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## Port Arthur Yacht Club

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### Commodore's Corner – Paul Vera



Neptune waved his trident in an easterly thrust, thus saving PAYC from major loss of structures and assets. As every member knows, Hurricane Laura could have been catastrophic if the shift to the east didn't happen. The clubhouse, boathouse and marina sustained no damage. We did lose two very old palm trees and the favorite oak tree is in peril of loss. Everybody who helped secure the grounds and helped each other prepare for Hurricane Laura (a CAT 4 when she made landfall), thank you.

The Offshore/Inshore Two-Step Regatta was rescheduled for Oct. 23-25. This will be a major event and we need everybody to pitch in. There is a list of needs to be filled to make for a great event. I need a group for race management and that group will travel to Houston Yacht Club for training. This is a great opportunity for our club to interact with HYC. We need items that will be raffled off, we need donations of food and adult beverages, we need cooks and we need a docking crew. We need two race-committee boats for two lines and two mark-set boats. This will be a big undertaking. I will discuss more at the next general meeting, so please attend. We need your help.

The reason we are making a big push for this event is because the funds after our cost will be funneled to Lake Charles Yacht Club, which was devastated. The Texas Marinas Cruising Association is coming to help us raise funds. This is YOUR chance to help make a difference.



### Adult Sailing/Racing Report – Paul Vera



**Adult Sailing:** Adult sailing is sailing a wide variety of boats from board boats to fix keeled, multi-hull, and most anything that has a sail. I had a chance to compete in the Hard Head Rig Run off Crystal Beach with five beach cats known for sailing at PAYC. We had a great and memorable time. Thanks to Daniel Tatum for housing and Ricky Richardson for being the cook. It was a great event. I can tell you one thing: PAYC left a sizable impression on the event and it was all good. Stay tuned. I plan on having an Adult Beach Cat day at PAYC to open another door to a different type of sailing.

**Racing:** Our racing program is growing ever so slowly, and it will get better with knowledge, which leads to competition. The Island Cup was sailed with Art Lynd besting Brain Meadowcroft in the Cruising fleet and Ken Rutty finishing first in front of Ted Mahavier with Richard Hughes retiring. The word was that the Island Cup was sailed in very light and very warm conditions. The 18-Mile Light was canceled due to Hurricane Laura and will not be rescheduled. On Sept. 12, we have a Long-Distance Race with the skippers' meeting at 1000 hours. On Oct. 3, we will have a Full Moon Race with the skippers' meeting at 1800 hours. It's time to step up. Our club needs you to help out with managing the Two-Step Regatta. This is great opportunity to learn more about racing, so please sign up.

## Junior Sailing Report – Ted Mahavier



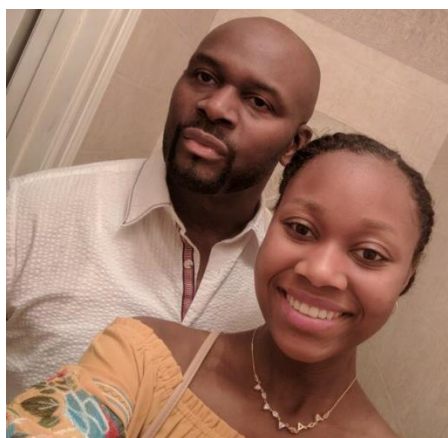
**Use Your Equipment:** Come on down and hop on a Laser – bring your kids, bring their friends. The boathouse is the best organized it has ever been and more kids are using the fleet this year than ever before due to better organized and better quality equipment. All you members with kids need to schedule a day, drag out a pit, and have your family and friends down at the boathouse while your kids sail.

**Junior Sailing Race Camp:** Wow! Camp was a huge success! While the weather was hot and the winds light, the kids sailed well, the equipment all held together, and Judy Walter's lunch and snacks were delicious. I thought we would be lucky to have 5 kids and we had 12 sailors. I'm not sure, but I think maybe Judy is trying to make a run at JSC Senior Chef in competition with the amazing Chef Kelly Johnston! With the pay and stakes so high, it's not surprising there would be stiff competition. 😊

**Big Thanks:** Thank you Kelly and Michael Johnston for donating the amazing shelves and Butterfly Brooks for assembling them. Thank you Paul Vera for pushing me into doing the JSC Race Camp. Thank you Don Hearn for helping out with race camp as our awesome 'Bout Time Skipper. Thank you Judy Walters for preparing lunch. Thank you David Bradley and Butch Neely for preparing breakfast for the crew.

