

Commodore's CommentsMark Hallquist

September 2008 Edition

I would like to discuss our mission statement of advocating one design sailing. Currently, I don't see us doing much to support this mission. We need to explore what our options are to get us more involved in one design racing. We need to be taking our racing program to the next level which is developing a one design program that has us competing with other yacht clubs. We also have plenty of talent and adequate funding in the Yacht Club to support this program. I believe that it is in our best interest as a Yacht Club to support a one design program. My proposal is to allow the racing program to purchase a boat that will support that mission. This boat will be purchased from the racing budget. Any club member would be able to race this boat as long as they have been qualified to do so. If this program is successful, we could explore expansion of the program as warranted. The Flying Scot is a good option for this program. First, the Scots are cheap compared to other one design boats. Second the Scot is pretty easy to sail and works with a three person crew. It can be sailed effectively with one experienced skipper and two novices. This can allow for development of good racing skills and a racing team. Lastly we can compete with the best sailors in the Gulf Coast by joining the GYA. The GYA sponsors Scot races up and down the gulf coast culminating in the Lipton Cup event in September. I have seen this program be very successful at other Yacht Clubs much smaller than our own. Houston, Lake Charles, Lake Arthur, Pelican (Baton Rouge), New Orleans Yacht clubs all belong to the GYA and support their own active Scot program. It was an exciting program to participate in and I would encourage our club to explore this option. Please be aware that the storage area on the east side of the clubhouse is not free. There are few trailers and boats stored there that are not being paid for. Please be a responsible member and contact the PIC to arrange to pay for the storage of your boat or trailer. I will work with the PIC to have all boats and trailers removed that are not being paid for. The culvert under the road in front of the trailer park was washed out. Repairs have been completed. Easy access to the Yacht Club has been restored. It is time for us to start thinking about electing new officers. A committee is being assembled for nomination of these new officers. If you have any interest please let it be known. We can certainly use the help. I hope to see you out there sailing.

--- Mark



In this issue:

A nice write-up & pictures from the recent Cruise to *Riverfront Park* in Beaumont, TX., some Racing news regarding the upcoming *Spindletop Regatta*, & some new additions to the Items for Sale section ...*plus* details on an awesome upcoming *Luau Social* !

Junior Sailing Paul Vera

New equipment is on the way, new sails, new rigging, refurbishing the Lasers and Mini-fish, new radial rigs, and much more. I'm still looking for that Junior Sailor of the year.

October 25, I will be taking a group of Opti sailors to race at Lakewood Yacht Club in Kema. In order to make this happen I have to have a minimum of 3 boats willing to go for a Saturday only event. The club will have a coach boat on the water to help with the sailors. Call me if you plan on going.

Paul Vera
963-3525

Racing Paul Vera



Qingdao, China (August 21) - The 2008 Olympic Sailing Regatta concluded today with some strong performances from Team USA. Twenty-five-year-old Anna Tunnicliffe (Plantation, Fla.) led the team on the water with a gold medal in the Laser Radial class.

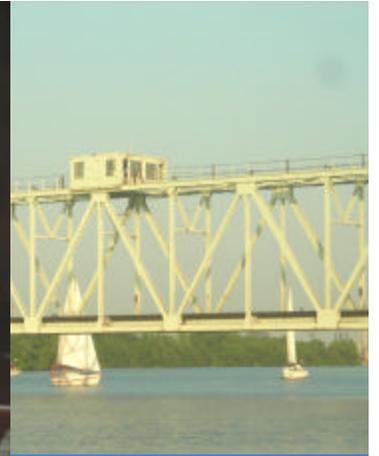
Just thought I would throw in some Olympic news. Being that the club is going to purchase 3 radial rigs for our lasers. For more Olympic sailing information go www.ussailing.org. I have put into works a sailing class for adults, starting with the basics on boat handling and ending in the basics on racing and race management. I need to get a list of people who would want to take this class. It will be held on the weekend and will take most of the day. I do plan on have some on the water drills. If you want to take the class please e-mail me at yseaturtle@aol.com or call me at 963-3523 so I can get the list started. Our racing program has been growing into very competitive fleets as it has all year. The Cruiser class has been strong all year. With the addition of Richard Hughes new J80 and Mike Givens racing steady again, the racing fleet for the month of Aug. has finally out numbered the cruisers. Speaking of the Just For Fun Races on Thursdays nights we have gone to the Stagger Time Start format, which means first one to finish wins. The One Design Fleet has been revisited, the collapse of the V-15 Fleet due to the most part of Hurricane Rita destroying all but one of the boats out of six. We as a racing group will once again looking at how we can start up a One Design Fleet and what type of boat to be used. This process is in the very preliminary stages, with a history of the V-15 fleet behind us, it would do us well to see what worked and what didn't. Spindletop Multi-hull Regatta will be held September 27-28, we will need all the clubs help we can get to help put this club's sponsored regatta. Also this is a big social event so the beer will be flowing the whole weekend. So come on out and lend a hand, get a t-shirt, drink some beer, and have a really good time.

