

PAYC MAINSHEET

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Commodore's Corner

Commodore Russ Myers

The installation of the new bulkheads has been completed. The contractor has moved all of his equipment out of the marina. The electrical contractor is now installing the conduits and the wood structures to mount the electrical disconnects. When the electrical contractor finishes his contract, there should be electricity available on A row. The plumbing contractor is installing water mains and fire protection piping.

PIC is filing papers with FEMA for additional monies from a mediation fund. The purpose of the mediation fund is to upgrade the marina so there should be less damage after the next hurricane. PIC hopes to receive \$1-2 million from the fund. PIC will have to wait 60 to 90 days for an answer. PIC received a \$1.7 million loan from the City of Port Arthur. With this loan they can install around 150 floating dock slips on B and C row.

We still need somebody to step up and be the treasurer for the next year. Jim Pearson has been the treasurer for the last three years and has done an outstanding job. Jim has made the job easier; we now can pay almost all bills online and all reports can be generated for the monthly reports.

We will take nominations from the floor for the 2010 honor awards at the Oct general meeting.

Now for some sailing news! The last two months we have had six Sunday afternoon races. The turnout has been light, but the skippers that have participated have had a lot of fun.

Hope to see you on the water!



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OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct 9 - Fred Grund Long Distance Race
- Oct 12 - General and Board Meetings
- Oct 18 - Moonlight Race/Cruise #4

Racing

Paul Vera - 409-363-3898 (cell)

If I can just round that last mark! That is yours truly reliving one of the many close races I have had this year. The racing has been pretty intense -- one or two mistakes can really cost you.

We moved into Sunday afternoon racing for the first time in a long time, and it has worked very well. It works so well that the Island Cup has become a 3-race series consisting of one race on each of three Sundays.

Hopefully as we finish this year we can look toward some changes in our racing format for next year. Perhaps we can combine some new and old ideas to include in next year's calendar.

Check the calendar for upcoming races.

He who lets the sea lull him into a sense of security is in very grave danger.

- Hammond Innes

2011 Officer/Board Election

Nominating Committee: Chuck Devenzio

October Meeting – take floor nominations

November Mainsheet – publish all nominations

November Meeting – hold the election

December 15 – begin terms of office

Nominees for Officers

Commodore: Russ Myers

Vice Commodore: Paul Vera

Secretary: Ricky Richardson

Treasurer: _____ **Trustee:** _____

Nominees for Board (vote for ??):

Mike Wise

Larry Lognion

Pat O'Quinn

Steve Swanson

2010 Honor Award Selections

Novice of the Year: Is a new sailor (less than one year as member of PAYC); promotes club activities; demonstrates improved sailing abilities

Nominees:

Yachtsman of the Year: Participates in many club activities; demonstrates sailing skills; gets along well with others; shows a willingness to accept leadership roles in promoting club activities

Nominees: Russ Myers, Pat O'Quinn, Ricky Richardson

John Blair Memorial: Provides outstanding service to the club

Nominees: John Ardoin, Ted Mahavier

Skipper of the Year – Vic Scalco Memorial:

Participates in a majority of club races; displays good sportsmanship and a positive competitive attitude; demonstrates racing skills and abilities

Nominees: Russ Myers, Paul Vera, Ken Ruty

Racing Crewperson of the Year: Crews in many races; demonstrates sail handling ability and skills; exhibits a positive attitude; demonstrates an ability

to withstand the harsh atmosphere of a racing boat; returns to hone racing skills

Nominees: Ricky Richardson, Kirk Wickizer, Richard Hughes

Cruiser of the year – Chilton O'Brien Memorial:

Participates actively in the cruising program; promotes PAYC in the club and in other ports; is recognized as a sailor

Nominees: Art Lynd, Greg Lynd, Mike Tagert

Cruising Crewperson of the Year: Participates actively in the cruising program; exhibits a positive attitude toward the skipper; promotes PAYC in the club and in other ports

Nominees: Annette Lynd, Rose Tagert

The PAYC By-Laws in their entirety can be found on the website at <http://payc.us/by-laws.htm>.

Junior Sailing

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We are moving towards the development of a new pram area to hold all the equipment and boats in one spot so they can be launched, recovered, and stored with relative ease. With marina construction on hold for couple of months, it will give us time to find a suitable spot.

The old Lamar Boston Whaler is back. Bill Worsham donated it to the club (subject to board approval), and it will provide a much-needed second boat for club use. We are looking into liability insurance and a 20-25 hp motor for it. I will present the potential costs to the club in October. Hopefully we can get the boat squared away and put to good use.

We as a club need to enjoy what we have. After we get through the marina rebuild, hopefully we will become a bigger and better club.



Happy
Halloween!

