



# MAINSHEET

## Port Arthur Yacht Club

August 2013

### COMMODORE'S CORNER:

The new lease agreement for the club has taken many twists and turns and has visited many hands. It is now in the hands of the City of Port Arthur. City Manager Floyd Johnson met with a group of us about the lease last Friday evening and stated he is willing to move forward on it. The timeframe in which this will get done should be less than a month. I told Mr. Johnson that he was the first City Manager who has visited with the membership in 35 years, and that we will give him any support he needs on the lease. Bob Williamson, city councilman and club member, also attended the impromptu get-together along with Jimmy Dikes. We will try to have vote on the amended lease at the next club meeting.

In the near future we will be looking for board members, executive officers, and people to head the different committees that PAYC has to offer. If you are interested in participating, let it be known.

We have a major event coming May 2-4, 2014. The Texas Mariners Cruising Association (TMCA) will host their annual Spring Fling at our marina. Look to the cruising article for more information in the near future about this huge event.

Many thanks to those who helped at our Children's Sail Day sponsored by The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) on Saturday, July 20. We had 11 kids and their families attend and they all had great fun learning about knot tying and sailing. PAYC is continuing to help out the local area needs, so once again thank you.

Sailing has been great lately but make sure you stay hydrated and keep the sunscreen on. Hot it will be!

Commodore  
Paul Vera  
409-363-3898

### Welcome New Members

(since March)

Bo Weinbaum

Ivan Rivero

Mickey and Darlene Rouse (renewed membership)

Chris and Rebecca Boone

David and Janet Pound

Dennis and Lynette Gillenwater

### Commodores of PAYC Past and Present July 4, 2013

(L to R) Jack Moser,  
Chuck Devenzio, Gary  
King, Mike Wise, Art  
Lynd, Russ Myers, Paul  
Vera



## The Wrath of Ruth

After missing the deadline for an article last month, I have been put on notice and my articles will be submitted timely going forward.

Finally, the weather has been cooperating with the race schedule. I thought for sure the Moonlight Race on the twentieth would not happen but Mother Nature took pity on the racers and the storm cleared just long enough for a race. Paul Vera ended up taking home the first on the Moonlight Race with Ken Rutty taking a second. Art Lynd had no one to race so he decided to cruise the race course.

The July Thursday night racing series has come to a close with our fearless commodore taking a first and Ken Rutty taking a second. In the cruising class, Ted Mahavier took the honor of first place with Art Lynd taking second.

The Top Gun honor for the racers is still up for grabs. All the races left in the year are fair game to any skipper, and those races will determine the winner.

Our Thursday night cutthroat race series has come to an end for points, but the sailing continues through August for fun. Anyone who wants to come out and try racing without all the pressure is more than welcome.

"To reach a port we must set sail –Sail, not tie at anchor –Sail, not drift." ~ Franklin D. Roosevelt

Your Race Chairman  
Daniel Tatum

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## Racing crews of the past...



Richard Hughes and crew  
on Bonnie Blue, the first  
time he owned her



Alan Aldredge, Martin  
Novich, and unknown crew  
member on Alan's  
Beneteau (before Hurricane



Closing in on the finish line!

**Cruising Report:**

The cruising director was off cruising during the last scheduled cruise; thus, asked Ted to submit an article on behalf of the cruising squadron. Below is the cruising adventure to Garrison's Ridge in July:

On Saturday, July 13th around 5 pm, Aftermath cast her lines and pointed for Garrison's Ridge with Jim Richardson, Ted Mahavier and Austin Mahavier aboard. With light airs we set anchor around 6:30 pm and took a nice long swim. While we expected to have the Lake to ourselves, we found plenty of company! We had tens of thousands of mosquitoes and caught, grilled and ate a handful of friendly Gafftops and Croakers on Shad that we caught in our cast net. Austin was nick-named the "Fish Whisperer" for his ability to calm the fish and remove hooks -- an excellent talent to have in a fishing buddy. Jim gave lessons in cooking whole fish and on survival explaining just how tasty a raw ant or well grilled grub worm can be as a side dish. As the designated drinker, Ted drank all the beer and soaked in the ambiance of the Lake along with good company and well-perfumed with Off. All-in-all a great night on the lake with pleasant temperatures and good eats.

The next scheduled cruise to PAYC South (Sabine Pass) is set for August 17. Skippers' meeting is at 1000.

