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Commodore's CommentsMark Hallquist

APRIL 2008 Edition

The weather has been close to perfect for working on your boat. The marina is alive with the sound of sanders hard at work. Teak is getting prepared for several coats of Cetol. It is amazing what a little sanding and Cetol can do for an old grey piece of teak. The wood becomes beautiful. You get to see the true colors and grain of the wood. If the wood would only stay that beautiful...

Thursday night races have started and there has been good participation. We need a few more Races but the cruisers have been very competitive. I crewed for Eric Phelan on his Cal 22. What a nice boat. Points really well and is very forgiving. Eric tells me he passed his Sailing Instructors Course. It's great to have another qualified instructor in our club! He has committed to help with the Junior Sailing camp. Thanks Eric!

We had a pretty good blow last week. The winds were reported up to 40 knots. I am not aware of any casualties from the wind. I took a drive around the Yacht club during the blow and did not see anything that needed attended. A few of the live aboards walked the marina and made sure that the boats were well tied and made a few adjustments where it was needed to assure no damage to some of the boats in the marina. It is good to have live aboards in the marina.

We had a little wedding at the Yacht club last weekend. Steve Swanson and Julie Cox tied the knot on March 15. Howdy Dawson performed the service out on the patio in front of the Yacht Club. It was a very nice ceremony. Howdy did a nice job. Congratulations and good luck to the happy couple.

There has been little progress in the marina. We still need more big boat slips. We need to find a solution...

The weather is getting warmer every day. Spring is here. Good sailing as conditions prevail. I hope to see you out there.

Mark

Upcoming Events at the club from the PAYC Social Committee

Port Arthur Yacht Club Olympic Regatta #1

Sat. April 5, 2008

Skippers meeting @ 1000

Social to follow races at the club house

BBQ brisket & links will be provided !! Bring your family and your favorite side dish and have a fun day on the lake. Remember, you don't have to race to attend the social. Come out and visit with old friends and meet the new members. If you plan to attend, contact Eric Phelan with a head count if possible at: ericphelan@dslextreme.com
409-679-0364

Junior Sailing Paul Vera

School is coming to an end and I'm trying to get a big party together for the kids. Stay tuned, have not picked a date out yet.
Look for registration information on the Junior Camp. If you think of some child who would like to join our camp please e-mail me: vseaturtle@aol.com .
Camp dates are June 27-28-29-30.

Racing Paul Vera

Great wind, great races, that's it.
Short and sweet.

Just kidding, the racing has been really fun with the cruisers dominating the numbers game by 3 to 1 on the racers. The cruisers are really having a good time. As for the racers I for one can say that we are having some very intense races, if you get close enough you might hear some pretty foul language coming from one boat. Please look at the calendar we have a full month of racing in April.

Paul Vera
363-3898

April 2008

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3,10 17,24	Thu	Race	Thursday Evening Racing Series #2 - Skippers' Meetings at 1800
5	Sat	Race	Olympic Regatta #1 - Skippers' Meeting at 1400
5	Sat	Social	Post Regatta Social
19	Sat	Race/Cruise	Full Moon Race/Cruise #- Skippers' Meeting at 1800

PAYC BOARD MEETING MINUTES * March 11th, 2008

Club Members present were: Gene Kohrman, Russ Myers, Mike Wise, Butch Neely, Dennis Day, Jim Pearson, Art Lynd, Alan Aldredge, Ray Deming, Mike Gill, Karen Hallquist, Steve Swanson and Ricky Richardson.

Treasurer's Report:

(Reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

<u>Main Checking: 2422</u>	<u>\$44,659.94</u>
Improvement CD: 0040	\$13,174.36
Improvement CD2: 8798	\$30,529.49
Lease: 5197	\$29,561.64
Money Market CD: 9757	\$12,750.83
Self Insurance CD: 6443	\$ 25,974.17
<u>CD: 6287</u>	<u>\$ 3,360.59</u>
Total	\$160,011.02

Jim Pearson reported that any amount over \$100,000.00 is not covered by FDIC.

