

PAYC MAINSHEET

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From the Commodore's Perch

Commodore Paul Vera – 409-963-3525

At the last club meeting there was a lot of discussion on the needs of the club house. As we went along, projects started to take form. Instead of scheduling a work day we decided to set up work parties for each project, and each work group can select a day to get the job done. Here are a few projects that are in the works:

1. **Bob Brammer** and **Daniel Tatum** are addressing the drainage problem around the club.
2. **John Ardoin** is replacing the women's bathroom stall dividers and the door to the Commodore's office.
3. **Russ Myers** is working on the hoist.
4. **Paul Vera** is trimming trees around the club house.

As club members we need to take pride in what we have. I know we have been very busy with other things, but like my mother said when I was a young boy, "Please clean your room *now*, not *later*."

Reports from Contraband were few but it sounded like everybody had fun. Race weekend had Sunfish, Multihull, and PHRF boats racing. **Renny Ihle** was 1st, **Ricky Richardson** was 3rd, and **Daniel Tatum** was 6th in the Multihull fleet. Next year we will try to take some Lasers to race on the racing weekend.

As for the marina, we are looking to form a new group called the "Pleasure Island Marina Fee Association." This group will represent boat owners who pay fees to Pleasure Island Commission and will be separate from PAYC. As of right now only individuals can voice their concerns over slip fees. Once the group is formed, everybody will be better



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JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 2, 16, 30 - Olympic Regatta #2/ Light the Pit Socials
 June 7, 14, 21, 28 - Thursday Night Series #4
 June 9 - Treasure Hunt
 June 13 - PAYC General and Board Meetings
 June 21-24 - Junior Sailing Camp

informed and will be able to make their voices heard as a group, not as individuals.

Junior Camp is coming right along. We have about 12 signed up for the camp. Along with camp coming, we also have 6 Sea Scouts. PAYC will help them form Ship which will be headquartered at PAYC. There will be more information about the Sea Scouts in coming months.

REMINDER: When at the club, please pick up after yourself and cut the lights off and lock the doors when you leave.

Oh, by the way, the floating docks should be here in "TWO WEEKS."

Hope to see you soon at PAYC!



Happy Father's Day!

Cruising

Greg Lynd, Cruising Director

The month of May was an active cruising month with two of our most distant scheduled cruises. PAYC was well represented at Contraband in Lake Charles and the Race/Cruise to Galveston.

The contraband cruises were a great success and a ton of fun. Seven boats from PAYC made the trip. On Thursday, May 3, four boats anchored overnight at Shell Island. Anchored out were **Bill and Carolyn Worsham** aboard *Double Standard*; **Ron and Sonja Gremillion** on *My LuEze*; **Bob and Suzanne Brammer** on *Pod*; and **Greg Lynd** and **Ruth Hoyle** on *Island Time*. We left Shell Island at approximately 0610 the following morning, enjoyed an awesome trip, and landed at the Lake Charles city docks at approximately 1400 hours. **John and Ginger Ardoin**, aboard *Acadian Belle* were awaiting us as we arrived. Shortly afterward we jumped aboard a large trawler (owned by **John and Sandy Derby**, former PAYC members) and became target practice for the pirates' cannons. Of course the cannons were loaded only with powder; thus, they only pierced our ears. Four of the five boats made the return trip (excluding *My LuEze*). Land Lubbers **Art and Annette Lynd** and **Chuck and Marilee Devenzio** made the road trip to complete the fleet.

It is reported that two more PAYC boats made the trip the following weekend including **Mike and Deena Gill** aboard *Deena Ann* and **Larry and Rosemary Lognion** aboard *Mystic*.

Over the Memorial Day weekend, 6 boats set out for Galveston. The fleet was made up of 4 cruisers and 2 hardcore racers. Three boats (*Grace*, *Seahawk*, and *Island Time*) left PAYC at 0430 on Saturday, May 26. Aboard *Grace* were **Steve Romeis**, **David Wilson**, and **Rory Eddings**. *Seahawk* included **Art and Annette Lynd** and stowaway **Austin**. **Greg Lynd** and **Ruth Hoyle** were on *Island time*. Three boats (*Bonnie Blue*, *Sabre Dance*, and

AfterMath) birthed at Sabine Pass and embarked from there. Aboard *Bonnie Blue* were **Richard Hughes** and **Kirk Wickizer**. *Sabre Dance* included **Russ Myers** and **Paul Vera**, and *AfterMath* included **Ted Mahavier** and crew **Caroline Mahavier** and **Jim Richardson**.