Cruising Director  
Greg Lynd

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#### August 2013

1,8,15,22,29	R	Thursday Night Series "Just for Fun"	1800
10	R	Island Cup Regatta / Multi-Hull	TBA
13	M	General/Board Meeting	1900
17	C	PAYC South Cruise	1000
24	S	Super Salad Supper	1800
31	RC	18 Mile Light Race Cruise	TBA

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**Hurricane Season is here! Are you prepared?**





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Port Arthur Yacht Club (PAYC)  
General Meeting  
July 09, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Vera, Commodore  
Mike Wise, Vice Commodore  
Alan Aldredge, Treasurer  
Jim Richardson, Secretary  
Russ Myers  
Ted Mahavier  
Daniel Tatum  
Craig Belaire  
Ken Rutty  
Scott Lambert  
Richard Hughes  
Art Lynd

Members of the PAYC Lease Committee (Paul Vera, Mike Wise, and Russ Myers) were attending the PIC meeting. Rather than delay the General Meeting, Paul Vera asked Jim Richardson to proceed in their absence. Jim called the meeting to Order at 1921 hours. (NOTE: At 1949 hours the meeting recessed briefly until 1954 hours when the Lease Committee members returning from the PIC meeting could join the regular general meeting in-progress.)

Richard Hughes motioned that the June 2013 meeting minutes posted in the Mainsheet be accepted. Daniel Tatum seconded the motion and it was approved without objection.

REPORTS:

**MEMBERSHIP:** Dennis and Lynette Gillenwater submitted an application for membership. The application will be considered in the next Director's Board meeting. A member asked if members voted on membership application acceptance or if it was the Board's decision. It was explained that membership applications were approved by the Board solely.

**TREASURER:** Alan Aldredge reported:

Alan stated the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter billing was distributed. Alan also stated that members not receiving billings should contact him.

**PIC:** Mike Wise stated 1) PIC is sending repair issues from the marina construction to an engineer for evaluation. 2) All slips are open and available. 3) a PAYC amended lease was sent to PIC, upon review PIC intends to forward it to the Port Arthur City Manager for consideration.

Daniel Tatum motioned, and Ted Mahavier seconded, that a Special Meeting be set for July 23, 2013, at 1900 hours to consider (a) the potential expenditure in excess of \$1000.00 for security fencing and (b) to discuss a future lease. After discussion the motion passed without objection.

**HARBORMASTER:** Russ Myers stated that he would have an updated list of the slips occupied on D Row posted next week.

**RACING:** Daniel Tatum said that 1) in the June Thursday Night Racing Series, Art Lynd won and Ted Mahavier took second for the Cruisers and that Paul Vera won and Ken Ruttly took second for the Racers 2) the Moonlight Race/Cruise is set for July 20th, Skipper's meeting at 1800 hours.

**HOUSE and GROUNDS:** 1) Paul reported that a second work day was scheduled for September 7<sup>th</sup> at 1000 hours 2) at the June 2013 meeting a member stated that they noticed water coming into the building after it rained. It was agreed that the lava rock around the building should be removed to allow for better drainage. 3) a member noted that there were several washout spots near the bulkheads and members should mark those so that they can be repaired by PIC.

**CRUISING:** Art Lynd reported 1) that the Garrison Ridge Dinghy/Kayak Cruise is set for July 13<sup>th</sup>, Skipper's meeting at 1000 hours 2) that the Moonlight cruise was set for 7-20-2013 with a Skipper's meeting at 1800 hours.

**SOCIALS:** Jim Richardson reported that the Commodore's Picnic on July 4<sup>th</sup> was a success and that there appeared to be 50 or more members and friends attending.

**LAMAR SAILING CLUB:** Ted Mahavier reported 1) that the club's President, AJ, had been out sailing Lazars on two occasions recently and that AJ expected other students to return soon. 2) the club was looking at the possibility of purchasing a catamaran.

**JR. SAILING:** 1) Members reported that this year's camp had been a success. 2) Ted Mahavier stated that the PAYC may want to consider reducing the number of students to a 1:5 ratio of students to instructors. Ted also commented that for about \$2000.00 another 5 or 6 boats could be repaired and rigged for future use. 3) A member asked if the PAYC had insurance to cover personal injuries on the PAYC grounds and it was reported that the PAYC did have such insurance. 4) Another member suggested that the Jr. Sailing Camp parent waiver include language authorizing permission for attendees to be a part of, or not, of media coverage or photographs taken during camp activities.

**SEA SCOUTS:** No Report

**NEW BUSINESS:** 1) Richard Hughes noted that some of the PAYC trophies and award plaques had not been updated in approximately 5 years and asked if they could be brought current. Paul Vera stated that he would get them updated. 2) Paul Vera stated that Wayne McEwen donated \$100.00 to the Jr. Sailing program. 3) Ted Mahavier stated that Butch Neely donated eight dock cleats to the PAYC.

