Port Arthur Yacht Club

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JULY 2004

Well summer is definitely here on the Gulf Coast! June was a light month, other than the Summer Cruise, Junior Sailing, and lots of hot racing action. Our Thursday Night Series is really heating up. We have been having some great weather and a great turn out of boats. If you have ever thought about racing or tagging along for a ride as crew there is no better time or place to start.

We also had a great workday at the club and managed to get quite a few maintenance items taken care of. I would like to thank all of those came out to lend a hand. We had a good group and I know if I start naming names I am bound to leave someone out. So just let me leave it at thanks for all of your hard work.

Now for the July events, this is a busy month! We start things off with a Moonlight Race on the 1st, followed by the Sabine Bank Race/Cruise on the 2nd and 3rd. . Of course on the 4th is the ever-popular Commodore's Picnic. This is always a big event for the club, so make your plans now to attend. Of course the Thursday Night Race Series will be starting the last series for the year on the 8th. We have two Moonlight Races this month with another on the 29th. On the 18th the V15 group will be out for a fast day on the lake. Finally we rap the month up with a cruise up the Neches to Beaumont's Riverfront Park. This is a fun cruise to make. Even if you don't make the trip by boat, drive up to meet the cruisers for a fun night on Crockett Street.

I would like to thank all of the members who responded to the letter sent out in May concerning late payments on dues and fees. We have had a great response but there are still a few members that we have not heard from. The names of those members will be published in the Mainsheet until payment is arranged. If we still do not hear from those members whose account is in arrears the board will be forced to take the necessary actions. Let me apologize in advance if your name is published and there is an error in our records. Our accounting software is not without errors; we have discovered a few errors in our current list and are working to correct any mistakes. If you see your name listed as your dues being past due and you believe that not to be correct or if you would like to settle your account please contact the Treasurer, Teresa Wick, home phone is 409.963.0744 or cell 49.338.0370 if she does not answer please leave a message and your call will be returned promptly. I hate to loose members over a few dollars but the dues are the lifeblood of the club.

Also in this month's edition we have a ballot to purchase a powerboat. With the way our racing program has taken off and our Junior Sailors having events this is a much-needed item for the club. The boat we currently use commonly referred to as "The Whaler" is fine for use when the lake is calm, but let some chop kick up out there as we all know it does, and we don't have much of a rescue boat in the event of an emergency. I hope you all take the time to vote on this important item for the advancement and safety of our sailing programs. We are asking for a maximum amount that will not be exceeded. Hopefully we can find a good deal on a good used boat. If any members happens to know of a deal please contact Paul Vera.

Last item is the use of the screen house; please remember that the screen house is for the use by all membership. Please make sure that it is clean and orderly for the next members use. Please refrain from storing any items in or around the area. The washer and dryer are for PAYC club members, and our occasional transient visitors. The Pleasure Island Commission has recently installed a meter on the screen house and we are now responsible for the payment of the electricity used.

See you on the water,

Mike...

Port Arthur Yacht Club Board Meeting
June 15, 2004

Board members / Trustees present were Glen Thibodeaux, Paul Vera, Teresa Wick, Mike Wise, Alan Aldredge, Terrell Adkisson, and Martin Novich. Others present were Gene Kohrman, Butch Neely, Don Price, and Mark & Karen Hallquist.

Treasurer's Report:

Main Checking:	$9,342.70
Improvement MM:	$12,854.91
Improvement CD:	$27,758.77
Improvement CD:	$11,743.90
Lease Renewal CD:	$25,862.12
Self Insurance:	$43,139.15

Harbormaster:

No Report

Membership:

One new membership was accepted from Mark & Karen Hallquist

Racing:

The Thursday Night Races continue. Skipper's meetings are at 6PM and informal socials are being held after each race. Trent McBride won the June 5th Moonlight Race #1. Upcoming events: Moonlight Race #2 (July 1st) and Sabine Bank Race/Cruise (July 2nd-3rd).

House & Grounds:

A Work Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 19th.

Cruising:

Upcoming events: Sabine Bank Race/Cruise (July 2nd-3rd) and Beaumont City Front Cruise (July 31st-August 1st).

Socials:

Upcoming events: Commodore's Picnic (July 4th) and Dog Days Social (August 14th).

