

# Port Arthur Yacht Club

**July 2015** 

#### **COMMODORE'S CORNER:**

First let me jump all of the way back to May and Spring Fling. It was definitely another successful event. We had boats arriving starting early in the week and leaving late the next week. I am not sure how many of the one hundred plus boats that registered actually showed up but it was a lot! The marina looked great full of boats. We also had a group of our good friends from Lake Charles make the event. The bands on Friday and Saturday night were both great, the food was awesome from Big Rich, the food truck and our very own Kenny Kendrick's Pork-O-Bobs. The event as a whole was a great time for everyone that attended whether you made the informative classes or just hung around. The Memorial Day ceremony was excellent as well even with the rain. As usual PAYC receive

		July 2015	
4	S	Commodore's Picnic/Junior	All Day
		Sailing	
		Junior sailors to meet at 1000	
		Food served at 1200	
2,9,16,23,30	R	Thursday Night Series #5	1800
14	M	General/Board Meeting	1900
18-19	R	Island Cup Regatta 3 races	1000/1400
25	CS	Treasure Hunt	1000

numerous compliments on both the clubhouse and our famous hospitality!

June was a rather quiet month for the club other than the always hotly contested Thursday Night Races. The main event of the month as is every June was the Junior Sailing Camp that was held from the 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>. This year's camp hosted 31 fantastic kids from beginners to advanced sailors. Special thanks to Kelvin and Ginny and the whole kitchen crew, I know I am forgetting people but the food was awesome. The kids, instructors and helpers devoured everything they could dish out! There were too many members and parents helping out to even begin to mention but a big thanks goes out to all of them for their time and effort. It takes a whole club to put on an event like this one and we had lots of great helping hands to make this a successful event.

We have two big annual events this month. I know everyone is looking forward to the annual Commodore's Picnic on the 4<sup>th</sup>. BBQ dinner will be served around noon, please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Fireworks by the City of Port Arthur usually start around 21:00. The day will start with the Junior Sailors showcasing their skills at 10:00. The Juniors and their families are invited to stay for lunch.

The next annual event is the Treasure Hunt. I am sure Art Lynd will as usual have a good time mapped out for all participants. A big hand to Art who took on this effort nine years ago to grow it into the event it has become. We just have to make sure those Lake Charles pirates don't go home with the treasure this year. A pirate party is planned for after the hunt. I am sure our social ladies will have a great event planned.

As commodore and on behalf of all of the officers, board members, trustees and membership I would like to give a big thanks to Alan Aldredge for his dedication and service to PAYC. At the June board meeting Alan tendered his resignation as treasurer and with the board's approval passed to torch to Mike Givens. Alan will still continue to be a club member and give any aid and assistance that the new treasurer might need. I also offer a big thanks to Mike Givens for stepping up to the position.

Over the past several months, PAYC has made numerous, unsuccessful attempts to contact several members whose account is in serious arrears, via personal contact, phone, letter, e-mail, and the Mainsheet regarding their membership status. We deeply regret the possibility of losing any member, however if we do not hear from these members by August 1, 2015, the board will be compelled to terminate their membership during the August 2015 Board Meeting. We are willing to work with anyone to help get their account up to date. Remember, we function solely on our dues and initiation fees.

Until next month, fair winds...

Hope to see you on the water,

Commodore 2015 Russ Myers 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Burgees - \$50 + tax 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Hats - \$10 + tax 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Shirts- Available at Threads 7747 N Twin City Hwy 727-4848

## **Racing Report:**

The weather has played a major factor in this month's racing and let's not forget the Junior sailing camp. We are only going to get a 3 Thursday night races and Richard Hughes has captured the June Series with two first place finishes followed by Paul Vera, Ken Rutty, Mike Givens and Ted Mahavier.

We have the Island Cup on the 18th of July 2 races, skippers meeting at 10am, and the third race the next day on the 19th of July Skippers meeting will be held at 2pm.

No make ups this month.

Drink plenty of water it's getting hot out there.

### Paul Vera Race Chairman 409-363-3898

## **Junior Sailing**

Junior Sailing Camp went smoothly for me, for others it was a little work. It's always a joy to see sailors sail for the first time, we had 12 first timers. Ted and I are fortunate to have people help us. I thank you from the very bottom of my Heart to those who help out.

I'm going to mention a few names if I left yours out please forgive me. First, the most important part of camp to me is the Kitchen, Kelvin and Ginny Franks and crew, did a great job everything was wonderful.

Ettie did the sailor mail boxes so they can exchange information with each other and organized a silly string fight. Catherine, for the crafting up a design class on How to build cork sail boats.

To all the people who helped instruct and helped out in general: Butch S., Butch N, Dennis/Lynette, Mike, Chuck, Greg/Ruth, Terry Shipley, Mr. Bassara, Miss Zummo, Jim, David, Russ and a few parents and the Legions.

Once again will try to put a racing team together, will see how it goes. Watch for the flyer.

