



MAINSHEET

Port Arthur Yacht Club

August 2014

COMMODORE'S CORNER:

Summer is in full swing and so is PAYC. We finished up June with the 8th annual Treasure Hunt hosted by the man, the myth, the legend Art Lynd. Our friends from Lake Charles made the trek in bad weather to take the top prize. Ettie Haley and Rosemary Lognion put in a lot of work to make for a great Pirate Party after the hunt. Thanks to Bob Brammer, Steve Romeis, Art Lynd and Mike Blakney for the entertainment.

It is hard to follow that but the Commodore's Picnic on the 4th was also another great success. We had somewhere in the neighborhood of fifty or more members and guests in attendance.

The Thursday Night Racing has seen some hot competition, in more ways than one on these July days! The Garrison Ridge Cruise was a great time as well.

Without slowing down too much for the heat we have a hot month of activities on the calendar. The Thursday Night Race Series continues "just for fun", it is a hard habit to break! Also on the racing and cruising scene we have a moonlight race and the annual 18 Mile Light run. We will have to see what Steve has up his sleeve for the cruise on the 16th.

Don't forget about the General and Board meetings on the 12th, try to attend and keep up to date on all of the happenings at PAYC.

Hope to see you on the water,

Commodore 2014
Russ Myers



August 2014			
7,14,21,28	R	Thursday Night Series "Just for Fun"	1800
9	RCS	Moonlight Race/Cruise #6	1800
12	M	General/Board Meeting	1900
16	C	PAYC South Cruise	1000
28	R	Skippers Meeting 18 Mile Race	1900
30	RC	18 Mile Light Race Cruise	TBA

Racing Report:

The racing is getting heated in more ways than one, the old men are going after each other with Richard Hughes and Ken Ruddy vying for the Month July, they are tied as of this publication. As for Russ and I, we are hanging in there waiting for them to make a mistake. Come on crab traps. It is so hot out on the race course, how hot was it? A wave hit me in the face and it tasted like Gumbo.

So the end is near for Thursday Night Races let's make the month of Aug. a month to remember.

PS Drink plenty of fluids not Gumbo.

Paul Vera

409-363-3898

Acting Race Chairman for Daniel Tatum

Cruising Report:

Let's Go Cruising!

Well we finally did get to go cruising on Saturday, July 19th. After a stormy week in which a lot of areas experienced record flooding, we had more rain on the Saturday morning of the scheduled cruise. I sent out a message saying, "Don't let the weather scare you. Show up and let's see what happens." I'm glad we did.

The calendar said it was the Garrison / Kayak cruise but I had other plans in mind for some time and let everyone know at the skippers meeting that we would be heading for Greens Bayou. The bad weather blew out of the area and we found ourselves sailing across the lake in good wind, calm seas and very comfortable temperatures. The anchorage was easy and the three boats that got a head start (Jammin, Aftermath, and Pura Vida) on the other boats were soon ready for an expedition into Greens Bayou. With 3 kayaks and a dingy with an outboard -Ted, Austin and friend Trey along with Greg and Ruth plus myself made our way into the bayou. We got to see several gators along with other aquatic and airborne critters on our adventure. I'd been researching somewhere to explore for some time and wanted to see if a place really existed that I'd found via google earth. Well about a mile in, there it was... a house. Neat place in the middle of nowhere! We even got to meet the man who owns it. Seems it's been in his family for three generations. It was built in the 40's and rebuilt several times over the years due to storms, with the most recent being Hurricane Ike. The only way to get there is by water, and although the bayou itself is a waterway open to anyone the property and the buildings are definitely private as we were quickly informed. So if you decide to go venturing in Greens

Bayou and you happen upon this place, please (pretty please) respect his privacy and honor his No-Trespassing signs which include his dock.

Mission accomplished. We paddled and rode the dingy back out of the bayou and found our sailboats exactly where we left them! (Always a good thing, right?) Soon other cruisers began to arrive and before long we had seven boats anchored with people having a great time hanging out, swimming, kayaking and just having fun doing what PAYC folks do when they get together. At one point an ultralight plane did a fly by at an altitude lower than the mast on our boats. Not sure if the pilot was using good judgment but perhaps he couldn't resist trying to get a closer look at our beautiful PAYC ladies in their swimwear.