Sept 6	Island Cup Regatta	10:00
Sept 20	LDR #3	10:00
Sept 27-28 NEW!	Spindletop Multihull Regatta	TBA

Cruising up the Neches River

The weather was warm but pleasant that Saturday morning on August 2. The wind was out of the northwest, which was unusual for this time of year. Out of the seven boats that gave notice of cruising, only four showed up. Yet, our adventure began with only three boats: *Island Shanty*, *Liquid Solution*, and *Seahawk*. As we staggered out of the marina, we maintained radio contact between boats via marine radios and made our way east in Lake Sabine towards the 1000 yard cut. When we approached the cut into the Intercoastal Canal Way, we tightened up our formation and passed with ease. Once we were in the short connection of the ICW, we noticed a few barges but mostly weekend sun worshipers on the bank of Sidney Island. There were also fishing boats and an occasional jet boat screaming by. Then we entered the Neches River. Fighting the out going tide as well as the head wind that rarely blows from the northwest this time of year, our fearless fleet motored sailed onward. Some of us tried the tacking method for a while, but that soon gave way to motoring with sails flapping going straight up the river. The scenery along the way was interesting. Port Neches Park was busy and when we passed the Liberty Ships all lined up in a row, the security was very noticeable. Finally, six and a half hours after our little groups deployed, we reach the KCS railroad trestle bridge that signified the near end of our journey. I called KCS and requested that they open the bridge, for all three mast of our group were much too tall to pass under. At this point, there should have been plenty of time to make a proper docking in the daylight. We heard the siren of the bridge but nothing happened. I phoned them again and discovered the bridge was broken and a repair crew was on the way. Meanwhile, we enjoyed our increased breeze and sailed in circles in the basin near the Port like vultures patiently waiting. After an hour or so, the crew was successful. One by one, we crossed under the bridge and docked at River Front Park just before the sun began to set. The nightlife on Crocket Street was interesting. We met other PAYC members at *Rita Ritas* and all set down at one long table and had a meal. The biker's bar next door had a one-man band playing in the street that sounded pretty good. On the walk back to our boats, some of us visited with the homeless people. As a matter of fact, one of our PAYC members (MG) got to be buddies and may have even exchanged email addresses. Our rent-a-cop, who works for the Beaumont PD, said he knew all of the park inhabitants and that they were harmless. Early the next morning, while everyone was tucked away in their sloops, a storm front came through and slammed us against the dock. Because the tide had lowered the water level by a foot or two, the fenders that were jammed between the boat and dock were useless. At the first bump, we were all up adjusting the fender height to protect our boats from the strong wind. However, on my boat being the only one without A/C, the cool storm felt good. After an hour or so, the front passed and the sun began to sparkle on the water. We downed some coffee and secured everything for our journey home. Once again, I called KCS and requested for the bridge to be raised, but this time there was only a ten-minute delay. One by one we cast off the River Front Park docks and began our trek back down the River that we call the Neches. The River that is the vein of life to the Port that feeds the economy of the City of Beaumont. The trip home was a little more enjoyable in that we actually made use of our sails and the outgoing river current.

