

PAYC MAINSHEET

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Commodore's Corner

Commodore Russ Myers

Hello everybody,

It is election time again, so be sure to vote for officers and board members for 2012 and honor award winners for 2011.

The board authorized me a couple months ago to purchase a new actuator arm for the gate opener. Before I spent \$416 on the new actuator arm, Alan Aldredge and Mike Wise checked the control box to make sure it was still in operating condition. We discovered that the internal battery charger is not working properly. With this type of opener, they do not repair any components; they only sell replacements such as the control box or the actuator arm. For this reason, I would rather spend a little more and get the gate we need instead of spending \$800 to replace the system with the same setup. Mike Wise contacted a company in Houston and was advised to purchase an F-1 opener that is upgradable to use FOBs. The price for the F-1 opener is \$1595.00 plus tax and shipping. It includes a 5-year commercial warranty, so I feel it would be wise to spend the extra money to get what we need and also has an upgradable system.

One factor I have left out is the need to secure the yacht club property. Too many times I have seen people come into the clubhouse to buy bait or to see if our building were open to the public or just drive around inside the yacht club checking things out. I feel this gate opener is a security measure we need to take. When a member enters through the gate, it will close behind them. There is a ballot in this *Mainsheet* to request approval for the expenditure. You will notice on the ballot that an



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NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- November 5 - Race Make-up Date
- November 8 - PAYC General and Board Meetings (preceded by a Thanksgiving Social)
- November 12 - Full Moon Race/Cruise #2 (1800)

exit loop and exit loop detector is priced. Those two items are required for either gate opener.

Prior to the November general meeting we have a Thanksgiving social. The meat will be furnished, and we ask members to bring a side dish or dessert. We held this social last year and the turnout was great.

As a reminder, we will have new floating docks in early 2012. I have posted the new slip layout in the clubhouse. Please send the harbormaster three choices of slips you would like to moor your boat.

Hope to see on the water.



Thanksgiving Social
 Tuesday, 08-Nov, 1830
 Please bring a side dish.

Harvest Moon Regatta 2011

Carolyn Worsham



Team Worsham (Bill the older, Bill the younger, Brad, and I) competed in Lakewood Yacht Club's Harvest Moon Regatta in mid-October. This year,

under very different conditions from last year, we proudly brought home the trophy for Multihull Class B.

The 150-mile offshore race from Galveston to Port Aransas began in favorable 10-15 kt NW winds; however, the winds lightened and clocked to the NE, allowing us to jibe downwind from Freeport to the finish line. We finished some 26+ hours after our start, but we were dry and warm this year.

We enjoyed visits with present or former PAYC members Ed Bush, Ron Eddleman, Bud Byram, and Trent McBride while in Port Aransas.



The return trip was an adventure. In a race against a weather system, we crossed Matagorda Bay after dark to reach the Bay City Marina at 1 a.m. Our second day was a short motor sail to Bridge Harbor in Freeport. The plan for the third

day was to make it back to HYC; however, after fighting 20-30 kt crosswinds as we crossed Chocolate Bay, we ducked into Offatt's Bayou for the night. Our attempt to make it to HYC was aborted the next day as well - the heading from Bolivar Roads was directly into 30 kt winds and an outgoing tide. Stingaree Marina in Crystal Beach offered a safe haven. In summary, it took 33 hours to sail from HYC to Port Aransas and 5 days to make the return trip!

Thanks to the Worsham men for their sailing skills that made a great trip possible - I was just the cook, cheerleader, and look-out for unlighted rigs.

Emergency Rudders

From a Nov '11 *Sail Magazine* article

Rudder failures are not as unusual as sailors would like to believe. Even sailors in Sabine Lake can be impacted. Pre-planning for the eventuality is important.

According to the article, most sailors who carry emergency rudders elect to create their own. The preferred design is an easily-assembled cassette rudder that can be broken down into parts:

- **A pair of strong gudgeons** is permanently installed on the boat's transom.
- **The cassette**, which fits on to the gudgeons, and **the rudder blade**, which slides down into the cassette, are stowed separately on board.

Because the cassette and rudder blade can be assembled before the rudder is deployed, this sort of rig is normally not hard to install at sea.

Space-Saving Galley Tips

From a Nov '11 *Sail Magazine* article

Few of us enjoy adequate galley storage space. Here are some space savers.

- **Collapsible/nesting bowls and cookware** - Bowls, colanders, and strainers that collapse flat are commonly available. Nesting pots and pans for the stove also save space.
- **Square containers** - Round containers take up more space than square ones.
- **Heavy-duty freezer baggies** - Freezer baggies are flexible, conform to fit the available space, and take up less space than solid containers.
- **Chamois dish drainer** - A high-quality, super-absorbent synthetic chamois on the counter works well as a dish drainer.
- **Foil food packaging** - Flat foil packets save space over that required by cans.

