

Commodore's CommentsMark Hallquist

JANUARY 2008 Edition

***E*veryone** who attended the Christmas Party this year appeared to have a good time. Numbers were drawn for order of selection for presents under the tree. A good deal of stealing was done for the most prized presents. Some presents will be re-gifted and seen at next year's celebration.

All is quiet around the Yacht club. Many people are off visiting relatives and friends in other locations. The weather has been a bit cool and the north winds have been pushing the water out of the lake. Last time I was at the club house the water was down a couple of feet and most of the boats were sitting on the bottom.

The annual banquet will be at the end of January at the Pompano Club. The banquet will be in the normal format. Please be sure to attend. It should be a good time as it has been in the past.

We had our transition to the new officers at the December meeting. The turnout was very light including several of the officers. We are still looking for someone to chair the Social, and Safety committees. If you are interested please notify a current officer.

The mood for this year is hopeful. We should be working with the PIC on the plans for fixing the marina. This proposal should be presented to the City of Port Arthur by the end of January for review. If we can all get on the same page, we may be able to make some significant progress this year. It would be nice to see some improvements in the condition of the marina.

The New Year is upon us. I hope you all have a wonderful year. I hope to see you out there.

Mark



*****See Inside for Banquet Details & RSVP soon!*****

BANQUET NEWS

The annual banquet will be on Saturday, January 26, 2008 at the Pompano Club. A cash bar will open at 6 PM. Dinner will be served at 7 PM. PAYC awards will be presented after dinner. Cost for the event is \$28.00 per person which includes tax, tip, dessert, and a portion of the bartender's fee. Children 12 and under are \$14.00. Your choice of meal from the selected menu and payment will be made at the door by cash or check. **Please RSVP to Karen Hallquist by phone 842-0352 or e-mail khallquist@gt.rr.com by January 22, 2008.** We have a variance of 5% on the head count. So the club will be responsible for any no-shows. The menu is as follows:

Fried Shrimp

Medium Gulf Shrimp butterflied and fried golden

Whisky Bay Flounder

Crabmeat Stuffed Fillet topped with Crawfish Ettouffe

Chicken Bayou Teche

Chicken Brest stuffed with Rice Pilaf Dressing topped with Bacon Rotel Cream Sauce

10 oz. Ribeye

Heavy-aged center-cut beef charbroiled to your specification

Dinner includes Tossed Salad, Baked Potato, Rolls, Tea and Coffee and dessert.

Junior Sailing Paul Vera

Please let me know if any juniors are planning to race this Years *Mardi Gras Youth Regatta*, I will need to get them ready to compete on the regatta level.

Mardi Gras Regatta, I will need all the help I can get, we will be very short on time to prepare for it, being that Mardi Gras is coming very early this year, **Feb. 2-3**. Please contact me if you can help out. Food, Regatta Management, Chase boat, RC Boat, etc.

PAUL VERA
963-3525

Racing Paul Vera

Only one race, the Marvin Campbell LDR will be held on Jan. 5, Skippers meeting will be held at 10am at the club. This will be a LDR (long distance race).

Three skippers from the racing class competed in LORTY, Russ Myers, Paul Vera and Bill Worsham. Remember the banquet is this month so be there or be forgotten. Calendar for 2008 is in the works and will be out next month.

Paul Vera
963-3525

I hope everyone had a great Christmas, I certainly did. It wasn't anything wrapped or with a bow on it, it was a gift that every parent of a service man prays for. My son came home from Iraq and the Marine Corps. It's great to have all my sons' home with me for the first time in almost five years. I guess over the years we have all become separated by time and distance. I think that is what Christmas is all about, family and friends getting together even if it's just to talk. I came down to the yacht club the day after Christmas and spent some time with Gene the Harbor dude, Butch and Ed. We talked about all the things that we have done this year; the places we have gone, people we have met and places we would like to go. I think this past year was a tough one for cruising. We had a lot of bad weather that held us up. I sure hope this coming year is better.

I can't complain about me not traveling, I have made a few trips around the old globe here lately. I always make fun of Mark Hallquist when I call him, I would always say, "Well where in the world are you this time?" I almost matched him on travel this year. I have gone to Chesapeake Bay with Charlie Seat, Belize with the Hallquists, the Devenzio's and the Tests, Portugal, and Brazil. I have had the opportunity to do some fantastic sailing in places most of us dream about. It has been a wonderful experience, and I owe it all to the PAYC. If I had not joined this club, I would have never met any of the great people here. That is a hint to all of you who don't seem to have the time to come to the meetings or come to the social events, you don't know "WHO" and "WHAT" you are missing.

