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Commodore's Corner – Lynette Gillenwater

Greetings all. Time flies when you are having fun! February has come and gone and with it we hope the very crazy weather that is typical of Southeast Texas. We had a small turnout for the Valentine celebration, but the chocolate was awesome! The brewery land cruise was a hit with seventeen stopping for lunch at Steamboat Bill's and several others meeting us at the brewery. Thanks to Randall "Borracho" Collier for setting that up for us.

We amended the by-laws a bit this year and those changes should be posted on the website. Changes were to add the duties of the Trustees to the Improvement Fund, to remove the amount of the semi-annual initiation dues payments, and correct some formatting and spelling errors.

Busy times lie ahead for PAYC. We have a very busy workday scheduled for March 9! Please come prepared to tackle one or more of the projects listed here that we have slated for this year. We need to trim the trees off the roof of the building and clean out all the vegetation from the east side of the patio to prepare for our hot tub - coming soon. Not a pool, but we are getting there. It is water we can enjoy splashing around in. Besides, we do have our wonderful blow-up pool to kick around in as well. We have security lights that need to be installed on the parking lot side of the building. Thanks to whomever donated the one in the clubhouse now. The other one is here at my home and I will bring it up soon. It is also time to scrape and paint the trim on the clubhouse building, at least the front near the water is looking very sad. It looks like it will need to be scraped and painted. Ted has some more work to on the floating ramp and will need help to build the storage for the items in the containers. This will involve concrete work, so please bring your strong backs and help on this large project. I know there has been quite a bit of discussion about the flooring in the TV room. We hope to fix that

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during this work day as well. The men's restroom has a leaky toilet that will also need repair. David Bradley will be preparing the outside storage room for a washing machine and clothes dryer. We hope that this amenity will encourage more folks to join the yacht club!

Thanks to our very own Rodney Champagne who is looking into the repair on the crane. Please note that he will be working on this during our work day. We are unsure how long it will be out of commission until it is down and the extent of the damage has been determined.

Check out your calendar for March as we have many opportunities to get together and get on the water. Spring is here! Our Thursday adult sailing classes are starting up this month. We are looking into having a traditional Blessing of the Boats before our Saint Patrick's Day Social on March 16 and have scheduled a make-up for our work day on March 30. With all the items on our list above, this may be a real thing, so please keep that day open for additional repairs to our club.

Please note our Peggy's cruise has changed to the Lake Charles Yacht Club cruise. They will be hosting a crawfish boil on April 13 and have invited us. I wanted to give you working folk time to consider taking off a day or two and join us. We will get more information to you soon. We will need to get a boat count to let them know how many slips we need. We will also find out how much money we need to pitch in for the crawfish and what trimmings they need for the party. I have heard people concerned about how we can get into their marina since the lake is so shallow, but if Ralph can get his big ole boat in and out I am sure all of us can too. We can get some information from him on this beforehand as well.

David Bradley is coordinating a Sea Scout weekend at the marina for the weekend of April 26-27. We are hoping to encourage local civic leaders to join us and them see what we have and do for our community while they are here.

Carolyn Worsham has a canoe / kayak cruise at Sea Rim State Park scheduled for April 27 with the skippers meeting at 1000. There is something new and different for us to enjoy. Hope we have a good turnout for that!-

See you on the water! But until then, remember, it is your club, so get involved!

Lynette Gillenwater, Commodore

Upcoming Events

March
9 (Saturday, 1000) – Workday and Light the Pit Dinner
10 (Sunday, 1400) – Third Sunday Race
12 (Tuesday, 1900) – General and Board Meetings
14 (Thursday, 1800) – Adult Sailing
16 (Saturday, 1400) – Blessing of the Fleet
16 (Saturday, 1800) – St. Patrick's Day Social
21 (Thursday, 1800) – Adult Sailing
28 (Thursday, 1800) – Adult Sailing
30* (Saturday, 1000) – Workday Make-up if needed

(The complete calendar for 2019 is posted on the PAYC website.)

