



# MAINSHEET

## Port Arthur Yacht Club

May 2014

### COMMODORE'S CORNER:

May is here and summer is right around the corner. It has been a great spring so far. We kicked off the Thursday Night Race Series back in March and it is going strong. We have had a couple of great cruises and socials with more to come.

The latest cruise was a trip to Shell Island and a trip up Cow Bayou to Peggy's. It was well attended with eleven club boats and one guest power boat making the trek. It was a great trip for everyone and a good shakedown cruise for some. The wind was howling sometimes at a steady 20 KTs and gusting!

We had a great workday with lots of busy hands! The guys cleaned up the dry storage area, cleared lava rock from the dead flower beds and trimmed up the front of the club area. The ladies were busy as well, scrubbing the bathrooms and even using power tools on the patio furniture. The furniture looks great with a fresh coat of paint.

Check out our Facebook page for some interesting pictures of the day.

May gets busy fast and stays that way all month. The first two weekends are the Contraband Days run to Lake Charles. No time for the cruise weary, starting on the 16<sup>th</sup> thru the 18<sup>th</sup> will be the TMCA's Spring Fling on the grounds of the marina and Yacht Club. Access to the club and boats will be open but you must purchase a wrist band to enter the event grounds. Go here for wrist bands, meal tickets and more:

[https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet\\_storefront.php?regatta\\_id=7830&clear\\_session=1](https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_storefront.php?regatta_id=7830&clear_session=1)

Just remember everything is separate! It is only \$10.00 per wrist band for entrance to the Spring Fling. There will be a variety of vendors including food on the festival grounds. If you want to eat the catered meals those tickets must be purchased separately for either the Friday night meal or the Saturday night meal. A combination option is also available. Also on that Friday the City of Port Arthur will host the official marina grand opening. Stay tuned for more information on that too. The very next weekend is Memorial Weekend with the Dieter Junge long distance race to Galveston. Keep an eye out for the skipper's meeting times for this one. Whew, in the middle of all of this there is still the Thursday Night Race Series happening and the General and Board Meetings on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

June slows down a little bit but don't forget the big event of the month is the Junior Sailing Camp. We can always use all the hands we can get for this fun event. This is a fun time for the kids and the adults working the camp. Get with Paul Vera the Junior Sailing Chair ([juniorsailing@payc.us](mailto:juniorsailing@payc.us)) if you can help out. The more



Calendar

1,8,15,22,29	R	Thursday Night Series #3	1800
2-4, 9-11	C	Contraband Days (Lake Charles)	TBA
13	M	General/Board Meeting	1900
16-18	X	TMCA Spring Fling	TBA
24,25,26	RC	Dieter Junge Long Distance Race	TBA

adults we have the more fun it is for everyone! See Cruising Report for the **8th Annual PAYC Treasure Hunt**. June 28.

We have a lot happening at PAYC. We are working on making sure our email lists are correct. If you aren't getting the member announcements or the Mainsheet announcements, send an email to [vicecommodore@payc.us](mailto:vicecommodore@payc.us) so we can make sure you are getting all of the announcements.

Hope to see you on the water,

**Commodore 2014**

**Russ Myers**

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### Racing Report:

#### Race Chairman

Daniel Tatum

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### Cruising Report:

We had a great turn out for the Shell Island / Peggy's on the Bayou cruise April 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. With Ten sailboats and one powerboat we were a sight to see as we left the marina and sailed the lake in a northerly direction. Ted Mahavier, sailing After Math with some crew from Lamar, gave us an escort to the north end of the lake before coming about and finishing his day sail. The rest of us continued on through the thousand foot cut.

We had some game wardens stop checking us out through binoculars as we entered the ICW. I guess it's not often you get to see such a pretty fleet coming out of Lake Sabine at one time. After getting anchored at Shell Island and visiting for a bit we loaded up 20 people and one dog aboard my boat (Jammin), Son Seeker, and the powerboat and headed for Peggy's to get some supper. It was a nice trip up Cow Bayou and no problems pulling right up to the restaurant. John and Ginger Ardoin made a land cruise and met us for the food, so we had 22 folks at Peggy's. Larry Lognion stayed on his boat to keep an eye on fleet back at Shell Island. Not going to say why, but it's good that he did. A little hint is in the Navy song, "Anchors away my friend...."

Anyways, after a great meal we headed back to Shell Island and enjoyed the evening. Some gathered on Sanity, others gathered on Son Seeker and a few got together and played guitars and bongos aboard Sea Hawk. Sunday morning got off to a great start because as I looked out, all nine sailboats were still securely anchored in the same place they were the night before.

