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Commodore's Corner - Lynette Gillenwater



Hello sailors! Spring has sprung! Many of us have been out on the water knocking the scum and slime off our boats for a new boating season! I am welcoming this weather with open arms as I am sure you are as well.

The workday, as I understand, was pretty successful! Sorry I was unable to attend. The crane parts have been ordered. The washer and dryer have been installed. There are security lights around the building. The racks at the screen house are still under construction! We still need someone to look at the trim on the building as there is obviously rotten wood; we just do not know the extent of the issue. This needs to be a priority, so let me know if you have any experience in this area and can help us out there.

April is looking to be a busy month with the races and the adult sailing classes. As we mentioned before, the Peggy's Cruise has turned into the **Lake Charles Cruise** as Lake Charles Yacht Club has invited us to their annual crawfish boil on the 13th. There will be a few boats taking off on Thursday the 11th and many coming by land. Let me know if you will be joining us as they are looking for a headcount to price and order the crawfish. There is the **Blessing of the Bikes** again this year on the 20th. Contact Mike Wise if you want to participate in this. And new this year will be the **Sea Scout Daze** beginning on Friday, April 26. See Vice Commodore David Bradley's article on that! It is an exciting opportunity to recruit new members! On the 27th Carolyn Worsham is introducing the **Canoe/Kayak Trip** at Sea Rim State Park. We will meet at 0930 at Sea Rim Park to set up and plan to be in the water by 1000.

Spring Fling will be returning to Pleasure Island Marina the first weekend in May. TMCA has the website up for registration and the calendar is set. We will be involved in

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the Opti relay race and the Treasure Hunt as well as providing breakfast for Saturday and Sunday! Food trucks will be available Friday night. We will also be selling ice to the boaters for a small fund raiser. Check out their [website](#) for more information!

It is your club! Come out and get involved. Until then, see ya on the water.

Lynette Gillenwater, Commodore

Upcoming Events



April

4, 11, 18, 25 (Thursday, 1800) – Thursday Night Series (Note the added date of April 25.)

6 (Saturday, 1000) – Marvin Campbell/Jack Painton Long Distance Race (rescheduled)

9 (Tuesday, 1900) – General and Board Meetings

11-15 (Thursday-Monday or some portion thereof) – Cruise to Lake Charles Yacht Club for crawfish on Saturday

20 (Saturday, TBD) – Blessing of the Bikes

27 (Saturday, 1000) – Sea Rim Canoe/Kayak Cruise

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

NOTE: **Junior Sailing Camp** will be held on **June 20-23**.

Cruising - Kelvin Franks

This month we will be going to Lake Charles Yacht Club for boiled crawfish on the weekend of the 13th. The planned trip to Peggy's and Shell Island has been postponed to later in the year. Our Commodore will be leaving on Thursday afternoon for a stopover at Shell Island. Please join us on the water or make it a road trip. We need a good head count so we can order enough bugs.

And, don't forget the Sea Rim canoe trip on the 27th.

Racing - Russ Myers

The April Thursday night series will be held on April 4, 11, 18, and 25 (note that the last date doesn't appear on the calendar). The Marvin Campbell/Jack Painton Long Distance Race has been rescheduled (for the second time) to Saturday, April 6. Come out and enjoy some beautiful weather – surely the third time is the charm for this special trophy race!

Work Day 2019 Recap

PAYC was alive on the morning of March 9 with enthusiastic workers! Projects ranging from replacing tiles in the clubhouse to repairing the boat ramp to trimming trees to dismantling the hoist to installing motion lights were tackled by men, women, and children. Thanks to all who participated: **Joshua and Jaden Gaspard, Mike Wise, Ettie Haley, Matt and Keith Jones, Kelvin Franks, Mike Givens, Art Lynd, Steve Romeis, Bill Worsham, Chuck and Marilee Devenzio, David Bradley, Mark McConnell, Ted and Austin Mahavier, Greg and Ruth Lynd, George Dufour, Russ Myers, Andrew Brooks, Nicole and Rodney Champagne, and Paul Vera.** A fantastic lunch was provided by **Judy Walters.**



New Membership Opportunity - David Bradley

April 26-28 is **Sea Scout Daze!** PAYC is sponsoring a Sea Scout weekend for young adults ages 14 thru 21 (boys and girls).

