



**Commodore's Comments** ....Pat O'Quinn

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Well, the new Commodore and Vice Commodore have been elected along with the Treasurer and Secretary. This will be my last letter as Commodore and a whole new year will start for PAYC. I want to thank all of the members who came to the meetings and voiced their opinions. I have been told that you really don't get the hang of being Commodore until the second year. All I can say about that is I have all the admiration in the world for all those past Commodore's who served more than one term. I can say it is much harder than it looks. Thank heavens I had a Great board to back me up. You guys were GREAT!

I believe a club is only as good as the membership allow it to be. PAYC has a huge potential, but that is only if the membership come out and take part. From the newest member to the oldest, everyone of you has a voice, and as an outgoing Commodore, I can tell you, it is imperative that members come to the meetings and have a say. That is what the board uses to make decisions. It is tough to make decisions that affect others when no one speaks up. We have some excellent folks in this club, and all you have to do to meet those people is come out to a social, make a meeting, come out and race or just come out for a Saturday breakfast. If you are learning to sail or already an old salt, the knowledge within our membership is awesome. I am no great sailor, but I have learned so much about sailing from the people at PAYC.

But the best and most important reason for coming out to the club is the friends I have made. I can think of a thousand times when we sat in the kitchen at the club and laughed so hard we had tears streaming down our faces. You cannot put a price on that. It has been my honor to serve you as Commodore and I wish the new Commodore and his board all the success next year.

See you on the lake  
Pat O'Quinn

**Racing** ....Paul Vera, 963-3525

The year has come to an end and so does our racing program. We've had a year of up and downs with weather and attendance. Hurricane Rita has thrown some sailors for a loop but hopefully they will get back on the water and start enjoying the great sport of sailing.

I've started the calendar for the coming year which will include more moonlights and an offshore race to Galveston with a couple of boats that will be set for multi-crews and multi-skippers.

The "LAST RACE OF THE YEAR" had 6 boats racing, 3 from the racing fleet and 3 from the cruising fleet. Ken Ruddy won the racing fleet and Mike Gill won the cruising fleet.

We will also in the near future have a work day to make useable space for a Race Office. That's it.

Paul Vera  
963-3525



**SEASONS GREETINGS**



## *Junior Sailing .... Paul Vera*

The Mardi Gras regatta is in full swing and is schedule for Feb. 17-18, we will need all the help we can get especially with chase boats, if you have one please contact me at 963-3525. With 3 courses to manage you can imagine the kind of help it take to make this a successful.

As for you juniors its time you start getting ready. Start sailing those Optis and Lasers.

I have gotten calls already from other Yacht clubs who are going to attend and Lakewood Yacht Club has blocked 20 rooms at the Holiday Inn in Port Arthur.

So this regatta will once again be one of PAYC's biggest. So come on out and enjoy.

This year, Junior Sailor of Year will be a special event please attend the Banquet and watch what happens.

Sailing with youth.

Paul Vera  
963-3525

## *Cruising from the Cruising Dude .....Gene Kohrman*

### **0612, Cruising and Harbor Dude Report**

We lost a legend this year, a racer, a cruiser, a sailor extraordinaire. Yes, we miss you, Jack, and we shall accomplish the tasks you presented to the membership of the Port Arthur Yacht Club. We will continue the active racing program and the cruising we will enjoy. If you seem to notice a whisp wind and a whisper in your ear, it will be Jack, telling you to hold your course another fifty yards till tacking to make the mark and in gratitude I will pop a top of Jacks for Jack. Yes, Jack we depend on you, the 'Overseerer of the Lake', to watch out for us, to keep us safe, and to assure we enjoy the day.

Thank you Jack.

We have had a successful year this year, several cruises to Galveston, three boats to Aransas Pass, two weekend overnigheters to Shell Island and many raft-ups in the lake. We even used the committee boat, 'BoutTime' to rescue the crew on one of our members' sailboats which was hard aground just outside of the pilings to the marina with squaw-lines on the horizon. Yes, a good year, indeed. This years cruising activities included 10 events, 34 boats with 109 members involved.

The marina, we are still waiting on the pile driving barge to return. Seems next Wednesday is a misnomer.

See you on the water,  
Gene Kohrman

[Website of the month:](http://www.americascup.com/best_wishes/index.html)

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## *Socials . . . . .Barbara Test*

The Christmas party was a lot of fun. About 60 people attended sharing lots of good food and Christmas cheer. Just wait until next year, when familiar white elephant gifts reappear!!

