



Port Arthur Yacht Club

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

September is surely a month for the history books. With all of the tropical weather activity we were very lucky that all we got was the tail end of Ivan. A few of us held a little hurricane party in the screen house to make sure the marina was safe, but we called it a night after he went ashore in Cameron.

As for the club events for the month, the Island Cup Regatta was another smashing success. With Thistles from Shreveport, catamarans from Houston, and everything in between it was a great day of racing. The day was topped off with a great Patriot Day Social complete with hot dogs, hamburgers, apple pie and a raffle of a wide variety of prizes! Ivan caused the cancellation of the Johnson Bayou Cruise. Our racing program this year has really taken off, but I hate to see our cruising suffer. I hope to see more cruising activity in the future.

Now October is going to be a busy month for the club. The club activities include a long distance race, a moonlight race, V15 sailing, a Columbus Day Social, and the ever-popular annual Shell Island Cruise. Be sure to check inside for all of the event details.

That covers the fun stuff – now for the important business stuff. As you know, November is just around the corner and it will be time to vote on the new club officers as well as the Honor Awards. Included in this month's *Mainsheet* are the Honor Award Criteria. Nominations for officers and Honor Awards will be taken from the floor at the October General Meeting. Make your plans now to attend this important **General Meeting on October 9th**. Honor Award nominations are open, but if nominating someone for an office, make sure you have their permission! Voting on awards and officers will be done by the ballot in the November *Mainsheet*, due by the November General Meeting. Officers will be announced at that time, but the award recipients will be kept secret until the banquet.

Several other important business items will be discussed at the October meeting. We have a proposal to install a system on the screen house that would eliminate the costly pump outs as well as the full tank inconvenience. The cost of this system would pay for itself in about one year based on what we currently pay to have the tanks pumped. Also for consideration is a policy for live-aboard members and an application for live-aboard status that has been presented to the Board for consideration. This is something that would be an adopted operating policy, not an amendment to the bylaws. There are also several items that we are considering in order to save money in the annual operating budget. Be expecting a call or email from Carolyn Worsham regarding the delivery of your *Mainsheet* (electronic or hard copy by mail). We currently spend about \$200.00 a month in printing and postage. Also, now that we are responsible for paying the electric bill on the screen house it has been decided that the freezer will be removed. If you have anything stored there, please remove it as soon as possible. There has been much discussion regarding all existing electric appliances in the screen house since the monthly cost is averaging \$90.00. Everything from adding coin operation to the washer and dryer to removing all electric appliances has been discussed. Membership input on all of these issues is important. I hope to see a good turnout at the meeting.

It has also come to our attention that non-club members have been accessing the grounds and facilities claiming to be "guest" of a member. According to our operating policy, guests are welcome but must be **accompanied** by a member. Gate access codes are issued for member use only and should not be given out for guest access. Please keep this policy in mind, and remind your guests of it as well.

Last month when I commented on all of the work that had been done on the club grounds I failed to recognize Jerry Singleton. Without his help and his tractor, the work could not have been done. Thanks, Jerry!

See you on the water,
Mike...

Port Arthur Yacht Club Board Meeting September 21, 2004

Board Members/Trustees Present: Paul Vera, Mike Wise, Terrell Adkisson, Butch Neely, Glenn Thibodeaux, Alan Aldredge, and Gary King.
Others: Gene Kohrman, Steve Swanson, Jessie Block, Quincy Prestridge, and Carolyn Worsham

Treasurer's Report:

Main Checking:	\$14,479.46
Improvement MM:	\$15,212.01
Improvement CD:	\$27,758.77
Improvement CD:	\$11,743.90
Lease Renewal CD:	\$26,437.73
Self Insurance:	\$43,215.29

Harbormaster: The review of PIC rental and club records to clean up the slip assignment records is nearing completion. The harbormaster is asking that all members please police the area in front of their slips. The only improvement allowed by Marina policy is the installation of a dock box.

Membership: Membership applications were accepted from Paul Land and Carl Nutt. A resignation was accepted from Randy & Nan Laing

Racing: The 22 Mile Race originally scheduled for Oct 9th will be rescheduled to a yet to be determined date. Upcoming events: Moonlight #4 Race (Oct 30th) and Long Distance Race (Nov. 13th).

House & Grounds: The Board discussed how to lower the electrical bill now being received for the Screen House. Options discussed were removing or installing coin operated controls on the washer/dryer, installing a timer on or removing the water heater, removing the refrigerator, and/or removing the freezer. Paul Vera made a motion to have the freezer now located in the Screen House removed. Gary King seconded motion and the vote was unanimous for the motion.

Cruising: Upcoming events: Shell Island Cruise (Oct. 23rd-24th) and Screen House Cruise (Nov. 27th).

Socials: Upcoming events: Columbus Day Social (Oct 9th) and the Tree Trimming Party (Nov. 27th).

Safety: No Report.

Junior Sailing: The candidates for Junior Sailor of the Year have been selected.

Old Business:

(1) More discussion was had regarding the purchase of a club powerboat. The Board has decided that this issue should be tabled until next year.