I managed to get pictures and video of the plane along with other shots from the day. Check them out on Facebook. If we're not friends, send me a request and you'll be able to see them. Several people took some great pictures and they are posted as well on the PAYC Facebook page so you can check those out as well.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all who participated and made it a great day... which continued for some of us even after the cruising was over and we were back at the clubhouse!

Boats and Cruisers who made the trip (in no particular order) –Steve on Jammin, Ted, Austin and Trey on Aftermath, Greg and Ruth on Pura Vida, Craig, Keith and Max on Cop-a-Lean, Dennis, Lynette, Donna, James, Ken and Diane on Son Seeker, Mike, Deena and Hudson on Burchard's Bounty (currently known as Ocean Queen by some) --- and wait for it.... A big shout out to Ken Ruddy (one of our famous racers, great sailor, avid fisherman and all around nice guy) who sailed over on Lilly White. Glad to have another racer participate and hope more will join in on future cruises. Also Chuck and Marilee who did a quick sail by on Bitter End. Glad to see them and also glad they headed back early to help prepare some goodies to eat for others later that evening.

Next "official" cruise is scheduled for August 16th. The schedule says the destination is PAYC South but you never know what I might have up my sleeve so mark your calendars and be ready to cruise! Hope to see you sailing soon.

Cruising Director
Steve Romeis

Social Report:

Well between the Treasure Hunt, Pirate Party and Fourth of July PAYC had a good time. The Lake Charles group helped make the First annual Pirate Party a great success and should I mention they almost took home all of the treasure! I can't say enough about the music at the Pirate Party it was fabulous and I would love for them to play again sometime soon. Thank you Art for the music and all you did to help make the first Pirate party a great time. And I want to know who got the booby prize! Someone found it but won't fess up!

Fourth of July was a great time outside of Mike's little side trip to the ER but the finger is ok now. We had lots of great food and friends and missed the few that couldn't be there.

There are no socials coming up anytime soon but if there is something you would like to do or have an idea for a great social just let me know and I will see about making it happen. I am looking for any excuse to have Bob, Art, Steve & Mike play again. I am toying around with an end of summer Luau so if you guys like this idea just let me know. I have an awesome partner in crime, a.k.a. Rosemary who is always thinking and scheming with me. As always THANK YOU for making it fun to do things for PAYC.

Social Director

Ettie Haley

Port Arthur Yacht Club (PAYC)
General Meeting
July 8, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Russ Myers, Commodore
Mike Wise, Vice Commodore
Craig J. Belaire, Secretary
Paul Vera, Past Commodore
Butch Neely, Harbor Master
Jim Richardson
Daniel Tatum
Ettie Haley
Ken Rutty
Daniel Carlson

Commodore Russ Myers called the meeting to order at 19:03 hrs.

Jim Richardson made a motion to approve the June minutes as presented in the main sheet. Second by Butch Neely. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS:

TREASURER –

Prepared by Alan Aldredge

Members may email the Treasurer@payc.us for the report submitted at the meeting for review.

Second half billings will be mailed out in the next 45 days. They are late due to the account software change over.

MEMBERSHIP – Mr. & Mrs. James and Lorissa Boudreaux, Mr. & Mrs. Danial and Tracy Carlson, Mr. Bryant Carruth membership applications will be reviewed in Board Meeting.

RACING – Paul Vera reported for Daniel Tatum that the June Thursday night races was won by Richard Hughes. The Thursday Series races for July are 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st.

HOUSE and GROUNDS -.nothing to report.

CRUISING – The Garrison Ridge cruise is scheduled for July 19th.

SOCIALS –Treasure Hunt / Pirate Party...was a great success. We will sure do it again next year. The commodore's picnic was a success with some of the best spread in a while. Nothing is scheduled for the rest of July. Please keep checking your email and calendar for future events.

SAFETY– Nothing to report.

JR. SAILING –Paul Vera reported 38-39 sailors attended. It started off rough on Thursday but went smoother on Sat and Sun. With the profits from the camp we will start looking at buying 1 or 2 new boats to add to the Pram fleet. Paul is considering setting up Jr Sailing routine racing schedule for year round. We are planning the 1st Annual Youth Club Regatta will be held here at the club on July 26th at 1000 hours.

Sea Scouts – Still looking for a boat to be donated. Jim Richardson asked about some tee shirts purchased by club members. Paul Vera will look into it.

LAMAR SAILING CLUB – Nothing to report.

