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PAYC MAINSHEET

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From the Commodore's Perch

Commodore Paul Vera – 409-963-3525

Well, the marina is actually looking pretty good. With the break water in and the basin filling up with docks, the place looks great. PAYC has always played a leading role in filling it up with sailboats. We hope – and I mean ***really*** hope – that we can get everybody back to PAYC from wherever they are now. It will be a great time again as PAYC is reborn.

The leasing committee consisting of **Mike Wise**, **Russ Myers,** and **Paul Vera** has had some very productive meetings with **Ricky Reese,** chairman of the Lease Committee for the Pleasure Island Commission. We've worked out some issues, and we have tried to keep the club membership informed. What it comes down to is that we as a club will be opening up Row D and E to the public. Fencing is planned to secure the club. We will continue to meet and resolve issues as they arise. Soon we will present the club with a proposed new lease and submit it for approval. Hopefully everybody will like it and moved forward.

After the lease is finalized, we will consider major improvements such as rebuilding the men's shower heads, improving the drainage of the clubhouse, installing lower docks in front of clubhouse and screenhouse, making screenhouse improvements, providing pram storage, moving the containers to the screen house area, and maybe – just maybe – in the near future building a swimming pool.

Have a great sailing day!

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OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct 6 – Singlehanded Race
Oct 9 - PAYC General and Board Meetings
Oct 20 – Renaissance Festival Land Cruise
Oct 27 – Moonlight Race/Cruise/Social #4

Smiling with the Wind in my Face

Original poem by Myrsa in *Sailing*, May 2012

Only sea, breeze, sun and movement
The lashing of the waves silences
The incessant babble of demanding voices,
The "I have to," the "when," and the "how."

I am left with the now, the moment.
I am, yet I am not.
There is only poise and balance.
Time disappears.

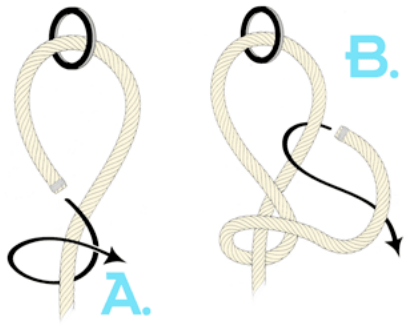
Oh, to sail with the wind in my face!

(Editor's Note: Sorry, but I tore off the part with Myrsa's last name on it.)

Buntline Hitch

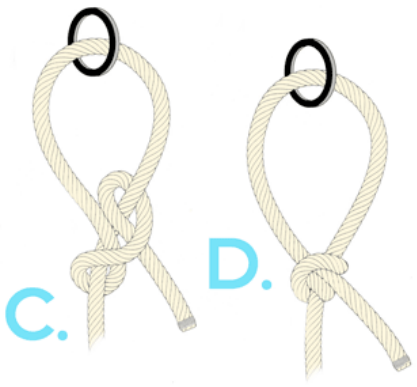
Borrowed from *USPS Compass* (September 2012)

The buntline hitch can be easily passed through a ring or around a bar or spar and can be loosened easily. Use it to attach a Genoa sheet to the clew of a sail or a halyard to a shackle.



A. Take the bitter end behind and out through a ring. Come to the right of the working part to form a "U" around the working part, holding it in place with your index finger and thumb.

B. Bring the bitter end around and in front of the working part, behind the right limb of the loop and down through the newly formed loop.



C. Shape the knot, making sure it is a tight clove hitch on the working part, then cinch down tightly. The hitch will slide up toward the ring and tighten on the ring.

D. Finished hitch

Original materials used with thanks to Irene Rodriguez and John Bennett.

Flotsam and Jetsam

Carolyn Worsham

Invitation from Bill Worsham: Each Thursday in October at noon at the Holiday Inn Park Central a Port Arthur Rotary Club program will highlight our wonderful waterways in mid and south Jefferson County. Pleasure Island, The Port of PA, Coastal Erosion and Protection, and Sailing will be featured. Please make plans to attend one or all of the luncheons. The cost is $15.00 for lunch and it provides an opportunity to visit with the decision makers in our communities.

Good news was received via email from **Leo Singleton, Terrell Adkisson's** nephew: "We dodged a bullet (from recent Hurricane Isaac). Water came up to the back porch and then receded. We lost most of our dock, but ***Altair*** was not damaged."

Reminder from the Treasurer: The last bill of the year will be mailed out after the October meeting and will be only for those who owe initiation fees.