The Captain's Cruising Rules

From an article by Captain Bernie Weiss in the August 2010 *SpinSheet*

Before Departure: Ensure an ample supply of fuel, water, and provisions. Modestly suggest to guests who are not acquainted with sailing to lower their expectations – don't expect comfort, convenience, or amenities at sea. Wait for decent weather – going to sea in an adverse forecast isn't smart.

While Underway: The first person to use the head is one to clean it up after others are done (this encourages guests to use heads ashore before leaving the dock). The helmsperson who snags a crab trap is the one who dives over the side. Observe the sea-cook's rule – don't ask about the meal unless you're willing to bring it, cook it, serve it, and clean up after it. No yelling – except when necessary to be heard. Be sure that all who are on deck are attentive and alert at all times. No tobacco, alcohol, or recreational drugs when underway. Tell your guests to report anything they see, hear, or smell that is suspicious. Avoid firm ETAs – allow generous time allowances. If you don't find the turning buoy in an unfamiliar channel, STOP.

At the End of the Day: Everyone participates in the general clean-up. Enjoy every beverage, every cookie, and every starry sky.

In Summary: Paraphrasing Tolstoy, every boat is a happy boat with reasonable weather conditions, skilled crew and friendly guests, and functional mechanical, electronic, safety, and plumbing systems. Leave nothing (or as little as possible) to chance. Anticipate difficulties and plan accordingly. Keep "Murphy" quietly hidden down below as a stowaway.

*For whatever we lose (like a you or a me) it's
always ourselves we find in the sea.*

– e. e. cummings

Cruising

Mike Wise

Fall is finally here, and the temps are dropping to comfortable. Fall is also when we wind down the cruising calendar. The only thing left is the Moonlight Race/Cruise on 23–Oct. Maybe since the weather is cooling down we can plan an impromptu weekend cruise somewhere close to reunite the PAYC and PAYC South!

Speaking of the south, no one actually made the trip to the 18-mile light but we did have a great party in Sabine Pass. Actually two great parties -- several members made the drive down Saturday night. I could start listing people but I know I would leave someone out. Let's just say that we had a fantastic dock party. The grills were smoking, and the beverages were flowing. On Sunday more drive-downs and three boats made the voyage. *Grand Cru*, *Deena Ann* and the *Bonnie Blue* cruised south for the night and another great time ensued. Thanks to Pat O'Quinn for hosting the party on his boat. We have the pictures to prove it! I understand that Ed Bush is starting a dock chair diving team; sorry I missed that one. Sunday was another great night with good food and great friends. The trip home Monday was a little stormy as some weather blew in but everyone made it in safely.

That's it for another month. Keep on cruising...

John F. Kennedy and Sailing

From my first race on Nantucket Sound many years ago to my most recent outing as a weekend sailor, sailing has given me some of the most pleasant and exciting moments of my life. It has also taught me something of the courage, resourcefulness and strength required of men who sail the seas in tall ships.

– John F. Kennedy speaking of Operation Sail on April 3, 1963.

Photo taken at the JFK Library in Boston, MA

Cruising in Alaska

Contributed by Art Lynd, Past PAYC Commodore

When Annette and I arrived at IAH, we were pleasantly surprised to see Richard Hughes and his wife, Ilene. After a few words, we discovered that we were taking the same flight and cruise. We met with Rick and Ilene for occasional meals and sat together during a few shows on the ship.

The cruise started in Vancouver. Aboard the *Island Princess*, we sailed two nights to Ketchikan, AK, for our first port o' call. At each port, we enjoyed 6–8 hours ashore before deploying. The next two mornings we woke up in Juneau and Skagway.

Continuing north on the inside passage, we visited Glacier Bay and College Fjord. The views of the glaciers, mountains, and whales were spectacular from our room balcony or anywhere on the ship.

Our final port o' call for the *Island Princess* was Whittier, AK. Still heading north, we boarded nice coaches and began our land journey, passing through a 21-mile mountain tunnel. We visited a wild life preserve en route to Anchorage.

The next day we traveled 200 miles by train to Denali National Park. The scenery was awesome. We saw a moose as big as a Clydesdale horse!

After two nights in the park, we traveled by coach to Fairbanks. During our journey, the sky cleared for a magnificent view Mt McKinley from 75 miles away. In Fairbanks, we road an old paddle wheel river boat and visited a native village.

On the 12th day, we flew jet to Seattle and then to Houston. Crossing three time zones, I experienced "jet lag" for a day or two, but it was worth it.

We had a fantastic adventure, and perhaps I even converted a racer (Rick) over to the cruiser side.

Please respond promptly to PAYC invoices for dues and fees. PAYC expenses and programs continue in spite of the challenges presented by the marina.

Photo Gallery



Rick and Ilene Hughes and Art and Annette Lynd aboard the Island Princess

Poker Run on the Water

An invitation from Sabine Sail & Power Squadron

Date: October 2, 2010

Place: Pleasure Island Commission Building

Time: 12 High Noon!!

