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Commodore's Corner - Lynette Gillenwater



Hard to believe that July has already come and gone. We had a great turn out for the July 4 Commodore's Picnic! Thanks to all who helped put this together and also to all those who attended. It was great to see the kids sailing and all the adult fun as well. We had a surprise guest come out around 1:00 - **Daniel Tatum!** He has hopes to be moving back into our area in the near future. I am sure you will agree with me when I say we would love to have him back around the Club!

The raccoon issue has continued into July, but with the emergency work day I have very high hopes that this problem has been remedied. We had an enormous turnout for the workday so we were able to make many repairs for Junior Sailing in addition to the clubhouse repairs! Thank you to **David Bradley, Greg and Ruth Lynd, Art Lynd, Dennis Gillenwater, Michael Wilson, Bill and Carolyn Worsham, Judy Walters, Kelly and Mike Johnston, John Bradley, Craig Bellaire, Chuck and Marilee Devenzio, Butch Neely, Paul Vera, Ted Mahavier, Andrew Brooks, Matthew Jones** and his friend **Dillon, Russ Myers, and Mike Givens**. I sure hope I didn't leave anybody out, but if you helped and I missed listing your name, please know that you have all of our thanks for the time and effort put into this very important workday.

The Port Arthur Library Summer Reading Program Sail Day was held on July 27. There were some 30 people in attendance including adults and children. The Library provided a bounce house, cotton candy machine, and a popcorn machine for the kids to enjoy.

The day started out with some pretty bad weather, thunder storms were all around us. **Paul Vera** spent much of the morning talking about sailing to the kids to give them some insight into the concept, and stalling to see if the weather would clear, and clear it did. Right around 11:00 our

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amateur meteorologists in the lounge came to inform me that the weather was moving north. So we took the opportunity to get the kids out and spent some 45 minutes to an hour on the water and returned them to shore about 12:30. The weather held and it was a beautiful day.

Thank you to **Paul Vera, Ted Mehavier, Steve and Lisa Romeis, Chuck and Marilee Devenzio, David Bradley**, and of course, **Dennis** for taking these deserving young kids and their leaders out for a sail. Many brochures were taken and even a couple of folks may be taking the adult sailing class.

Anyone interested in helping **Paul** out during the month of August with the adult sailing, please contact him. The sessions will be held every Thursday evening beginning at 1800. We may have a huge group this next month.

Until next time folks, make it a great day and let's get out and sail!

Fair winds,

Lynette Gillenwater

Upcoming Events



August 2019

- 1, 8, 15, 22, 29** (Thursday, 1800) – Adult Sailing Class
- 3** (Saturday, 1000) – Third Sabine Lake Series
- 10** (Saturday, TBD) – Wheelhouse Land Cruise
- 13** (Tuesday, 1900) – General and Board Meetings
- 27** (Saturday, 0900) – PA Library/Family Services Kids Sail Day
- 31** (Saturday, TBA) – 18-Mile Light Race

September 2019

- 10** (Tuesday, 1900) – General and Board Meetings
- 14** (Saturday, 1800) – Last Full Moon Race
- 21** (Saturday, TBA) – Treasure Hunt and Pirate Party
- 28** (Saturday, 1000) – Long Distance Race

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

Cruising - Kelvin Franks

Well, we survived July and Barry. Our cruise for the month turned into a very productive workday. Our next cruise is on August 10, and it is another land trip to the Wheelhouse in Port Neches. That has always been a fun day. The Cruise Chair will get the first round of drinks, so put it on your calendar. We will meet at the Wheelhouse about 2p when the restaurant isn't so busy. Look forward to seeing you there!

Junior Sailing - Ted Mahavier

August 10 will be our next Sea Scout event. Come join us to help out on Saturday if you can. We are expecting 20-30 Scouts and adults camping out with many learning to sail on Saturday. **Paul Vera, Don Hearn, and I** can use all the help we can get!

If you have kayaks in the containers, please remove them from the area by mid-August or expect them to be stored outdoors. That goes double for me, since I have two in there myself. The reason is simple: the containers are in the way of putting up the overhangs to protect the boats that we plan to move out of the Boat House. Therefore, the order of events must be (1) finish the sail racks, (2) empty the containers, (3) haul off the containers, (4) build the overhang, (5) move two racks of boats outside under the overhangs, and (6) reorganize the Boat House. Until the racks of boats are moved out of the Boat House, it will be packed with gear awaiting shelves and organization. We apologize for the inconvenience. Given how many kayaks we have, hopefully we can build a kayak rack or a kayak trailer for the club once we have completed the main boat storage project.