This is my last letter to the Main Sheet as the Vice- Commodore and Cruising director. I have decided to turn over those duties to some other folks and do a little more sailing. It has been an honor to serve the club and work with some really great people. We have a good board and Mark is a great leader and I wish he and his elected board all the best. See you on the lake!!!

Pat O'Quinn

Items for Saleboats, gear, marine related things in general

This 35' Coronado Sailboat is rigged for sailing right now! Sails are in excellent shape. 2003 Yanmar Diesel turbo 40hp. Cruises at 7 knots. Great for live-aboard. 3 deck boxes. Roller furling jib. 16k btu auto AC-Heat. 2 burner propane stove, oven. Large solar panel. Wind generator. 3 heavy duty anchors. Boat davits and dinghy. King size bed. Walk around cabin. Full plastic enclosure. Summer screen enclosure. Auto pilot. Center cockpit. GPS. Great stereo CD player. Too much more to mention. Asking \$25K. Ready to sell!



Contact Ed Wiltz via email at windsong270@yahoo.com for more details

Happy New Year!! — a few shots from our recent lighted boat parade. In spite of the nasty weather, a couple of boats did cruise the marina



Safe Havena place for all things 'safety'

Ted possible saved a live today the 15th of December. He was onboard his Pearson 26 when he heard something like a sound of distress. He looked about and did not notice anything out of the ordinary, but he heard the sound again and noticed someone flailing in the water on 'A' row. He immediately drove over and assisted a man in distress. With temperatures in the 40s' with winds of 30 mph. The norther had arrived 0950 hrs this morning. As he approached him, he asked Ted to tell his daughter he loved her. He was hypothermic and exhausted. Ted lowered a ladder and attempted to assist him aboard, yet he was just too spent. Ted encouraged him and he found the strength to pull himself up the ladder. Ted had him go to his truck and turn the heater on to warm up. He drove himself home to his family and daughter. Thank you Ted for your heroic action, you may have just saved a life. A life of one who wanted to see his daughter as an adult. This could have happened to anyone; it could have been me, it has been me. I have fallen in the marina while stepping aboard my ketch, it is distressing with no one about. Luckily for me, the sailboat STETSON has an extended swim platform with ladder; and yes for me it was early spring and I was not in the water but a minute or two. Indeed, cold it was. Cold weather and hypothermia can kill!

Symptoms:

The symptoms of hypothermia usually develop so gradually that neither the person himself nor others realize what is happening. Initial symptoms include intense shivering and teeth chattering. As body temperature falls further, shivering stops and movements become slow and clumsy, reaction time is longer, thinking is blurred, and judgment is impaired. The person may fall, wander off, or simply lie down to rest. If the body temperature continues to fall, shivering stops, which is an ominous sign. At that point, the person becomes sluggish and slips into a coma. The heart and breathing rates become slower and weaker. Eventually, the heart stops.

Let us b

(This article was thoughtfully submitted by our own Harbormaster—Gene Kohrman)

PAYC BOARD MEETING MINUTES * December 11th, 2007

Club Members present were: Russ Myers, Mark & Karen Hallquist, Quincy Prestridge, Gene Kohrman, Mike Wise, Butch Neely, Chuck DeVenzio, Ed Wiltz, Britt Hartford and Jerry Singleton.

Treasurer's Report:

(Reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

<u>Main Checking:</u>	<u>\$28,827.56</u>
Improvement CD:	\$12,953.93
Improvement CD2	\$30,224.75
Lease:	\$29,253.43
Money Market CD:	\$14,594.83
Self Insurance CD:	\$ 25,818.91
CD	\$ 3,349.44
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Total	\$145,022.85

Resignations by forfeiture: Ralph Unglaube

We need volunteers for the annual Awards Banquet which will be at the Pompano Club in Nederland on January 26, 2008.

Harbormaster:

(Reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

Gene Kohrman reported that we are at 90% occupancy. New pilings have now been set. We will have 3 slips for larger boats when the finger piers are completed.

Membership:

No applications were received at this time.

Racing:

(Reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

Russ Myers reported that the LROTY race had 3 Racers and 1 Cruiser. Russ Myers won the race after bumping two pipeline mounds and running aground on the third mound. The first race of 2008 will be January 5. Paul Vera is working on the race schedule for 2008. Paul reported that the racing will start around March so have a couple of months to get your boats ready.

House & Grounds:

(Reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

It was reported that the numbers 1 & 4 are not working properly on the drive thru gate key pad. Also the screen door on the east side of the club house has a broken handle and is hard to open.