Safety:

No Report.

Junior Sailing:

The PAYC Knot Head Summer Camp will be held on June 25th-28th. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Paul Vera for more information.

Old Business:

The problem of members with membership dues in arrears continues. Members who are in arrears are asked to contact the Treasurer or Commodore. A list of members will published in the next *Mainsheet*.

A motion was made by Martin Novich and seconded by Alan Aldredge to approve a ballot be prepared to allow the membership to vote on the expenditure of no more than $20,000 be spent on a power boat and lift/stall to be used exclusively as a chase/rescue boat for club events. The vote was unanimous to approve the motion.

New Business:

Because of increased electrical demand at the screen house the PIC has had an electrical meter installed at the screen house. The PAYC will now be billed for this electrical service. Butch Neely has proposed a live aboard fee be levied to recoup this expense. The Board tabled the proposal for future consideration.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:26PM

Alan Aldredge, Secretary

Cruising News

Cruising on the Texas Gulf Coast in July and August is much more pleasant if there's power available for air conditioning; therefore, our two scheduled cruises offer that amenity.

July 2-3-4 – Sabine Bank Cruise (in conjunction with the Sabine Bank Race)

Cruise around the Sabine Bank Light either on Friday evening under a full moon or during the day on Saturday, and return to the docks of the Sabine Pass Port Authority for Saturday night (30 amp connectivity for $30 – call 971-2411 or 971-2153 for reservations). Enjoy great Cajun cuisine at Skeeter's in Sabine Pass on Saturday evening. Return to PAYC on Sunday morning in time to enjoy the Commodore's Picnic at 1:30 p.m. Contact Bill for more information (cruising@payc.us or 985-9652).

July 31-August 1 – Beaumont City Front Cruise

Cruise from PAYC to the Beaumont City Front on Saturday. Take your steaks and side dishes for a cook-out on the dock. Make the optional trek to Crockett Street for late-night entertainment. Enjoy a leisurely cruise back to PAYC on Sunday – including the mandatory stop-over at the sandy beach area south of the Mobil docks. Check the website for more details as the date approaches (http://www.payc.us/cruising.htm).

Social News

July 4 – Commodore's Picnic – 1:30 p.m. – PAYC Clubhouse

PAYC will provide the barbequed chicken, baked beans, potato salad, tea, and lemonade. Those participating are asked to bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert as well as any beverages other than tea or lemonade. There is no charge for this social. Reservations are requested; however, they are not required. (socials@payc.us or 985-9652)

We will honor our present commodore, Mike Wise, as well as all past commodores.

V15 rides will be offered for adults after lunch. Wear dinghy attire (bathing suit, sunscreen, and life preserver.)

August 14 – Dog Days Social – Check for details in the August *Mainsheet*.

V15 News

The V15 fleet will offer dinghy rides following the July 4 Commodore's Picnic. Other upcoming events include the **Houston V15 Circuit Regatta on July 10-11**, the **PAYC Circuit Regatta on August 7-8,** and **Sabine Lake sailing on July 18**.

If you're interested in helping with the August 7-8 regatta, please contact Carolyn Worsham (v15@payc.us or 985-9652). We'll need lots of help from PAYC members in anticipation of 20-30 out-of-town V15s and participants.

Annapolis-Bermuda Race (as told by one of *Orion*'s Followers)

PAYC was well represented for the semi-annual Annapolis-St. George's Bermuda Offshore Race of 2004. The J/109 *Orion*, owned by Brad Worsham, was crewed by PAYC members Brad, Bill Worsham (the elder), Bill Worsham (the younger), Gary King, and Chris Kearby (as well as Kim Worsham's husband, Scott). The official part is that *Orion* was first across the finish line in Division 2 (and awarded a silver cup) and fourth in Division 2 in corrected time (with only three trophies awarded).

The wives and children attracted lots of attention at the airports and on the docks in lime green shirts with "*Orion*'s Followers" on the fronts and "We're Sirius" on the backs. (Check out the relationship of Orion to Sirius if that makes no sense to you!)

I'll leave it to the crew members to describe their sailing experiences to any who are interested; however, it was obvious they were in their element and having a great time for the entire seven days. The wives and children also had a delightful time. We witnessed the start of the race and followed *Orion* for several miles down Chesapeake Bay (in a trawler protected from the torrential rains) and then spent two days sightseeing in the Washington DC area, four days sightseeing in the Philadelphia-Valley Forge area, and six days taking in the sights of Bermuda.