PIC REPORT - There has been an increase in theft of light fixtures, backup preventers and any metals in bathroom in the park area. There was discussion on hiring a private security firm to monitor the island. The sprinkler system on the golf course is ½ complete. They are expecting to do a soft opening next month and a grand opening in Sept. Sharky's must show liability insurance soon or it will be asked to close. The RV park is in violation of it lease and proper procedures are being followed to in force.

OLD BUSINESS – 1)PIC/PAYC Lease. The Port Arthur City Council approved a resolution to extend our current lease for 3 months as we work through negotiation. We have presented the last proposal which was approved by the PIC but never shown to the City Council. We are hopeful we will be able to work out a meaningful mutual resolution.

Jim Richardson asked if we would like to have another Sailing Day for the Foster Kids and maybe Port Arthur Library Kids summer reading program. We would host 15-20 kids and place 2-3 on each boat. We would maybe break the groups up, one in the morning and one in the evening. We all agreed we would look at the calendar and schedule something in August.

Jim Richardson asked for a report on the tee shirts we purchased from the Jr Sailing. Paul Vera reported he will inquire.

Daniel Tatum made a motion made to spend \$976.96 to pay for repairs on Bout Time and add an additional \$500 to the budget Jim Richardson made the second. Russ Myers stated she is running very good now and we will be looking at fixing the main power switch so the gages will work.

NEW BUSINESS:

Paul Vera made a motion to spend \$350 to join the Port Arthur Chamber of Commerce. The motion died due to lack of a second.

Daniel Tatum motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded Jim Richardson. The motion passed without objection and the General Meeting ended at 20:08 hrs, July 8, 2014.

Port Arthur Yacht Club (PAYC)
Board Meeting
July 8, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Russ Myers, Commodore
Mike Wise, Vice Commodore
Craig J. Belaire, Secretary
Paul Vera, Past Commodore
Jim Richardson
Daniel Tatum
Butch Neely
Ken Rutty
Ettie Haley

Russ Myers called the meeting to Order at 20:23.

Daniel Tatum made a motion to approve the June Board meeting minutes as presented. Second by Jim Richardson. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS:

TREASURER –

MEMBERSHIP- Daniel Tatum made a motion and seconded by Jim Richardson to accept Mr. & Mrs. James and Lorissa Boudreaux, Mr. & Mrs. Danial and Tracy Carlson, Mr. Bryant Carruth. Motion passed unanimously.

HARBOR MASTER-We have 55 boats in slips in the marina, 3 in dry storage 45 are PAYC members.

RACING- Carry Over from General Meeting

HOUSE and GROUNDS - Carry Over from General Meeting

CRUISING - Carry Over from General Meeting

SOCIALS - Carry Over from General Meeting

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JR. SAILING – Carry Over from General Meeting

SEA SCOUTS - Carry Over from General Meeting

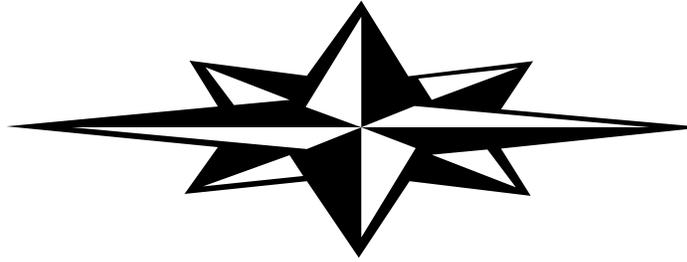
LAMAR SAILING CLUB- Carry Over from General Meeting

PIC REPORT - Carry Over from General Meeting

OLD BUSINESS- none discussed

NEW BUSINESS- none discussed

Jim Richardson motioned to adjourn the meeting Daniel Tatum seconded. The motion passed without objection and the Board Meeting ended at 20:34, July 8, 2014.



2014 PAYC Administration

Officers

Commodore - Russ Myers
Vice Commodore - Mike Wise
Secretary - Craig Belaire
Treasurer - Alan Aldredge(acting)

Board of Directors

Ken Rutty
Daniel Tatum
Art Lynd
Jim Richardson
Paul Vera (Past Commodore)

***Mainsheet* Editor and Webmaster - Group**
Harbormaster – Butch Neely

Committee Chairs

Racing - Daniel Tatum
Cruising - Steve Romeis
Socials – Ettie Haley
House and Grounds - Everyone
Junior Sailing - Paul Vera
Membership - Mike Wise
Clubhouse Reservations – Ettie Haley
Safety - Everyone