Chris and Rebecca got an early start back. Dennis and Lynette on Son Seeker actually sailed back to Peggy's for breakfast and to pick up some friends for the return trip. The rest of us got a lazy and nice start to the day. I did some exploring in my kayak taking pictures. Larry and Rosemary hosted breakfast about Mystic for all who wanted to join in. Rosemary is a fantastic host and Larry rowed his dingy around to various boats playing water taxi to hungry cruisers.

The sail back to PAYC was a great adventure, (some liked it better than others) as the winds were blowing in the high teens and 20's with gust up to 30 or so. At least they were blowing in a good direction for the sail home with the exception of getting through the 1000 foot cut and back into the lake. One boat had some motor problems so just needed a little help from a friend to get back into the lake before sailing the rest of the way home. Not mentioning any names about which boat had the engine trouble but Mike Gill says, "Thanks Greg Lynd for the tow through the cut".

Everyone made it back safely and we managed to get all the boats back in a slip. Most even made it back to the same slip they had left from the day before. Again, not mentioning any names but Mike Gill says thanks for all those who helped catch his boat and put it in a new slip. Thanks to all that participated and made this cruise a success!

Chris and Rebecca Boone on Sinbad  
Craig Belaire and Russ Myers on Cop-a- Lean  
Larry and Rosemary Lognion on Mystic  
Steve Romeis and Mike Blakeney on Jammin  
Art and Ann Lynd on Sea Hawk  
Jessie Reddington, Brian Miller, Lisa Mosteller  
and Willie the dog on the Powerboat!

Mike and Deena Gill on Deena Ann  
Dennis and Lynette Gillenwater on Son Seeker  
Mike Wise and Ettie Haley on Sanity  
Greg Lynd and Ruth Hoyle on Pura Veta  
John and Ginger Ardoin aboard their car!

For those that couldn't make it, I hope you'll join us next time!

Check out the PAYC Facebook page for lots of great pictures and some videos taken by those who were there. Folks are gearing up for Contraband in Lake Charles which is only 3 days till sail time as I type this.

Coming soon! **8th Annual PAYC treasure hunt.** June 28. 10 am clubhouse .Tee shirts are here. Clean up your sailing vessel. Put new batteries in your GPS...pick up some water balloon (cannon balls). Make your landing craft ready (kayak, canoe, dinghy) Signup sheet in clubhouse; no entry fee. Best dressed pirate costume team will get 5 minute head start.

Hope to see you out sailing again soon,  
Steve Romeis  
Cruising Director

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**Social Report:**

**Social Director**  
**Ettie Haley**

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Port Arthur Yacht Club (PAYC)  
General Meeting  
April 8, 2014

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Russ Myers, Commodore  
Mike Wise, Vice Commodore  
Craig J. Belaire, Secretary  
Alan Aldredge, Treasurer (Acting)  
Paul Vera, Past Commodore  
Butch Neely, Harbor Master  
Jim Richardson  
John Ardion  
Johnny Otto

Art Lynd  
Ken Rutt  
Ted Mahavier  
Glinda Portner

Commodore Russ Myers called the meeting to order at 19:00 hrs.

Russ Myers made a motion to approve the minutes for February and March meetings as posted in the mainsheet. Second by Richardson. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS:  
TREASURER

Prepared by Alan Aldredge at the meeting. Provided upon request.

HARBORMASTER – Butch Neely reported that three new boats in marina. Bluebonnet is out cruising.

MEMBERSHIP – The following members resigned IN Good Standing: None.  
Application for new member David Bradley will be considered in the board meeting.

RACING – Paul Vera reported for Daniel Tatum that the April 3<sup>rd</sup> race was cancelled due to weather conditions. The rest of the April Thursday night series are 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. The Fred Grund Race is Sat. April 26<sup>th</sup> skippers meeting at 10:00. The Thursday Series races for May are 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. The Deter Young off shore race to Galveston is scheduled for May 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

HOUSE and GROUNDS - John Ardion assisted Butch Neely back flushing the showers in the men's room. Then, Butch Neely assisted John Ardion trim the palms away from the roof. Looking at fixing the laboratories. Motion made by Russ Myers to budget \$600 for the laboratories seconded by Ted Mahavier. Discussion- they will try to be fixed for less. Motion passed.  
Russ discussed cleaning up the dry area for the spring fling event. Workday cleanup will be Sat April 19<sup>th</sup>. We will start after breakfast. Breakfast at 08:00.

CRUISING – Peggy's on the bayou/shell Island cruise is set for this weekend with 9 boats confirmed. Skippers meeting 10:00. The plan is to tie up to Peggy's wharf to overnight.

SOCIALS – Discussed canceling the crawfish boil after Fred Grund race and will instead have light the pit.  
SAFETY– Nothing to report.