Our next event is our annual banquet to be held on Saturday, January 6, 2007 at the Pompano Club. A cash bar will open at 6 PM. Dinner will be served at 7 PM. PAYC awards will be presented after dinner. Cost for the event is \$27.00 per person which includes tax, tip, desert, and a portion of the bartender's fee. Your choice of meal from the selected menu can be made at the door. Payment can also be made at the door by cash or check. Please RSVP to me by phone 722-5739 or e-mail [rtest5@gt.rr.com](mailto:rtest5@gt.rr.com) by Jan. 2, 2007. We have a variance of 5% on the head count. So the club will be responsible for any no-shows beyond that number. Any questions, please call me.

We will be meeting soon to plan next year's calendar. So if you have any suggestions please let me know.

Barb Test

## *A few scenes from our recent Christmas Party at the club . . . . .*



***HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS!***

## *A word from your secretary . . . . .Steve Swanson*

I would like to say a big **Thank you** to ALL our club officers, racers, cruisers, board members, volunteer club members, & Junior sailors for making this a memorable year! We couldn't have done it without each and every one of you! This is my last post for now as secretary of the PAYC yacht club after serving 2 years. I can't say that it was all fun or I would be lying of course—but it WAS without a doubt quite an experience. I had a chance to serve with 2 great Commodores and I can only say that folks underestimate just how much goes into being in that very responsible position, as well as any board position for that matter. Please welcome in Mr. Russell Myers as your new club secretary for the 2007 season & may he continue to serve in the club's better interest in the coming year! I will continue to put together the Mainsheet, so contact me at [mainsheet@payc.us](mailto:mainsheet@payc.us) if you have something to post or a boat you would like to have listed in the next Mainsheet. See you out sailing!!

## *Safety Notes* .....Jason Tieman

This time of year we tend to neglect our boat engines. My father pointed out a really good article in the Spring 2006 Boat Works magazine that provided some good tips for keeping your marine engine in good shape. I consider engine maintenance a huge safety factor for you and your family. The last thing you want is your engine to die while you are in the middle of the channel looking at a loaded tanker coming right at you. Larry Berlin teaches a diesel engine school and gave the following tips:

- For sailboats, once a month, pretend that you're a powerboat. Take your boat out and motor at hull speed for 3 to 4 hours. This will help evaporate water in the oil, thereby removing impurities and cleaning the engine.
- Always end the season with an oil change.
- Align the engine to the prop shaft, not the other way around.
- If your engine won't turn after 20 seconds of cumulative cranking time, you must close the seacock. Otherwise, the seawater pump will continue to bring water into the engine, and until the engine is running, seawater can back up in the exhaust and fill the cylinders, causing major damage – bent rods, for example.
- Don't bother with oil additives. "They can't improve what's already in there."
- There should be only two occasions when you need to bleed the fuel system: (1) when you first buy the boat and put fuel in it, and (2) when you change the fuel filter.
- Keep your fuel tank full. Air in the tank leads to condensation, which translates into more water and then bacteria in your fuel.
- Dawn dishwashing liquid is a great grease cutter. **(NOTE: just because he says it is a great grease cutter does not make it ok to disperse oil or diesel sheens in the harbor)**
- Paint all bleed screws white. Then paint the corresponding wrench head white. Or go even further and hang a rack of wrenches in the engine compartment, each painted to match the bolt it fits.
- Put your engine keys on the seacock at the end of the day. That way you remember to open it before operating the engine.

Mr. Berlin went on to add the two most common mistakes he has seen over the years.

(1) Turning off a hot engine. Doing so stops the water circulating to cool the engine. Always idle for at least 5 minutes after you raise the sails and when you pull up to the dock. (2) Idling on the mooring to charge batteries. Berlin can't stress enough how bad this is for your engine. Not only will your batteries show a false charge, but also it leads to sludge in the oil pan.

While the tide is low and it is cold out, this is a good time of year to find some good reading material and get ready for the next boating season.



**Tis the Season  
& what a  
GREAT Christ-  
mas Party we  
had at the club!**



## PAYC BOARD MEETING MINUTES \* December 12, 2006

### Port Arthur Yacht Club Board Meeting

Club Members present were: Pat O'Quinn, Mark & Karen Hallquist, Russell & Barbara Test, Terrill Adkisson, Alan Aldredge, Steve Swanson, Gene Kohrman, Jason Tieman, Russ Myers, Chuck Davenzio, Butch Neely, & Paul Vera.

#### Treasurer's Report:

Main Checking:	\$23,672.76
Improvement CD:	\$12,426.31
Improvement CD2	\$29,140.88
Lease:	\$28,298.62
Money Market CD:	\$ 3,426.39
Self Insurance CD:	\$24,571.69

#### Harbormaster:

No report

#### Membership:

Brad Miller & Fred Hebert are on the "way behind on dues list". We have a new membership application from Britt Hartford. The board reviewed the application and approved. Welcome to the club Britt!

