



## Commodore's Corner – Paul Vera



COVID-19 Virus is real and we need to take extreme precautions to keep everybody safe. Due to the county, state and national Covid 19 guidelines, all activities at Port Arthur Yacht Club have been canceled in April. Races will not be made up and Rock the Dock will be rescheduled at the most opportune time in the future. This is for the safety and welfare of everyone.

As we continue in our everyday lives, we also need to get away from the worries like where our next roll of toilet paper coming from. Sailing is a great way to relieve the pressure and relax. We have always practiced "social distancing." As sailors, we never want to get so close because we might run into each other. Just think of people as crab traps and give them plenty of room.

School is out until who knows when. Bring your kids and grandkids out to the Island to fish, sail, hike or ride a bike. Have fun outside. This will be over soon.

## Adult Sailing Report – Paul Vera



On your mark! Get set for racing! Please check the calendar and let's have a great time out on the water. We need crew members. It's a great way to learn how to sail, so come on out and see what it takes to sail.

We completed our third race of the year with Ken Ruddy first and Ted Mahavier second in the racing fleet and Rodney Champagne skippering David Bradley's boat in the cruising fleet. Bout Time will set courses and will remain on station for starts/finishes. All race information will be posted on the windows of the sunroom. There will be NO SKIPPERS MEETINGS until further notice. Everybody needs to check in on the water before each race. This is temporary. Check the calendar, stock the boat with beverages and let's put some distance between each other.

## Junior Sailing Report – Ted Mahavier



**Camp:** JSC 2020 is June 18-21 and we are already full! If you want someone added to our waiting list, please send me an application without payment. If there are cancellations, we will contact you. For those contributing, please try to attend a short JSC meeting at 6:30 before the next general meeting, Tuesday, April 14th.

**Projects:** Work Days Coming! The next work days will be finishing up the roof for the overhang, spreading out gravel, cutting up the Ranger, and stripping more boats! One year from today, I hope to have PAYC void of derelict boats and trailers.

**Thanks:** Thanks Charles Tweedel for offering to let me train people up on the Vanguard. Thank you Kelly Johnston, no doubt with Michael as her back-up, for offering to serve as JSC Chef! Thank you Russ Myers for framing up the boathouse overhang. Thank you David Bradley for delivering the materials and lending us

your trailer. Thanks to Don Hearn for picking up a dock box from Boaters Resale. Thank you Sam Showalter for ordering the new winch for 'Bout Time to make her easy to use – for those who use her, this is a winch with a brake. That means you can crank the lever EITHER WAY without ever touching the pawl. Just grab the handle and crank it up or down. Thanks Andrew Brooks, Butterfly Brooks and Austin Mahavier for always helping with my infinite list of Junior Sailing projects. Thanks Judy Walters for everything: Rock the Dock and all the future sewing projects for JSC, 'Bout Time cover, 'Bout Time winch cover, Pennant cover and sail rack covers. Thanks everyone who donates odds and ends to JSC to sell at Boaters Resale.

## Put it on Your Card



Treasurer Mike Givens reports that Quick Books payment has been updated to take credit cards, debit cards and bank drafts. “We now have a card reader so that we can take all types of bank cards,” he said. “We are working on developing an updated dues structure – not an increase of dues, just how you can pay them.”

## Welcome Aboard! Meet Our New Members



Ahoy there Floyd and Tracy Whitman! The couple has been sailing about one year and they own a Hunter30 Sloop named Come On I-Lean. The Whitmans are interested in participating in club cruises, racing and social events. Be sure to invite them along the next time you set sail, light the pit or have a raft up.



Meet the Howard Family: Dad Brian, Mom Rachel, oldest brother Taylor, oldest sister McKayla, middle sister Catlyn, and baby sister Brooklyn. The Howards do not own a boat at this time but may be in the market in the future. The younger children are interested in junior sailing, and the whole family is interested in cruising, racing and social events. Be sure to invite them on your sailing and club adventures! Welcome Howard Family to the Port Arthur Yacht Club!

## Tourists from the Netherlands visit PAYC



In March, David Bradley, Donald Hearn and Judy Walters took a trip to Sabine Pass to look at a sailboat for Sea Scouts. On the way, Judy asked, “Is camping allowed under the bridge at Logan Park?” No one knew the exact answer, so the subject was dropped. On the way back, David decided to drive by the campers in the park. Surprisingly, there were four campers in the park that weekend. Two campers were out and about and one had two very large dogs, so the trio didn’t stop. Next, they came upon a couple from another country and decided to invite them to the marina because it didn’t seem like a safe place where they were parked and they had no dogs for protection.

