

Commodore's CommentsMark Hallquist

JUNE 2008 Edition

Treasure hunt had significant participation this year. After it was over, everyone met down at the screen house and barbequed. Lots of good food and good company. Really nice to see such a significant turnout for a club event.

Several members are headed to Belize again this year. Two Catamarans are being bare boat chartered out of Placencia. The plan is to skirt the outer reef all the way up to Ambergris Cay and then double back. Anticipating good sailing, fishing, snorkeling and companionship. Should hear a report back in the next newsletter.

Three cruisers made the Dieter Young long distance race this year to Galveston. They left the Sabine Pass jetties Saturday morning and returned late Sunday evening. I have not heard how the race went. Karen and I were out on the gulf that Sunday and it was a glorious day for sailing.

Latest update on the Flying Scot is that she is just about ready for sailing. I am currently threading the main halyard into the mast and only have to put the centerboard in for it to be ready to sail (I think.) So far it is looking good. I hope to have it in the water mid June. Still need to register it in Texas. We will see how the paper work goes.

Junior sailing camp is just a few weeks away. We will be looking for as much support as we can get for that event. Please show up if you are willing to help. The next membership meeting will discuss the planning for that event.

Well, I am going to get back to working on the Scot. Need to finish the mast and then check out the sails to see the condition they are in. Sailing should be good. Hope to see you out there.

Mark



In this issue : The Pirates have come and gone until next year & there be pictures to prove it lads & lasses! Plus a few stories of the event as things unfolded. See inside !!

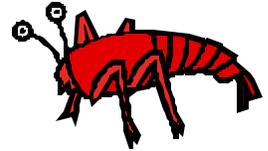
Upcoming Events at the club from the Socials Committee

Port Arthur Yacht Club Crawfish Boil

When? Saturday June 7, 2008 12:00pm until it runs out

Where? PAYC Screen House

WHAT? Crawfish, Beer, Corn & Potatoes will be SERVED



\$10.00 for adults 13 & older (Don't miss the last crawfish of the year!)

The PAYC is back to monthly socials so check out the mainsheet for upcoming events.

Racing Details on the recent Galveston Race Submitted by Art Lynd & as told by Jim Pearson

We can write something up, but to fill you in: We left Friday about 4:00pm and headed from the Yacht Club down to the Sabine Port Authority Marina. We had previously driven down, so we knew what to expect on entering and what the docks were like.

The trip down took only about 2 hours, including the opening at the Causeway Bridge. We side tied at one of the end docks, but there are plenty of slips. However, in the slips you tie up to four pilings, there is only a short dock for you to use to get to the main dock and ashore. So if going into a slip, you need to have stern lines ready to loop around the pilings to stop the boat, then someone can get off at the bow on the short dock and tie up to a piling forward. The docks and pilings are all new and the marina is protected although there is some current running inside, depending on the tide. Mike Wise came in a couple of hours after us and we helped them tie up.

We left the next morning at about 0630 to head for Sabine Pass and the start. The tide was running against us so we didn't get past the jetties until about 0820. Our start time officially was 08:21:30 and Mike Wise was about 1 minute behind us. The wind was 15 to 20 kts from the Southeast, so we sailed the Rumb Line on beam/broad reach, mostly above 7 knots for the first three hours. The wind dropped down a bit to 10-15 and the sailing was more broad reach than beam for the next three hours. Then the wind picked back up, but the tack stayed broad reach for the last part of the race.

We started on a line between the Sabine Pass West Jetty Green G "17" and G "33" at 29:38.460'N and 93:49.514'W. We finished the race at 16:14:52 for a total elapsed time of 7:53:22. We finished on a line between the Galveston North Jetty Light R6s 30ft 6M "6A" and the first RED outside the Jetty, R "6" Fl R 2.5S. The approximate GPS position of our finish was 29:20.272'N and 94:40.348'W.

We rolled the genoa up in the ship channel and motor sailed with main into the Galveston Yacht Club Marina. It took about 1.5 hours to get to the marina from the ship channel. We tied up at the transient dock which is basically a side tie inside the break water which protects the marina. We didn't have fender boards, but had enough fenders to keep us off the pilings. There is no power at the transient dock, but you do have access to get ashore. Mike Wise came in about an hour and a half later at Mark Feeney several hours later just at dark. We used our generator in the cockpit and ran the air conditioning most of the night. We stayed on the boat and grilled steaks for dinner. Left the Marina after breakfast at about 0930 and came back all the way on the Intracoastal. We motor sailed and it was a great trip back as well. We probably averaged over 6 kts on the return trip and were through the Causeway Bridge and back in the Marina at 2030.