This is a kickoff event (maybe annual) to introduce a new Sea Scout Ship sponsored by the Port Arthur Yacht Club to encourage and develop seamanship and leadership in our youth. New PAYC member **Donald Hearn** is spearheading the event and needs your help. We anticipate 80 folks (kids and leaders) camping on our grounds Friday and Saturday night and leaving Sunday noon. They will have full use of the PAYC clubhouse, PIC bathrooms, and grounds for meals, training, and fun. Saturday they are anticipating a public recruitment drive as an invitation has been extended to both Houston and Southeast Texas scouting troops and NROTC units at area schools. We could have 50 or we could have 150 additional visitors that day,

Your help is needed for several events. We are anticipating serving a breakfast

(Chair Judy) Saturday and Sunday morning. Saturday we are anticipating an Opti race in the basin (Chairs Ted and Paul) and cruising opportunities on member's big boats for older kids and the adult sponsors (Chair Kelvin).

Folks, this a GREAT opportunity to introduce folks to our great marina, clubhouse, Adult Sailing, Junior Sailing and Racing/Cruising events year round. Everyone has the job of recruiting new members. An expanding PAYC membership and participation would benefit everyone!

See you there,
David

Canoe/Kayak Cruise at Sea Rim Park - Carolyn Worsham



Come enjoy a 1.79-mile easy paddling or a 4.72-mile moderate paddling canoe/kayak guided cruise in protected waters at Sea Rim State Park!

Date: Saturday, April 27, 2019

Time: 0930 to set up for a 1000 departure

Duration: About 2 hours for the 1.79-mile cruise

Lunch: Sandwiches, chips, fruit, and water in the parking lot at the park

Directions: Turn right in Sabine Pass on Highway 87 and proceed for about 10 miles. Turn right and proceed for about 1 mile to the parking lot.

Notes:

- A dock and special loading apparatus make it incredibly easy to board and exit canoes/kayaks.

- Sea Rim and the Worshams have 13

canoes/kayaks available. Please contact me (cmworsham@yahoo.com or 409-728-9493) to reserve one. Two canoes and two kayaks are for "double occupancy."

- The normal fees for park entrance and boat rental have been waived; however, all are encouraged to make a donation to the park.
- The plan is for all to take the "easy" trail; however, if any choose the "moderate" trail, that is also an option. The moderate trail takes 4-5 hours.
- Please bring your own reusable water bottle, snacks, mosquito repellent, life preserver, sun protection, and a set of dry clothes (just in case...).

Don't miss this opportunity to visit our own Texas State Park! While you're in the area, consider stopping by the portion of **Sea Rim State Park** that's on the Gulf of Mexico side of Highway 87 and **Sabine Woods**, a premier birding spot that's on the north of Highway 87 on the way back to Sabine Pass.

Junior Sailing - Ted Mahavier

NOTE: Junior Sailing Camp 2019 will be held on **June 20-23**.

Thank you everyone for attending the Junior Sailing Camp (JSC) meeting before the last general meeting. We'll meet again at 6 pm before the next general meeting to continue the discussion. I'll be mailing out the changes we talked about soon.

Thanks to **Butch Neely, Andrew Brooks, Michael Givens, Art Lynd, Austin Mahavier**, and **Michael Johnston** for their contributions to JSC projects during the work day. We made good headway on building storage racks for Laser and Sunfish sails. We also pulled the Ranger 26 and have sold \$500 worth of parts and taken another \$200 worth to Boaters Resale. We will eventually strip her completely and sell the trailer. A special debt is owed to **Michael Givens** for this major contribution which will net the club at least \$1,500. *Happy Daze* also helped train five sailors: **Keith Zuech, Andrew Brooks, Garrett Oliver, Tristen Breaux**, and **Ashton Burkett**, two of whom have already joined the club with a third to join at the next meeting! Thanks to everyone (**Greg Lynd? Michael Givens? Kelvin Franks?**) who have been working on *'Bout Time* and to **Rodney Champagne** and **Russ Myers** for getting the crane back in shape.