Marina Update (28-Sep-2012) from Jimmy Dike –

(1) The fuel station is installed and ready to dispense fuel pending approval by the State of Texas. The $30,000 bond requirement has been submitted.

(2) The projected completion date of the marina project is 15-Nov.

(3) Negotiations are underway with Yogi Milsap for construction of a pub in the NW corner of the marina (where Parrot Head was located).

(4) The PARG (Renaissance Group) has begun the reconstruction of the island golf course.

(5) Chenier in LA is expanding. The only impact to the marina end of the island will be increased traffic over the bridge.

Honor Awards for 2012

Honor Awards are presented annually to individuals who have gone beyond the call of duty in providing service to PAYC or distinguished themselves on the race course or in other club activities. The criterion for each award is listed below. If you would like to submit a name for honor award consideration, send the information to secretary@payc.us or attend the October general meeting and submit the name from the floor.

Novice of the Year: Is a new sailor (less than one year as member of PAYC) promotes club activities; demonstrates improved sailing abilities.

Yachtsman of the Year: Participates in many club activities; demonstrates sailing skills; gets along well with others; shows a willingness to accept leadership roles in promoting club activities.

John Blair Memorial: Provides outstanding service to the club.

Skipper of the Year – Vic Scalco Memorial: Participates in a majority of club races; displays good sportsmanship and a positive competitive attitude; demonstrates racing skills and abilities.

Racing Crewperson of the Year: Crews in many races; demonstrates sail handling ability and skills; exhibits a positive attitude; demonstrates an ability to withstand the harsh atmosphere of a racing boat; returns to hone racing skills.

Cruiser of the Year – Chilton O'Brien Memorial: Participates actively in the cruising program; promotes PAYC in the club and in other ports; is recognized as a sailor.

Cruising Crewperson of the Year: Participates actively in the cruising program; exhibits a positive attitude toward the skipper; promotes PAYC in the club and in other ports.

PAYC Officer Nominations for 2013

Per *PAYC By-Laws, Article VI, Sections C and D*

Nomination Committee: Chuck Devenzio, Russ Myers, Art Lynd and Alan Aldredge

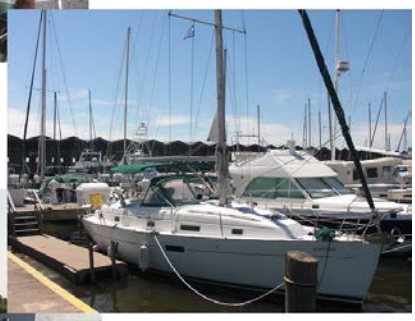
Nominees Presented by Nomination Committee:

Commodore: Paul Vera
Vice-Commodore: Mike Wise
Secretary: Jim Richardson
Treasurer: Alan Aldredge
Board: Ken Rutty, Art Lynd, John Ardoin, and Daniel Tatum (Russ Myers, automatic)
Trustees: Ronnie Gremillion (3-year term) and Chuck Devenzio (1-year term)

Nominations may be made from the floor at the October general meeting with prior consent of the nominee. Nominations may be made … by mail directed to the Commodore provided such written nominations carry the signature of five (5) active members…. All nominations …shall be published in the November …Mainsheet.

Pura Vida's Cruise from LA to PAYC

Chuck, John and Cap'n Greg



Pura Vida

Cruisin' Ruth

Winterizing Your Engine

Condensed from *USPS Compass* (September 2012)

Proper winterization of outboard engine and stern drive lower units includes cleaning, lubrication and replacing sacrificial anodes.

- Lubricate your engine. Remove the vent on the unit's bottom and allow a small amount of oil to run out. If dirt or moisture is present, drain and replace the gear oil after first determining and repairing the cause.
- Drain and refill the gear lubricant in the lower units of outboard engines.
- Lubricate the upper and lower pivot pins and gimbal bearings on stern drives.
- Lubricate the pivot bearings and tilt pins on outboard engines.
- Replace sacrificial anodes that are more than 50 percent consumed.
- Test and lubricate the tilt mechanism. Check the fluid in the tilt reservoir and replenish if low.
- With the stern drive raised, inspect the bellows for cracks or leakage points. Store the stern drive in the normal operating position to protect the bellows from abnormal stretching, which could cause cracking later.
- Wipe the unit's exterior and paint over any area where paint is missing. Do not use a copper-based paint; use an approved paint.

Racing

Russ Myers – Race Director

(No submission as of posting deadline)

There arrives a day towards the end of October when the wind in the mainsail suddenly takes a winter force, and we begin to talk of laying up the boat.

