



MAINSHEET

Port Arthur Yacht Club

March 2014

COMMODORE'S CORNER:

Hopefully we have seen the last of winter for this year! It has been a cold wet nasty one for sure. Spring has not sprung yet but it is close. It's time to get ready for another great year of PAYC races, socials and cruises.

We start this month with a land cruise to Mardi Gras Port Arthur. Now technically we have February 28th on Friday and March 1st on Saturday. Also we have several members signed up to participate in the Mardi Gras 5K walk/run on February 22nd. We will let you know if they survived the event! The always hotly contested Thursday Night Race series kicks off this month starting on the 13th, skippers meeting is 1800. Then on the 15th is a Moonlight Race/Cruise with beer tasting to follow after the race. Speaking of cruising the first sailing cruise of the year will be on the 29th, the Cruise for the Fish. Our new cruise director Steve Romeis has a great year of cruising events lined up. Be sure to check out the rest of the Mainsheet for more details.

We find ourselves in uncharted waters this year without an elected treasurer. Our past treasurer Alan Aldredge has graciously agreed to temporarily continue the duties in an acting status. Alan has done a great job in the office for a number of years now but we all know all good things must come to an end. The office of treasurer is one of great importance and requires some dedication. The officers and board are asking if there is anyone who is willing to step up to fill this position. If anyone thinks they may be interested please contact the Commodore at commodore@payc.us.

On that note please remember that the first of the year billing has been sent out. Payment is due on receipt of statements; please remit your dues payments in a timely manner. If you are reading this and have not received a statement or you have any questions on your statement please contact me so we can make sure we have your information correct in the accounting database.

We have a great year ahead of us be sure to check out the articles every month and check the official calendar on the web site.



Calendar

March 2014

1,2	SC	Land Cruise Mardi Gras	1800
11	M	General/Board Meeting	1900
15	SC	Moonlight Race/Cruise Beer Tasting	1800
13,20,27	R	Thursday Night Series #1	1800
29	CS	Cruise for the Fish	1800

Here is a note from the **Vice Commodore, Mike Wise**.

As you all know we are living in the digital age where everything is smart phones, Wi-Fi, instant message, Facebook, email or on the Internet. In our attempt to keep up and not get left behind over the last few years we have tried to keep things up to date. I am tasked with maintaining the email data bases for our member announcements and Mainsheet publication notices. Yes, even the cherished Mainsheet is now only in digital format. There has been a small push in the past to even get our billing sent electronically, which would mean a cost savings to the club in postage and time for the treasurer. In order to make these things happen we need to make sure we have accurate information on ALL of our members. It is difficult to send out an email and ask if you received an email when the address we have may be incorrect! So I am looking at starting here in the Mainsheet first, then an email notice and a Facebook request.

What am I looking for you ask? Well, several things, first we need to make sure we have your current/correct/preferred email address and member name to match. Today, many of us have work and personnel email addresses and have a preference to where they would like club correspondence sent or even to your spouse or significant other who actually reads the messages!

In an effort to clean up our mailing list what I would like is for EVERY PAYC member paying or honorary to send me an email at: vicecommodore@payc.us in that email I need your **name, preferred email address and any other email addresses** where you would like to receive notices. **This list is for members only**, for notices such as club events, special meetings, notices of races, etc.

Next month I will tackle the Mainsheet list!

Thanks for your help...

Hope to see you on the water.

Commodore 2014
Russ Myers

Racing Report:

The Night the Wind Died

We had the first race in our moonlight series on Feb 15. It started out as a beautiful windy night. We had a good turnout for the wind chilled night. It looked as though it was going to be a good race with the three racers Russ Meyers, Richard Hughes and Paul Vera all close at the start. The two cruisers Chris Boone and Mike Blakeley brought up the rear, eventually abandoning the race. Paul had a solid lead with Richard in hot pursuit on the way to the first mark when the wind died for the first time. Russ and crew were in the rear watching the two boats in front racing it out under the moonlight. A camera on this race would have been great as there were plenty of photo opportunities with Paul and Richard crossing the moonshine while on the water. Paul was the first to round the moonlight rig. Richard was the next to round the mark with Russ in close proximity. It wasn't long after rounding the mark that everyone noticed Paul heading for Louisiana instead of the clubhouse. Paul fell way behind leaving the race to Russ and Richard. Then Mother Nature had another plan and the wind died for a second time. Russ and crew looked at the gps and found that they were only sailing at 1.2 knots with 3.2 knots to the finish line. Russ fired up the motor and abandoned the race. Paul and Richard both finished the race after 11:00p.m. that night. Richard pulled out the first place spot with Paul taking second after his slight detour.