The seas were not large but were very confused, making for a somewhat uncomfortable voyage. However, Galveston was a pleasure. It is reported that other PAYC members including **Pat and Susie O'Quinn**, **Steve and Julie Swanson** and **Charley Seat** were docked at the Galveston Yacht Basin on Saturday night, and they escorted the racers home on the return trip. We also had the privilege of visiting with Ex-Commodore **Mark Halquist** and his wife **Karen**, who live aboard at the Galveston Yacht Basin. All boats safely returned via the ICW.

It's awesome that so many were involved in cruises throughout the month, making for a great start to summer.

PAYC's Annual Treasure Hunt

Art Lynd, Hunt Master



June 9
Skippers' Meeting – 1000

Finalize the teams, go over rules, hand out maps

NO sign up fees / "T" shirts will be sold

Bring: Friends for crew, water, snacks to eat, sunscreen, water balloons, and a happy pirate face

Each fleet (team) will need: Dinghy or kayak or canoe; GPS

I look forward to this year's hunt. Several boats have signed up. If you are entering your boat, please contact me today (acly7@yahoo.com) so I will know how many treasure maps to make

In the beginning, there was...

Copied from www.sailinganarchy.com

My 13 year old was supposed to take a class field trip to a sequence of church, synagogue, temple and mosque. He begged, and I let him bail out. The class was told to write an essay about their experience. The teacher suggested Max write about his favorite sport, sailing, instead. So here is Max's blend of religion and sailing, a la Genesis.

In the beginning there was man.

Man had the earth but was very, very bored. Man discovered the wind and the water. So man worked for 10 days and 10 nights until the masterpiece was finished. Up until the seventh day it had just been hull, boom and mast. Man could not make the boat go. On the eighth day man made a breakthrough – he discovered the sail.

Twenty days later he and his friends invented beer. There was much rejoicing. The Sailor's destiny was complete. Wind, water, and lifts were distributed to all, but only the best made use of them. The sailors were peaceful, never known to harm anyone. Most conflicts were resolved with beer.

Then years later a sailor named Max came along. Sailing was his life. No one knew whether it was the peacefulness, the excitement or the friends, but Max was super excited about sailing. Max treated the sport with a royal greatness. When Max was in his boat, he was a different, calmer person. The waves off his bow, the wind in his face, put him in a Zen place.

Winning was great, losing was an experience. Sailing was important.



Osprey sighted by Steve Romeis on the piling just outside of the Pleasure Island Marina

Racing

Russ Myers – Race Director

Hello everyone,

We finished the April Thursday Night series with a couple of ties. In the racers fleet, there was a tie between **Richard Hughes** and **Russ Myers** with Richard winning the tie breaker. In the cruisers fleet, there was a tie between **Ted Mahavier** and **Steve Romeis** with Steve winning the tie breaker. We had a moonlight race on Saturday May 5th; six boats participated in the race. **Richard Hughes** won the race for the racers fleet and **Ted Mahavier** won the race for the cruisers fleet. The annual Fred Grund long distance was held on Sunday May 20th. **Russ Myers** won the race in the racers fleet and **Jim Pearson** won the race for the cruisers fleet. We had six boats to start the Dieter Junge race to Galveston. Only five boats made it to Galveston, one had to turn around due to seasickness. **Ted Mahavier** was the first boat to reach the Galveston jetties and won the race/cruise. Our Thursday night series are still continuing as well as more upcoming races. In June, the Olympic Regatta #2 takes place on the 2nd, 16th, and 30th. There is a light the pit social scheduled after the Olympic races.

Hope to see you on the water...

Results as of 5-28-2012



Top Gun

Skipper	Pts.
Russ Myers	18
Richard Hughes	19
Ken Rutty	26
Bill Worsham	40
Robert Latimer	44



Best of the Cruisers

Skipper	Pts.
Greg Lynd	9
Steve Romeis	9
Jim Pearson	14
Ted Mahavier	18
Mike Gill	23
Ronnie Gremillion	24
Kerry Amick	26
Darrell Reeves	26

Danny Murphy

Skipper	Pts.
Richard Hughes	20.5
Russ Myers	18
Greg Lynd	16.5
Ted Mahavier	14.5
Ken Rutty	13.5
Steve Romeis	13
Jim Pearson	12.5
Art Lynd	7
Mike Gill	5
Bill Worsham	3
Robert Latimer	2
Kerry Amick	2
Ronnie Gremillion	1
Darrell Reeves	1

Best of the Multihull

Flotsam and Jetsam

Carolyn Worsham



The *Tiki J* crew for the upcoming 2012 PacCup from San Francisco to Hawaii placed second in the Monterey Spinnaker Cup last weekend. Crew members include **Scott Dickinson**, **Kim Worsham**, **Bill Worsham** (PAYC), **Alyssa Worsham** (PAYC), **Ken Vermeulen**, and **Brad Worsham** (PAYC).

