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Commodore's Corner - Lynette Gillenwater



Summer is here, folks! Let's get out on the water and play!

But first, I want to thank all of you who stepped up to help out with the Spring Fling event in my absence. All the comments on Facebook indicated it was an epic event; however, we did incur some losses on our end and learned some lessons from it. I have indicated to the leadership of TMCA that any future involvement by PAYC will include their prepaying for all of our services. We requested that this year, but they were unable to accommodate us. So if they want our help next time, we will be requesting that they prepay our breakfast and lunch along with their catered meal. If they can prepay that meal, they can prepay ours.

The membership has approved the expenditure of \$2,850 for slabs around the screen house. Progress towards getting the containers off the premises is truly at hand. Thanks, **Ted Mahavier**, for all of your work getting these bids. We look forward to the completion of this project.

I want to give a shout-out to all our handymen who do so much for this club 1) our very own **Butch Neely** has been building racks for the screen house slabs, 2) **Kelvin Franks** has been hard at work repairing the swing set in time for Junior Sailing, and 3) **Rodney Champagne** did a load test on the newly repaired crane this month. It lifted 4600# and should be good to go! Thanks for all you do for our club!

We had a pretty serious storm on May 9 that left some boats in the marina with damage. Most were cosmetic to my knowledge, save one. *Pop a Top's* mast was snapped in two. So sorry for your loss, **Craig Bellaire**.

We are coming up on our annual Junior Sailing Camp and if you plan to volunteer, please let **Ted Mahavier** and **Ettie Haley** know.

Commodore's Corner (continued)

I hope you all had a great Memorial Day Holiday and took a moment to honor those who gave their lives for our freedom. In honor of Memorial Day **John Ardoin** brought a couple of items to the club for our viewing. One is a piece of the Berlin Wall and the other is a piece of the barbed wire from the DMZ in Korea. He set both up in the TV room. So check those out when you get the opportunity. Thanks for sharing, John!

Until next time, see you on the water!

Lynette Gillenwater
Commodore

Upcoming Events



June 2019

6, 13, 20 (Thursday, 1800) – Thursday Night Series
8 (Saturday, 1000) – First Sabine Lake Series
11 (Tuesday, 1900) – General and Board Meetings
20-23 (Thursday-Sunday) – Junior Sailing Camp
22 (Saturday, 1000) – Second Sabine Lake Series

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

Cruising - Kelvin Franks

There are no "Official Cruises" in June. All energies will be used for getting ready **for** Junior Sailing Camp and then recuperating **from** Junior Sailing Camp! Just as a little teaser, how about a Saturday land cruise to Sea Rim State Park on the Land Yacht in the near future? Stay tuned!

Junior Sailing - Ted Mahavier

Junior Sailing Camp 2019 - June 20-23

We are *not* full yet! Tell your friends!

The new concrete should be complete at the screen house by the time you read this, so we are one step closer to getting rid of the rusted and rotten containers. All we need to finish is the roofing over the new slab and the sail locker.

The junior sailing program owes so much thanks to so many!

- ♥ Thank you **Kelly Johnston** for the \$200 donation.
- ♥ Thank you **Butch Neely** for a good start on the sail storage locker -- I'll find time to help finish that after JSC.
- ♥ Thanks to **all PAYC members** who donated items to Boaters Resale. Another \$183

came in, bringing the total to \$1,400.

♥ Thank you **Judy Walters** and **Lynette Gillenwater** for cutting Sunfish sails down to Minifish sails.

♥ Thank you **Ettie Haley** and **Mike Wise** for handling t-shirts and registration.

♥ Thank you **Ginny Duplin** and **Kelvin Franks** for kitchen work.

♥ Thanks you **Paul Vera**, **Austin Mahavier** and **Garrett Oliver** for getting the fleet in good shape -- epoxy work, leak tests, new bow lines, new cockpit plugs, new lines, new parts, new..... It never ends!

♥ Thank you **David Bradley** and **Dennis Gillenwater** for the Boaters Resale donations that I dropped off last week.

All that's left is for me to test my small outboard engines and power wash the fleet.

Your Fleet Flunky, Ted

Water, water, everywhere, but not so much to see!

Editor's Note: Jimmy Dike stated Friday, May 31, that there was no plan for ridding the marina of the growth. He is confident it will die when the salinity of the water changes.

		
<i>From the south end of A</i>	<i>From A toward Mariner's Cove</i>	<i>From A toward the boat yard</i>
		
<i>From the PAYC clubhouse</i>	<i>From the Pleasure Island Office</i>	<i>From the south end of A</i>

Remembering Spring Fling 2019



Enjoying a good meal



*A beautiful sunset over the
PAYC Marina*



Goodies for sale



Attentive learners



Hard working kitchen helpers



A calm in the marina



What a beautiful sight!



Entertainment from above



Wine tasting was a big hit!



Racing - Russ Myers

See the meeting minutes for the Racing Report.