**\$\$\$:** Boaters Resale continues to deliver revenue thanks to member donations. The last two checks totaled more than \$400. I'm hoping to look at a Laser to replace one in our fleet. We continue to replace worn-out gear and I just ordered three Opti sails, two more no-air dolly wheels and a propeller for the Suzuki 4HP, which sheared its prop bushing.

## Welcome Aboard! Meet Our New Members



Welcome aboard Steven Randall and his daughter Natane! Steven is a recent empty-nester and is interested in meeting new friends, becoming an avid sailor and crewing on race boats. He is the son of Jim Randall, whose company laid the concrete slab at the boathouse for PAYC. Yovonne Randall, Steven's sister, has crewed with David Bradley and Ted Mahavier. Say ahoy when you see him at the club!

# Port Arthur Yacht Club Minutes



**Port Arthur Yacht Club (PAYC)**  
**General Meeting**  
**Aug. 11, 2020**

## **Opening**

The regular meeting of the PAYC was called to order at 7:01PM on Aug 11, 2020 by Paul Vera.

## **Present:**

In Person: Paul Vera, David Bradley, Rodney Champagne II, Brian Meadowcroft, Don Hearn, Charles Devenzio, Ken Rutty, Butch Neely, and Art Lynd, Mike Wise, Steve Romeis, Ted Mahavier, Craig Belaire. Terry Shipley

Prospective Member: Shawn Pichoff, from Lumberton, just bought 'Take Me Dancing'.

Online: Mike Givens, Mike Wilson, Chris Boone, Lynette Dennis

## **Approval of Minutes**

Ted moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Butch seconded. Motion carried via verbal vote.

**Treasurer:** Mike Givens

\$75,664 improvements

\$6,735 checking account

Payments coming in fast. If billing on a different interval is desired, let the Treasurer know.

**Membership:** David Bradly

Membership applications for Steven Randell, with nieces and nephews that want to sail was received and will be voted on at the Board Meeting. Awaiting additional, unnamed application.

**House and Grounds-Harbor Master:** Butch Neely

We have 83 boats (June: 79,) 31 PAYC member boats (June: 34), 59% occupancy by club members.

## **PIC Advisory Board:**

Next PIC meeting is closed to public due to COVID.

Pleasure Island has 4 new cameras on it. One facing PAYC at the intersection of T B Ellison Parkway & Pleasure Pier Blvd.

**Socials:** No current committee chair. Port Arthur Library Sail Day will not be happening in an official capacity. Possible new day will be proposed. September 19, 2020 will be the 2020 Treasure Hunt, by Art Lynd.

**Cruising:** Chris Boone

Some pop up cruises to be planned soon. Look toward Facebook for announcements.

**Racing:** Paul Vera

July's winners are:

Racers: 1<sup>st</sup>: Ted M, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Richard H, 3<sup>rd</sup>: Ken R, & Paul V.

Cruisers: 1<sup>st</sup>: Art L, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Brian M. 3<sup>rd</sup>: David B.

Sabine Lake Series #1:

Racers: 1<sup>st</sup>: Ken, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ted, 3<sup>rd</sup>: Richard

Cruisers: 1<sup>st</sup>: Brian M, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Art L

Next Race is a fun Thursday Race.

Island Cup is Saturday Aug 15, 2020.

Two Step Regatta is planned for Labor Day Weekend with Houston Yacht Club. This is the first time in 15 years PAYC has worked with HYC to put on an event. Galveston to Sea Rim State Park. Then a day of lake racing, and end with a Sunday race from Sea Rim to Galveston. Volunteers are needed Saturday for committee boat. Contact Paul to volunteer.

**Junior Sailing:** Ted Mahavier

Junior Sailing has been repairing the Sunfish fleet. Ted requests that he be notified of really good deals on Sunfish or Lasers (less than \$1,500) to rotation out the older ones that need excessive repairs. One day race camp scheduled for Aug 22, 2020. Prerequisites are Jr. Sailing Camp or ability to rig a boat on their own. If interested, parents can kids can join on committee boat and watch.