Paul Vera 363-3898 Jr. Sailing Chairman

## **Cruising Report:**

We didn't have any scheduled cruises in June but there were lots of boats on the water with sailing camp. July is full of opportunities with the Commodores picnic on the 4th and the always highly anticipated Treasure Hunt, so there is no officially scheduled cruise.

Word has it some may be planning a trip to Galveston. Might be an opportunity to do some sailing offshore or an always interesting barge dodging trip in the ICW. Anyone want to go? Hope to be cruising soon.

Cruising Director Steve Romeis

## **Social Report:**

Now that we are sliding into July and it seems like summer just got here, we have a few things going on in July. The annual Commodore's picnic will be July 4th and the club will bring the meat dish and we are asking you guys to bring the sides and deserts please. Bring your drink of choice and we will have tea and water. This is a chance for all of the Jr. Sailors to come back

sail and show off their new skills. So please come out and enjoy a good time, good food, fireworks and good friends.

Also in July on the 25th is Treasure Hunt and Pirate Party! Get your pirate gear ready because it looks like the head pirate is giving away prizes for best dressed! There is also the chance to win the 2015 Pirate King and Queen prize. If you were there last year you remember the fun so get ready to be a pirate for a day!

Until then see you on the water.

## Social Director Ettie Haley

## The Selling Sheet

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Port Arthur Yacht Club (PAYC) General Meeting June 09, 2015

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Russ Myers, Commodore Mike Wise, Vice Commodore Alan Aldredge, Treasurer Mike Givens, Asst. Treasurer Jim Richardson Paul Vera Ettie Haley Art Lynd Chuck DeVenzio Ted Mahavier Ken Rutty **Butch Neely** Kelvin Franks **Butch Stafford** Judy Walters John Ardoin

Russ Myers called the meeting to Order at 1900 hours.

Mike Mckinzie

Alan Aldredge motioned that the minutes posted in the Mainsheet from May's General Meeting be accepted. Chuck DeVenzio seconded and the motion passed without objection.

### **REPORTS**:

MEMBERSHIP: Mike Wise reported two resignations. Ricky Richardson and Ivan Riveno. A new membership application for Mike McKinzie will be reviewed in the Board Meeting.

TREASURER: Alan Aldredge gave the report. Anyone can obtain a report by contacting the Treasurer.

HARBORMASTER: Two new boats in the marina. Mark Domingue on Gizmo and Ted Mahavier on Aftermath II.

RACING: Paul Vera reported the results for the May Thursday Night Series, all racers no cruisers, Paul Vera took first place followed by Ken Rutty, Mike Givens and Richard Hughes. The results of the 1<sup>st</sup> June Thursday Series was 1<sup>st</sup> Richard Hughes, followed by Paul Vera, Ken Rutty and Mike Givens. The Marvin Campbell Long Distance Race is rescheduled for June 13, 2015 skippers meeting at 1000 hours.

HOUSE and GROUNDS: Butch Neely reported the cause of PAYCs recent "high" water bills still is not known. However, he changed 5 toilet flappers that were leaking and will continue to monitor the meter. He did report that there is a process to file a dispute with the city and we might get a credit. Russ stated he has been asked to remind membership that any dog droppings should be properly disposed of by their owner and the barking kept to a minimum.

SOCIALS: 1) Ettie Haley reported that the PAYCs official 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner was a great success and Russ Myers thanked her and Mike Wise for decorating and purchasing/transporting the main dishes. No socials for June but keep your eyes open for an email or Facebook post. Keep July 4h open for the Commodore's Picnic and July 25<sup>th</sup> for the Treasure Hunt.

CRUISING: No Cruises set for June. The next cruise will be the Treasure Hunt on July 25<sup>th</sup>.

SAFETY: Russ Myers reported that he is aware of the North East Gate on A finger being left open after hours and will continue to bring it to the attention of the PIC and City Manager.

JR. SAILING: 1) Paul Vera reported that 27 campers are currently registered for this year's Jr. Sailing Camp with ages ranging from 7-17 years of age. Interested members that would like to help please show up anytime from 8am Thursday till Noon on Sunday. John Ardoin asked that everyone be aware that the speed limit on the marina roads is 5 MPH and asked that we should get the PIC to post some signs.

SEA SCOUTS: Nothing to Report

LAMAR SAILING CLUB: Ted Mahavier reported that many club members are out of town and would not be available to assist with Jr. Sailing Camp.

PIC: Russ Myers reported that a boat trailer was stolen from the back of a fisherman's truck parked at the RV park boat launch and the city manager is upset about all the illegal dumping on the levee roads and will address

it soon. It was also reported many of the spot lights have been stolen and stripped of their wiring and another gazebo was set on fire.

OLD BUSINESS: Russ Myers reported that he and Mike Wise met with the City Manager and the City's Attorney has a draft lease prepared for PAYC to review and that they will get it soon to review and he is very confident it will meet the needs of the PAYC.