Harbormaster:

(Reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

Gene Kohrman reported that we are at 90% occupancy on Rows B, C and D. On Rows B, C and D eleven finger piers are in need of repairs. Gene feels we need to have a Hurricane Preparedness Committee before the next hurricane season. All dock lines needs to be checked and replaced if worn or frayed.

Membership:

Applications from Dennis Day and Ray Deming were approved.

Racing:

(Reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

Richard Richardson reported that he will be the PRO for the Thursday Night Racing Series. The series will begin Thursday March 13, 2008. Sign in before 18:00 and signals will begin at 18:30 on the water.

House & Grounds:

Butch Neely reported that Reed Janitorial Services gave him a price of \$700 to strip, clean and wax the clubhouse floors. Dianne Sims gave him a price of \$750 to strip, clean, wax and buff the floors once a month. Mike Wise made a motion to accept Dianne Sims bid. Russ Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There have been several complaints about damaged screens at the club house and at the screen house. Butch will get some bids on repairing the screens and present them at the next meeting. Steve Swanson reported that we are having problems with the FOB reader again. After a short discussion Butch will order a new FOB reader. The price is approximately \$45.

PAYC BOARD MEETING MINUTES * (continued)

Cruising/Socials:

(Reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

Art Lynd reported that the PAYC Treasure Hunt is scheduled for May 17, 2008. Art will like people to sign up early so he will have an idea on how many T-shirts he will need and the size of the teams. Karen Hallquist reported that the Lake Charles-Orange Power Squadron has reserved the club house for the dates of April 11-13. The Power Squadron will have a cookout at the screen house on April 12 PAYC members are invited. Karen also reported that Ken Ruty has reserved the club house for a local car club on July 21, 2008. There will be a post regatta social planned for April 5, 2008.

Safety:

(Reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

Gene Kohrman reported that three people were in a boat on Sabine Lake when they had motor problems and the boat capsized. Two decided they would swim for it and died in the process. The third person was rescued. So it is always better to stay with the boat and wait for help. Gene also reported when people are anchoring on the lake they should watch for currents. It is wise to tie about fifty feet of line to a life jacket or any thing that floats and let it drift behind your boat to use as a lifeline. There were 710 boating accidents last year in the state of Texas and 67% were drowning out of that number 87% were not wearing life preservers.

Junior Sailing:

No Report

Old Business:

Karen Hallquist wants to stress to everybody to not call Mark on his cell phone. His cell phone is used mainly for his business. If you need to talk to Mark please call his home phone. Mark travels a lot and if you need something done he won't be able to do anything about it till he gets back home anyway.

New Business:

No Report

Meeting was adjourned at 9:47

Russ Myers, Secretary of the PAYC

secretary@payc.us

Terrell's Corner ' a tribute to Terrell Adkisson's witty messages from the past! '

*“If ever you’re sailing a dhow, and it’s going as slow as a cow, you can make it go quick, you just curse in Arabic, assuming of course you know how.” ...from the **Ruby Yacht** of Sailbad the Sinner*

What a beautiful spring day ! Now just why are you not enjoying your yacht club and the amenities of boating; which includes, fishing, sailing, and just plain ol' water sports? Heck, the weather is great, not too cold, not too hot . . . and where are you this weekend? Yep, a couch-tater bug, you beeee! Why, just throw a lawn chair or two in the back of the Edsel, burger makings and a cooler of ice cold beverages (ice tea, that is). Now point your car in the direction of your yacht-et club; COME ON DOWN and we will have an old fashioned picnic and an afternoon on the water. You might want to perform a little Spring maintenance on your vessel while you are at it! The following article might prove useful during your Spring inspection:

Murphy's List of Diesel Engine Spares (borrowed from a recent Cruising Compass Newsletter)

When you are assembling the spare parts you need for your diesel auxiliary, it's smart to consult Murphy, who knows that if it can go wrong, it will go wrong! And let's not forget that usually what breaks is not what you expected. But that doesn't mean you have to carry a complete rebuild kit for your engine, unless you are headed for a year in the Antarctic or some other godforsaken place.