#### Racing:

Paul reported on the last race of the year, and made mention that it was quite a race. The water got a little skinny for a few boats, but they all managed to have fun anyway.

#### House & Grounds:

Suggestions were made to possibly offer Dave and Diane a gratuity for some of the extra work done on the club house floors recently. After careful discussion it was decided that this should be acted upon as a potential raise instead during the upcoming budget meeting in January. Butch reviewed the vent removal estimate as previously discussed at the General meeting. Russell Test made a motion to accept the submitted bid with a second by Gene Kohrman. The motion carried.

#### Cruising/Socials:

(repost from General Meeting Minutes)

No other cruises are planned at this time for December. Gene made mention that there is an upcoming safe boating course this January for those who haven't had a chance to take the course yet. The class is purported to be \$20 a head and is a very thorough course. Gene is also attempting to put together a couple of Navigation classes sometime within the next few months. Stay tuned to the upcoming Mainsheets for details. Barbara Test went over details concerning the Annual awards banquet on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Please RSVP with Barbara if you haven't already.

#### Safety:

(repost from General Meeting Minutes)

Jason reported on the fact that there is an inordinate amount of debris blocking egress to the breaker panels in the clubhouse & he feels that this could very well lead to a potential safety issue if not corrected.

#### Junior Sailing:

No report

#### Old Business:

Alan Aldredge brought up the long past issue regarding the possibility of obtaining a Single Thermostatic control that has the ability to control more than one unit. Discussion was also brought up by Mark Hallquist as to what is or has been done with the damaged V-15 fleet. It was originally stated that the V-15's were to be sold or parted out with the accumulated funds being put back in the club treasury. At this time it appears that the V-15's or the associated rigging and other useable parts have yet to be sold. The board is still at an impasse as to why the boats are still here. The issue of the V-15's will arise again at the next board meeting and hopefully a resolution will be decided in the interim.

#### New Business:

The issue of By-Laws reform was briefly discussed. Russell Test made a motion that we call a SPECIAL MEETING to be slated for January 9<sup>th</sup>, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Hallquist in order to review and properly vote on the proposed changes. The motion carried. There will be a SPECIAL MEETING on January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the PAYC clubhouse.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm

*Steve Swanson*, Secretary of the PAYC  
secretary@payc.us



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## MERRY CHRISTMAS !



**Next General Meeting: Tuesday, January 9th, 2007, 7:00pm at the PAYC Clubhouse. Board Meeting immediately following General Meeting.**

If you would like a copy of the current PAYC roster, email [roster@payc.us](mailto: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](mailto:mainsheet@payc.us)

**Commodore** : Pat O 'Quinn

**Vice Commodore** : Mark Hallquist

**Secretary** : Steve Swanson

**Treasurer** : Karen Hallquist

**Board of Directors** : Terrill Adkisson, Gene Kohrman, Russell Test, Paul Vera, Mike Wise (Past Commodore)

**Trustees** : Terrill Adkisson, Sam Showalter, Pam King

**Harbormaster** : Gene Kohrman

**Mainsheet Editor** : Steve Swanson

**Website Editor** (<http://payc.us>) : Carolyn Worsham

### YACHTS FOR SALE AT PAYC

(Call Steve Swanson at 409-659-2272 to list your vessel or have it removed from this list)

30' Olympic Princess

Tom Thigpen

704-866-8856 or [thigpen@midrex.com](mailto:thigpen@midrex.com)

27' 1978 Hunter

Glenn Thibodeaux

409-886-3113 or [tibodoe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tibodoe@sbcglobal.net)

### Reserving the PAYC Clubhouse

Members wishing to reserve the clubhouse should first call or email Barbara Test. Barbara will determine clubhouse availability by checking the most current calendar. You may contact her at [clubhouse@payc.us](mailto:clubhouse@payc.us) or at (409) 722-5739. After your date has been cleared with Barbara, you can then visit [www.payc.us](http://www.payc.us) for a reservation application and more info.

### *Summary of PAYC Events in January:*

**Annual Awards Banquet**—Jan. 6th

6– 7 pm : open bat

7- ? pm : Awards ceremony

*This years upcoming Calendar is not registered yet. Please stay tuned to our website at <http://payc.us> or check the clubhouse calendar for this years Schedule as it becomes available. Alternatively the Calendar will be once again be regularly posted starting with the February 07' Mainsheet issue.*