(2) A letter from Kyle Reed concerning the account of items removed from the Club House recorded in last month's Board minutes was presented to the Board. After some discussion no action was taken.

(3) A review of the report given by Bob Brammer at last week's general meeting was given to the board concerning the possibility of an early lease renewal.

(4) Gene Kohrman and Butch Neely presented a proposal for a live aboard policy. It's their hope that the Board will use this proposal as a guideline for a future modification of Club policy. The Board decided to review the proposal and take action at a later time.

New Business:

(1) Gary King was nominated for Nomination Chairman. Forward any suggestions for nominees to Gary.

(2) Terrell Adkisson proposed that Gary King be considered for Honorary Membership.

(3) Mike Wise proposed that Terrell Adkisson be considered for Honorary Membership.

(4) Butch Neely proposed that the Board consider installing a pump and sewer line to drain the toilet located in the Screen House. The construction estimates would offer a less than two year payback over the cost of pump trucks. After discussion the Board tabled the proposal until the next meeting.

(5) Carolyn Worsham proposed that electronic delivery be used to distribute future copies of the *Mainsheet* for those who prefer electronic over paper delivery. The goal would be to reduce future cost of printing and mailing. Alan Aldredge moved and Gary King seconded that Carolyn Worsham be allowed to contact the membership to record each member's preference. The motion passed unanimously.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 9:22PM

Alan Aldredge, Secretary
secretary@payc.us

Social Report for October

The **PAYC Columbus Day Social** will be held on **October 9**. Since Christopher Columbus was born in Genoa, Italy, we will honor him with an **Italian Dinner**. PAYC will provide the spaghetti and meat sauce, bread, iced tea, lemonade, and wine. The cost will be \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. Please bring a dessert, salad, or side dish. We hope to see you there!

When: Saturday, October 9
Where: PAYC
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Bring: Salad, dessert, or side dish
Cost: \$6 for adults; \$3 for children
(Includes spaghetti and meat sauce, bread, iced tea, lemonade, and wine)

Here's a little history lesson about Christopher Columbus:

Columbus began sailing at age 14 and captained his first ship at age 30.

When King John II of Portugal rejected his request for money and ships to sail west to the Indies, Columbus went to King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain. He was initially rejected in Spain as well, but when he asked a second time, Queen Isabella decided to fund the expedition.

The voyage in the Niña, Pinta, and Santa Maria took only two months – one month to the Canary Islands, and a second month to the New World.

When land was sighted, Columbus dressed in his finest clothes to go ashore. He kissed the ground and claimed the land for Spain. Columbus called the people who were living on the island "Indians" because he believed he had reached the Indies. He named the island San Salvador.

Columbus never saw the United States, and he never thought he had found a new world; however, he is still honored in America by celebrating Columbus Day on October 12, the day of his first landing in 1492.

Carolyn Worsham 985-9652

Excellent Nautical Fiction

As the days get shorter and the evenings get cooler, here are some suggestions for reading material (taken from *The Mariner's Book of Days 2004*).

Bird of Dawning – John Masefield

Captain Horatio Hornblower – C. S. Forester

Captains Courageous – Rudyard Kipling

Moby Dick – Herman Melville

Mr. Midshipman Easy – Captain Frederick Marryat

The Cruel Sea – Nicholas Monsarrat

The Distant Shore – Jan de Hartog

The Old Man and the Sea – Ernest Hemingway

The Riddle of the Sands – Erskine Childers

The Sea Wolf – Jack London

The Wreck of the Grosvenor – W. Clark Russell

Treasure Island – Robert Louis Stevenson

Typhoon – Joseph Conrad

Cruising News

Where have all the cruisers gone??? Participation in club cruises has been almost nonexistent this year. Any suggestions would be welcomed.

The next scheduled cruise is to **Shell Island** on **October 23-24**. Traditionally some of these cruises have made the PAYC history books. The late October weather offers cool evenings, and a spectacular sunset and harvest moon are added bonuses. It's a nice cruise for both the novice and the ol' salt. Most cruisers depart the marina about noon on Saturday with provisions for cooking and eating around the fire on Shell Island Saturday evening. After breakfast on Sunday morning, a leisurely sail gets you back to the marina mid-afternoon.

Scrape off those barnacles, scrub off that mildew, and join in the fun!

Bill Worsham 985-9652

Election of Officers for 2005 and Honor Award Recipients for 2004

PAYC By-Laws require that nominees be “published in the October *Mainsheet* and announced at the general membership meeting in October. Nominations may be made from the floor at the October general meeting with prior consent of the nominee. Nominations may be made by mail directed to the Commodore provided such written nominations carry the signature of five active members.... All nominations...shall be published in the November *Mainsheet*.”

Members in good standing can vote for officers and honor award recipients either by secret ballot at the November meeting or by absentee ballot received at PAYC by the day of the November general meeting. In order to ensure only one ballot per membership, mail-in ballots should be traceable to the member submitting the mail-in ballot.