Here's what's likely to go wrong with you diesel engine and what to carry for repairs:

Bad fuel: this is the most common problem and can be tricky to fix. You should have a high quality filter on your fuel line and a fine fuel filter on the engine. If your fuel has water in it –the usual suspect—then the engine will be blowing white exhaust and you are in danger of damaging the fuel pump. Don't run the engine with a lot of white smoke – not steam, smoke—coming out. You will need to pump the water out of the lowest corners of your fuel tanks. . .or, if you are lucky, your tanks have drains for this purpose. Once the water has been mostly eliminated, add an alcohol diesel treatment that will emulsify the remaining water. Then change the gross and fine filters. You may have to change them again after a few hours of running. Tools and parts needed: small hand pump with extension; diesel treatment; spare filters.

Fouled injector: You will know you have a fouled injector (which can be caused by carbon build up in the cylinders), when you see billows of black smoke coming from the exhaust. It can be hard to determine which injector is the culprit without removing them one at a time and having a look. A fouled injector will have hard, black carbon deposits around the injector nozzle. You can try removing this carbon by soaking the injector in kerosene or diesel and then cleaning it with a fine wire brush. But you may not succeed and, in such a case, you will have to replace the injector and then bleed the fuel system before restarting. Spares needed: injector and suitable sealing washers.

Water in the crankcase: This is a serious problem and happens all too often when the anti-siphon loop on the raw water cooling system fails due to a blocked vent and thus allows water to siphon into the engine and down into the sump. If you run the engine with a lot of water in the oil you will kill it dead. That's why it is vital to check the engine oil every morning before setting off and every afternoon at the end of a day of sailing and motoring. If you get water in the sump, you have to pump it out and then flush the engine with a light mixtures of diesel and motor oil several times, changing the oil filter each time. But first you need to clean the vent on the anti-siphon loop to prevent more damage. Spares needed: Enough oil for multiple changes; enough filters for those changes; diesel; containers for waste oil.

Yo Rusty-Trusty-Dusty Haba'Dude,

Gene N. Kohrman

409 718-7069 Website of the month:

Virtual Vessel Safety Check: http://www.safetyseal.net/what_is_vsc.asp

From the Cook's Galleysome much favored recipes to sail with

This is a newly formed area that we hope catches on & will perhaps appeal to more of our members. We would like to see mostly recipes that our own personal club members & their families have created over the years if possible. If you have a wonderful recipe you would like to share then please submit it to mainsheet@payc.us or mail us a copy via snail-mail at the clubhouse. We will of course post recipes that other clubs have posted as well as other sources to fill in the gaps as needed. Bon' Appétit' Folks!!

For the Hungry Crew...

Conch Salad #1 (serves 6)

- 3 or 4 conch (1 lb), cleaned, bruised, and cut in small pieces, slivered or shredded.
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 / 2 cup chopped celery, including a few leaves
- 1 / 2 small green pepper, chopped
- 1 large tomato, chopped
- 1 / 2 cup sour orange, lemon or lime juice

salt, pepper, and hot pepper to taste. (Hot pepper – Tabasco or crushed bird pepper)

Mix well and chill at least one hour

Surprise Carrot Cake

(from Philadelphia Cream Cheese Cookbook)

1 - 8 oz package of cream cheese

1/4 cup sugar

1 egg beaten

2 cups of flour

1 3/4 cups of sugar

2 tsp baking soda

2 tsp of cinnamon

1 tsp salt

1 cup of oil

3 eggs beaten

3 cups of shredded carrot

1/2 cup nuts

Combine cheese sugar and egg. Mix until well blended and set aside. Combine dry ingredients. Add combined oil and eggs, mixing just until moistened. Fold in carrots and nuts. Reserve 2 cups of batter. Pour remaining batter into 9" bundt pan.