Jim Richardson reported that he has set up the PA Library kids and the Foster children to come out for a sailing day on Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> in two sessions 9-12 and 1-3. He will needs some sailboats to take them out.

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Plague – a discussion centered on mounting a plaque by the current plague in the main meeting room to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The members present agreed it was a good idea and Russ Myers will look into getting a bid.

NEW BUSINESS: Mike Wise asked if the membership would like to use a comedy group as a fund raiser in the Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> time frame. The comedy group goes around the country putting on a show based on sailing. After much discussion it was decided not to be financial feasible.

Russ Myers announced that 'Bout Time was in the shop for steering cable repairs and thanks to the cable donation of Alan Aldredge it will only cost \$395.

John Ardoin motioned to adjourn the meeting, Alan Aldredge seconded. The motion passed without objection and the general meeting ended at 1958 hours, June 9, 2015.

Port Arthur Yacht Club (PAYC) Board Member's Meeting June 9, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Russ Myers, Commodore Mike Wise, Vice Commodore Alan Aldredge, Treasurer Mike Givens, Asst. Treasurer Jim Richardson Paul Vera Ettie Haley Art Lynd Chuck DeVenzio Ted Mahavier

Ken Rutty

Butch Neely

Mike Mckinzie

Russ Myers called the meeting to order at 2011 hours.

Ted Mahavier motioned that the minutes posted in the Mainsheet from May's Board Member's Meeting be accepted. Mike Wise seconded and the motion passed without objection.

### **REPORTS**:

PIC: Carry Over from General Meeting

MEMBERSHIP:

Mike Wise received a letter of resignation from Ricky Richardson in good standing and a letter of resignation from Ivan Riveno in bad standing.

Mike Wise made a motion to accept Mike McKinzie's Membership Application pending his ½ of annual dues paid on Thursday June11, 2015. Ken Rutty seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

HARBORMASTER: Carry Over from General Meeting

TREASURER: Balances were Carry Over from General Meeting.

Alan mentioned that with the new billing going out that we had several members who were over 90 days past due and a discussion centered on how to handle the situation.

Jim Richardson made a motion to put the names of delinquent members in the July Mainsheet if they had not made arrangements with the Treasurer by then. Ted Mahavier seconded. Discussion: Mike Givens said he will contact the 12-15 members on the list by phone/email and request their resignation or back dues be paid. Then he will send the list to the Secretary to publish in the mainsheet. The motion passed unanimously.

HOUSE and GROUNDS: Butch Neely asked if he could spend \$80 to buy a small entertainment center for the lounge area under the television to hold the sound equipment. Craig Belaire said he would donate one he currently has to the club.

Ted Mahavier made a motion to spend up to \$6,500 to replace the outside and inside A/C unit that is inoperable out of the capital budget. Jim Richardson seconded. Discussion: It was left up to Commodore Russ Myers to select the brand. Motion passes unanimously.

SOCIALS: Carry Over from General Meeting

JUNIOR. SAILING: Carry Over from General Meeting

RACING: Carry Over from General Meeting CRUISING: Carry Over from General Meeting

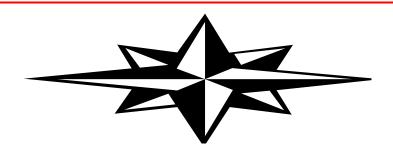
NEW BUSINESS: Alan Aldredge tendered his resignation as PAYC Treasurer. Russ Myers thanked Alan for his many years of service to the club as Treasurer, Secretary and Board Member. Paul Vera seconded that statement. A round of applause was heard around the room. Alan said he would still be around to help out in any way he could.

Craig Belaire made a motion to appoint Mike Givens as the new PAYC Treasurer. Seconded by Ted Mahavier. Motion passed with one nay vote.

Craig Belaire made a motion for the club to give Mike Givens, Treasurer and Mike Wise, Vice Commodore check writing privileges on all accounts at BBVA Compass. Jim Richardson Seconded. No Discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: Alan Aldredge stated that the motion to add Mike Givens to the signature card from the last meeting was not acted on because he felt it conflicted with the Club's by-laws.

Alan Aldredge motioned that the meeting adjourn. Paul Vera seconded. The motion passed without objection and the Board Member's meeting concluded at 2115 hours, June 9, 2015.



## 2015 PAYC Administration

## **Officers**

Commodore - Russ Myers Vice-Commodore - Mike Wise Secretary - Craig Belaire Treasurer - Mike Givens

## **Board of Directors**

Ken Rutty
Daniel Tatum
Ted Mahavier
Jim Richardson
Paul Vera (Past Commodore)

Mainsheet Editor and Webmaster - Group Harbormaster - Butch Neely

## **Committee Chairs**

Racing - Paul Vera
Cruising - Steve Romeis
Socials - Ettie Haley
House and Grounds - Everyone
Junior Sailing - Paul Vera
Membership - Mike Wise
Clubhouse Reservations - Ettie Haley
Safety - Everyone