



Port Arthur Yacht Club

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Well the dog days of summer have certainly been with us this August. We started the month off with a cruise up the Neches to Beaumont's Riverfront Park. Only two boats made the journey, but the food was delicious at Rio Rita's. The cruising turn out was not the best, but our racing activity surely has been competitive. We had a good turn out for the Olympic Regatta, and although the Thursday Night Series wrapped up this month, it has been decided to continue the series a while longer. On the V-15 front we had a great turn out of 16 boats show up for a great weekend of social activity and great racing. Our junior sailors had a great time at our Back to School Sail on the 21st. We had a good turn out of juniors for a great day of sailing.

September looks like a light month. but they are all big events. We will start things off on the 11th with the Island Cup Regatta. We are looking for a great turnout of a variety of boats slated to attend. The Patriot Day Social will follow the regatta with the makings of a great social in the works. Speaking of racing. there will be more club V-15 racing on the 19th. Finally we will finish the month with a great cruise to Johnson Bayou on the 25th and 26th. This is a great cruise to make, not too far to get there and a great evening with sailboats and good friends. Hope to see a good turnout make this cruise.

As always be sure to check inside for all of the detail on the activities planned. Our events don't happen by themselves. It takes a lot of work on the part of our committee personnel and membership participation to make our events a success. We always get the highest compliments from our visitors on our organization, hospitality, and great food! I would like to thank everyone for their participation in making all of our events a success so far this year. A special thanks goes to Butch Neely and crew for taking the initiative to level the grounds around the clubhouse. We have had some drainage problems since the paving work was completed, and hopefully this will take care of that problem.

See you on the water,

Mike...

Safe Boating Tip: Leave a float plan with a friend or neighbor.

It may seem like an annoyance when you are ready to set out for a day of fun in the sun, but if something goes wrong, boaters need to be found sooner rather than later. Here are some guidelines for information to leave with a family member or friend:

Provide the time and place of departure, the destination and direction of travel, and the estimated return time (allowing for delays). Include a description of the boat, including the license number. Leave a cell phone number if you will have one with you. Notify someone if plans change.

List the names of those who are going with you, and identify any serious medical problems or needs for special medication.

Set an "alarm" time, the time when law enforcement should be contacted if you're not back.

For more information about boating safety, visit www.tpwd.state.tx.us/boat.

An Open Invitation to PAYC Members

Bill and Carolyn Worsham are hosting a celebration observing several special occasions:

Billy's 40th birthday

Bill & Carolyn's 41st anniversary

Brad & Liz's 12th anniversary

Max's 1st birthday

Bill's 62nd birthday

Billy & Laurie's anticipated baby girl

If you're interested in seeing all of the Worshams at one time, please drop by:

Date: Sunday, September 5

Time: 3-5 p.m.

Place: PAYC Clubhouse

(No gifts, please.)

List of B-Slippers

B-Slippers, do you know your neighbors? Here's a list of those who have boats on PAYC's "B" finger:

Slip	Boat Owner	Boat Name
0	Roy Cowart	Betty Lynn
1	Belinda Reed	Quintessence
2	Randy Laing	
3	Jim Mehaffy	
4	Fred Hebert	Wildfire
5	Steve & Leslie Romeo	
6	Conrad Cooper	
7	David & Di Sims	Lady Di
8	Rod & Dianne Hatch	The Dance
9	Fred Day	Redee
11	Russ Myers	Sabre Dance
12	Charlie Tweedle	
13	Michael Thomas	
14	Bob Wingard	Black 'n Blue
15	Nuria Lyles	
16	Sandy Irvin	Black 'n Blue
17	Billy Woolley	
18	Ken Rutty	Lily White
19	Richard Hughes	Bonnie*Blue
21	Martin Novich	
23	Glenn Fontenot	Putting on the Ritz
24	Tim Hughes	Joy
25	Richard Hudgins	Impatient
28	Bill Cummins	Wind'n
29	Dwayne Cessac	Silent Mistress
31	Dale Gallagher	Free Bird
32	Joe Shamburger	San André
33	Steve Swanson	
34	Paul Morgan	
35	George Taylor	
36	John Green	
39	Catherine Hammond	Copasetic
40	Matt Teller	Mariah
41	Joe Soliz	Allegro
43	Bob Peck	Everything but...
44	Debi Adams	Sweet Dreams
45	Mike Wise	Dreams
46	Eldon Yancey	
48	William Earnest	
49	Ed Wiltz	Windsong
50	Troy Bradford	Nirvana
51	Michael Ellis	Tortuga
52	Kevin Thibeault	
53	Rodney LeBlanc	Sandra Marie
54	Jack Panton	Hi Jack
55	Glenn Thibodeaux	La Mariposa

Patriot Day Social – September 11, 2004

PAYC will observe Patriot Day 2004 by recognizing those among us who have served or are serving in the military, as a law enforcement officer, or as a fireman. I need your help with this – please let me know if you fall into one of these groups (socials@payc.us or 409-985-9652). We will also recognize those who have joined PAYC in the last year.