**OLD BUSINESS:** 1) At the June 2013 general meeting Mike Wise stated that the PAYC building will be 35 years old August 9, 2013. Members agreed that on August 9, 2013 at 1900 hours the PAYC would celebrate the building's 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary. 2) Jim Richardson stated the Children's Sail Day with DFPS is scheduled for July 20, 2013, at 10:00AM. Lunch will be provided by the Child Welfare Board.

Craig Belaire motioned, Russ Myers seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed without objection and the general meeting ended at 2055 hours, July 9, 2013.

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Port Arthur Yacht Club (PAYC)  
Director's Board Meeting  
July 09, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Vera, Commodore  
Mike Wise, Vice Commodore  
Alan Aldredge, Treasurer  
Jim Richardson, Secretary  
Daniel Tatum  
Russ Myers  
Ken Rutty  
Craig Belaire  
Art Lynd

Paul Vera called the meeting to Order at 2100 hours.

Alan Aldredge noted that he had some members whose accounts were in arrears. Alan stated he would attempt further contact with the members and would report back to the Board for guidance at the next meeting.

REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP: Mike Wise presented the application of Dennis and Lynette Gillenwater. Alan Aldredge motioned that their application be accepted. Daniel Tatum seconded and the motion passed without objection.

The following committees' reports "Carried-Over" from the General Meeting of July 9, 2013.

RACING  
TREASURER  
HARBORMASTER  
HOUSE and GROUNDS  
CRUISING  
SOCIALS  
JR. SAILING  
SEA SCOUTS  
LAMAR SAILING CLUB

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS: Alan Aldredge stated that each billing sent to members costs approximately \$400.00. Alan stated that two of the Initiation Fee billings only produce about \$1000.00 of income each cycle. Alan stated that he wanted to make the Board aware of this expense, but would table the issue until August 2013 to consider alternatives.

Daniel Tatum motioned to adjourn the meeting, Art Lynd seconded. The motion passed without objection and the Director's Board meeting ended at 2121 hours, July 9, 2013.



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Port Arthur Yacht Club (PAYC)  
Special Meeting  
July 23, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT:

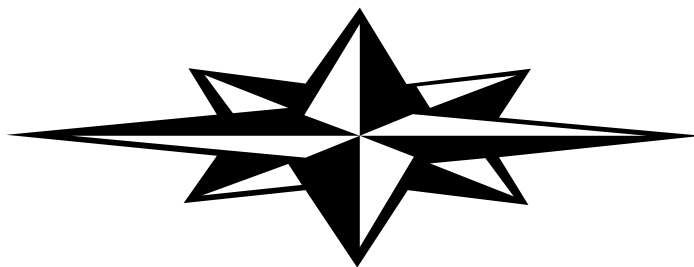
Paul Vera, Commodore  
Mike Wise, Vice Commodore  
Jim Richardson, Secretary  
Russ Myers  
Ted Mahavier  
Daniel Tatum  
John Ardoin  
Butch Neely  
Jack Moser  
Chuck Devenzio  
Art Lynd

Paul Vera called the meeting to order at 1900 hours. Paul stated the meeting was called to discuss security fencing and the lease.

Mike Wise stated that he would receive the lease revisions approved by PIC soon and he would distribute the revisions to members for questions or comments.

Members present discussed whether to erect a fence defining the boundaries of the PAYC according to its current lease. Ted Mahavier motioned to approve up to \$7500.00 for hurricane fencing to secure the PAYC boundaries as defined within the current lease. Approval to erect the fence, however, must be approved by the general membership. John Ardoin seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion was approved without objection.

Daniel Tatum motioned to adjourn. Ted Mahavier seconded the motion and it was approved without objection. The special meeting ended at 1949 hours on July 23, 2013.



## **2013 PAYC Administration**

### **Officers**

Commodore - **Paul Vera**  
Vice Commodore - **Mike Wise**  
Secretary - **Jim Richardson**  
Treasurer - **Alan Aldredge**

### **Board of Directors**

**Ken Ruty**  
**Daniel Tatum**  
**Craig Belaire**  
**Art Lynd**  
**Russ Myers** (Past Commodore)

*Mainsheet* Editor and Webmaster - **Group**  
Harbormaster - **Russ Myers**

### **Committee Chairs**

Racing - **Daniel Tatum**  
Cruising - **Greg Lynd**  
Socials - **Songa Gremillion / Group**  
House and Grounds - **Everyone**  
Junior Sailing - **Paul Vera**  
Membership - **Mike Wise**  
Clubhouse Reservations - **Songa Gremillion**  
Safety - **Everyone**