Cruising/Socials:

No report at this time

PAYC BOARD MEETING MINUTES * (continued)

Safety:

No report at this time

Junior Sailing:

(Reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

Paul Vera reported that he expects all junior sailors to attend the PAYC Awards Banquet on January 26, 2008. The Mardi Gras Regatta will be held on Feb. 2-3. The first organizing meeting is scheduled for Thursday January 3 at 7pm. We need all the volunteers we can get to help with this regatta. The more people we can get the easier and the more fun it will be for all involved.

Old Business:

In the general meeting we heard from two Boy Scout leaders about sponsoring a Sea Scout charter. Russ Myers made a motion to sponsor the Sea Scout's charter. Gene Kohrman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mark Hallquist said that we have boats owned by the PAYC that the Sea Scouts could maintain and use. Ed Wiltz suggested that the Sea Scouts could help maintain our junior sailing boats also.

New Business:

Chuck DeVenzio said the gate key pad problem needs to be addressed. Mike Wise said the key pads are not designed to be used outside in the weather. Butch Neely will see if he can get a key pad for the gate that is designed to be used outside.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Russ Myers, Secretary of the PAYC

secretary@payc.us

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

“The men who fish for Beluga Sturgeon for caviar do not use sail or power boats. They still use their traditional “roe” boats.”

From the passages of the HarbormasterGene Kohrman

Christmas lights, Christmas canes were a-twinkling and tinsel galore. Six sailboats decorated for the PAYC Christmas-in-the-Water Boat Parade. Mike and Deena Gill, Gene Kohrman, Larry Longion, Art and Ann Lynn, Steve Swanson, Billy and Michelle Wooley () and potential member on 'A' Chris Brodie decorated their boats for Christmas. Winds were up and foggy it was. It was decided to not have the parade of boats due to heavy fog. We had fifteen for dinner at the club-house Saturday night and Sunday morning breakfast for ten. Mike and Deena Gill, and Billy and Michelle Wooley decided to parade their boat through the marina with two boat coordinated maneuvers. All had a laugh. Next year expect a spectacular display of the PAYC Boating Christmas parade. Just ask about and listen to the bragging rights. Who won line honors, who knows, who cares? All had an enjoyable weekend.

The holidays have come and gone, betcha I gained 20 pounds, feels like fifty. A good year 2007 has been and 2008 is upon us. There will be an active boating year in '08 and we expect to see you on the water.

We need your attendance and support at the January PIC / city council meeting. They will be discussing marina improvements and funding. You will be notified through e-mail and please check your local newspaper for specific date and time.

Happy New Year,

HabaDude Gene

Website of the month:

<http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/enav/ais/default.htm>



NOTICE OF RACE

TEXAS SAILING ASSOCIATION YOUTH CIRCUIT REGATTA



THE MARDI GRAS REGATTA

Port Arthur Yacht Club, Port Arthur, Texas

February 2-3, 2008



RULES. The regatta shall be governed by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing for 2005-2008 (RRS), the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, the rules of each class concerned (except as altered by the Sailing Instructions), the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions. The rules for all classes are altered so that membership in a class organization is not required.

CLASSES. Optimist, Sunfish, Laser (Full, Radial and 4.7) and Club 420. All classes are “bring your own boat.” A minimum of three boats is required to form a class. All boats shall have identifiable sail numbers. Sail numbers meeting class standards are encouraged.

ELIGIBILITY. Open to all persons who do not turn twenty years of age during this calendar year. Optimists are sailed in four fleets: Green Fleet: Open to all novice sailors; White Fleet: Age 10 and under; Blue Fleet: Age 11 - 12; and Red Fleet: Age 13 - 15. Skipper’s age on the first day of the regatta determines his or her fleet. Skippers move fleets on their 11th and 13th birthdays. Those turning 15 may continue in Red fleet through 12/31 of that year. Membership in a class organization is not required.

ENTRY FEE. \$45.00 for each sailor, whether in single or double-handed boats. The entry fee includes the following meals for each sailor: breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday and breakfast and lunch on Sunday. Meal tickets will be available for non-competitors. Make all pre-registration checks payable to Port Arthur Yacht Club.

REGISTRATION. Pre-Registration is encouraged and may be done by sending the attached registration form to: Paul Vera, 3701 Russell, Groves, TX 77619; 409-963-3525 (phone); yseaturtle@aol.com (email).

Registration and check-in at the regatta will be conducted on Saturday, February 5, 2005, between 8:30 am and 11:00 am. Execution of a **Liability Release Agreement** as set forth in the Registration Form shall be required. Parents are urged to provide a signed **Medical Consent Form** to enable other adults to obtain emergency medical services in the event of the parents’ unavailability during the regatta.