JR. SAILING – Paul Vera reported he will start putting registration and information on Facebook page. June 19 – 22 with a work party in May. Elfie Bersma and Bill Adams aboard Relapse donated \$50

SEA SCOUTS – Glinda reported Greyson, Faith and Sean are working for silver, gold and eagle awards in conjunction with Paul Vera. Projects are being discussed.

LAMAR SAILING CLUB – Ted Mahavier reported Zack has raced with Paul Vera twice and really enjoyed it.

PIC REPORT –. 200ft fishing pier at end of Blvd is complete and wheelchair accessible. Marina Re-Grand opening will be May 16<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon according to Mayor Prince's schedule. They will have diesel fuel and unleaded non –ethanol gasoline pumps up and working by mid-May. They are still negotiating with the

Renaissance Group to extend their lease on the Island. They announced the city attorney assigned the negotiations with the PAYC has not been in contact with the PAYC committee. Last Mr. Dykes had heard they may have to go out for bids. They are also working to extend the lease with Jep's and Sharkey's. Under committee reports it was noted they were successful in securing funds of \$400,000 from the PAEDC to fund the building of Logan's Park. They will get the architect to start the process. They have not received the 10% retainage from FEMA for the marina project.

OLD BUSINESS – 1)About-Time needs new water pump and carbonators rebuilt. Cost will be \$500 and \$200 if the carburetor needs to be rebuilt.

TMCA Spring Fling May 16-18 go online to register [www.tmcaspringfling.com](http://www.tmcaspringfling.com).

Jim Richardson asked for a report on the funds for Jr Sailing from Chenier. Paul Vera reported he is still in discussions and nothing to report.

John Otto donated a gold eagle to hang in the club house.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Ted Mahavier motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jim Richardson. The motion passed without objection and the General Meeting ended at 20:54 hrs, April 8, 2014.

Port Arthur Yacht Club (PAYC)  
Board Meeting  
April 8, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Russ Myers, Commodore  
Mike Wise, Vice Commodore  
Craig J. Belaire, Secretary  
Alan Aldredge, Treasurer (Acting non-voting member)  
Paul Vera, Past Commodore  
Jim Richardson  
Art Lynd

Russ Myers called the meeting to Order at 20:00.

Russ made a motion to approve the March Board meeting minutes as presented in the mainsheet. Second by Art Lynd. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS:

TREASURER – Carry Over from General Meeting

MEMBERSHIP- Mike Wise made a motion and seconded by Russ Myers to accept David Bradley's application. Motion passed unanimously.

RACING- Carry Over from General Meeting

HOUSE and GROUNDS - Work day set for April 19<sup>th</sup> after breakfast at 8:00 and we need shower curtains.

CRUISING - Carry Over from General Meeting

SOCIALS - Carry Over from General Meeting

SAFETY- Carry Over from General Meeting

JR. SAILING – How much to charge for Jr Sailing was discussed. \$100 for club member's \$125 non-members. Discount \$15 for extra family members. Limit to 40 kids expand to 50 if necessary.

SEA SCOUTS - Carry Over from General Meeting

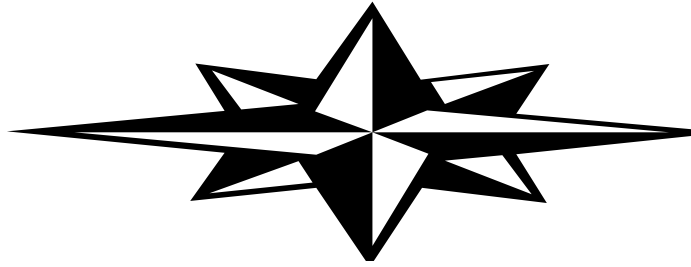
LAMAR SAILING CLUB- Carry Over from General Meeting

PIC REPORT - Carry Over from General Meeting

OLD BUSINESS- none discussed

NEW BUSINESS-The new Chubb policy included an alcohol exclusion.

Art Lynd motioned to adjourn the meeting Ken Rutty seconded. The motion passed without objection and the Board Meeting ended at 21:30, April 8, 2014.



## **2014 PAYC Administration**

### **Officers**

Commodore - **Russ Myers**  
Vice Commodore - **Mike Wise**  
Secretary - **Craig Belaire**  
Treasurer - **Alan Aldredge(acting)**

### **Board of Directors**

**Ken Ruty**  
**Daniel Tatum**  
**Art Lynd**  
**Jim Richardson**  
**Paul Vera** (Past Commodore)

*Mainsheet* Editor and Webmaster - **Group**  
Harbormaster – **Butch Neely**

### **Committee Chairs**

Racing - **Daniel Tatum**  
Cruising - **Steve Romeis**  
Socials – **Ettie Haley**  
House and Grounds - **Everyone**  
Junior Sailing - **Paul Vera**  
Membership - **Mike Wise**  
Clubhouse Reservations – **Ettie Haley**  
Safety - **Everyone**