Pour cream cheese mixture over the batter. Carefully spoon reserved batter over cream cheese mixture spreading to cover.

Bake at 350°F for 55 minutes or until done. Cool 10 minutes.

Remove from pan and sprinkle with confectionery sugar.

Coming soon to a Theatre near You **Second Annual PAYC Treasure Hunt**

Hello PAYC members !

I want to invite you, your family and friends personally to be a part of our second annual PAYC treasure hunt, May 17 on Lake Sabine. This will be a great opportunity to see old friends and meet new ones. Enter your boat or just crew with someone.



- *You (your boat) will be assigned to one of two teams consisting of several boats each.
- *Old treasure map, Clues, GPS, compass, sailing, (no digging required)
- *The team that finds and gets the treasure chest back to the PAYC club house will divvy up the booty.
- *This year we have added the extra fun of having Pirates to deal with. "Yo Ho"
- *Bring lots of water balloons and some good arms.
- *Custom T shirts will be sold (\$16 each) to fund the event. (They look real nice)
- *Social will take place afterward
- *If you think you are going to be able to attend, contact me via Email or sign up at the PAYC club house.

Art Lynd

Seahawk

ViceCommodore@payc.us





April 2008

PAYC UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 LADIES Bridge Club meets.	2	3 Thursday Night Race— Series 2— Skippers meeting at 6pm	4	5 OLYMPIC REGATTA Race # 1— skippers meeting at 10:00 am; Club social to follow.
6	7	8 General & Board Meet- ings—start at 7 PM.	9	10 Thursday Night Race— Series 2— Skippers meeting at 6pm	11	12
13	14	15 LADIES Bridge Club meets.	16	17 Thursday Night Race— Series 2— Skippers meeting at 6pm	18	19 Full Moon Race # 2— skippers meeting at 6 pm
20	21	22 LADIES Bridge Club meets.	23	24 Thursday Night Race— Series 2— Skippers meeting at 6pm	25	26
27	28	29 LADIES Bridge Club meets.	30		Call Beverly Broussard for details regard- ing the LADIES Bridge Club @ 983-6016	

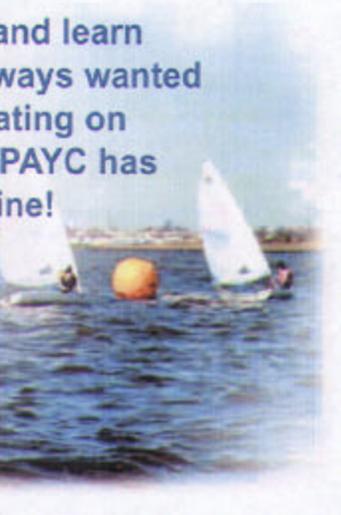




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Next General & Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 8th, 2008, 7:00pm at the PAYC Clubhouse .

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

- Commodore** : Mark Hallquist
- Vice Commodore** : Art Lynd
- Secretary** : Russ Myers
- Treasurer** : Jim Pearson
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- Trustees** : Sam Showalter, Alan Aldredge, & Eric Phelan
- Harbormaster** : Gene Kohrman
- Mainsheet Editor** : Steve Swanson
- Website Editor** (<http://payc.us>) : Carolyn Worsham
- Head of Socials**: Eric Phelan
- Social Committee**: Deena Gill, Anne Lynd, Julie Swanson

Be sure and sign up for the 2nd Annual PAYC Treasure Hunt soon! You are going to miss a lot of fun in May if you don't check it out!! Arrrrrr!!!



.Reserving the PAYC Clubhouse
 Members wishing to reserve the clubhouse should first call or email .us. We will determine clubhouse availability by checking the most current calendar. You may contact us at clubhouse@payc.us or at (409) 985-3751. After your date has been cleared with the PAYC, you can then visit www.payc.us for a reservation application and more info.

