

# PAYC MAINSHEET

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## From the Commodore's Perch

Commodore Paul Vera – 409-963-3525

The two week process of building and completing the Pleasure Island Marina is in full swing. We have learned that time has very little meaning when it comes to the Pleasure Island Commission (PIC). A statement of “should be ready to go in two weeks” may really mean they don’t know. It may be two weeks, two months, two years, or two lifetimes – you never know. It’s called the “Texas Two Step” or in our case. it’s called “Two Week PIC.”

So let’s roll to another subject. Lamar University will hold an Adventure Trip to PAYC on April 28. The event didn’t get on the calendar; hence, it is doubled up on a cruise to Shell Island. Sorry, Greg; hopefully both events will work out fine. We will teach 12 Lamar students how to sail in one day. It’s a major crash course, but it can be done. Each student will pay \$30.00, and we will feed them breakfast, lunch, and dinner. All profits will go toward PAYC socials. With the club’s long experience in teaching kids to sail, this should be easy and a lot of fun. Watch for pictures and a report on how it went.

Don’t underestimate how important a small red solo cup can be. Please read about it in Songa’s article. Also, the Racing program is in full swing with **Ted Mahavier** and **Greg Lynd** sailing tight races in the Cruising class and epic battles taking place in the Racing class between **Russ Myers** and **Richard Hughes** as both strive to be first-to-finish.

Congratulations and thanks to **Russ Myers** for singlehandedly putting out and the marks for the Olympic Course and Long Distance Races. These



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## MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 - Thursday Night Series #3
May 4-6, 11-13 - Contraband Days (Lake Charles)
May 5 - Moonlight Race/Cruise/Social #2
May 8 - PAYC General and Board Meetings
May 20 - Rescheduled Fred Grund Long Distance Race
May 26 - Dieter Junge Off-Shore Race to Galveston

new marks make it much easier to set proper courses for very competitive PHRF races.

A new refrigerator is on its way thanks to the donation by Joan. It will be put to good use. We never have enough refrigerator space. Speaking of refrigerator space, please put your name and date on anything that that you store in the refrigerator to make it easier for those who periodically purge the refrigerator’s contents.

Junior Sailing Camp is quickly approaching. The dates are June 21-24. Please call me for more information. A registration form is posted in both Word and pdf format at:

<http://payc.us/jrsail.htm>

Hope to see you soon at PAYC!

## Tool Time

Condensed from *The Ensign*, Summer 2012

Tool kits aren't just for big trawlers and sailboats. Even small boats should carry a basic kit. A well-equipped tool kit could mean the difference between a long wait for help and a quick fix.

**Screwdriver:** Get a screwdriver with reversible bits for slotted and Phillips screws. With the bits removed, the screwdriver's hex end can be used as a socket wrench for the appropriate-sized bolt.

**Pliers:** A set of adjustable jaw pliers such as channel locks can be used to loosen small bolts. Get a good set with 10" handles.

**Prop Wrench:** A floating prop wrench to remove the prop's crown nut is handy unless your engine can be lifted into the boat. If you can't find a good floating wrench, drill a small hole in the metal handle, tie a length of line through the hole, and attach it to your wrist.

**Socket Wrench Set:** A small, good quality set with a 3/8" drive can be found for less than \$10. If the set doesn't include a spark plug socket, get one that fits both your socket set and your spark plug.

**Simple Circuit Tester:** If your boat has lights and instrumentation, you'll need a way to determine whether a broken electrical device is getting power.

**Duct Tape and WD-40:** As the saying goes, if it moves and shouldn't, use duct tape; if it doesn't move and should, use WD-40.

### Storing Tools

Don't store your tools in a canvas tool bag. The canvas will absorb water, and the tools will rust.

The best choice is an expensive, waterproof plastic box. A cheaper option is a non-waterproof plastic box. Spray the insides of the box and all tools with a light coat of WD-40. Check the box for water incursion after each boat trip and dry it out if necessary.