Please join us for the first Poker Run fund raiser held by SS&PS. Arrive at noon and get coordinates to retrieve 7 tags that allow you 7 cards for your hand. Only one tag per boat is required. Fill your boats with all the "gamblers" you can find!! There will be some rules....but we will discuss before we depart. One course! If you don't have a boat, there will be one available. YOU MUST GO ON THE POKER RUN TO PLAY A GAME OF POKER, unless you are working on land to prepare food, etc.

Boats will leave the dock at 1230 and return by no later than 1500. At 1600 the games begin!!

The cost of a hand is \$25. If you want to play poker, the meal is \$8. Hot dogs and three beers will be provided for each poker player. Those who do not play poker will receive hot dogs and cokes. For a \$2 donation, additional beer will be available.

Half of the proceeds collected for go to SS&PS and the other half goes to the winner!! SEE YA ON THE WATER OCTOBER 2, 2010

RSVP TO songa.gremillion@yahoo.com or 409-548-3125 so we are sure we have enough to eat!!

Minutes for September 12, 2010

Board Attendees: Russ Myers, Paul Vera, Jim Pearson, Ricky Richardson, Mike Wise, Larry Lognion, Pat O Quinn, Art Lynd

Member Attendees: Steve Swanson, Alan Aldredge, Butch Neely, Bill Worsham, Chuck Devenzio

Treasurer's Report: (Email secretary@payc.us.) The Treasurer reported that he has served three years and someone else has to step up and take the position. He will help whoever will accept it.

Membership: John Scales sent a letter of resignation. He regrets that time had not permitted him to participate as he had hoped.

The following members were sent registered letters for accounts overdue: Chris Reid, John Sheppard, Kevin Thibeault, Jerry Singleton, Don Miller, Donna McBride, Mack Davis, Michael Wilson, Stephen Romeo, Robert Peck, D.J. Page, Martin Novich, Donald Jennings, and Glen Fontenot.

The following members are behind in their fees: Michael Holmes, Donovan Garrett, Ed Wiltz, Ryan O'Quinn, Yogi Milsap, Dennis Day, and Karey Amick.

Harbor Master: Twelve boats had moved out of Mariner's Cove since the request was posted.

Racing: Paul reported Sunday racing is working well. The M Mark broke loose and was brought to the clubhouse grounds.

Junior Sailing: Paul Vera discussed some conflicts with Mardi Gras and the TSA's youth racing schedule. PAYC's TSA Regatta 2011 will be a Valentine's Regatta in mid-February.

Paul reported the Pram equipment was scattered.

It was reported that the floating dock was still in Mariner's Cove. John Ardoin volunteered to move it.

House & Grounds: Russ reported three ACs are operational, and the water heater has been replaced. The water pressure is low.

Cruising: Mike Wise reported that no one went to Beaumont, but they had a great time at Sabine Pass for Labor Day Weekend. The Lake Charles cruise was scheduled for Sep 17–19. Art Lynd reported three boats were going, and he invited everyone to go along. Art indicated there were still slips available at the venue.

Socials: PAYC members are invited to the Poker Run hosted by the Sabine Sail and Power Squadron on Oct 2. (See p. 4 for more information.)

Safety: Russ reported the ground is washed out along the bulkheads on B row and you should watch your step around the docks.

Old Business: None

New Business: After a discussion, Ricky Richardson moved to renew the subscription to the Yachting Club of America. Pat O'Quinn seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Russ requested an email be sent out for a volunteer for Treasurer.



MIT V15 Regatta on the Charles River in Boston, MA

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[Jim Pearson](#), Treasurer
[Alan Aldredge](#), Asst. Treasurer

Motto

PAYC - The Fun Spot of
Southeast Texas

PAYC is on the Web!

Visit us at:
<http://payc.us>

Board of Directors:

Larry Lognion, Paul Morgan, Pat O'Quinn, Mike Wise,
Art Lynd (Past Commodore)

Trustees:

Ken Ruddy and Steve Swanson

Co-Harbormasters:

[Gene Kohrman](#) and [Paul Morgan](#)

Mainsheet/Website:

[Carolyn Worsham](#)

Reserving the PAYC Clubhouse (Members Only):

Email clubhouse@payc.us or contact a club officer. Visit payc.us for a reservation application after the date is cleared.

Next General/Board Meeting:

Tuesday, Oct 12, 2010, 1900, PAYC Clubhouse
Board Meeting immediately follows the General Meeting.

Request a PAYC Roster:

Email roster@payc.us.

Mainsheet Delivery:

Email mainsheet@payc.us or contact the PAYC Secretary to move from USPO delivery to email delivery or vice versa.

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