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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

We are reaching a lot of ends here at PAYC: the end of the busiest hurricane season we have ever seen, the end of another great year for the club, and the end of my term as commodore of the Port Arthur Yacht Club. This is my last time to write these comments as your commodore.

I was flattered even to be considered for the position of commodore when I was first approached, but now I find it an honor to have served the membership for three fantastic years. I think in one of my first comments I stated that I hoped I would get to know more of the club members. If I have done nothing else, I can say that I have accomplished that goal. I have made many new friends over the last few years, relationships that I hope will last forever.

Serving as commodore has been an experience of a lifetime, a time that I will never forget. It has helped me grow as a member of PAYC as well as an individual. It was fun; it was sometimes hard work; but mostly, it was great. I could not have done any of it without the help of my fellow officers and board members. Thanks to each of you for your help and support through these past three years. It will be a sad day and a welcomed relief to hand over the helm to a new commodore, but I feel that Pat O'Quinn, my friend of many years, is more than capable of continuing to lead our club in a positive direction. I will dearly miss being your commodore, but I will not fade away. Oh no, you can't get rid of me that easily! I will be on the board for at least one more year, and I would be honored to have the opportunity to serve the club beyond that time. That, however, is a campaign speech for another day.

Looking back, this has been a great year for PAYC. We had a great time with our racing program. Our racing and cruising classes heated things up with lots of friendly competition throughout the year. Our cruisers sailed their way to a variety of destinations for fun and even rode out a hurricane or two. Finally, our social events were the icing on the cake. With a list of annual events as well as a few impromptu gatherings, a great time was had by all. All of this just goes to show that PAYC is a great place to be in rain or shine, winter or summer.

Being that this is the end of the year and the holiday schedules are packed for most of us, there is only the last Moonlight Race of the year scheduled. Not to worry, however; we have a brand new year upon us with brand new events scheduled. Mark your calendars now, and make your plans to attend the annual PAYC Awards Banquet on January 7th at the Pompano Club. This is always the premier event for our club. We have many members who have worked hard throughout the year participating in events and helping out at the club. They deserve to be recognized and awarded for their participation, time, and efforts. Please let the Social Director know if you are planning to attend so we can make sure that this is another successful PAYC event.

In closing I would like to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and an extremely Happy New Year. May God bless each of us with fair winds and calm seas in the course of our life and across the sea.

*See you on the water,
Mike...*

Port Arthur Yacht Club Board Meeting November 8, 2005

Club Members present were Mike Wise, Alan Aldredge, Martin Novich, Terrell Adkisson, Gene Kohrman, Steve Swanson, Karen Hallquist, Russell & Barbara Test, Paul Vera, Pat O'Quinn, Glenn & Janice Thibodeaux, Butch Neely, & Jason Tieman

Treasurer's Report:

Main Checking:	\$1,991.63
Improvement CD:	\$12,044.95
Improvement CD2	\$28,310.32
Lease:	\$27,473.52
Money Market CD:	\$ 6,386.94
Self Insurance CD:	\$31,684.25

Harbormaster:

No Report

Membership:

Discussions were had regarding the Randy Day applications with mixed feelings on the matter. The board will decide on approval/disapproval of these applications at the next board meeting.

Racing:

No business to discuss –see General Meeting Minutes

House & Grounds:

The main gate has parts ordered for it by Overhead Door & they should be out to install soon. See General Minutes for other items.

Cruising/Socials:

See General Meeting Minutes for Gene's report.

Safety:

The board advises all of our members to be extra, extra careful in the marina at this time. The recent hurricane really damaged our marina in several locations. Be on the lookout for floating debris as well as weak pier structures.

Junior Sailing:

No business to discuss -see General Meeting Minutes

Old Business:

Septic tanks still haven't been purchased due to other conflicting business. Commodore Wise still plans on taking care of this task.

New Business:

The board is actively pursuing the cost and feasibility of having 2 pilings driven in order to facilitate the installation of our recently acquired boat lift. This boat lift will serve as the lift for our recently purchased race committee boat. The Island Commission is going to have a pile driving company in our marina in the next few weeks in order to repair all the damaged areas in our marina – this would be an opportune time to get our pilings done at perhaps a cheaper rate.