Meet Christa and Henk Prinsen from the Netherlands. The delightful couple stayed at the marina for two days. The Prinsens had decided to take a year to tour the United States, so they put themselves and their RV on a ship and sailed from the Netherlands to Nova Scotia where their journey of the United States began. They have traveled the outline of the United States, have seen many of our National Parks, had to leave after six months because their Visa ran out, went back to Canada for a short stay, and then came back to the U.S. to continue their journey.

While they were here, David, his father, John, and Judy took them out sailing one Sunday afternoon and had a wonderful time. Several PAYC members had an opportunity to meet and talk with them. They are now on their way to Florida, hoping the Corona virus does not stop them, where they plan to meet with their grandsons and go to Disney World. After their Florida adventure, they plan to travel back to Nova Scotia and then back to the Netherlands.

Since their departure from the marina, Christa and Henk emailed Judy and sent photos. They reported that they were doing well and gave many thanks to everyone for their kindness and memories they have from PAYC.

## Port Arthur Yacht Club Minutes



**Port Arthur Yacht Club (PAYC)**  
**General Meeting**  
**March 10, 2020**

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Vera, Commodore

Mike Givens, Treasurer

Judy Walters, Secretary

Butch Neely

Mike Wise

Art Lynd

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Ted Mahavier            Chuck Devenzio            Tracy and Floyd Whitman (Guest)  
Brian Howard (Guest)

Meeting was called to order at 1900 on March 10, 2020.

There were no objections to the Minutes from the February 11, 2020. Motion to approve the Minutes was made by Ted Mahavier and seconded by Chuck Devenzio.

MEMBERSHIP: We have two new potential members here this evening. They are Brian Howard and Tracy and Floyd Whitman.

Brian Howard and his wife Rachel have four (4) children ranging in ages 18 down to 5. They do not have a boat but have begun taking the Adult Sailing lessons from Paul Vera and crew. The whole family is looking forward to actively participating in the Yacht Club.

Tracy and Floyd Whitman have a Hunter30 Sailboat named "Come On I-lean" and have one year of sailing experience. They too are looking forward to actively participating in the Yacht Club.

David Bradley had no official report for membership because he was not in attendance. However, he relayed to Paul Vera that Membership should be streamlined. He suggested that new members should not have to sit through the general meeting to be approved during the BOD meeting. At that suggestion, Paul Vera made the Motion to suspend the general meeting temporarily in order to vote on the new member's applications and Mike Wise seconded the Motion. The meeting was temporarily suspended at 1907 to vote.

GENERAL MEETING RECONVENED AT 1914:

TREASURER: For copies of the financial reports please contact Mike Givens. The last of the accounts have been moved to a Money Market Account, therefore, the only accounts we have now are Checking and Money Market accounts.

Mike Givens is a member of the committee to make proposed changes to the By-Laws. The committee is made up of David Bradley, Mike Givens and Ted Mahavier. The proposed change is to change the way we handle membership fees and do away with certain words such as "initiation fee" "vested" and "non vested" and move to the option of making monthly payments at a set rate for new members that includes initiation fee and membership fee for five (5) years. After five years their monthly payments will be reduced to membership fee only. Members will still receive an invoice/statement on their account and members will still have the option of paying once a year, twice a year, or monthly. The committee will have a proposal at the next meeting when all committee members are available.

HARBOUR MASTER: Reported by Chuck Devenzio for Butch Neely. There are a total of 55 boats in the marina. There are 35 member boats giving PAYC a 63% usage of the marina.

HOUSE & GROUNDS: No report

RACING: On March 21 there is long distance race to the Causeway Bridge and back. Skippers meeting at 1000.

SOCIAL: Blessing of the Bikes is April 11, 2020. PAYC is a stop for the bikers. The Blessing starts at 1000 and the bikers shall return by 1500. PAYC will offer refreshments from 0930 -1400. All volunteers to welcome the bikers to PAYC are appreciated.

CRUISING: There was a cruise to Garrison's ridge with a pop-up raft between Chris and Becky, Art and Annette and David Bradley's boats. All had a great time and another cruise is scheduled in about 30-days.

SAFETY: No Report.

JR & ADULT SAILING: Starting in April there will be a pre-JSC meeting beginning at 1830, prior to the general meeting.

Russ Myers framed up the overhang on the Boathouse. It is not ready for roof until Russ makes some adjustments and tells us to proceed. Then all that is needed is the crushed concrete.

The Ranger is ready to be put out by the road and have PA pick up or have it hauled to the dump and pay to dump it.

Adult sailing did really well this year. We had a good turn out and a good time.

FLEET: No report.

SEA SCOUTS: No report.

LAMAR SAIL CLUB: No report.

PIC: No report.

SAFETY: No report.

