rodney Champagne, Mike Wise, Ken Ruddy, Ted Mahavier

Novice of the Year

Shawn Pishoff, Soloman Freimatch

Yachtsman of the Year (John Ardorin Memorial)

David Bradley, Art Lynd, Brian Meadowcroft

John Blair:

PAYC Mainsheet

Mike Givens, Ted Mahaiwor, Nicole and Rodney Champagne, Cathleen Cole

Skipper of the Year:

Ted M, Ken Ruddy, David Bradley, Art Lynd, Brian Meadowcroft,

Racing Crew Person:

Steven Randel, Donald Hearn, Judy Walter, Mike Martinez, Steve Romeis, Solomon F.

Cruiser of the Year:

Greg Lynd

Cruising Crewperson of the Year:

Ruth Lynd, Steve Romeis, Art Lynd

Trustee: Butch Neely

New Business:

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Paul, Second by Ted, Meeting was adjourned at 8:32 by Paul Vera. The next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 10, 2020.

Minutes submitted by Brian Meadowcroft

**Port Arthur Yacht Club (PAYC)
Board of Directors Meeting
Oct. 13, 2020**

The board meeting of the PAYC was called to order at time 8:41 PM on Oct 13, 2020 by Paul Vera

Board Members Present: Paul Vera, Brian Meadowcroft, Mike Wise, Ted Mahavier,

Online: Mike Givens

Minutes: Ted moved to approve. Crystal M seconded. The motion carried.

Treasurer: Mike Givens

No Report.

Membership: David Bradley

Two Members:

Peter & Laurie Kolp. Brian M moved. Ted M seconded. Membership accepted.

Greg & Allison Mistler, David B moved. Brian M seconded. Membership accepted.

PAYC Mainsheet

PIC Advisory: Jimmy Dykes is retiring in December. PAYC wants to recognize his service to the Island and the yacht Club.

House and Grounds: Carry Over

Socials: Paul V. has requested that Social

Cruising: No Report

Racing: Carry Over

Junior Sailing: Carry Over

Adult Sailing: Carry Over

Sea Scouts: No Report

New Business:

David B. motion, Brian M. Seconded. This will be published in the next board meeting.

Adjournment: Paul closed the meeting at 2104. The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday November 10, 2020.

Minutes submitted by Brian Meadowcroft

Calendar of Events 2020



November

7	R	Long Distance Race	1000
10	M	Eat & Meet General/Board Meeting	1900
14	C	Red Fish Tournament	1000
21	R	Single Hand Race	1000

December

5	R	Last Race of the Year	1000
8	M	General/Board Meeting	1900
12	S	Lighted Boat Parade	1800
		Christmas Party/Gift Exchange	

January 2021

9	R	Marvin Campbell/Jack Painton	1000
12	M	General/Board Meeting	1900
23	S	Awards Banquet	1800

2021 Officer and Board Ballot Nominees for Officers

Commodore:

Paul Vera,
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Vice Commodore:

Michael Wilson,
— _____

Secretary:

Brian Meadowcroft
— _____

Treasurer:

Mike Givens,
— _____

Board Member (as Past Commodore):

Nominees for Board (vote for four):

1. Rodney Champagne,

2. Mike Wise

3. Ken Ruddy

4. Ted Mahavier
— _____

Trustee: (vote for one)

Butch Neely,
— _____

2021 Honor Award Selection Ballot (Vote for one or write in).

Novice of the Year Criteria: Is a new sailor (less than one year as a 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 surrounding waters.

Nominees:

Shawn Pishoff

Soloman Freimatch
— _____

John Ardoin Yachtsman of the Year 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:

David Bradley

Art Lynd

Brian Meadowcroft
— _____

John Blair Memorial Criteria: Provides outstanding service to the club.

Nominees:

- Cathleen Cole
- Mike Givens
- Nicole and Rodney Champagne
- Ted Mahavier
- _____

Skipper of the Year: Vic Scalco Memorial Criteria: Participates in a majority of club activities, demonstrates racing skills and abilities by placing well in a fleet or class and displays sportsmanship and a positive competitive attitude. Nominees:

- Art Lynd
- Ken Ruddy
- Ted Mahavier
- Brian Meadowcroft
- _____

Racing Crewperson of the Year 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:

- Steven Randall
- Donald Hearn
- Judy Walter
- Mike Martinez
- Steve Romeis
- Solomon Freimatch
- _____

Cruiser of the Year – Chilton O’Brien Memorial 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:

- Greg Lynd
- _____

Cruising Crewperson of the Year 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:

- Ruth Lynd
- Steve Romeis
- Art Lynd
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Contact Us



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Check the website for information regarding the yearly calendar, bylaws and policies, membership applications, dues and fees, racing rules/procedures, past issues of the Mainsheet and club reservation policies.

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