Date: September 11, 2004
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Fare: All-American Dinner
(Hot dogs, apple pie, and
homemade ice cream)
Cost: \$2/person

Here's my proposal for food provision:

Last Name A-G – Bring an appetizer.
Last Name H-P – Bring an apple pie.
Last Name R-Z – Bring homemade ice
cream or ½ gallon of purchased ice cream

If it's not convenient for you to provide what your last name suggests, then move to another category. PAYC will provide the hot dogs, tea, and lemonade.

There will be special entertainment for kids at 6 p.m. (prior to dinner). **Kids** – decorate your pirate ship (large cardboard box) and enter into a fight for the Supremacy of Lake Sabine. PAYC will provide water balloons for ammunition. The battle will be held near the flagpole (so adults can watch from the protected area within the clubhouse!).

Prizes will be awarded to all participants.

Hope to see you – young and old – at the September 11 Patriot Day Social!

Carolyn Worsham

V15 Sailing Schedule

Sunday, September 19 is the next scheduled gathering for the V15 fleet. The circuit regatta (and V15 Nationals) will be held at Southern Yacht Club on October 9-11.

Recap of the Commodore's Picnic

A fun time was had by all 160+ who attended the July 4 Commodore's Picnic. The food was delicious, but the fellowship was even better.

Eight of our commodores and mates attended – **Jimmie** and **Patsy Fontenot** (1967), **Dave Wilson** (1984-85), **Don Howard** and Linda Kelly (1986-87), **Jack** and JoAnn **Moser** (1988-89), **Gordon** and Helen **Alpha** (1990), **Dennis** and Lisa **Warren** (1995), **Tim Ledet** and Andi Duquette (2000), and **Mike Wise** and Teresa Wick (2003-2004). Other special guests were Russ and Betty Hawkins. There were lots of memories shared about PAYC events – from cruising and racing experiences to weddings on the grounds.

Prior to the dinner the junior sailors demonstrated the skills learned at Sailing Camp 2004. After the dinner V15 rides were enjoyed by many.

Our club has a rich history. It was nice to have those among us who provided leadership during the first 39 years.

Next year PAYC will celebrate its 40th anniversary. Keep July 4, 2005 open for it!

Hurricane Charley and *Adagio*

Former PAYC members Bob and Peggy Taylor were anchored in Matanzas Harbor (Fort Myers Beach) when Hurricane Charley came on shore only 30 miles away. They watched Charley's landfall on TV from a storm shelter, wondering if *Adagio* would weather the fury.

Fortunately *Adagio's* only damage was on the port side, caused by a boat that got loose from its moorings. Bob praised his Fortress FX125 and 88# Delta anchors, *Adagio's* salvation during the 64 knot winds in the harbor.

Bob and Peggy can be reached by email at kb5pqm@winlink.org.

V15 Regatta Report

A total of 16 boats participated in the 2004 KO Circuit Regatta #4 at PAYC on August 8-9. Boats came from Bay Waveland, New Orleans, Rush Creek, Fort Worth, and Houston and Port Arthur. From all reports, the racers had a great time. They expressed their appreciation for the efforts of all who donated their weekend to make the regatta a success. Many PAYC members were on hand to help. Thanks particularly to the following:

Bill Worsham for arranging for chase boats and taking care of all of the details for the committee boat and being very patient with a certain tightly-wound female

Race Committee and Helpers: Billy Richnow (HYC), Jim Kincaid, Alan Aldredge, Linda Briggs, Teresa Wick, Chuck Devenzio, Gary King, Gene Kohrman, Mike Wise, Bob Morgan, Richard Briggs, Paul Vera, Steve Guidry

Kitchen Patrol and Clubhouse Helpers: John and Ginger Ardoin, Terrell Adkisson, Lynn and Becky Eastepp, Martin Novich, Gene Kohrman, Butch Neely, David and Di Sims

Live Music on Sunday: Bob Brammer and Rob Marlin (Kayo Harlow) of *The Outriggers*

Others: Spinnaker's for providing a band for entertainment on Saturday night; Kent Wilson from Merrill Lynch for donating a keg

It was nice to see so much activity on the clubhouse grounds.

Regatta pictures are posted on the PAYC website (payc.us/reg2004.htm).

Carolyn Worsham

Racing for September

With the end of the longest race series of the year, the Thursday Night Races are in the books. Russ Myers was the overall winner of all four series, followed by individual series winners Bill Worsham and Martin Novich. The Thursday Night Races have been a lot of fun, and the fun continues on Thursday nights with Staggered Time Starts. The highest PHRF rating will start at 1830.