The 2006 Trophy Committee is as follows:

*Butch Neely
Pat O'Quinn
Barbara Test
Jason Tieman*

Meeting was adjourned at 9:57 pm.

Steve Swanson, Secretary of the PAYC
secretary@payc.us

Note: General meeting minutes are on the PAYC website (payc.us).

PAYC COMPOSITE CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

Dec 13 General and Board Meetings
Dec 17 Moonlight Race (rescheduled from
Dec 3)

SEMI-ANNUAL DUES AND INITIATION PAYMENTS

If you haven't received your dues/initiation invoice for July and October yet, be expecting it shortly. The semi-annual dues payment of \$97.43 is customarily billed on July 1. Those paying initiation installments are also due billings of \$54.13 for both July 1 and October 1. Upon receipt of this bill, your prompt attention to it will be appreciated.

RACING FOR DECEMBER

The Dark Moonlight Race was a success with a good turn out from both the racer and cruiser fleets. The racers opted out of all the bonus point offerings and chose to race by PHRF numbers only. The winner was **Russ Myers** followed by **Ken Rutty** and **Richard Hughes**.

As for the cruisers, well that's a different story. The bonus points were flying out as fast as I could write them. They had costumes, female skippers, cans, kids, first time racers, and even pumpkins. **Mike Wise** won the race with **Karen Hallquist**, **Mike Gill**, **Gene Kohrman**, and **Russ Test** also participating.

The first moonlight race of the year under a full moon will be our last race of the year.

Moonlight Race #4 is scheduled for **December 17**. The skippers' meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Note that this is a change from the published PAYC calendar date of December 3.

The Danny Murphy Award and Best of Class results are posted at PAYC. Hope to see you out on the water.

*Flying the LIMA flag –
Paul Vera (963-3525 or racing@payc.us)*

KNOTHEADS and JUNIOR SAILING

Junior Sailor of the Year has been selected, and the invitations to the banquet will be sent out soon. Hopefully everybody will show up. As for upcoming events, we have the tree trimming party coming up. I plan to decorate an Optimist Pram in the holiday spirit, so come on out on Saturday, November 26 and help me decorate it.

We will also talk about getting ready for the 2006 TSA Mardi Gras Youth Regatta (Feb 25-26).

*Flying the Lima Flag,
Paul Vera (963-3525 or racing@payc.us)*

CRUISING FROM THE CRUISIN' DUDE

Another month has passed, and hurricane season seems to be of the past, at least for this year. We are all still in the hurricane RITA reconstruction mode. Concerning the marina, the PIC is repairing the damage due to RITA.

The first weekend of November we ventured to Shell Island for the annual cruise. A fine

weather weekend it was. Seven boats ventured forth:

- *S/V Affinity II* - Susie and Pat O'Quinn (Pat is next year's Commodore)
- *S/V Deenanne* - Mike Gill
- *S/V Merganser* - Barbara and Russ Test (Russ is one of the new directors)
- *S/V Panache* - Gene Kohrman (Gene is new to the board)
- *S/V Sea Dreams* - Karen and Mark Hallquist (Karen is Treasurer and Mark is Vice Commodore)
- *S/V Sweat Equity* (Steve Swanson is Secretary)
- *S/V Trilobyte* - Sam Showalter (Sam is a Trustee)

Trilobyte's crew consisted of Trent McBride, newly-weds Laura and Mike Player, Mark Fisher, Amy McElroy, and David Brett. If you have not had the pleasure of being invited for a sail on *Trilobyte*, a Corsair F31, you have missed an exciting sail. Flying through the water at over twenty knots will provide you with the ride of your life.

We are going to try for another weekend cruise or two this year. If you are interested, please contact the Cruisin'Dude. By the way, you stink-potters – we need your support on the weekend cruises. Please come out and play with us!

How about decorating our boats for Christmas and maybe even having a PAYC Christmas-on-the-Water boat parade the first weekend of December (rain date the next weekend)? Any comers . . .

Website of the month:

http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/publications/pwdpubs/pwd_br_l2000_001/index.phtml

*See you on the water,
Gene Kohrman*

A LITTLE NAUTICAL LEVITY

What do boats have for breakfast? (answer found elsewhere in the *Mainsheet*)

FAIR WARNING

Be vigilant when out in the lake. Debris from Rita is on the move. Place a watch on the bow whenever possible.