-- Sir Arthur Quiller-Coue

Dockside Tips

From BoatSafe.com

Here are a few tips to make dockside boating safer and more pleasant for you and your neighbors.

ALWAYS neatly coil excess line both on the dock and onboard. This not only looks nice but it may prevent someone from tripping over a loose line. Guess who is at fault if your line were the cause?

ALWAYS turn off all AC breakers on board and then turn off the breaker and disconnect the power cord from the dock. Many undo the power cord from the boat and then carry it off the boat to the dock. One slip and they are in the drink with a live wire.

ALWAYS turn off all outside lights, instruments, and VHF radio. There is nothing more unneighborly than a light shining on the boat in the next slip or the VHF blasting loudly while you are off the boat.

NEVER connect a dock water supply to the pressure side of the water system on your boat – not even with a pressure-reducing valve. This is an invitation to sink your boat. If a hose clamp quit or a flexible section ruptures, there is an unlimited supply of water to fill your boat. It is far better to fill your water tank periodically using a hose and use the onboard water pressure pump to supply your requirements. Now if there is an accident, no more water can come on the boat than was already there and you can't sink. Keeping your pressure pump working on a regular basis is good for it. Being idle for long periods is not good for pumps.

NEVER have a water tank that overflows anywhere onboard. Plumb the overflow overboard or to a drain which always runs overboard because, sooner or later, you will go ashore and forget you left the hose filling the tank!

You can pile a lot of horsepower in a boat, but if the hull isn't balanced, what good is your power?

-- Gar Wood

Cruising

Greg Lynd (cruising@payc.us)

I'll start this month's cruising article with a sincere thanks to **John Ardoin** and **Chuck and Marilee Devenzio** for delivering *Pura Vida* from New Orleans to Port Arthur. **John, Chuck, Ruth** and **I** left NOLA early Saturday morning 22-Sep on an awesome adventure. After three days Ruth and I had to return to work, leaving *Pura Vida* in the hands of John and Chuck at Morgan City, LA. While cruising with them I gained a tremendous amount of cruising knowledge. It's unbelievable how much cruising experience these gentlemen and many of our members have. Also, a big thanks to **Marilee** for playing taxi over several days and along with **Ginger Ardoin**, providing several delicious meals. *Pura Vida* was successfully delivered to her new home at PAYC on Friday, 28-Sep.

We have two cruises scheduled for October. On the 20th we hope you can join us on our annual land cruise to the Renaissance Festival in Todd Mission, TX, Northwest of Houston. We will meet at the festival at 0930, inside the gate at the Sea Devil Tavern. If you've never been to the Renfest, you're missing out. Our Pirate group is growing yearly. Arrgh!

On 27-Oct we hope you will join us for the Moonlight Race/Cruise/Social #5. These are a lot of fun and a great opportunity to try your skills after dark. The Skippers' Meeting begins at 1800.

Also, details are still being worked out for our cruise to the Orange River Front @ Ye Olde Boathouse on Nov 3-4. This will be a first for many of us. The Sabine-Neches Power Squadron and the Lake Charles Power Squadron will join us. We'll have further details in the November *Mainsheet*, but this is guaranteed to be a memorable event.

(Editor's Note: Welcome home, Greg and Ruth! We're happy to have you back in the marina with your new boat.)

Invitations from SSPS

Ricky Richardson, Cdr JN, (409) 882-4847

CoOp Charting Event: CoOp Charting helps keep marine charts up to date. We ensure that what is on the chart is still there, record things that are missing or moved out of place, and make additions for things not on the chart. This helps build charting knowledge and is good practice with a GPS.

- **Date:** Saturday, 03-Nov (coincides with PAYC cruise to same location)
- **Place**: Ye Olde Boat House (Orange)
- If you are interested, please contact Ricky at rickyrichardson92@gmail.com for details.

Cruise/Social Event: If you're not interested in the Charting Event, the cruise is still happening. Enjoy dinner and live entertainment Saturday, 03-Nov at Ye Olde Boathouse in Orange. You can come by vehicle if you prefer. Please RSVP to Ricky.

Boater Certification Class: The Texas Parks and Wildlife Boater Certification class is scheduled for October 20. Contact Ricky for details.

(Editor's Note: Thanks to Ricky and the SSPS for including PAYC in its events!)

Minutes for September 11, 2012

General Meeting – Called to Order at 1902

Members Present: Paul Vera, Commodore; Mike Wise, Vice Commodore; Alan Aldredge, Treasurer; Jim Richardson, Secretary; Ted Mahavier, Ricky Richardson, Daniel Tatum, Ronnie Gremillion, Russ Myers, Ken Rutty, Chuck Devenzio, Carolyn Worsham

MEMBERSHIP: Mike Wise reported that 1) the Gentry's had not reconnected with him on their membership application. 2) Past member Tom Toomey reapplied for membership. His application will be considered during the Board meeting.