Some scenes from the August—2008 Riverfront Cruise :



From the passages of the HarbormasterGene Kohrman

We survived Eduard, one sailboat on 'D' dismasted and one trawler lost a swim platform. I headed for Beards Bayou as usual, my local hurricane hole, three days on two anchors, normally set three anchors and three lines to trees; yet faired well. Only saw a 35.5 knots gust. Three days on the hook. I want to thank everyone that came down to prepare their boats. After my return to PAYC, several members stated more had attended to their boats than they can remember. Hurricane season is; by far, not over. Hopefully, we will be lucky this year. There is a Galveston cruise for the weekend of 12-15 September, for those interested. By the way yo' ol HabaDude has a new telephone #, 409 540-3706. Just ask O'Quinn what happened to my last cell phone. He must have it in for me, seems he did his best to make me a past tense item! A story in itself! The summer time water hose fights within the marina are definitely refreshing, just ask Julie. Weekend breakfasts and dinners are a commonplace and a time for socializing. Now Bill, just what does DSQ mean again, and Richard, did not the previous owner of your J80 mention something to the fact that if you did not win that it was not the boat, mmmm ? I would really like to have his e-mail address . . . Steve, it seems to me that you know the meaning of 'skinny water . . . Oh, the stories and excuses you miss, esp. when you do not enjoy the enrichment of the clubhouse. Why not just come on down and be enlightened in the antics of the misfits. Oh, by the way; Mark, now just how did you dis-mast the Flying Scott on the racecourse? Seems to me you had all sorts of assistance from the Thursday night crews!

Have a great month,
Gene N. Kohrman
Yo trusty dusty HabaDude
409 540-3706

Items for Saleboats, gear, marine related things in general

Mrs. Giles has a **26' Pearson** for sale, located in B-48. The boat has an 8 HP 4 stroke engine with low hours as well as an A/C onboard. There are also 2 small captain's chairs located in the cockpit for a comfortable ride while out on the water. She is asking \$7500.00. Please call 720-7442 to make an offer on the boat.



Items for Sale (continued).....boats, gear, marine related things in general

Nuria Lyles has a **Catalina C-27** for sale over on row “B”. She is asking \$3500.00. Feel free to call her at (409) 656-4921 to find out more & to make an offer on the boat. This boat is looking to find a new home soon...hint ...hint!



Brian Beadle has a 1977 **Cal- 27** for sale on row “C” . Call (409) 658-3157 for details as there is no price listed on the for sale sign posted in front of the boat.



Ray Deming has an 84’ **Catalina 22** for sale. It has a Dacron main, 150% Genoa, and a working jib. Also a Mylar main and 150% Genoa. Inboard and outboard Genoa tracks. Ball bearing blocks. 7.5 Suzuki that runs great. The boat is on a trailer with new tires. Asking \$ 3200.00 Call (409) 579-3271 for details. Must see to appreciate ! (Sorry, don't have any pictures yet as of this printing.....*Mainsheet Editor*)

If you wish to have anything listed for sale here within the pages of the PAYC Mainsheet—you must submit your ad before the 1st of every month in order to be included in the next issue. Send all ads & details to mainsheet@payc.us . Thanks!

PAYC LUAU



Saturday Sept. 27

Cocktails / Social

6:30 – 7:00

Buffet Dinner / Band

7:00 – 9:00

\$10.00 per person

Please RSVP by Wed. Sept. 24

Call : Eric Phelan @ 409-679-0364

Or

Email : ericphelan@dslextreme.com

**This weekend we will be *hosting the Spindletop Regatta*.
Come out and watch the races and make some new friends.**

PAYC BOARD MEETING MINUTES * August 12th, 2008

Club Members present were: Mark Hallquist, Russ Myers, Ed Wiltz, Butch Neely, Mike Wise, Paul Vera, Gene Kohrman, Chuck Devenzio, Alan Aldredge, Jim & Sara Pearson, and Ricky Richardson.