Cruising – Kelvin Franks

On Saturday, February 23rd, the Club sponsored a road trip to Lake Charles. The first stop was the original Steamboat Bill's, where we filled our bellies and sampled a few libations. After a great visit we made our way over to the **Crying Eagle Brewery** on McNeese Street. What a nice place!! This is a first class operation. We all got a tour of the operation which was fascinating. And, of course we had to try the many flavors of brew! Some were unusual but all were tasty. So, who were "we"? **Barracho & Donna Collier** (thanks for organizing this trip), **Greg Lynd**, **Lynette and Dennis Gillenwater**, **Art and Ann Lynd**, **John and Ginger Ardoin**, **Kelvin and Ginny Duplan Franks**, **Chuck and Marilee Devenzio**, **Butch Neely**, and **Judy Walker**. If I missed anyone, please forgive me. Eric and a friend from LCYC stopped by for a visit. It was a wonderful and informative day.

The next road trip is to a winery!! Any suggestions?

Racing – Russ Myers

For the second time this season, the wind didn't cooperate so we had to postpone the Marvin Campbell/ Jack Painton make-up race. It will be rescheduled in March or later.

We did manage to get a Sunday afternoon race completed: Ted Mahavier came in first in Charlie Tweedel's J22, Bill Worsham came in second, and Paul Vera took a DNF due to a broken main halyard.

Upcoming March Races:
March 10 (Sunday, 1800) – Third Sunday Race

Junior Sailing – Ted Mahavier

Junior Sailing Camp (JSC) 2019 is right around the corner! If you can contribute to JSC 2019, then please, please, please come early to our March monthly meeting. We will meet 30 minutes before the General Meeting, and I will have a list of volunteers and duties. I'll do my best to plan ahead so as to make this the best camp ever. Every year a few things don't go as smoothly as we would like due to the "fluid" nature of the camp. If we can meet in advance a few times, we can avoid such miscommunications! Everyone gives so much to JSC 2019, and I appreciate all of you!

Thanks **Butch Neely** for the loan of sump pump to keep the Adult Sailing boats dry! Thanks **Andrew Brooks** and **Sam Showalter** for continuing the floating dock repairs and **Paul Vera** for supplying more screws (5 pounds in the dock so far...). Thanks also to **Andrew** for installing the new hasp on Compac 16 (*The Gabe*) to keep water out. Thanks to potential member **Keith Zuech** for power washing Ranger for us.

JSC For Sale: $500 FJ with trailer. $500 Laser2 with trailer. $200 empty trailer. Ranger 26 MK2 $2,000 with engine, $1,000 without. Call Ted at 409-338-8908 with questions.

Your Fleet Flunky, Ted

Adult Sailing – Paul Vera

On March 14, 16, 21, and 28 PAYC will offer beginner sailing classes for adults at 1800 in the Clubhouse. We will go through various aspects of sailing such as parts of the boat, rigging, boat handling, safety, weather, and rules to make sailing an enjoyable experience.

Participants: Please wear appropriate clothing such non-marking soft-soled shoes, warm clothing, and a life jacket. Please be prompt, for we have a lot to cover. A donation jar will be set up to help with expenses for the class.

Call Paul Vera at 409-363-3898 if additional information is needed.

PAYC Meeting Highlights – February 12, 2019

NOTE: This is a summary from the minutes of the membership and board meetings for the month. For the complete and official minutes, check the PAYC website or contact secretary@payc.us.

✷ **Members Present:** Lynette Gillenwater, Commodore; David Bradley, Vice Commodore; Judy Walters, Secretary; Mike Givens, Treasurer; Mark McConnell, Russ Myers, Art Lynd, Greg Lynd, Dennis Gillenwater, Paul Vera, Rodney Champagne, John Otto, John Ardoin, Chuck Devenzio, Bill and Carolyn Worsham, Ted Mahavier, and Borracho Collier

✸ **Membership:** Three memberships resigned in good standing: Martin Novich; Robert and Judy Bailey; Louis and Cheri Clifton.

✸ **Treasurer**: Mike Givens suggested converting our CDs to Money Market Accounts rather than renewing the CDs to take advantage of better interest rates. He also suggested changing the Fiscal Year Budget Date from January to March (requiring a by-law change). He explained that our current CPA will continue to serve as tax person because it is a part of the fee we are paying for QuickBooks and other services. Board members were reminded that receipts are required for reimbursements.

✸ **Racing:** February 3rd was the first Sunday race of the season. There were three boats in the race. Ted Mahavier – 1st place; Bill Worsham – 2nd place; Paul Vera – DNF due to broken mast halyard. Art Lynd came in 1st place in the Cruising Fleet. The Marvin Campbell/Jack Painton Long Distance Race make-up is scheduled for Saturday, February 6, weather permitting. The second Sunday Race is scheduled for February 24th, and the third Sunday race is scheduled for March 10th.