The following nominations for the PAYC Board have been submitted by the PAYC Nominating Committee (Gary King and Chuck Devenzio):

Commodore:	Mike Wise
Vice Commodore:	Pat O’Quinn
Secretary:	Steve Swanson
Treasurer:	Alan Aldredge
Board Members:	Paul Vera, Glenn Thibodeaux, Terrell Adkisson
Trustee:	Pam King

The following nominations have been submitted by the PAYC Nominating Committee for honor awards:

Novice of the Year

Criteria: Is a new sailor (less than one year as 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 offshore

Nominee: Steve Swanson

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

Nominee: Butch Neely

John Blair Memorial

Criteria: Provides outstanding service to the club

Nominee: Carolyn Worsham

Skipper of the Year: Vic Scalco Memorial

Criteria: Participates in a majority of club racing activities; demonstrates racing skills and abilities by placing well in a fleet or class; and displays a sportsmanship and a positive competitive attitude.

Nominee: (to be nominated by active racers)

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

Nominee: Paul Vera

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

Nominee: John Ardoin

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.

Nominee: Ginger Ardoin

Survey for Mainsheet Delivery Options

How do you feel about receiving your Mainsheet electronically (via email)? Or do you need a paper copy delivered by the postal service each month?

Carolyn Worsham will attempt to notify each PAYC member during this month to determine how many members feel that electronic delivery is sufficient. The current **monthly** cost for printing and delivering the *Mainsheet* is about \$200 (plus about six hours to make two trips to Bridge City and print and attach mailing labels). If a significant percentage of the membership opts for electronic delivery, the cost to PAYC can be greatly reduced. Regardless of the outcome of the survey, those who have no email access or prefer paper delivery will continue to receive the *Mainsheet* in its current form.

The current and past *Mainsheets* are always accessible electronically at <http://payc.us/mainsheet.htm>.

Racing News for October

The Island Cup Regatta is in the books with a great turnout of 18 boats in 3 classes. Bill Worsham won the monohull class in his Laser 28; Troy King from HYC won the multihull class; and Stephen McCleeny won the Thistle class. For full results, check PAYC's web site or the race board. This was Commodore Mike Wise's first regatta as Organizing Authority (OA), and he did a great job with help from Steve Swanson, Gene Kohrman, Alan Aldredge, Martin Novich, and Mike's better half Teresa Wick. (And if I forgot anybody, please feel free to chew me out.) There were a lot of "thank yous" handed out from the racers to PAYC.

The scheduled October 9th **Long Distance Race** has been rescheduled for **October 16th** due to conflicting dates that have risen for me. The Skippers' Meeting for the Long Distance Race will be held Thursday, October 14 at 8 p.m. On that same Thursday night we will have a FUN THURSDAY NIGHT SHAKE DOWN RACE. The Skippers' Meeting will be held at 6 p.m. for that race (with racers able to return to make the 8 p.m. Skippers' Meeting as well).

Also we have a Moonlight (Halloween) Race on Saturday, October 30 (first gun at 7 p.m.)

That's it from the wobbling race chair.

Flying the Lima Flag,
Paul Vera 963-3525

Knothead News for October

With the "Back to School Sail" behind us, the word is out that we are getting close to selecting the Junior Sailor of the Year.

I'm looking at doing another sail before the year is out, so stayed tuned and keep those kids sailing!

Paul Vera 963-3525

Lakewood YC NOOD Regatta 2004



Bill Worsham receiving first place trophy

The Bill Worshams made their presence known at the Lakewood YC NOOD 2004 on September 24-26. Bill the elder crewed with Jack Byrne on the 3rd place J/80 (out of 20 entries), and Bill the younger and crew **won** the J/24 class (out of 14 entries).

Chris Kearby, PAYC member, crewed on the winning J/24.

Hurricane Preparedness

While being thankful that we have been spared the devastation suffered by the Florida marina communities, their experiences should serve as reminders of the importance of preparation.

In 1994 a *PIC/PAYC Emergency Preparedness Plan* was prepared. While some updating is needed, it serves as a basis for preparation. A copy will be accessible on our website in the near future.

In summary, securing board boats, dinghies, trailerable boats, and non-trailerable boats is the responsibility of the individual boat owner. The PIC is authorized to charge an hourly rate for securing boats that pose a threat to other boat owners.

In the event of an impending storm, if you need local assistance for securing a boat, contact Bo'Sun's Landing at 409-985-3523. Expect a charge of about \$20 per boat plus any materials required.

Condolences

Word was just received that John Friend, *S/V Friendship*, died this week. Until his recent illness, he could be found on his boat quite frequently. John joined PAYC in 1992.

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PAYC Yachts For Sale

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

B44 Bayliner 25	Debi Adams	962-6296
D02 Ranger 29	Al Hebert	722-2048
E12 Mega 30	Linda Robinson	982-2565 / 504-1815
Pvt Catalina 25	Steve Lowe	903-561-0599
E03 North American 23	Paul Bronson	724-1302
McGregor 25	Jim Mehaffy	899-5800/835-8434