## Recap of the Red Solo Cup Party

Carolyn Worsham

The Sabine Sail & Power Squadron sponsored a fun-filled weekend for the enjoyment of all. There was something for everyone – washer board contest, horse shoe contest, dinghy races, kayak races, kite-making, singing contest, a live band, a hay ride, fabulous food – anything that could be done on Pleasure Island was done. Five powerboats made the trip from Lake Charles and others drove in from Orange. Thanks to **Songa and Ronnie Gremillion, Ricky Richardson, D. J Page, Ricky Reese**, and others for their efforts. It was a memorable Pleasure Island Happening!



(1) The Hayride thru' Mariner's Cove was a hit. (2) D. J. Page cooked some excellent gumbo and boiled shimp. (3) Competition was fierce in the kite-making contest and the Opti pram dinghy races! (4) SSPS Commodore Ricky Richardson and wife Priscilla posed for a shot.



## PAYC's Annual Treasure Hunt

Art Lynd



June 9

Make plans now to be part of this year's **PAYC Treasure Hunt**.

It's a race, a hunt, a test of your sailing skills, and lots of fun.

So start picking your team mates, invite friends to join us, work on strategies, change out the batteries in your GPS, polish up your pirate paraphernalia, pick up some cannon balls (water balloons), and make plans to sign up for this annual event.

## Racing

Russ Myers – Race Director

Hello everyone,

March was the start of our Thursday Night series. Richards Hughes won in the Racing fleet, and Jim Pearson won in the Cruisers fleet. Sixteen different skippers have participated in our racing program this year. The meals after the races have been exceptionally delicious. We have five Thursday Night races scheduled for May as well as the following:

**May 5** – Moonlight race; skippers' meeting at 1800

**May 20** – Rescheduled Fred Grund Long Distance Race; skippers' meeting at 1300

**May 26** – Dieter Junge Off-Shore Race to Galveston; skippers' meeting Thursday May 24 after the Thursday Night skippers' meeting

Hope to see you on the water...

## Cruising

Greg Lynd, Cruising Director

It's that time of year. The weather just doesn't get any better. I hope you'll join us Saturday, April 28, as we venture towards Shell Island. Captains' meeting is at 1000. The following two weekends will be Contraband days in Lake Charles. We have a group of boats going each weekend. (May 4 & 11) If you are considering making the trip, get in touch with me and I'll hook you up with a fleet.

If you haven't put the Treasure Hunt on your Calendar, you might won't to do so now (June 9). It's one of the most exciting events of the year. The event has been a hit for the previous five years and promises to be again. Art makes changes yearly to assure no one gets an upper hand, though... some (Commodore and Ex-Commodore) have tried (and succeeded). You might get your water cannons and water slingshots now as we bought out Academy and Walmart last year.

Hope to see you then...

## Quick Tips

Condensed from *The Ensign*, Summer 2012

**Cruising Clean** – To combat a dirty bilge, turn off the bilge pump and pour a bucket of bilge cleaner, degreaser, or soap and water into the bilge before heading out for an afternoon cruise. When you return, suck out the dirty solution with a shop vacuum. Your bilge will sparkle. –*Ed Jones*

**Worth a 1,000 words** – Need a pictorial guide for your boat project? Check out Compass Marine's photographic boat project gallery at [http://pbase.com/mainecruising/boat\\_projects](http://pbase.com/mainecruising/boat_projects) for step-by-step instructions for many common boat projects, from rebedding deck hardware to repacking stuffing boxes. –*Steve Hayes*

**Price Check** – Check fuel prices at marinas at <http://waterwayguide.com/fuel-pricing>. –*Sean Reilly*

## Flotsam and Jetsam

Carolyn Worsham

**Craig Belaire** is in the market for a “very used dinghy.” If you have one for sale, please contact Craig at [cbcancnt@yahoo.com](mailto:cbcancnt@yahoo.com).

**Andy and Joyce Green** are back in the marina with *Cinderella*, a Pearson 26 (AKA *Revolve*) that survived both Rita and Ike only to be abandoned by its most recent owner. Andy and Joyce’s accomplishments are many – both in offshore racing and boat-building. They’re talking about cruising; however, my bet is they’ll be out on the racing/cruising course tweaking the sails before long. Welcome back, Andy and Joyce!