Volvo Ocean Race 2012 and America's Cup 2013 – Modern technology makes it possible to feel like you're on one of the boats. Stay abreast of the races via volvooceanrace.com, sailinganarchy.com, and americascup.com. *Puma*, the US boat, is still in the hunt in the Volvo Race after yesterday's close finish of the seventh leg in Lisbon, Portugal.

Marina Update (30-May-2012) from Jimmy Dike –

- (1) The electricity to the pump-out station should be completed this week.
- (2) The fuel station is installed and ready to dispense fuel; however, one PI commissioner (Edith Neveaux) has thus far refused to provide her signature to the required documentation.
- (3) The sections for the concrete breakwater are scheduled for delivery during the third week of June. Installation will begin immediately upon receipt.

Stay tuned!

Minutes for May 8, 2012

General Meeting – Called to Order at 1901

Members Present: Paul Vera, Commodore; Mike Wise, Vice Commodore; Alan Aldredge, Treasurer; Jim Richardson, Secretary; Bob Brammer, Craig Belaire, Carolyn Worsham, Johnny Otto, Ricky Richardson, Ted Mahavier, Art Lynd, Daniel Tatum, Steve Swanson, Russ Meyers, Glinda Fortner, Boy Scouts of America (BSA)

MEMBERSHIP: Mike Wise reported no new membership applications and no resignations received.

TREASURER: Contact treasurer@payc.us for a complete report.

PIC: Paul Vera reported that 1) Pump-out station is held off due to a spark resistant switch, repairs are expected soon. 2) The fuel docks are still on hold. 3) There were discussions regarding the possible resignation of two Commissioners. 4) Marina project is expected to begin in two weeks.

HARBORMASTER: Russ Meyers reported 1) The breakwater wall would be coming first on the marina project. 2) That he needed to have all slip assignment requests submitted, as they would be required after the docks arrived. 3) Regarding PIC, the Port Arthur City Council was told that the marina project would need \$2.5 million. Council is scheduled to meet next Monday to discuss the PIC and the project commitments. It was suggested that verification of previous discussions between the Council and the PIC might be recorded in their meeting minutes.

HOUSE and GROUNDS: Paul Vera reported the following projects needed the club's attention; 1) Women's restroom restoration. 2) Ground Drainage and Downspouts redirection. 3) Re-key doors with either keypad or electronic entry pads. Members discussed either fob-type systems or only altering one door and leaving the remaining doors with keyed entry. This issue was tabled for further

discussion and research. 4) Replace Commodore's door. 5) The possibility of hiring a Cleaning Service for the club house building was discussed and tabled for further research.

SOCIAL: Mike Wise reported that on June 2nd, 16th, and 30th the calendar indicated "Light the Pit" social after the races for those days.

JUNIOR. SAILING: Paul Vera reported 1) that this year there appeared to be some eager and young children interested in the Sailing Camp. 2) Registration packets are online and include information about the camp and scheduled events. 3) That TSA via Opti had a nice event and that they taught a news reporter how to sail. 4) Paul agreed that Jim Richardson could contact news media and seek coverage of this year's Jr. Sailing camp.

RACING: Russ Meyers reported 1) the results for the April Thursday Night Series with Richard Hughes and Steve Romeis taking first in the Racers and Cruisers respectively. 2) That the Moonlight Cruise/Race was won by Richard Hughes (Racers) and Ted Mahavier (Cruisers). 3) Fred Grund is rescheduled for May 20, 2012, Skipper's Meeting 1300 hours. 4) Deter Young is scheduled for May 24, 2012. 4) Olympic Races are scheduled for June 2nd, 16th, and 30th followed by Light the Pit social.

CRUISING: 1) The following is an email read by Mike Wise from Greg Lynd: 4 boats made the trip to Contraband. Those making the trip are the Gremillions (My Lu Eze), the Brammers (Pod), the Worshams (Double Standard) and Ruth and I (Island Time). 4 boats made the return trip including the Ardoins on Acadian Belle, but the Gremillions stayed behind. Other members joined us from PAYC, including Art and Annette Lynd and Chuck and Marilee Devenzio. A Great time (emphasis on "Great,") was had by all. Other boats are expected to make the trip this weekend.

2) Art Lynd reported that the Treasure Hunt is scheduled for June 9, 2012 and that teams need to

sign up so that he can anticipate T-shirt orders and other supply needs. He stated that the sign-up sheet is located in the kitchen billboard area of the club house.

NEW BUSINESS: Ricky Richardson asked if he could send members an email containing information about the Sabine Sail and Power Squadron's upcoming Boater Safety and Education class on May19, 2012 (email distribution approved). Ricky said that class participants will receive state certification and 6 months free membership in the Power Squadron.