Treasurer's Report:

(Reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

Guaranty Bank

<u>Main Checking: 9757</u>	<u>\$ 11,255.59</u>
Improvement CD: 0040	\$ 13,320.27
Improvement CD2: 8798	\$ 31,163.15
Lease: 5197	\$ 30,179.31
Money Market CD: 2422	\$ 702.17
Total	\$ 86,620.49

Community Bank

Self Insurance CD	\$ 29,533.57
Money Market	\$ 1,971.65
Lease Renewal CD	\$ 5,000.00
Capital Improvement CD	\$ 26,554.52
Total	\$ 63,059.74

Harbormaster:

(Reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

Gene Kohrman reported that there are 12 slips available on Rows B, C and D. Gene also reported that Jack Moser's swim platform was damaged during Edouard.

Membership:

An application from Angela Stevenson was approved. Resignation letters were received from Joe D. Shamburger, and Dwayne Cessac.

Racing:

(Reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

Paul Vera reported the results for the 2nd Olympic Regatta were: Ken Rutty was the winner for the racing fleet and Jim Pearson was the winner cruiser fleet. Ken Rutty sailed the regatta single handed. Up coming races are, Fred Grund on August 23, Island Cup Regatta on September 6, LDR #3 on September 20 and the Thursday Night Races will continue in September. Paul would like to see one design racing program back at PAYC. Paul would like to have input from everybody. The chain hoist will be brought to the repair shop this week.

House & Grounds:

(Reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

Butch Neely reported that the water leaks at the screen house have been fixed, the drains from the ice machines are broken and leaking water on the concrete. The bid for the footings for the storage containers was \$300 labor + cost of the concrete. The estimated cost to improve the drainage on the south side of the clubhouse is \$300.

PAYC BOARD MEETING MINUTES * (continued)

Cruising/Socials:

(No Report)

Safety:

(No Report)

Junior Sailing:

(Reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

Paul Vera reported that he will need to purchase equipment for the optis and lasers. Paul also reported that a TSA Banquet and a 1 day regatta are scheduled at the Lakewood Yacht. Paul will try to get some kids and parents to attend.

Old Business:

(Reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

Gene Kohrman reported that we still need to address the humidity problem in the restrooms. There was a discussion on how to solve the problem and several ideas was suggested. Mark Hallquist decided to table the problem until a consensus was formed. Ricky Richardson reported that a member was supposed to be getting an AC contractor to do a survey of our air conditioning systems. A maintenance schedule was developed and submitted by Ed Wiltz.

New Business:

Paul Vera reported that a program to help new members to understand how a race starts, how to sail the course and the changes that may take place to the rules of sailing. The class will probably be scheduled for December or January. Ed Wiltz reported that someone is living on their boat on "D" row. Gene Kohrman said the boat will be relocated this week. Mrs. Quimby notified PAYC that she will be delivering a memorial bench in the honor of Terrell Adkisson on Saturday August 23. Jim Pearson reported that there are several members in arrears on their dues. Certified letters will be sent to these members. Jim Pearson reported that a certified letter was sent to Harry & Beverly Bush. We have received no reply to the letter, so Ed Wiltz made a motion that we terminate their membership. Jim Pearson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:03

Russ Myers, Secretary of the PAYC

secretary@payc.us

Terrell's Corner ' a tribute to Terrell Adkisson's witty messages from the past! '

“If you plan to cruise to Alaska this summer, there are two things you need to know: (1) Eskimos do not kiss –they rub noses. (2) If you rub noses promiscuously-you could catch Snyphilis.”

Spindletop 2008

--- Sept 27th and 28th

Spindletop was reinstated in 2007 as a Division 6 Multihull Regatta, the members of the Port Arthur Yacht Club came out in full force and ensured that the regatta was a well run event. We had 9 competing multihulls in two classes, a spinnaker class with 3 boats and a non spinnaker class with 6 boats. The winds proved to be fairly heavy and made for a fast paced race, I spent a little time on my side during the event but I was not the only one who took a dip in the lake. The participants came mostly from the Houston area with three local sailors racing. Rennie Ihle from Port Arthur took a first place in the non spinnaker class and Chris Green from Texas City Dykes took the first place trophy in the spinnaker class.