Thanks to **Jim Randall** and **David Bradley** for getting our slab laid and looking so nice around the Boat House. Thanks to **Paul Vera, Butch Neely, Mike Givens, Michael Johnston, Andrew Brooks, Matt Jones, and Dylan** for the eight-hour work day during which we stripped more off the Ranger, worked on the sail rack, planned the metal overhang to shade boats, and epoxied all the Sunfish bows after the brutal beatings they took during JSC 2019. Thanks also to **Kelly Johnston** for the amazingly generous offer to cater future JSC events at cost to save the club money.

Lastly, JSC never sleeps -- we have ordered more floats for the Optis that needed them and more Opti rig bags and epoxy to make repairs. We sold the FJ to the Sea Scouts for \$300. **Frank Inzer** delivered, as promised, one mini-fish, two lasers, two trailers and lots of extra Laser equipment.

For Sale: Two complete wooden Windmills in good condition with trailers, \$200 each. One Mini-fish hull in excellent condition (hull only!), \$100. One trailer with flat tire \$50.

Your Fleet Flunky

(We don't need no stinkin' motor)

Ted Mahavier

Membership - David Bradley

Welcome to our newest member, **Frank Inzer!** Frank made a nice donation to the Junior Sailing fleet. The resignation of **Butch Spafford** was accepted in good standing. Butch is moving to the Hill Country.

Congratulations to the Newlyweds!

Congratulations and best wishes to **Mike and Ettie Haley Wise** who tied the knot in a beautiful ceremony on a beach in Maine on July 11, 2019.



Adult Sailing - Paul Vera

Lessons will be offered every Thursday in August at 1800. There is no charge, but a \$20 donation is appreciated. Tell your friends!

Congratulations to Bill Worsham!



Bill Worsham (the younger, from Austin) was Tactician aboard *Final Final*, a J105 owned by **Ken Horne** of Lakewood Yacht Club at the 2019 Helly Hansen NOOD Regatta Marblehead on July 25-28, 2019. When the final results were posted, *Final Final* placed second in a fleet of fifteen. Other crew members were **Kevin Funsch**, Mast; **Mike McGagh**, Bow; and **Brian Tyrrell**, Headsail. *Final Final* came out on the good side of two protests, with one not being resolved until after the crew was at the airport! Congratulations to all!

Racing - Russ Myers

The Sabine Lake Series Race is scheduled for Saturday, August 3 (Skipper's meeting at 1000). The 18-Mile Light Race is scheduled for Saturday, August 31 (Skipper's meeting TBA).

Hope to see you on the water - Russ Myers, Race Chairperson



Kudos to PAYC!

Carolyn Thibodeaux, Director of the Summer Reading Program for Port Arthur, was extremely complimentary of the members of PAYC who entertained and instructed the students. She said, "The looks on the faces of the kids told it all!"



*Photos by
Steve Romeis*



PAYC Meeting Highlights - July 9, 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](http://payc.us) or contact secretary@payc.us.

* **Members Present:** Lynette Gillenwater, Commodore; David Bradley, Vice Commodore, Mike Givens, Treasurer; Judy Walters, Secretary; Chuck Devenzio, Mark McConnell, Russ Myers, Paul Vera, Butch Neely, Art Lynd, Greg Lynd, Dennis Gillenwater, Ted Mahavier, Ken Ruty, and Frank Inzer (Guest)

* **Membership:** Resignations: Butch Spafford (in good standing; moving to Hill Country). New Member: Frank Inzer. The accounts of a few members who are in arrears were discussed.

* **Treasurer:** Mike Givens suggested appointing an Assistant Treasurer as described in the bylaws ("Shall be appointed by the Treasurer with approval of the Board of Directors"). Interested individuals should contact Mike. Signatories on accounts were specified. Contact Mike for a copy of the financial report.

* **Harbor Master and House and Grounds:** Butch Neely reported there are 53 boats in the marina. 37 are PAYC Members and 16 are Non-Members. Oak trees will be planted around the clubhouse when the weather allows. The raccoons are gone. A repairman will be called to look at the center air conditioner which is not working.