OLD BUSINESS: Paul Vera reported 1) that the club's boat About Time, was in working order and that repairs had been completed. 2) That due to recent vandalism on the club's grounds, About Time will be stored in PICs dry storage facility until fences and construction around the club house and PIC are complete. 3) That repairs and/or boat and trailer registration amounted to \$984.48. Ted Mahavier motioned that \$1000.00 be placed in the budget to cover the boat's expenses. Art Lynd seconded the motion and it was approved by those members present with no one in objection. 4) Glinda Fortner, BSA Sea Scouts, asked for the club's assistance teaching scouts about boating and boat maintenance as a part of the Sea Scouts program. The PAYCs role would be to teach and the BSA would handle all paperwork for certifications or badges through the BSA. PAYC would house the Sea Scouts' boat(s), the Sea Scout Ship# 2012. Mike Wise noted that PAYCs liability would be limited and could potentially gain crew for PAYC member's boats or increase membership through a partnership with the BSA Sea Scouts' program. Bob Brammer motioned that the PAYC partner and support the BSA Sea Scouts with their boat and projects and make the PAYC facility available to the sea scout program and house their ship on PAYC grounds, Daniel Tatum seconded the motion. The members present passed the motion without objection. 5) Lamar University Recreational Sports

Outdoor Pursuits submitted an appreciation letter read by Paul Vera thanking the PAYC for its training of 12 students who participated in basic sailing instruction provided by the PAYC on April 28, 2012. Enclosed in the letter was a check for \$360 for the class fees. The money was given to PAYC Socials for expenses. Paul commented that with the success of this year's class and the outstanding reviews received from the students, he hopes to have 30 students next year. 6) The hoisting crane is once again in disrepair. Russ agreed to disassemble the crane to determine what repairs are needed. Paul noted that with the new docks coming, the crane may see more use. As such, a solution to continual repair needs to be developed. 7) Work Day, the members present agreed that some the projects under House and Grounds needed immediate attention. It was suggested that Paul email ALL members looking for volunteers with expertise in the desired maintenance and repair areas. Paul agreed to do so.

Mike Wise motioned to adjourn the meeting, Craig Belaire seconded. The motion passed without objection and the general meeting ended at 2009 hours, May 8, 2012.

Board Meeting – Called to Order at 2030

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Vera, Commodore; Mike Wise, Vice Commodore; Alan Aldredge, Treasurer; Jim Richardson, Secretary; Bob Brammer, Carolyn Worsham, Ricky Richardson, Art Lynd, Daniel Tatum, Steve Swanson, Russ Meyers

MEMBERSHIP, TREASURER, SOCIAL, JUNIOR SAILING, RACING, CRUISING: Carry Over from General Meeting of 5-8-2012

HOUSE and GROUNDS: It was agreed that 1) Bob, Daniel, and Art would work on the drainage issues 2) Russ would handle the crane issues 3) Ted and Jim agreed to work on tree trimming issues discussed in the general meeting of 5-8-2012. Paul Vera stated that he would send an email to the membership asking for volunteer help with

painting issues discussed in the general meeting of 5-8-2012 also.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: Paul Vera reported that as agreed to in the general meeting of 5-8-2012 the PAYC has entered into a partnership with the Boys Scouts of America/Sea Scouts. Alan Aldredge discussed annual billing options to avoid quarterly invoicing issues now faced. This topic was tabled pending further discussion and research.

Paul Vera motioned to adjourn the meeting, Art Lynd seconded. The motion passed without objection and the board meeting concluded at 2047 hours, May 8, 2012.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Jim Richardson

PAYC Photo Gallery

Photos by Steve Ted Mahavier



Returning from Galveston on Memorial Day Weekend 2012
 (1) Art and Annette Lynd, (2) Steve and Julie Swanson, Pat and Susie O'Quinn, (3) Greg Lynd and Ruth Hoyle, (4) Jim Richardson

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Board of Directors for 2012:

Ken Rutty, Daniel Tatum, Art Lynd, Steve Swanson, and
Russ Myers (Past Commodore)

Trustees (with Term Expiration Year):

Carolyn Worsham ('12), Ken Rutty ('13), and Bob Brammer ('14),

Honorary Members:

John and Ginger Ardoin (Charter Member)

Jim and Beth Kincaid

Gary and Pam King

Jack and Jo Ann Moser

Pat and Susie O'Quinn

Harbormaster:

[Russ Myers](#)

Mainsheet/Website:

[Carolyn Worsham](#)

Reserving the PAYC Clubhouse (Members Only):

Email clubhouse@payc.us or contact a club officer.

Next General/Board Meeting:

Tuesday, June 12, 2012, 1900, PAYC Clubhouse

Request a PAYC Roster:

Email roster@payc.us.

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