OLD BUSINESS: Rock the Dock is in full swing. It is unfortunate but we will not know how many showcase vehicles we will have until the last week due to weather forecast. I have told them we will do late registration. Please volunteer to help at this event. We need as many volunteers as possible because this has grown bigger than I ever imagined.

The regatta in May is offshore. That is a lot of racing for that short of time and it is going to be too much. Can we do an off day for those who are racing?

NEW BUSINESS: No report.

Motion by Ted Mahavier to adjourn and seconded by Mike Givens.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 2004 hours.

Port Arthur Yacht Club (PAYC)

Board of Directors Meeting

(Voting on New Member Applications)

March 10, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Vera, Commodore

Mike Givens, Treasurer

Judy Walters, Secretary

Butch Neely

Mike Wise

Art Lynd

Ted Mahavier

Chuck Devenzio

Tracy and Floyd Whitman (Guest)

Brian Howard (Guest)

The General Meeting was interrupted to vote on the new member's applications.

Meeting was called to order at 1910 on March 10, 2020, to vote on the new member's applications of Tracy and Floyd Whitman and Brian Howard. The applications were voted on and passed and they received their keys to the clubhouse. David Bradley will follow up with the new members upon his return.

Meeting adjourned 1913. The General Meeting reconvened at 1914

Board of Directors Meeting Reconvened 2022 immediately after the General Meeting.

TREASURER: Carry Over.

MEMBERSHIP: Carry Over. We have a resignation from John and Susie Chirafis. They have resigned in good standing.

David Bradley and the committee will present the proposed changes to the By-Laws.

HARBOUR MASTER: Carry Over.

HOUSE & GROUNDS: Carry Over.

PIC: Carry Over.

RACING: Carry Over.

SOCIAL: Carry Over.

CRUISING: Carry Over.

SAFETY: Carry Over.

JR & ADULT SAILING: Carry Over.

FLEET: Carry Over.

SEA SCOUTS: Carry Over.

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PIC: Carry Over.

SAFETY: Carry Over.

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OLD BUSINESS: Carry Over.

NEW BUSINESS: Carry Over.

Motion by Paul Vera to adjourn and seconded by Mike Givens.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 2025

## Calendar of Events 2020



**DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS, ALL EVENTS ARE CANCELED IN APRIL.**

### May

7	R	Thursday Night Series	1800
12	M	General/Board Meeting	1900
14	R	Thursday Night Series	1800
		Galveston Race Skipper Meeting	1800
21	R	Thursday Night Series	1800
22-25	C/S	Galveston Cruise	tba
	R	Multihull Offshore/Lake Regatta	NOR
28	R	Thursday Night Series	1800

### June

4	R	Thursday Night Series	1800
6	R	Full Moon Race	1800
9	M	General/Board Meeting	1900
11	R	Thursday Night Series	1800
18-21	J	Junior Sail Camp	---
	R	Thursday Night Series	1800
25	R	Thursday Night Series	1800

### July

2	R	Thursday Night Series	1800
4	S	Commodore Picnic	1000
9	R	Thursday Night Series	1800
14	M	General/Board Meeting	1900
18-19	R	Spindletop Catamaran Regatta	tba
23	R	Thursday Night Series	1800
30	R	Thursday Night Series	1800

### August

1/8	O	PA Library Kids/Family Services Sail Day	1000
8	R	Sabine Lake Race Series	1000
11	M	General/Board Meeting	1900
15	R	Island Cup	1000
22-23	R	J24 Group Race	NOR

### September

8	M	General/Board Meeting	1900
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12	R	Long Distance Race	1000
19	C/S	Treasure Hunt /Pirate Party	1000
<u>October</u>			
3	R	Moon Light Race	1800
13	M	General/Board Meeting	1900
17	S	PAYC/Junior Sailing Reunion	tba
24-25	C	Renfest Pirate Weekend	tba
31	RC	Moon Light Race/Sabine Pass	1800
	S	Halloween Party	tba
<u>November</u>			
7	R	Long Distance Race	1000
10	M	Eat & Meet General/Board Meeting	1900
14	C	Red Fish Tournament	1000
21	R	Single Hand Race	1000
<u>December</u>			
5	R	Last Race of the Year	1000
8	M	General/Board Meeting	1900
12	S	Lighted Boat Parade	1800
		Christmas Party/Gift Exchange	
<u>January 2021</u>			
9	R	Marvin Campbell/Jack Painton	1000
12	M	General/Board Meeting	1900
23	S	Awards Banquet	1800

## Contact Us



### Website: [payc.us](http://payc.us)

*Check the website for information regarding the yearly calendar, bylaws and policies, membership applications, dues and fees, racing rules/procedures, past issues of the Mainsheet and club reservation policies.*

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