It was a trip of a lifetime, and I thank our son Brad and wife Liz for making it possible for all of us to enjoy it.

Carolyn

Racing for July

A lot of people are coming out enjoying the Thursday Night races. We had 9 boats going after each other on a new Thursday Night course of outer pilings to B-mark to G-mark twice to finish at the pilings. Close calls at the start and the good and bad of mark roundings was the rule of the day. We have one more Thursday Night to complete the 3rd series and the month of July will start the last series#4.

July will be the month of racing.

July 1 will be Moonlight #2 Skippers at 6pm

18 Mile Light or Sabine Bank Race/Criuse Skippers meeting Thursday at 6pm **July1**.

Summer Regatta July 17 Skippers meeting 10am

July 29 Moonlight #3 skippers meeting a 6pm

Thursday Night racing July 8, 15, 29 and the last one Aug. 5

Sailing is just a gust of wind from a party , come join us in the fun.

KNOTHEADS or Better known as our Youth Sailing Program

A Big, Big group was on hand for our Knothead Camp, 22 kids, all ages, shapes and sizes. We did spend the night at the club play and played Bunco, Spades, and Sailing Trivia. Thank you for all the support in making our camp one of the best in the State. **A reality check**, The Lakewood Yacht Club's Junior camp for a nonmember is $2000.00 and mandatory volunteer time. Photos to follow in next month's newsletter.

Just a quick note, the Opti North Americans was held in Kema, boats from Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Mexico and others will be at TCYC June 24-27. Will have more information on the Knothead camp in next month's newsletter.

Flying the LIMA FLAG
Paul Vera

The following list is members whose account is past due

If your name is on the list of members delinquent in payment and you believe that to be in error or to arrange payment please contact the Treasurer, Teresa Wick, home phone 409.963.0744 or cell 409.338.0370.

Bailey, Jimmy & Shea
Bradford Troy
Coons Cheryl
Guidry Larry & Deborah
Lanier, David
LaVergne, Kent
LeBlanc, Rodney
Laing, Randy & Nan
Ienna, Buzzy & Debbie
Manuel, John & Melinda
May, Jerry & Sue
Norwood, Jim & Karen
Palmero, Randy
Simonton, George
Tompkins, Tim & Cathy
Thon, Ralph

VOTE

In order to facilitate the objectives and charter requirements of the Port Arthur Yacht Club, and meet the needs of our current membership, we need to purchase a boat. This boat shall be used, only for, and by, the Race Committee for current and future races and regattas, the Youth Sailing Program, and the cruising program to meet the safety needs of all PAYC members. Please indicate your approval or disapproval by checking the appropriate space below. Turn in all ballots to an officer or place in the mail slot of the office door. This cost is not to exceed a total cost of $20,000 and may include other safety equipment and a lift as needed. Please have your ballots turned in no later than July 16, 2004.

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2004 PAYC Officers

COMMODORE	Mike Wise
VICE COMMODORE	Ken Smith
TREASURER	Teresa Wick
SECRETARY	Alan Aldredge
MAINSHEET EDITOR	Martin Novich (882-5318 or 727-0752)
BOARD	Martin Novich, Paul Vera, Terrell Adkisson, Glenn Thibodeaux
TRUSTEE	Butch Neely
HARBOR MASTER	D. C. Cook (Page 626-2609 or 723-0652)

PAYC Yachts 4-Sale

(Call or email Martin Novich to list your vessel or have it removed from this list)

B44	Bayliner 25	Debi Adams	962.6296
D02	Ranger 29	Al Hebert	722.2048
E12	Mega 30	Linda Robinson	982.2565 / 504.1815
Pvt	Catalina 25	Steve Lowe	903.561.0599
E03	North American 23	Paul Bronson	724.1302
	15' Precision w/trailer	Jim Norwood	781.6637
	1980 AMF Paceship 23	Conrad Cooper	984.6532 / 898.1751
	McGregor 25	Jim Mehaffy	409.899.5800/835.8434

2003 9.9hp long shaft Johnson with remoter controls $1600 redderhs@aol.com