**Pleasure Island Update** – Construction on the **pump-out station** should be complete within 1–2 weeks. The **fueling station** is in place but requires a permit from the state. Construction on the **floating docks** is 3 weeks away (~ June 1). The first step is installation of the floating breakwall (about where “J” was pre-Ike). The next step is installation of floating docks on “B,” “C,” etc. and covers on “A.” The entire project should take about 75 days.

**2012 Pac-Cup** – The Pacific Cup is a biennial 2070 nm race from San Francisco, to Kaneohe, HI. **Kim Worsham** and husband **Scott Dickinson**, owners of *Tiki-J*, a J/42, will be joined by **Bill Worsham** (the younger), **Brad Worsham**, **Alyssa Worsham**, and **Ken Vermuelen** for this year’s race that starts July 16. Bill Worsham (the older) and Brad will sail the boat back to San Francisco. Current technology makes it possible to “watch” the boat for the entire trip. Watch for more details as the race approaches.

**Tragedy At Sea** – The recent loss of life during the Farallons Race is a reminder that safety precautions are designed to keep sailing safer and reduce the incentive to trade safety for performance. Safety gear like jacklines, lifelines, pfd’s, tethers, and anchors take up space and add weight; however, failure to take the necessary precautions sometimes is literally a life-or-death decision.

## Minutes for April 10, 2012

**General Meeting – Called to Order 7:05PM**

**Officers & Board Members Present:** Paul Vera, Mike Wise, Alan Aldredge, Russ Myers, Ken Rutty, Daniel Tatum

**Members Present:** Johnny Otto, Ronnie & Songa Gremillion

**Guests:** Glinda Fortner & son of Sea Scouts

**Membership:** Conrad Woodring sent an email resignation.

**Treasurer:** See Attached for figures. The 2nd quarter billing will be out late due to tax season.

All members need to verify with the treasurer their email address on their statement. We would like to go to paperless billing as soon as possible. This will make the treasurer job a little easier and save the club money for postage.

**PIC Report:** (1) Contractor to start on pump out station this week. The state comptroller’s office stated that if the lone island commissioner would prefer their information can be submitted by fax or email directly to their office. This should get the fuel docks up and running. (2) Floating dock manufacturer should start delivering docks by the end of April or the first week of May. The contractor would like at least fifty docks on site before they begin construction. The estimate is ninety days from start to completion. (3) Long discussion on reserve tract F & G in Mariner’s Cove regarding judge’s ruling. (4) Discussion on getting Island Commissioners together with their City Councilmen for a budget workshop to get funding for completed projects. (5) City of Port Arthur is working with various entities to repair erosion problem affecting the road near the base of the bridge. (6) PIC to submit claim for possible settlement from BP from oil spill. (7) Discussion on setting up PIC by-laws for agenda items. (8) Approved audit. (9) Approved lease for RV park

(10) Discussed Salt Club lease. Salt Club contact unavailable.

**Harbor Master:** PIC approved the design of the floating docks last month, they should now be in fabrication. The contractor wants at least fifty docks on site to begin construction.

**House & Grounds:** Need paper towels for dispensers in the restrooms. A motion and second was made to purchase paper towels. After a vote the motion carried.

**Racing:** In March was the first Olympic Regatta. Five Cruisers participated, Greg Lynd won, Three Racers participated, Russ Myers won. The Thursday Night Series began with six Cruisers, Jim Pearson won the series. There were three Racers with Richard Hughes taking the win. The Thursday Night Series will continue. April 21st will be the Fred Grund Long Distance Race, skippers meeting at 10:00. May 5th will be a Moonlight Race/Cruise, skippers meeting at 18:00. May 26th is the Dieter Junge Race/Cruise to Galveston. Skippers' Meeting to be announced.

The Spindletop Regatta was a great success. Our Rookie Daniel Tatum did a great job putting it together and running it. A total of 8 catamarans participated, mostly from the Austin area with a total of three fleets racing. Art Lynd skippered Ricky Richardson's boat.