SOCIALS

On **January 7, 2006**, we will have our **PAYC Awards Banquet** at The Pompano. There will be a happy hour from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. Please make your reservations by paying the \$20.00 dinner charge by December 20th to any Board Member (or mail a check to PAYC).

This has been an interesting and exciting year for me as the Social Director, and I have enjoyed all of the good times we have spent together. We have a wonderful group of members at PAYC, and participation appears to be growing. The new Social Director will be Barbara Test, so everyone welcome her aboard and offer her any help she may request for this coming year's social events. I enjoyed it.

*See ya,
Susie*

PS – If you get this in time, remember that the **Tree Trimming Party** with White Elephant Gift Exchange is scheduled for **Saturday, November 26 at 7 p.m.**

PAYC MEMBER FEATURED

Have you seen the November issue of **Sail Magazine**? There is a full page story about PAYC member **Don Price**'s preparations aboard *September Morn* prior to the arrival of Hurricane Katrina and his harrowing experiences during the storm. Don shared the following tips for surviving a hurricane on a boat:

- Know beforehand where you will go in the event of a hurricane.
- Have four 200-foot lengths of heavy nylon line aboard.
- Stow sails, canvas, and everything else below deck.
- Most importantly, head for a protected hurricane hole immediately when a hurricane threatens.

PLEASURE ISLAND WEATHER STATION

That pesky Rita took down the tower that supported the Pleasure Island weather station. Thanks to Greg Bostwick and others, a new tower has been ordered and will be installed soon. The links to RealTime Weather and InstaCam on the PAYC website will be updated as soon as the station is up again.

AN UPDATE ON CHRIS JUNGE

Chris Junge, former PAYC member, grew up in the 70s racing on Lake Sabine with his family: his late father, **Dieter** (after whom a PAYC racing trophy is named); his mother, **Rosemary**; and his brother, **Michael**. Chris now serves as sales consultant for the Quantum Sail Design Group in Annapolis.

Chris has lived every young sailor's dream. After graduating from Texas A&M in 1992 he has raced in virtually every performance sailboat circuit, sailed a catamaran from France to Annapolis, managed J World in Newport, and managed Key West sailing schools (enjoying winters in Key West and summers in Annapolis).

Farley Fontenot, another former PAYC member, is a partner in the Quantum Sail Design Group. PAYC is proud to claim both Chris and Farley as products of its early racing program.

2005 V15 SOUTHERN CIRCUIT

The 2005 V15 Southern Circuit started the year with a slate of six regattas. Katrina demolished host Bay Waveland YC in September and Rita forced the cancellation of the White Rock Lake Regatta in October, so an abbreviated four regatta circuit was sailed.

When all was said and done, PAYC members **Bill and Laurie Worsham** were declared **2005 V15 Southern Circuit Champions** from among the 41 V15s that participated in one or more of the regattas. Bill and Laurie performed well in the three summer regattas. The last regatta, Wurstfest on Canyon Lake, was after Rita damaged all of PAYC's hulls. Former PAYC member **Chad Wilson** (son of **Dave Wilson**) loaned a V15 hull to Bill and Laurie for the regatta, and the Worshams placed second behind Luther and Lisa Carpenter of HYC. Luther, the premier V15 sailor on the Gulf Coast, noted that "one boat has shown incredible improvement throughout the season and justly claimed the top spot - Bill and Laurie!"

Congratulations to Bill and Laurie. Hopefully the PAYC's V15s will be repaired in time for them to defend their title in 2006.

SAILING IN OTHER VENUES

Sam Showalter raced in the Wurstfest Regatta, beating a new F-33 (with a -48 handicap) boat-for-boat in all 4 races.

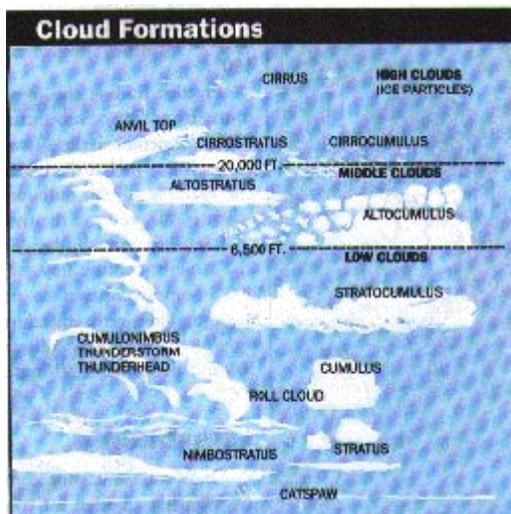
Jim Kincaid came in second place in the Thistle fleet at the Wurstfest Regatta.