This year the PAYC members have stepped up the event to the next level, by planning to make this event better than last year. The social committee has included a PAYC social during the regatta and has a Luau planned for Saturday Night with food and a band, suggested attire is Hawaiiin style. Several Yacht Club members have already stated they will be helping with the event & there is always a need for more help. If you would like to be part of this contact me or show up and help out. This year the participants will include sailors from Austin, San Antonio, Texas City and Houston. The event is also an F18 one design event and some top notch sailors from the Division 6 racing circuit will be attending. There will be a class for novice sailors also. Paul Vera - the Organizing Authority has promised an "Old School Event" and is making preparations to see that a good time is had by all. You should come out and have a good time with us.

I know the Port Arthur Yacht Club members will step up to the plate and make this event memorable. The participation this year will increase from what I've been hearing at Division 6 events this year. The social event Saturday Night is for all Yacht Club members so you should come out and join us even if you're not able to help out during racing, we would love to see you. There will be food and a raffle and I'm not sure what Eric and the Social Committee has plans for. Let me know how you would like to help out and I'll make sure you are put in touch with the right person.

Ricky Richardson
cricharson@gt.rr.com
(409)882-4847

PS I still need another chase boat to help out during races

September 2008

PAYC UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Hurricane Gustav rolled through!	2 LADIES Bridge Club meets.	3	4 Thursday Night —Just for Fun Racing -Skippers meeting at 6pm	5	6 Island Cup Regatta — Skippers meeting —10 am
7	8	9 General & Board Meetings —start at 7 PM.	10	11 Thursday Night —Just for Fun Racing -Skippers meeting at 6pm	12	13
14	15	16 LADIES Bridge Club meets.	17	18 Thursday Night —Just for Fun Racing -Skippers meeting at 6pm	19	20 LD Race # 3 —Skippers meeting —10 am
21	22	23 LADIES Bridge Club meets.	24	25 Thursday Night —Just for Fun Racing -Skippers meeting at 6pm	26	27 Spindletop Regatta / w/ PAYC Luau Social —in the evening—begins @ 7pm
28 Spindletop Regatta (cont'd)	29	30 LADIES Bridge Club meets.			Call Beverly Broussard for details regarding the LADIES Bridge Club @ 983-6016	



It's Still Hurricane Season—So stay prepared & keep an eye on your boats!

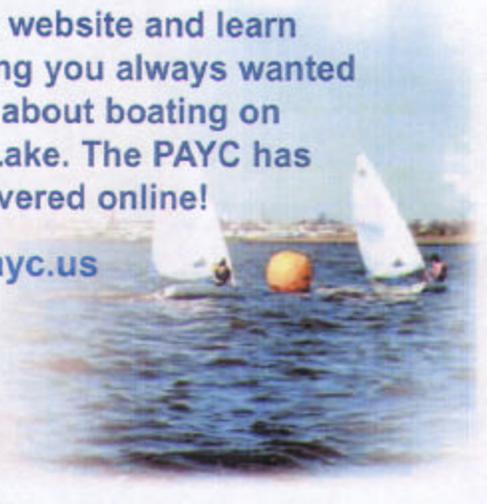




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Next General & Board Meeting: Tuesday, Septmeber 9th, 2008, 7:00pm at the PAYC Clubhouse .

If you would like a copy of the current PAYC roster, email roster@payc.us and request one. Also, any member wishing to move from U.S. Mail delivery to email delivery (or vice versa) can do so by sending an email to mainsheet@payc.us

Commodore : Mark Hallquist
Vice Commodore : Art Lynd
Secretary : Russ Myers
Treasurer : Jim Pearson
Board of Directors : Chuck Devenzio, Mike Wise, Mike Gill, Ed Wiltz, Pat O'Quinn
Trustees : Sam Showalter, Alan Aldredge, & Eric Phelan
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Website Editor (<http://payc.us>) : Carolyn Worsham
Head of Socials: Eric Phelan
Social Committee: Deena Gill, Anne Lynd, Julie Swanson

Reserving the PAYC Clubhouse

Members wishing to reserve the clubhouse should first call or email .us. We will determine clubhouse availability by checking the most current calendar. You may contact us at clubhouse@payc.us or at (409) 985-3751. After your date has been cleared with the PAYC, you can then visit www.payc.us for a reservation application and more info.

Fall is JUST around the corner ! Make sure you have done your seasonal maintenance to ready your boats for the off season, even if you plan on using your rigs all through the season !!