Thursday night racing is coming up pretty quick skippers need to start going over your boats making sure they are race ready. The second race in the moonlight series is on the 15th with a St. Patrick's social to follow. Hope to see you on the water.

"Yes, I am a pirate two hundred years too late."

— Jimmy Buffett

Race Chairman

Daniel Tatum

Cruising Report:

Let's go cruising? Well, Mardi Gras is happening as I type this. Not sure who all made it to the festival in the wonderful city of Port Arthur, but I'm sure they're having a good time in PAYC fashion. Mark your calendar for March 28th for a day of sailing and fishing. Skippers meeting at 1000. The fishing rules are simple. \$10.00 entry fee per person. Biggest fish in length wins the pot, regardless of what type of fish it is. No fee if you don't want to be eligible to claim the pot. Just come on out to the Island, bring some friends and let's have some fun! Hope to see you there.

Cruising Director

Steve Romeis

Social Report:

I would like to send a BIG THANK YOU to those that showed up to run/walk and to Larry & Rosemary & John & Ginger for cheering us on. We had a great time and managed to do something good for the YMCA and ourselves. And once we got back to the marina we made an impromptu trip to The Pine Tree Lodge. In the future I will be looking for other fun 5k's for our group to participate in. They are a lot of fun and it's good for you. I love my PAYC family and I want us all to be happy and healthy.

In the month of March we have the Mardi Gras land cruise on the 1st and 2nd, on the 15th we will have a Beer Tasting in celebration of St. Patrick's Day (so get your green beer ready) and Moonlight Cruise, and on the 29th *thanks to our cruising chair* we have a fishing cruise that we could easily turn into a dock party afterwards and enjoy all of the fish I know we're going to catch.

I look forward to seeing all of you soon.

Social Director

Ettie Haley



Port Arthur Yacht Club (PAYC)
General Meeting
February 11, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Russ Myers, Commodore
Mike Wise, Vice Commodore
Craig J. Belaire, Secretary
Alan Aldredge, Treasurer (Acting)
Daniel Tatum, Racing Director
Paul Vera, Past Commodore
Butch Neely, Harbor Master
Kenny Kendrick
Jim Richardson
Ted Mahavier
Johnny Otto
Art Lynd
Chuck DeVenzio
Richard Hughes
Ken Rutty
Ettie Haley

Commodore Russ Myers called the meeting to order at 1900.

REPORTS:

TREASURER

Prepared by Alan Aldredge

HARBORMASTER – Butch Neely reported all slips are consistent with his schedule. Bulk head has busted sheet pylons and have been reported to PIC.

MEMBERSHIP – The following members resigned IN Good Standing:

Bo Weinbaum, Mr & Mrs. Andy Green and Mr. & Mrs. R.H. ‘Kayo’ Harlow

The following members resigned NOT IN Good Standing:

Scott Lambert, Paul Morgan

RACING – Daniel Tatum reported the first moonlight race is this weekend Skippers meeting 1800

HOUSE and GROUNDS - Faucet heads in both bathrooms need to be change out. They will be addressed in the next work day.

CRUISING – No report.

SOCIALS – Everyone please register for the YMCA 5k Feb 22 at the PA seawall. Madri Gras land cruse will be weekend of Feb 28th

SAFETY – No report

JR. SAILING – Paul Vera reported we will try to put a couple of our racers on the circuit this year. Camp is set for June 19-22. Please make plans to help with the camp.

SEA SCOUTS – Four scouts showed up and sailed the lake this past Sunday. Looking to do another over night with the scouts in the near future.

LAMAR SAILING CLUB – Nothing to report.

PIC REPORT – Nothing to report. They did not meet tonight.

OLD BUSINESS – 1) New flyer for TMCA Spring Fling May 15-18 was circulated. 2) Gate is still semi working. The new key pad will need controller box to store the access codes. It would cost about \$650. It was discussed to return the new key pad and not purchase controller and wait until later in the year to make any further decisions. 3) Website – almost ready to publish. The PAYC.US URL will still be the landing page. 4) About-Time is needing to have the water pump replaced. Ken Rutty volunteered to help Paul Vera replace. We will wait for work party to look at fixing it. 5) Lease - We are still in discussions with the City of Port Arthur. Richard Hughes has taken a more active role with helping the lease committee with negotiations with the city. After much discussion we agreed to continue discussions with the city.

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget Vote: Motioned made by Richard Hughes and seconded by Johnny Otto to approve the budget as presented in the mainsheet. Vote was unanimous. Motioned passed.