Boats and Their Owners

Can you match these PAYC boats with owners?

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| ___ Jamaica Bay | a. Mike and Deena Gill |
| ___ Kaitlin Elizabeth | b. Bill and Carolyn Worsham |
| ___ Betty Lynn | c. John and Ginger Ardoin |
| ___ Contessa | d. Steve and Julie Swanson |
| ___ The Shu | e. Darren and Sandy Irwin |
| ___ Acadian Belle | f. Bill and Dana Warren |
| ___ Grand Cru | g. Jim and Carol Saxon |
| ___ Banana Wind | h. Jim and Doris Miller |
| ___ Deena Ann | i. Roy Cowart |

Elections and Expenditure

Authorization

As specified in the PAYC By-Laws, the election of officers and selection of honor award recipients takes place at the November meeting. The ballot is printed on the next page.

As specified in the PAYC By-Laws, expenditures of more than \$1000.00 must be approved by two thirds (2/3) vote of the members at the general meeting. The ballot for the proposed gate expenditure is printed on the next page.

In both cases please vote by mailing ballots to PAYC, emailing ballots to secretary@payc.us, or presenting ballots in person at the November general meeting. Ballots submitted by regular mail or email must carry the identification of the voter.

Junior Sailing

Paul Vera – 409-963-3525

I will be meeting with junior representatives from yacht clubs across the state to discuss the regatta scheduling and other TSA junior sailing issues.

The Junior Sailor of the Year has been selected and will be recognized with the Terrell Adkisson award.

The Mardi Gras regatta is Feb 18-19. We will need all the help we can get. We hope to see you there.

My LuEze

Songa Gremillion

There's a new member of our family – *My LuEze!* She's a 47' Catalina sailboat. Ronnie and I looked for three years before we found her. We looked at power boats, cats, and sailboats. We went back and forth on what type of boat to buy. We took wonderful trips to Alabama and Florida looking for that perfect fit!!! We wondered if we would ever find the right boat.

Josh Johnson, a broker in Kemah, helped us off and on throughout the three years. We went by to see him again in the spring, and he began showing us boats. He was a sailor, so he was partial to sailboats. Through him, we finally found a fit. He got us the best price, helped us throughout the sale, and is still a good friend.

We are still getting used to *My LuEze*. I guess I will be taking "sailing lessons" next year, along with the kids. We got the amenities of a power boat on a sailboat!! That was actually what we were looking for and didn't know it!! Fuel makes such a difference!!! I am still getting used to the "leaning," but as granddaughter Abbey told me Mr. Greg (Lynd) told her at junior sailing camp, "If you get scared, get on the high side!"

See ya' on the water.



Gate Opener Expenditure Ballot

Gate Opener	\$1,595
Exit Loop	\$ 115
Loop Detector	<u>\$ 145</u>
	\$1,855 plus tax/shipping
_____ For	_____ Against

Message from the Treasurer

Alan Aldredge

The last billing of the year was mailed on 24-Oct. This invoice covers the last quarter of initiation fees for our newer members. I would like again to ask anyone who has not received a bill recently to contact a board member so that we can verify and/or update billing and email addresses.

Racing

Paul Vera – 409-963-3525

A very busy racing year has gone by fast, so it's time now to look back at what worked and what didn't work. We will hold our annual race schedule and rules meeting in the upcoming months. Please plan to attend.

The Fred Grund LDR attracted two competitors: Russ Myers won followed by Ken Rutty. Four competed in the first solo race we have held in a long time. In the racing fleet Russ Myers won out over Ken Rutty and Paul Vera in the heavy air event. Cruiser Ted Mahavier did quite well, placing third on corrected time. Ted will receive Danny Murphy points for competing.

We still have some racing left, so please check the calendar. The Marvin Campbell, the first race of 2012, has been rescheduled for Saturday, 07-Jan with a skippers' meeting at 1000.

Remember to cast your ballots for officers, board members, trustees, honor award recipients, and the gate opener expenditure.

2012 Officer and Board Ballot

Vote for one for each position:

Commodore: Paul Vera
 Vice Commodore: Mike Wise
 Secretary: Wayne McEwen
 Treasurer: Alan Aldredge
 Board Member (as Past Commodore): Russ Myers
 Trustee (3-year term): Bob Brammer

Vote for four Board Members:

Ken Rutty	Art Lynd
Daniel Tatum	Steve Swanson

2011 Honor Award Selection Ballot

Vote for one for each award:

Novice of the Year

Daniel Tatum
 Scott Lambert
 Wayne McEwen

Yachtsman of the Year

Russ Myers
 Greg Lynd
 Ricky Richardson

John Blair Memorial

John Ardoin
 Chuck Devenzio
 Butch Neely

Skipper of the Year (Vic Scalco Memorial)

Russ Myers
 Greg Lynd
 Ted Mahavier

Racing Crewperson of the Year

Ruth Hoyle	Caroline Mahavier
Wayne McEwen	Daniel Tatum
Scott Lambert	Nishant Krishnan

Cruiser of the Year (Chilton O'Brien Memorial)

Greg Lynd	Mike Gill
Art Lynd	Steve Romeis

Cruising Crewperson of the Year

Ann Lynd
 Ruth Hoyle
 Deena Gill

Cruising

Mike Wise

We are really winding down the year. The weather is cooling, and the 100-plus degree weather is only a memory. There is not much cruising left on the calendar.