We have one bid for concrete at the boat house so we can move some boats out, move some gear in, and get rid of the containers. I'll have at least one more bid before the next meeting.

Your Fleet Flunky, Ted

Adult Sailing - Paul Vera

We starting sailing on the first day and have not stopped. The COMPAC, a club boat, has seen a lot of use, and it is not an easy boat to sail. Everybody should give her a sail: the boat will humble the best sailors in the club, trust me.

As for a teaching, the boat is perfect. There is no joy riding, it's all sailing. Tacking, jibing and docking, the Beginners are doing it all. We've taught the figure eight, the bowline, and the cleat knot. We are done for the month of March and look forward to seeing them crewing in some of the races.

The next classes will start in August. They will be held every Thursday starting at 1800.

By the way, **Nicole, Donald, Richard, Kellye, Matt, Keith and Andrew**, it is with great joy that we, as Port Arthur Yacht Club, have opened the door for you to the world of sailing.

Paul Vera, Ted Mahaviar, and David Bradley

PAYC Meeting Highlights - March 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; Mike Givens, Treasurer; Judy Walters, Secretary; Chuck Devenzio, Mark McConnell, Russ Myers, Art Lynd, Greg Lynd, Dennis Gillenwater, Paul Vera, Rodney Champagne, John Otto, Bill Worsham, Carolyn Worsham, Ted Mahavier, Borracho Collier, Mike Wise, Ettie Haley, Ken Ruddy, Butch Neeley, Ruth Lynd, Donald Hearn

* **Membership:** David Bradley reported that one new member application was received from Donald Hearn. Donald is a member of the Sea Scouts and maintains their vessel docked at the marina. Donald's application was approved at the Board Meeting, and he was given keys to the clubhouse.

* **Treasurer:** Mike Givens reported that we are in really good shape on the outstanding invoices. The insurance payment is coming up in May. Mike asked for the club to look for a Treasurer for next year. Greg Lynd suggested adding Trustees to the email list for financial reports since they monitor the spending. Mike stated there was confusion about the invoices sent out regarding the banquet.

* **Harbor Master and House and Grounds:** Butch Neely reported that there are 60 boats in the marina. 41 are PAYC boats (68% occupancy). Dispensers in the ladies' room will be changed out to match the men's room because the paper towels are a little cheaper. John Otto sent a list of the pier tower lights that are out to Jimmy Dike. Butch Neely sent a list of lights and electrical meters that are out and sent it to Jimmy Dike.

* **Racing:** Russ Myers reported the results of the Sunday races held in February-March: 1st – Ted Mahavier; 2nd – Bill Worsham; 3rd – Paul Vera; 4th – Ken Ruddy. Thursday night races will begin in April. The racing rules need to be updated and posted. At the Board Meeting, the Marvin Campbell/Jack Painton Long Distance Race (a trophy race) was rescheduled for April 6th with Skippers' Meeting at 1000.

* **Social:** Blessing of the Fleets and the St. Patty's Day party are canceled.

* **Cruising:** Those who plan to attend the Lake Charles Yacht Club Crawfish Boil need to let the Commodore know so we can give them a head count.

* **Junior Sailing:** The Junior Sailing Camp "JSC" has been moved to 6/20-23. JSC staff meetings will begin at 630 before the monthly PAYC General Meeting for those of you interested in attending.

* **Adult Sailing:** Adult sailing classes start in March at 6:p.m.

* **Fleet:** The Ranger has been pulled and started decommissioning it. Some parts have been sold already and there are more to come. *'bout Time* needs a

manual choke. Kelvin worked on it and will fix the fuel leak.

★ **Sea Scouts:** Donald Hearn introduced Richard Evans as his Skipper for the Sea Scouts Ship at the marina. PAYC will host a Sea Scout destination get-away for the Houston, Galveston, and Cleveland Charters on April 26th. Ships and other counselors will come in and camp Friday and Saturday. PAYC will offer their small boats for use and Members will take out scouts sailing in the afternoon. Borracho suggested we put literature for the Sea Scouts in the mail bags for the campers at JSC.