	2014 Budget		2014 Budget
<u>Administrative</u>		<u>Boat Maintenance</u>	
Acct, Taxes	2,900.00	Insurance	Included
Office Expense		Repairs	1,000.00
Postage, Printing	30.00	Registration/title transfer	100.00
Mainsheet		<u>Cruising Program</u>	
Other taxes		Cruising	500.00
Dues, Subscriptions	250.00	<u>Junior Sailing</u>	
<u>Insurance General Fund</u>		TSA Regatta Revenue	
Clubhouse Insurance	4,100.00	TSA Regatta Expense	
Boat Insurance	Included	Junior Sailing Revenue	
Regatta Insurance	Included	Junior Sailing Expense	500.00
Self Insurance	1,000.00	Junior Sailing Maintenance	500.00
<u>Utilities</u>		<u>Socials</u>	
Electricity	4,200.00	Rent Income	
Telephone	35.00	Social Committee Revenue	
Waste Services		Burgees	
City of PA (water)	600.00	Functions	750.00
Gas		Pantry	200.00
Internet/tv	800.00	Treasure Hunt	200.00
<u>Maintenance</u>		<u>Annual Banquet</u>	
Building	500.00	Banquet Receipts	
Ice Machine		Banquet Cost	
<u>Janitorial</u>		Honor Awards/Trophies	1,200.00
Cleaning		Door Prizes	200.00
Supplies	400.00	Decorations	100.00
<u>Racing Program</u>		<u>Lease Renewal</u>	1,000.00
Race Committee	500.00	<u>Contingency Fund</u>	
TSA Regatta		<u>Miscellaneous</u>	500.00
Regatta Insurance			
Spindletop Regatta	200.00		
		<u>Totals</u>	<u>22,265.00</u>

Daniel Tatum motioned to adjourn the meeting, Russ Myers seconded. The motion passed without objection and the General Meeting ended at 20h25, February 11, 2014.

Port Arthur Yacht Club (PAYC)
Board Meeting
February 11, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Russ Myers, Commodore
Mike Wise, Vice Commodore
Craig J. Belaire, Secretary
Alan Aldredge, Treasurer (Acting)
Daniel Tatum, Racing Director
Paul Vera, Past Commodore
Chuck Devensio
Jim Richardson
Ken Rutty
Art Lynd

Russ Myers called the meeting to Order at 20h37.

REPORTS:

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TREASURER –Carry Over from General Meeting

HARBORMASTER- Carry Over from General Meeting

MEMBERSHIP-Carry Over from General Meeting -Mike Wise made a motion to accept Chuck DeVenzio and Butch Neely as new honorary members from membership vote in December Meeting -Russ Myers second. No Discussion. The vote passed, unanimously.

Other membership business. Darrell Reeves is past due and he wants to pay up when he can. We agreed as long as he is communicating with us we will work with him.

RACING- Carry Over from General Meeting

HOUSE and GROUNDS - Carry Over from General Meeting

CRUISING - Carry Over from General Meeting

SOCIALS - Carry Over from General Meeting

SAFETY- Carry Over from General Meeting

JR. SAILING - Carry Over from General Meeting

SEA SCOUTS - Carry Over from General Meeting

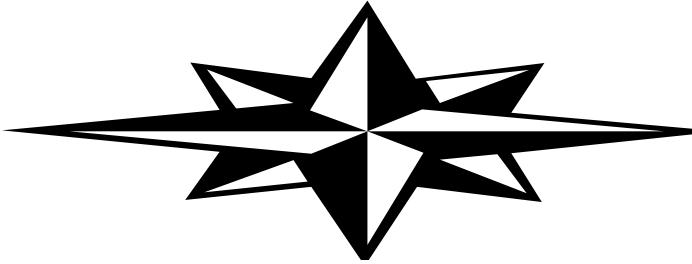
LAMAR SAILING CLUB- Carry Over from General Meeting

PIC REPORT - Carry Over from General Meeting

OLD BUSINESS- Spring Fling – concerns of the race getting into the marina after dark. They may start it earlier.

- NEW BUSINESS: .We have a cd maturing on Feb 25th 2014 for \$14,775.69. Motion was made by Russ Myers, second by Mike Wise to roll it over for 2 more yrs. After further discussion it was agreed we would not need it for 2 yrs. Motion Passed, unanimously.
- Motion was made by Russ Myers, second by Jim Richardson to put the original two cds that matured in May of 2013 back into 3 month cds in order to get them out of the general checking account. After further discussion motion passed
- Safety deposit box will be inventoried. We will discuss its requirement in a future meeting once the contents are known.

Daniel Tatum motioned to adjourn the meeting Russ Myers seconded. The motion passed without objection and the Board Meeting ended at 2110, February 11, 2014.



2014 PAYC Administration

Officers

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

Board of Directors

Ken Rutty
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