Last month no one made the PAYC South cruise – unless you count Ettie and me when sailing down Sunday to fill up on fuel and empty out holding tanks. We did have a great dinner Saturday night with a few folks attending.

We didn't get many on the water for water cruises, but what a turnout we had for the land cruise! Pirate's weekend at the Texas Renaissance Festival brought out ten or more PAYC sailors. It was a long day from gate opening until the laser light show, but it was a great time – plenty of food, beverages, sights, and entertainment for everyone. This definitely needs to be an annual club event.

The last scheduled cruise of the year is the Full Moon Race/Cruise on 12–Nov. This should be a great sail even if you don't feel competitive! With the weather we have been having, I am sure it will be a great night for a sail on the lake.

Just because we only have one more event on the calendar doesn't mean it's time to roll up the sails for the winter! I hear lots of talk about more lighthouse trips, Shell Island, Garrison's Ridge and even a basin raft-up. So, keep an eye on the waves and an ear to the wind for something to happen.

If you haven't been to the club lately, shame on you! We have been having some really great Friday and Saturday night get-togethers and dinners, not to mention the breakfasts. Bring yourself and something to pitch in. Not only does Butch make great biscuits, he's not too bad with pancakes!

Check out the PAYC Facebook page for pictures of cruises, socials, races and good times at PAYC.

See ya' on the water...

Minutes for October 11, 2011

Board Attendees: Russ Myers, Paul Vera, Ricky Richardson, Alan Aldredge, Mike Wise and Steve Swanson

Member Attendees: Bob Brammer, Ted Mahavier, Chuck Devenzio, John Ardoin, Daniel Tatum, Butch Neely

Treasurer's Report: (Email secretary@payc.us.) Alan Aldredge reported fourth quarter billing is going out.

Membership: Bud Byram submitted his resignation (in good standing).

Harbormaster: Russ Myers was appointed Harbor Master.

Racing: Paul Vera reported Fred Grund had two participants: Russ Myers (1) and Ken Ruty (2). Olympic #2 is scheduled for Oct 15, 22, and 29 with skippers' meetings at 1400. 03–Dec is the last race of the year with skippers' meeting at 1000. Marvin Campbell is changed to 07–Jan with skippers' meeting at 1000.

Junior Sailing: Volunteers are needed for the Mardi Gras Regatta on Feb 18–19. TSA meeting is scheduled for 06–Nov at Lakewood Yacht Club. Paul Vera and Russ Myers plan to attend. After discussion there was a motion to approve getting a US Sailing Membership for PAYC; none opposed.

House and Grounds: No report.

Cruising: Mike Wise stated he would make a flyer for the land cruise to the Renaissance Festival.

Safety: There is still washout around the hoist.

Old Business: The nomination committee presented officer nominees (see ballot on p. 4).

New Business: Nominations were taken for 2011 Awards. (See p. 4 for nominees.) Alan Aldredge put together a computer for the Race Office. John Ardoin is updating the Awards plaques.

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Officers

[Russ Myers](#), Commodore
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[Paul Vera](#), Vice Commodore
[Ricky Richardson](#), Secretary
[Alan Aldredge](#), Treasurer

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PAYC is on the Web!

Visit us at:

<http://payc.us>

Board of Directors:

Larry Lognion, Mike Wise, Mark Feeney, Steve Swanson, and
Art Lynd (Past Commodore)

Trustees (Term Expiration Year):

Bob Brammer ('11), Carolyn Worsham ('12), and Ken Ruty ('13)

Honorary Members:

John and Ginger Ardoin (Charter Member)
Jim and Beth Kincaid
Gary and Pam King
Jack and Jo Ann Moser
Pat and Susie O'Quinn

Harbormaster:

[Russ Myers](#)

Mainsheet/Website:

[Carolyn Worsham](#)

Reserving the PAYC Clubhouse (Members Only):

Email clubhouse@payc.us or contact a club officer.

Next General/Board Meeting:

Tuesday, November 8, 2011, 1900, PAYC Clubhouse

Request a PAYC Roster:

Email roster@payc.us.

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