Bill Worsham (the younger) and crew placed second in the 2005 J/24 Texas Circuit out of 35 participants.

KNOW YOUR WEATHER SIGNS*

Checking the weather before leaving for a day of boating is important, but it will not prevent weather problems. Weather can change rapidly, and even professionals have trouble predicting these changes.

Weather changes generally come from the west. While underway, continue to check the weather. If you have a marine radio, tune in to local Coast Guard radio stations. If you have a portable radio, tune to a station that gives frequent weather updates.



Flat stratus clouds (little vertical development) are normally associated with stable air. Puffy cumulus clouds (considerable vertical development) indicate unstable air. The greater the vertical development of the cloud, the greater the instability of the air. Thunderstorm clouds have the greatest vertical development, and the associated weather can be quite violent.

If caught in foul weather:

1. Reduce speed. Proceed with caution. Put on a PFD.
2. Head for the nearest shore that is safe to approach.
3. Head the bow into waves at about a 40 degree angle.
4. Secure loose items. Have emergency gear ready.
5. Keep bilges free of water.
6. Seat passengers on the bottom of the boat near the center line.
7. Anchor the boat if the engine fails.



4 Principles of Safe Boating

1. **Wearing life jackets** save lives.
2. **Boater education** saves lives.
3. **Safe boats** save lives.
4. **Sober boating** saves lives.

* From the Texas Parks and Wildlife website

NEW PAYC OFFICERS AND BOARD

Meet the new officers, board, and trustees:

Commodore: Pat O'Quinn – sails with wife Susie aboard *Affinity II*

Vice Commodore: Mark Hallquist – sails with wife Karen aboard *Sea Dreams*

Secretary: Steve Swanson – sails with Jesse Block aboard *Sweat Equity*

Treasurer: Karen Hallquist – sails with husband Mark aboard *Sea Dreams*.

Board Members: Terrell Adkisson (*Vamos*), Paul Vera (*Bout Time*), Russ Test (*Merganser*), and Gene Kohrman (*Panache*), and Mike Wise (Day-O)

Trustees: Terrell Adkisson (*Vamos*), Sam Showalter (*Trilobyte*), and Pam King (*Second Encounter*)

What do boats eat for breakfast? Boatmeal, of course!! (Courtesy of Dane Avilla, a BIT Systems VA developer)

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2005 – PAYC CLUBHOUSE
Board Meeting Immediately Following General Meeting

If you would like a copy of the current PAYC roster, email roster@payc.us and request one. Also, any member who would like to move from U. S. Mail delivery to email delivery (or vice versa) can do so by sending an email to mainsheet@payc.us.

2006 PAYC Officers

COMMODORE	Patrick O'Quinn (commodore@payc.us)
VICE COMMODORE	Mark Hallquist (vicecommodore@payc.us)
TREASURER	Karen Hallquist (treasurer@payc.us)
SECRETARY	Steve Swanson (secretary@payc.us)
MAINSHEET EDITOR	Martin Novich/Carolyn Worsham (mainsheet@payc.us)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS	Terrell Adkisson, Gene Kohrman, Russ Test, Paul Vera, and Mike Wise (Past Commodore)
TRUSTEES	Terrell Adkisson, Pam King, and Sam Showalter
HARBORMASTER	Gary King (728-8095 or harbormaster@payc.us)

PAYC Yachts For Sale

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

	30' Olympic Princess*	Tom Thigpen	704 866-8856 or tthigpen@midrex.com
B10	Catalina 25 with trailer	Russ Test	409-722-5739 or rtest5@gt.rr.com
C38	Catalina 42	Jim Bell	409-796-1711/729-2266
B44	Bayliner 25	Debi Adams	409-962-6296
D02	Ranger 29	Al Hebert	409-722-2048

*This is *Atlas Shrugged*, Tom Hooper's former boat. Contact Tom Thigpen for specifics.