CHECK IN. All sailors are required to check in by 11:00 am on Saturday at the registration table, even if the sailor pre-registered by mail or other means.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS will be provided at registration and at the Skipper’s Meeting.

SKIPPER'S MEETING. The Skippers' Meeting will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday of the regatta at the Clubhouse and is mandatory.

RACES. Subject to the decisions of the Race Committee, six or more races are scheduled. One or more races will constitute a regatta. If six races are completed, there will be a throw out race for scoring purposes. No warning signal for a race will be given after 2:00 pm on Sunday.

LIFE JACKETS/PFD'S. All competitors shall be required to wear PFD's at all times while on the water. PFD's shall be worn outside all clothing.

SCHEDULE. Unless changed by the Sailing Instructions made available during registration, or announced at the Skippers Meeting and posted on the official notice board, the schedule for the regatta will be as follows:

Friday, February 1, 2008

PAYC gate will open at 1100

Saturday, February 2, 2008

0800-0930 Breakfast

0830-1100 Registration at the Clubhouse

1100 Skipper's Meeting and Lunch at the Clubhouse

1230 Warning Signal for the first race, other races to follow

ASAP LAST RACE Dinner

Sunday, February 3, 2008

0800-0900 Breakfast

1000 Warning Signal for the first race, other races to follow

No warning signal for a race will be given after 1400 on Sunday.

TROPHY PRESENTATION. Trophy presentations will be held on Sunday afternoon approximately one hour after the last race or protest hearing is completed and scoring.

LODGING. See: www.portarthurtexas.com click on visiting Port Arthur

DIRECTIONS TO THE CLUB. See: www.payc.us for map

FURTHER INFORMATION. Contact:

Paul Vera, 3701 Russell, Groves, TX 77619; 409-963-3525 (phone); vseaturtle@aol.com (email).



From the Cook's Galley*some much favored recipes to sail with*

This is a newly formed area that we hope catches on & will perhaps appeal to more of our members. We would like to see mostly recipes that our own personal club members & their families have created over the years if possible. If you have a wonderful recipe you would like to share then please submit it to mainsheet@payc.us or mail us a copy via snail-mail at the clubhouse. We will of course post recipes that other clubs have posted as well as other sources to fill in the gaps as needed. Bon' Appétit' Folks!!

Chipped Beef Cheese Ball

- 1 (8 oz. pkg.) cream cheese, softened
- 1 pkg. chipped beef, chopped
- Green onions, sliced thin
- Crackers

Mix all ingredients together and form into a ball. Serve with crackers.

7-layer Salad

- 1 head lettuce
- 2 small cans black olives
- 1 (16oz.) pkg. frozen green peas
- 1 container mushrooms
- 1 cucumber
- 2 tomatoes
- 1 c. shredded cheese
- 3/4 c. bacon bits or cooked and crumbled bacon
- 1 (16oz.) bottle Creamy Italian dressing
- 1 (8oz.) sour cream

Chop lettuce and use a little as 1st layer. Then layer each vegetable alternating the lettuce. Top with cheese and bacon bits. Mix dressing and sour cream. Pour on top of salad. Any vegetable can be substituted.

Spicy Stuffed Flounder

Ingredients:

1 lb. flounder
1/4 cup minced onion
4 Tbsp. margarine
10-oz. imitation crab meat, cut into small pieces (can substitute real crab if available)
1/2 cup Stove Top brand One Step Stuffing Mix in a Can, pre-seasoned
2 Tbsp. parsley
Dash of salt & pepper

For sauce:

3 Tbsp. margarine
3 Tbsp. flour
Dash salt
1-1/4 cups milk
1/4 cup dry white wine
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
Paprika

Preparations:

Thaw fish. To thaw quickly, partially defrost in microwave, then separate pieces under cold running water. Check each piece and remove any small bones. In saucepan, cook onions in margarine until tender but not brown. Add crab meat, Stove Top brand stuffing, parsley and salt and pepper. Stir to mix and remove from heat. Spoon stuffing mixture over fillets and wrap ends under, creating a "roll". Place seam side down in a rectangular baking dish.

Tip: For fillet pieces that are too small to stuff, simply place close together in the baking dish and spread with crab stuffing, then top with additional pieces of fish.

In a medium saucepan, melt margarine and stir in flour and salt. Add milk and wine and cook over medium to medium-high heat, stirring often, until thick. Pour sauce over fillets and bake uncovered at 400 degrees F, oven for 20-30 minutes or until fish flakes easily with a fork. Sprinkle with shredded cheese and paprika if desired. Bake a few minutes longer until cheese is melted.