✸ **Cruising:** The land cruise on February 23rd to the Crying Eagle Brewery in Lake Charles will leave the PAYC Clubhouse at 1000. The cruise to the Lake Charles Yacht Club on April 13-14 for a Saturday crawfish boil will leave PAYC Thursday evening and return on Sunday or Monday.

✸ **Junior Sailing:** There was a workday Sunday, and Butch Neely loaned a sump pump to pump out *Happy Daze*. Hasps were added to the Compaq16 to help keep out the rain water. A big "Thank You" to Sam Showalter for his work and supply of screws for the floating dock at the end of C-row.

✸ **Adult Sailing:** Adult sailing classes start in March. It was suggested that posted rules were needed to include (1) no alcoholic beverages until the end of the class, and (2) proper clothing and shoes must be worn.

✸ **Sea Scouts:** April 26-28 is the date for a weekend destination for the Galveston, Cleveland, and Houston chapters. Scouts will bring their tents and activities. Lamar University and the local school districts will be invited to come and observe. David Bradley will investigate whether or not the Sea Scouts carry insurance on their boats.

✸ **Old Business:**

- Kelvin Franks ordered and delivered the parts for the motor on *About Time*.
- Rodney Champagne will take charge of fixing the crane. He has two cranes and mechanics ready to fix it.
- Spring Fling planning is underway. As a fund raiser for PAYC, it was suggested that we start bagging up ice and putting it in a freezer to sell to the attendees. Borracho Collier will supply a freezer to use.
- PIC will handle the electrical needs and trash pickup and supply a dumpster trailer for PAYC to use.
- John Ardoin and Dennis Gillenwater will check waypoints for the Opti Race, relay race, and treasure hunt.

✸ **New Business:**

- Two by-law changes were adopted – one to state the duties of the elected Trustees and another to remove the specific amount for semi-annual dues. Several formatting changes will also be made.
- A refrigerator, washer, and dryer have graciously been donated to PAYC. David Bradley will check out and update any utility issues involved.

Selling Sheet

Description	Name	Photo	Price	Contact
Herreshoff 28	*Black Pearl*		$7,500	David Bradley 409 835-3808 david.bradley@att.net
2000 Pathfinder w/1999 Yamaha PX 150 and trailer			$14,999	Craig Bellaire 409-543-2794 cbcancnt@yahoo.com
32' O'Day	*Das'ha*		$6,500 OBO	Randy Palmero 979-943-8278 pasquali22@yahoo.com
Morgan 33			$3,000	Otilio Collavo 409-728-1298
Irwin 32 Citation	*G'daddy's MAZE*			Butch Spafford 409-239-3182

Education/Trivia/Items of Interest

Suzanne Brammer's marinated asparagus have graced many a PAYC function. Here is the recipe for your enjoyment:

Suzanne's Marinated Asparagus

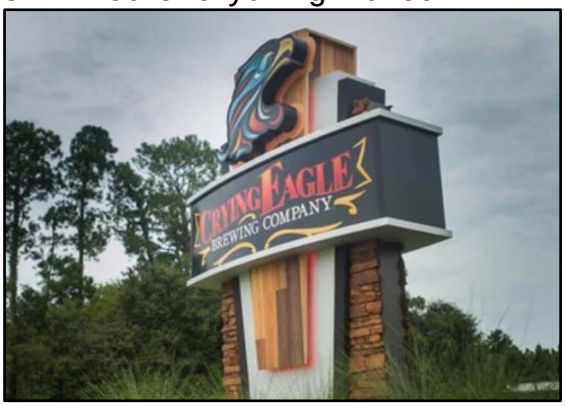
2 large cans asparagus, drained
3 T white balsamic vinegar
¼ C vegetable oil
2 T olive oil
2 t salt
Dash of pepper
½ t sugar
1 clove garlic (crushed)

Place asparagus in a shallow pan. Combine all other ingredients and mix well. Pour over the asparagus. Marinate overnight.

Note from Lynette About the Crying Eagle Brewing Company

The Crying Eagle Brewing Company in Lake Charles is a family-owned brewery and was built with the ability to can beer around the clock. Turns out that was a smart move on their part! They started out locally and have begun selling here in our area at grocery stores and some eating/drinking establishments. They are looking towards Houston and the northern parts of Louisiana in the near future.

Look this brand up in your local grocery store! I liked everything I tried!



Visit Southeast Texas Mardi Gras in Port Arthur on Feb 28-Mar 3!