* **Racing:** Russ Myers reported the race results:

- Thursday Night Races: 1st – Richard Hughes; 2nd – Paul Vera; 3rd – Ken Ruty; 4th – Ted Mahavier. Cruising: 1st – Art Lynd
- Sabine Lake Race: 1st – Ken Ruty; 2nd – Paul Vera; 3rd – Bill Worsham; 4th – Richard Hughes

The second Sabine Lake Race was cancelled due to weather. A Moonlight Race is scheduled for Saturday, July 13 (Skipper's meeting at 1800). The Sabine Lake Series Race is scheduled for Saturday, August 3 (Skipper's meeting at 1000).

* **Social:** Port Arthur Library Kids sail day is July 27. Please let the Commodore know if you will take kids out on your boat.

* **Cruising:** A land cruise to the Wheelhouse is scheduled for August 10.

* **Junior Sailing:** Ted is collecting feedback on improvements for JSC next year. He is looking for Sunfish to buy for the program.

* **Adult Sailing:** Adult Sailing is shaping up to be a good program. It is open to anybody for a \$20 donation.

* **Fleet:** Ted will determine the cause of the leak in the Compac.

* **Sea Scouts:** The Sea Scouts will camp out at the marina on Friday and

Saturday, August 10 & 11. The Beaumont United ROTC will attend and observe.

★ **Lamar Sail Club:** No report.

★ **PIAB Report:** Russ Myers reported (1) One PIAB Board Member wants a detailed report of monies coming in and going out. (2) It costs \$20k a month to keep the island mowed this year. The rate will go up to \$40k a month next year. (3) The PIAB Harbor Master wants to put the cost for covered slips on "A" row in the budget for next year in hopes of attracting large fishing boats. (4) The City wants Jimmy to keep people off the golf course, possibly hiring a security company to monitor. (5) Cajun Cabins will be sent another letter to vacate. (6) City wants the north levee gate to be locked but no action was taken.

★ **Old Business:**

- A tentative offer of \$700 for the purchase of *About Time* was received and approved by the Board. When a firm offer is received, it will be presented at a General Meeting. If sold, the funds will be deposited into the Capital Improvement Account.

★ **New Business:**

- Paul Vera suggested Laser Races on Sundays.
- Russ Myers will investigate options for the awning/overhang at the Boat House.
- The Commodore requested a monthly report listing the classification of all members (whether Active, Associate, Honorary, Junior, or Cruising). It was clarified that Associate Members cannot own boats; therefore, if a member has a boat on a trailer and not in the marina, that member should be classified as an Active Member, not an Associate Member.
- Mike Givens will investigate what it would take to have direct pay through bank drafts for dues payments.
- Raccoons are getting in the attic through the rotten eaves and fascia boards. The Board can spend up to \$1k for emergency repairs without a meeting or vote. The motion to secure a contractor for the repairs failed. An emergency work day was scheduled for Saturday, July 20, beginning at 0900.
- Storage at the boathouse needs to be completed. JSC funds are available to complete the work. A workday will be scheduled to finish the storage racks.

Selling Sheet

Description	Name	Photo	Price	Contact
2000 Pathfinder w/1999 Yamaha PX 150 and trailer			\$14,999	Craig Bellaire 409-543-2794 cbcancnt@yahoo.com

Education/Trivia/Items of Interest

Life Jacket Care (*Boating World*, July/August 2019)



Prior to each day on the water, be sure to do the following

- Inspect the unit for visible signs of wear or damage. Verify it is free of rips, holes, damaged hardware, etc. Tug on the seams to ensure they are securely sewn and show no thread damage.
- If the unit has a service indicator, check it to ensure it's green. Red indicates the mechanism has been fired or is incorrectly installed.
- For auto-inflating life jackets, verify that all components are armed and not expired. Open the jacket and inspect both the automatic inflation system and oral inflation tube. Verify the CO2 cylinder is firmly secured and free from damage or corrosion.

Repack the life jacket per manufacturer's instructions, making sure the manual activation pull-tab lanyard is accessible and properly positioned for quick access and use.

- When not in use, store life jacket in a dry, well-ventilated area out of direct sunlight.
- Rinse lifejackets with fresh water after salt water exposure and allow them to dry thoroughly prior to storage. If your life jacket has an auto-inflate feature, remove the auto-inflation cartridge prior to rinsing.