**Sea Scouts:** Donald Hearn

Will be looking to bring Sea Scouts out from 29-30 Aug, 2020. They greatly enjoyed that last time they were here a few months ago. Stepped the mast of the first Merrick boat on Aug 11, 2020.

**Adult Sailing:** Paul Vera

Will try to start Sunday Adult Sailing classes in Sept.

**Old Business:**

Paul: Completed and published By-Laws on our website. The member application form has been updated. Webmaster and Secretary will update member email list. Current Membership: 70 Active Members; 8 Honoree members, and 1 Cruising member.

The ladies room needs light replaced.

The gate code has not been changed. The gate is owned by PIC. Will have to work with PIC to change the code. Gates on the main road need to be closed on exit to prevent people from driving in.

**Outstanding Items:**

Installing windows and a door between kitchen and meeting space. David will gather cost estimates for review at the next meeting.

**New Business:**

Heavy lifting of the year has been done. This is the time to relax and enjoy the year.

All members need to be considerate of other's members. We are one yacht club family. The clubhouse is for short term use, not for storing projects for long times.

Steve moved to table discussions on camera installations. Ted seconded the motion.

John Ardoin donated his edger and blower to the club.

About Time has been moved to the docks near the screen house to allow for easier docking.

Rodney is developing Operation Procedures for About Time. Switches will not be labeled to deter unauthorized use.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Ted, Second by Art Lynn, Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 by Paul Vera. The next general meeting will be held on September 8, 2020.

Minutes submitted by: Brian Meadowcroft

**Port Arthur Yacht Club (PAYC)**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**Aug. 11, 2020**

**Board Meeting:**

The board meeting of the PAYC was called to order at time 8:15 PM on Aug 11, 2020 by Paul Vera

Board Members Present: Paul Vera, Brian Meadowcroft, Ted Mahavier, Butch Neely,

Online: Lynnette, Mike Givens

Minutes: Ted moved to approve. Ken seconded. The motion carried.

**Treasurer:** Mike Givens

Carry over. New dues collections have been a lot easier.

**Membership:** David Bradley

Two Members:

Shawn Pichoff; Ken moved to accept as a new member, Terry seconded. Verbal vote carried.

Steven Randall; Ted moved to accept as a member. Terry seconded. Verbal vote carried.

**House and Grounds:** Carry Over

**Socials:** Carry Over

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**Cruising:** No Report

**Racing:** No Report

**Junior Sailing:** Carry Over

**Adult Sailing:** Carry Over

**New Business:**

Brian moved to table discussions of security cameras. Ted seconded. Motion carried verbally.

The nominations committee will be formed in September to present nominations at the October meeting for the 2021 slate.

Brian suggested polling the members to determine longer term desires for the club in 2021.

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn by Ted, Second by Brian. Meeting was adjourned at time by Paul Vera at 8:43 pm. The next board meeting will be held on September 8, 2020.

Minutes submitted by: Brian Meadowcroft

## Calendar of Events 2020



### September

8	M	General/Board Meeting	1900
12	R	Long Distance Race	1000
19	C/S	Treasure Hunt /Pirate Party	1000

### October

3	R	Moon Light Race	1800
13	M	General/Board Meeting	1900
17	S	PAYC/Junior Sailing Reunion	tba
23-25		Cajun Two-Step Regatta	
24-25	C	Renfest Pirate Weekend	tba
31	RC	Moon Light Race/Sabine Pass	1800
	S	Halloween Party	tba

### November

7	R	Long Distance Race	1000
10	M	Eat & Meet General/Board Meeting	1900
14	C	Red Fish Tournament	1000
21	R	Single Hand Race	1000

### December

5	R	Last Race of the Year	1000
8	M	General/Board Meeting	1900
12	S	Lighted Boat Parade	1800
		Christmas Party/Gift Exchange	

### January 2021

9	R	Marvin Campbell/Jack Painton	1000
12	M	General/Board Meeting	1900
23	S	Awards Banquet	1800



## Contact Us



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*Check the website for information regarding the yearly calendar, bylaws and policies, membership applications, dues and fees, racing rules/procedures, past issues of the Mainsheet and club reservation policies.*

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