PAYC Meeting Highlights - May 14, 2019

NOTE: This is a summary from the minutes of the membership, special, 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; Mike Givens, Treasurer; Judy Walters, Secretary; Chuck Devenzio, Greg Lynd, Mark McConnell, Russ Myers, Dennis Gillenwater, Paul Vera, , Rodney Champagne, Ted Mahavier, Donald Hearn, Mike Wise, Ettie Haley, Art Lynd, Butch Neely, Mike Blakel, Bill and Carolyn Worsham (late)
- ★ **Membership:** No report.
- ★ **Treasurer:** Mike Givens reported that dues and initiation fees are coming in slowly. We still have a few outstanding.
- ★ **Harbor Master and House and Grounds:** Butch Neely reported that there is one new boat in the marina. There are rotten boards around the outside of the lounge area of the clubhouse that probably will require hiring a carpenter. Butch will contact DuJuan Construction for a bid. A copy of the repairs made to the building should be reported to the City.
- ★ **Racing:** Russ Myers reported the Thursday Night Race results: 1st – Paul Vera; 2nd – Ted Mahavier; 3rd – Ken Ruddy; 4th – Richard Hughes. Art Lynd came in 1st in the Cruiser Class. Paul Vera has won five Thursday Night Series in a row. There is a Moonlight Race on May 18 with a Skippers' Meeting at 1800. The Galveston Race will begin May 25 with a Skippers' Meeting on Thursday, May 23. Saturday, June 8 is the first Sabine Lake Series Race.
- ★ **Social:** The next social is the Commodore's Picnic on July 4.
- ★ **Cruising:** No report.
- ★ **Junior Sailing:** The Junior Sailing Camp "JSC" will be held June 20-23.
- ★ **Adult Sailing:** Paul Vera reported that adult classes will begin in August.
- ★ **Fleet:** No report.
- ★ **Sea Scouts:** It was suggested that we hold a regatta and furnish boats for the Sea Scouts. Donald Hearn will look into that and report back.
- ★ **Lamar Sail Club:** No report.
- ★ **PIAB Report:** Russ Myers reported (1) Zulema Escondida with the Mexican Heritage Society wants to know how to get more boats in marina. (2) Pleasure Island is not on the list to get cruise ships because of the infrastructure. (3) The City is looking into grants to improve the island. (4) Cajun Cabins will receive a harsher letter to get tenants out. (5) Spectrum is up and running for

fuel. (6) Discussion of cover stalls for "A" row to be put in the budget for next year. (7) An individual went to PIC with a proposal for an RV Park but was denied. Afterwards he then went to the City Manager with the proposal and the City Manager approved it.

*** Old Business:**

- Sea Scout information will be included in the mail bags for the Junior Sail Campers. Donald Hearn will handle that.
- The crane is repaired, but the lift needs to be tested.
- Spring Fling didn't work out as well as we had hoped. We are about \$1,000 in the hole. They want to return in about two years, and we will know how to do things differently. The ice was a big loss. We now know that in the future what we offer to them will be of no cost to us.
- There was an issue with authorization for the electrical repair for the washer and dryer. The Commodore confirmed that the proper procedure was not followed and assured everyone that this matter has been taken care of and that nothing like this would happen again on her watch.
- *About Time* needs to be sold.
- Commodore Gillenwater clarified that PAYC has no "slush fund." Expenditures must be applied to a budgeted item. The funds to repair the crane came from a \$1,000 donation given by Charlie Tweedle, and club members approved the improvements to the boat house. It was reiterated that any expenditure over \$1,000 must be voted on by PAYC members at a special meeting.


*** New Business:**

- Paul Vera asked how to proceed with *About Time* because it needs to be decommissioned. He stated that if the J24 Circuit wants to visit PAYC to build the J24 Racing Circuit, we need a new boat and direction on how to obtain it. *About Time* (boat, motor, and trailer) will be sold. A committee of Rodney Champagne, Paul Vera, Art Lynd and possibly Ken Rutty and Richard Hughes was appointed to find a new boat and to find a way to pay for it.
- Ted Mahavier suggested a payment plan for initiates that would benefit the club because the club would receive a higher percentage of the initiation fees within the first two years. No action was taken.

*** Special Meeting to Consider Capital Improvements on the Boat House**

The motion to use Capital Improvement funds to construct a 36'x10' concrete slab on the front side of the boat house and a 23'x5' concrete slab on the side of the boat house at a cost of \$2,850 passed. The front pad will store the boats for Junior Sailing and move the rigging and sails from the rusting containers into the enclosed boat house. The side pad will be used for shade and instruction during Junior Sailing and for any other PAYC event.

Selling Sheet

Description	Name	Photo	Price	Contact
2000 Pathfinder w/1999 Yamaha PX 150 and trailer			\$14,999	Craig Bellaire 409-543-2794 cbcanct@yahoo.com
Irwin 32 Citation	G'daddy's MAZE			Butch Spafford 409-239-3182 captboat.td@gmail.com

Education/Trivia/Items of Interest

This was a hit aboard *Cajun Drifter* during Spring Fling.

Shrimp Hushpuppies

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| 1 C yellow cornmeal | 1 small sweet Vidalia onion, minced |
| ¾ C self-rising flour | ¼ C chives, minced |
| 1 t salt | 7 oz cooked deveined shrimp |
| 1 t cayenne pepper | 1 C milk |
| ½ t paprika | 1 egg |
| 2 T sugar | Peanut or canola oil for frying |
| 1 t onion powder | Salt and pepper to taste |

1. Cut the shrimp into small pieces, season with salt and pepper, and set aside.
2. Combine the cornmeal, flour, salt, cayenne, and paprika, and whisk together. Stir in the milk and egg. Add the onions, celery, chives, and shrimp and stir. The batter should be thick.
3. Preheat the oil to 350°. Once the oil is ready, drop a scoop of the batter into the hot oil. Allow to cook for 3-5 minutes or until golden brown. Drain on paper towels. Sprinkle with seasoned salt, and serve with Jalapeño Tartar Sauce.

Jalapeño Tartar Sauce

- 1 C mayonnaise
- 1 jalapeño pepper, seeded and finely diced
- 3 T finely chopped capers
- 3 T freshly squeezed lemon juice (from about 2 medium lemons)
- 2T finely chopped dill pickle
- 1 T finely chopped scallion (white and light green parts from 1 medium scallion)
- ¼ t freshly ground black pepper

Place all of the ingredients in a medium bowl and stir to combine. Cover and refrigerate until ready to use.