TREASURER: Contact treasurer@payc.us. Paul Vera reviewed some of this year's electric bills and that usage appears to be consistent with past records.

PIC: Paul Vera reported that 1) PIC and the construction staff are discussing the marina development. 2) A new restaurant is proposed for the island. Restaurant developer Yogi Milsap was present to discuss the restaurant opening plans.

HARBORMASTER: Russ Myers reported that dock construction is progressing and that the launching dock is scheduled to be moved on 9-15-2012.

RACING: Russ Myers reported 1) Results for the Island Cup Regatta: Russ Myers – 1st, Richard Hughes – 2nd. 2) Moonlight Race/Cruises are scheduled for 9-29 and 10-27; the Single-handed race is scheduled for 10-6, 20. 3) Results for the Multi-Hull Island Cup Regatta: Ricky Richardson – 1st, Daniel Tatum – 2nd. 4) Results for the 18 Mile Race: Sam Showalter – 1st, Russ Myers – 2nd.

HOUSE and GROUNDS: No report.

CRUISING: Mike Wise reported that 1) September cruises are a) Riverfront on the 15th ; and a Moonlight for the 29th. 2) October 20, 2012 is the Renaissance Festival Land Cruise..

SOCIAL: No report.

JUNIOR SAILING: Paul Vera discussed the Mardi Gras Regatta and motioned that it should continue for 2013. Ricky Richardson seconded the motion and it passed without opposition.

SEA SCOUTS: Paul Vera noted that the Sea Scouts are discussing a boat donation from an Arkansas resident. If received, a team of volunteers will be needed to travel to Arkansas and transport the boat. Interested parties should contact Paul Vera.

NEW BUSINESS: 1) Mise Wise discussed the need for a nomination committee. Chuck Devenzio agreed to Chair the committee. A ballot will be prepared for November voting. 2) Mike also discussed the need for Awards Nominations for 2012. 3) A member reported that Greg Lynd posted a photo of Altair on the PAYC Facebook page (this photo is also posted in the September *Mainsheet*). Greg located the boat in New Orleans while traveling recently. Jim Richardson asked if a Facebook link could be put on the PAYC webpage so members could access our Facebook page easier. 4) Ted Mahavier asked if the PAYC calendars might be consolidated into one. 5) Ricky Richardson, Commodore for Sabine Sail and Power Squadron (SSPS), invited PAYC members to three upcoming events; a) Village Creek Canoe and Kayak event on 9-29, 2012, b) the Texas Parks and Wildlife Boater Certification class taught by SSPS on 10-20-2012, c) Co-op Charting event to the Orange Boathouse on 11-3-2012.

OLD BUSINESS: 1) Chuck Devenzio reported he received a bid for the screen house repairs of $9500.00. The repairs were held for further discussion. 2) Chuck presented Paul Vera with a draft of a letter requesting itemized services from attorneys Wright and Pitre.

ADJOURNMENT: 2023 hours, September 11, 2012.

Board Meeting – Called to Order at 2031

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Wise, Vice Commodore; Alan Aldredge, Treasurer; Jim Richardson, Secretary, Carolyn Worsham, Ken Rutty, Russ Myers, Chuck Devenzio, Daniel Tatum

MEMBERSHIP: Mike Wise presented the reapplication of past member Tom Toomey for consideration. Russ Myers motioned to accept his application and request for membership. Daniel Tatum seconded the motion. The motion carried without objection.

HARBORMASTER, TREASURER, SOCIAL, JUNIOR. SAILING, RACING, CRUISING: Carry Over from General Meeting of 9-11-2012

HOUSE AND GROUNDS: Mike Wise reported that he received a recall letter for the PAYC clubhouse ice-machine. He stated he would look into the issue further and report back

NEW BUSINESS: A member asked the board to consider a policy or procedure for how items, like furniture, are donated to the PAYC. It was suggested that while all donations are appreciated, a procedure should be established to handle excess donations.

OLD BUSINESS: The Grand Reopening of the marina may be rescheduled for the Spring 2013. The PAYC and the PIC may coordinate a date together.

ADJOURNMENT: 2042 hours, September 11, 2012

Minutes submitted by Secretary 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 Memberships:

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, October 9, 2012, 1900, PAYC Clubhouse

Request a PAYC Roster:

Email roster@payc.us

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