Currently the club boat *Bout Time* is in the capable hands of John Ardoin for some repairs. Ronnie Gremillion had done some service work on the engine and gas tank but there are still some problems getting the engine to speed. It is recommended that the fuel be re-routed again from the external tank back to the internal tank via a water filter.

**Socials:** Every Saturday night is a Light the Pit night, ya'll come. Bring something to cook and enjoy. The Red Solo Cup starts April 13 - 15th.

Lots of events are planned. This is a joint venture with PAYC and the Sabine Sail and Power Squadron.

**Cruising:** There is a Shell Island Cruise set for April 28th. The cruise chair took a trip there over spring break and encountered swarms of mosquitoes, not just at dusk but all night. The discussion at the skippers meeting will be to make it an overnighter or a day cruise. May 4-6 & 11-13 will be the Contraband Days Cruise to Lake Charles. We have boats going on both weekends. The city is renting slips by the night, if you plan on making the trip call for reservations soon. May 5th is a Moonlight Race/Cruise and finally on May 26th is the Dieter Junge Race/Cruise to Galveston.

**Junior Sailing:** The sailing camp is set for June 21-24th, all hands will be needed on deck.

Lamar University would like to have a "Discovery Day." PAYC would host for sailing classes and lunch and possibly dinner for the students.

Our guest Glinda Fortner with Boy Scouts of America Three Rivers Council addressed the club about PAYC being the host for a Sea Scouts "ship." A ship is a Sea Scout group. Further discussion will be in the board meeting.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Russ Myers made us aware that the printer is low on toner. For the printer we have the toner can only be ordered online from Dell. Russ Myers made a motion to put \$150.00 in the Office Supplies budget to cover the cost. Daniel Tatum seconded the motion. After discussion and vote the motion passed.

Meeting adjourned 7:55 PM.

**Board Meeting – Called to Order 8:07PM**

**Membership:** Conrad Woodring has submitted a resignation via email. Daniel Tatum made a motion that being he has an outstanding balance for first quarter billing we accept his resignation in bad

standing. Alan Aldredge seconded the motion.  
After discussion and vote the motion passed.

**Treasurer:** See General Meeting Minutes

**Harbor Master:** See General Meeting Minutes

**House & Grounds:** Paul Vera will pick up the paper towels.

**Social:** See General Meeting Minutes

**Cruising:** See General Meeting Minutes

**Junior Sailing:** See General Meeting Minutes

**Old Business:** John Ardoin is working on *'Bout Time*. If he cannot make the repairs it may have to go to the shop.

**New Business:** Discussed the Sea Scout partnership. Being that this partnership will be different from our other associations with previous Sea Scout groups the board needs more information to determine our involvement and liabilities. The board feels that the association with the Sea Scouts could be a great thing for both organizations but more information is needed before committing to the partnership. The Commodore will get with Glinda Fortner for more information.

Our elected secretary Wayne McEwen has missed three consecutive General and Board Meetings. There is some concern since no one has been able to get in touch with him for several weeks; however, this is a very critical position and based on our by-laws the Commodore is now looking for an appointee to the position.

Meeting Adjourned 8:38 PM

Minutes submitted by Vice-Commodore Mike Wise

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**Officers for 2012**

[Paul Vera](#), Commodore

Rear Commodore

[Mike Wise](#), Vice Commodore

[Wayne McEwen](#), Secretary

[Alan Aldredge](#), Treasurer

**Motto**

PAYC - The Fun Spot of  
Southeast Texas

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**Board of Directors for 2012:**

Ken Rutty, Daniel Tatum, Art Lynd, Steve Swanson, and  
Russ Myers (Past Commodore)

**Trustees (with Term Expiration Year):**

Carolyn Worsham ('12), Ken Rutty ('13), and Bob Brammer ('14),

**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](mailto:clubhouse@payc.us) or contact a club officer.

**Next General/Board Meeting:**

Tuesday, May 8, 2012, 1900, PAYC Clubhouse

**Request a PAYC Roster:**

Email [roster@payc.us](mailto:roster@payc.us).

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