The Caesar Augustus Olympic regatta was held August 14 with Bob Peck, Bill Worsham, and Martin Novich racing for the laurels. With 3 races under near perfect conditions, Bob Peck bested the fleet with 3 first place finishes followed by Worsham and Novich.

The **Island Cup Regatta** is scheduled for **September 11**. The skippers' meeting will be held at 1000. Three or more races around the buoys are planned. The **Around the Island Race** is scheduled for **October 9**. The skippers' meeting will be held at 0900.

*Flying the Lima flag -
Paul Vera (963-3525)*

Knotheads for September

I am still looking for that Junior Sailor of the Year. I hope to see the Knotheads out in force for the "Back to School Sail," and I will give a report on how it went. Remember PAYC has opened the door for our young sailors to go as far as they want to go, and it is up to parents to provide that opportunity to do so.

The Mardi Gras Youth Regatta is coming the first part of February. With 53 boats attending this year's regatta, we will need a lot of help. With three race courses we will be stretched to the limit.

Paul Vera (963-3525)

Cruising News

The **Sabine Pass Cruise and Fishing Tournament** will be held on **August 28 and 29**. If you'd like to be a part of a fleet venturing out into the Gulf for a little fishing on Saturday, call Bill or Carolyn (985-9652). Saturday night can be spent at the Sabine Pass Port Authority Marina (with hook-ups).

The next cruise will take us to **Johnson Bayou (September 25-26)**.

Bill Worsham

PAYC Board Meeting – August 17, 2004

Board members / Trustees present were Paul Vera, Teresa Wick, Mike Wise, Terrell Adkisson, Butch Neely, Ken Smith, Glen Thibodaux, Gary King, and Martin Novich. Others present were Gene Kohrman, Quincy Prestridge, Ron Franklin, and Michael Leggett.

Treasurer's Report:

Main Checking:	\$9,381.76
Improvement MM:	\$8,606.90
Improvement CD:	\$27,758.77
Improvement CD:	\$11,743.90
Lease Renewal CD:	\$26,437.73
Self Insurance:	\$43,215.29

Harbormaster:

A review of PIC rental and club membership records is in process to verify that club leased slips are being used only by club members.

Membership:

Membership applications were accepted from Michael B. Wilson and Michael Leggett (Jr. Member). Rick Court's membership was accepted at last month's meeting but was not recorded in the meeting minutes.

Would the member who placed a resignation dated 6-20-04 in the Commodore's door please contact the Commodore or Secretary with their name so we can record their resignation.

Racing:

The Thursday Night Races ended on Aug. 5th. Upcoming events: Island Cup Regatta (Sept 11th), 22-Mile Race (Oct 15th), and Moonlight #4 Race (Oct 30th).

House & Grounds:

A letter from Carolyn Worsham was read to the board concerning the use of a device that could be used to prohibit the unlocking of Clubhouse exterior doors. These devices could be removed for club events and can be obtained at no cost to the club. No motion was made and the issue will be tabled until next month's meeting.

Cruising:

Upcoming events: Sabine Pass Cruise & Fishing Tournament (Aug 28th-29th) and Johnson Bayou Cruise (Sept 28th-29th).

Socials: Upcoming events: Patriot's Day Social (Sept 11th) and Columbus Day Social (Oct 9th).

Safety: No Report.

Junior Sailing:

The Back to School Sail will be held on Aug 21st starting at 10AM. Paul Vera is asking for recommendations for Junior Sailor of the Year nominees.

Old Business:

More discussion was had regarding the purchase of a club powerboat. Quincy Prestridge has offered to look for a boat at auction that would meet the club's requirement. No further action was taken.

New Business:

A written account of the theft of \$32 worth of food stuff stolen from the PAYC clubhouse on or about Aug 6th written by Carolyn Worsham was presented to the board. The person responsible for the theft has admitted to the crime and has made restitution. The responsible party is a juvenile family member of a club member. The member has made financial restitution for the items not returned and taken the juvenile's gate fob and building key. After some discussion, the board decided not to take any formal action at this time.

Gene Kohrman and Butch Neely discussed their efforts to work with the other live-aboards to develop a set of guidelines for live-aboard conduct. They hope to have something in writing to present at the next Board Meeting.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM

Alan Aldredge, Secretary (secretary@payc.us)

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NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Tuesday, September 14, 2004 – 7 P.M. @ PAYC

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PAYC Yachts For Sale

(Call or email Martin Novich to list your vessel or have it removed from this list)

B44	Bayliner 25	Debi Adams	962-6296
D02	Ranger 29	Al Hebert	722-2048
E12	Mega 30	Linda Robinson	982-2565 / 504-1815
Pvt	Catalina 25	Steve Lowe	903-561-0599
E03	North American 23	Paul Bronson	724-1302
	McGregor 25	Jim Mehaffy	899-5800/835-8434