Subject : Capital Improvements:

The Board of Directors have requested the club members to submit items they would like to be included for a capital improvement project. Just as a reminder—a capital improvement is any long term improvement or addition to the club facilities that would not cause any costly additional ongoing expense. Here are some examples that have been mentioned thus far in no particular order:

- Rack for Minifish &/or Lasers
- Cradle for “About Time” (The race committee boat)
- Roof for “About Time” boat lift
- Replacement of tile flooring in the clubhouse
- Replacement of carpet in the clubhouse lounge area
- Replacement of water fountain
- Repair/replacement of dock at the screenhouse

Everyone is invited to mention their own suggestions for capital improvements to any current Board member. The board will determine feasibility & approximate cost & will then present their recommendations to the membership.

Some important things to knowregarding your yacht club

***** Effective as of 09-Sep-2007, rental of the PAYC Clubhouse increased from \$50 to \$100. There is still a requirement of a \$400.00 security deposit to cover damages or insufficient cleanup of the facilities but shall be returned if there are no damages are additional cleanup required. *****

***** Club Dues increased to \$250.00 (\$270.62 after taxes) a year in 2007, but are still billed in (2) installments of \$135.31 (125.00 + 10.31 tax) each. The increase was necessary due to cost of living adjustments in recent years & a decrease in new memberships within the club. *****

***** Members can stay up to date on club events & activities, as well as a plethora of club related info by visiting our club website at <http://payc.us>. We have also conveniently produced a monthly event calendar located in each Mainsheet issue that can be printed out and attached to your favorite bulletin board or refrigerator! *****

***** General Meetings are open to all active club members & are held usually on the 2nd Tuesday of every month , starting at 7pm with the Board meeting immediately following. As Terrell Adkisson used to always say ... “We need you - please come to the meetings !” He was right you know *****

January 2008



PAYC UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Happy New Year!!	2	3	4	5 Marvin Campbell Frostbite Race. Skipper's meeting at 10 A.M.
6	7	8 LADIES Bridge Club meets. / PAYC Board meeting—7pm	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 LADIES Bridge Club meets.	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 LADIES Bridge Club meets.	23	24	25	26 PAYC Annual Banquet @ The Pompano - Open bar-6pm. Dinner -7pm
27	28	29 LADIES Bridge Club meets.	30	31	Call Beverly Broussard for details regarding the LADIES Bridge Club @ 983-6016	



Happy New Year!!

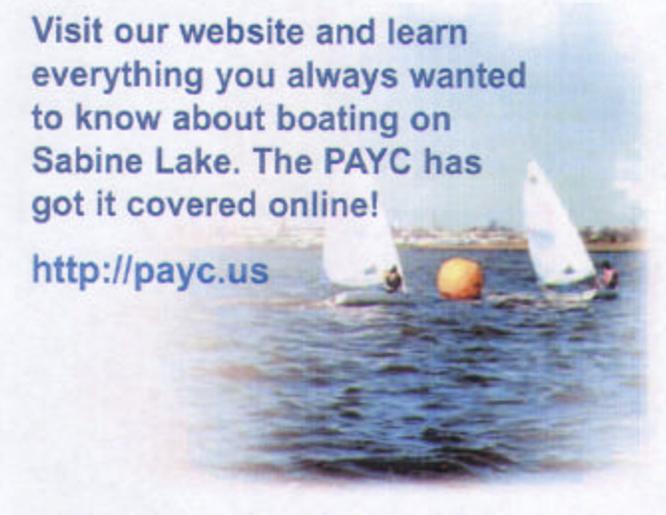




Port Arthur Yacht Club
 560 Pleasure Island Blvd. #79
 Port Arthur, TX 77640

Visit our website and learn everything you always wanted to know about boating on Sabine Lake. The PAYC has got it covered online!

<http://payc.us>



A HAPPY
 NEW YEAR

Next General Meeting: Saturday, January 26th, 2007, 7:00pm at the Pompano.
Next Board Meeting : Tuesday, January 8th, 2007 @ 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
- Trustees** : Sam Showalter, & Eric Phelan
- Harbormaster** : Gene Kohrman
- Mainsheet Editor** : Steve Swanson
- Website Editor** (<http://payc.us>) : Carolyn Worsham

YACHTS FOR SALE AT PAYC

(Call Steve Swanson at 409-659-2272 to list your vessel or have it removed from this list)

.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) 722-5739. After your date has been cleared with the PAYC, you can then visit www.payc.us for a reservation application and more info.

*New Club Event
 Calendar Coming in February! We are starting an exciting new year at our club & we look forward to seeing plenty of smiling faces out on the water this season!*