★ **PIAB Report:** Russ Myers reported (1) fuel pumps may be hardwired to operate correctly. By 2020 you will have to use a chip card for everything. (2) Logan Park is to get up and running. PIAB & City will announce the purpose at a later date. (3) Owners of the Cajun Cabins are to get with the Corps of Engineers to see if cabins can be saved. City will begin to fine owner if tenants do not vacate. (4) At the Shipyard the concrete slab and pier caps have been poured. (5) There will be an Executive Session to discuss the security on the Island and the placement of cameras.

★ **Old Business:**

- Russ Myers bought the bearings for the lift. Mike Givens will check into the hoist trolley.
- Carolyn Worsham asked who would be interested in the Kayak/Canoe trip at Sea Rim Park because it is the same weekend as the Sea Scout event. The Kayak/Canoe trip will start on the North Side of Highway 87 near Sea Rim Park and should take about two hours to complete.

★ **New Business:** Ted Mahavier suggested considering (1) concrete for the front and sides of the screen house or (2) concrete the front and spread rocks on the side by the JSC ramp. Borracho suggested Ted get 3 bids on slab and rock and revisit the issue at next meeting.



Selling Sheet

Description	Name	Photo	Price	Contact
Herreshoff 28	<i>Black Pearl</i>		\$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	<i>Das'ha</i>		\$6,500 OBO	Randy Palmero 979-943-8278 pasquali22@yahoo.com
Morgan 33			\$3,000	Otilio Collavo 409-728-1298
Irwin 32 Citation	<i>G'daddy's MAZE</i>			Butch Spafford 409-239-3182

Education/Trivia/Items of Interest

Stuff You Want (from March 2019 *Boating World*)

Utility Pump (\$36, beckson.com) – The Beckson Utility Pump 212A makes transferring water or petroleum products other than gasoline out of tanks, semi-enclosed places or any other tight space quick and easy. Made completely of durable marine-grade plastic, the 212A will not rust or corrode, and it requires no priming to begin pumping.

Zipper Lubricant (\$4.75, gearaid.com) – Gear Aid's Zipper Lubricant is designed to remove sand, dirt, and salt deposits that can make a zipper stick. Used regularly, Zip Lubricant will keep zippers gliding smoothly.

Floating Emergency Flashlight (\$14.99, ustbrands.com) – Ultimate Survival Technologies' See-Me Floating LED Flashlight is a dual-purpose buoyant personal safety light. The See-Me's main light shines up to 100 lumens and runs continuously for five hours.



Marinated 1015 Onion Dip

This recipe arrives via a rather circuitous route – from the St. Stanislaus Kostka Roman Catholic Church Altar Society's *Our Daily Bread II* cookbook to the *Beaumont Enterprise* where **Janis Prestridge** saw it and shared it with **Marilee Devenzio** to countless PAYC gatherings.

½ C sugar
1 C apple cider vinegar
2 C water
1 large or 2 small 1015 or Vidalia onions, finely chopped (see note)
½ C mayonnaise
½ t dill weed
Ritz crackers for dipping

In a medium-size bowl, mix together sugar, apple cider vinegar, and water; set aside. Stir onion into the sugar mixture and marinate overnight. Before serving, drain well and stir in mayonnaise and dill. Best served on Ritz crackers.

NOTE: No other onions will do. This dip can be enjoyed only in the spring, as this is the only time the 1015s are in season. Chop onion by hand, so as not to pulverize.

Jack Painton's Hot Buttered Rum

Lots of sea stories by the ole' salts of the 80s and 90s were shared aboard boats while enjoying a steaming cup of Jack's hot buttered rum. Thanks to **Marilee Devenzio** for saving the recipe so the tradition can be kept alive!

1 lb. dark brown sugar
1 t cinnamon
½ lb. "real" butter
1 t nutmeg
Cinnamon sticks

Soften butter and mix well with sugar, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Serve a large T of the mixture in a 6-oz. cup with a jigger of rum. Add boiling water and a cinnamon stick. Enjoy!