There does appear to be a pretty good anchorage just outside the Marine if boats from the Yacht Club wanted to go down there and anchor out. We can provide more details and input to any one that is interested.

Jim Pearson and Sarah Peck-Pearson

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Junior Sailing Paul Vera

Knothead Camp is coming up please try to fill out your child's application form so we can get a really good count on how many we are going to have. We plan on having the different levels of instruction. This camp will be good for all our sailing youth. We need help from cooking to teaching, to everything else. Lend a hand and feel good for doing so. Call me if you can help out. Dates are June 27, 28, 29 and 30.

Well this is month of graduation for a few of our junior sailors, I have been down this road before, but to see the growth of them into really fine people is really cool. I missed one last year and that guy was Tyler Hood who graduated from West Brook in 2007, boy he can wear the knees out of a wet suit. This year we have two that I know for sure Jack and Joann Mosher's granddaughter Ashly Mosher, she was the only PNG Cheerleader I would hug. The other one is my daughter Kaylen, things are going to change around the Vera house big time. She will be attending Austin Community College in August, I will be looking forward to see how well these two girls do. I'm glad PAYC gave us the opportunity to teach these two girls and all the others how to sail.

***** For those who didn't get a copy of the last Mainsheet issue—here's the details for Summer Camp 2008 :**

If you have a child that plans on attending this camp please fill out the form and send it back with a self address envelope ASAP, space will be limited to 50 students. In turn I will send you back medical and consent forms as well a what camp articles to bring. If you have any questions please e-mail at vseaturtle@aol.com Camp dates are June 27-28-29-30, this will be a sleep over camp.

Camp schedule:

Day 1:

- Sign in; pass out folders, set up PAYC for camp and classroom.
- Introduction of instructors and classmates
- Camp rules
- Discussion of boat parts and proper handling of the boats
- Lunch
- First test
- Knot lesson
- Split into groups and walk around the marina
- Rigging boats
- Afternoon break
- Life Jacket checks
- Swim test
- Rig boats
- Righting boats
- First Sail
- Showers
- Dinner
- Movie
- Lights out

Day 2, 3, 4

- Dress for morning run
- Breakfast
- Classroom
- Break
- Points of Sail
- Knots
- Rig boats
- Lunch
- Classroom
- Sail
- Break
- Sail
- Showers
- Dinners
- Movie
- Lights out

Junior Sailing Summer Camp Registration Form

STUDENT NAME _____

AGE _____ MALE _____ FEMALE _____ GRADE _____

SCHOOL _____

T-SHIRT SIZE:

SMALL _____ MED _____ LARGE _____ XL _____ XXL _____

FEES:

MEMBERS FEE: \$75.00

NON-MEMBERS FEE \$100.00

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OUT TO: PAYC

ADDRESS:

PAUL VERA
3701 RUSSELL
GROVES, TX.
77619

Phone 409-963-3525

Also send me a self address envelope so I can return you a Junior Camp Packet. In this packet it will have medical release forms, emergency forms, camp rules and articles that you need to have your child bring to camp.

PAYC BOARD MEETING MINUTES * May 13th, 2008

Club Members present were: Karen Hallquist, Russ Myers, Mike Wise, Butch Neely, Chuck Devenzio, Pat O'Quinn, Jim Pearson, Art Lynd, Alan Aldredge, Paul Vera, Gene Kohrman, Sandy & Darrell Irvin, Mark Feeney, Chris O'Brien, Mike Gill, and Mark Bonnette.

Treasurer's Report:

(Reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

Guaranty Bank

<u>Main Checking: 9757</u>	\$ 16,885.48
Improvement CD: 0040	\$ 13,214.80
Improvement CD2: 8798	\$ 30,837.29
Lease: 5197	\$ 29,868.88
Money Market CD: 2422	\$ 730.73
Self Insurance CD: 6443	\$ 26,275.77
CD: 6287	\$ 3,399.61
<hr/> Total	<hr/> \$121,212.56

Community Bank

Money Market	\$ 5,000.00
CD Lease	\$ 5,000.00
<u>CD Improvement</u>	<u>\$ 26,554.00</u>
<hr/> Total	<hr/> \$ 36,554.52

Harbormaster:

(Reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

Gene Kohrman reported that we have 150 boats in the marina. There are 13 slips not occupied, 7 of those need repairs. Slip repairs are still in progress on Row "C". There will be a USCG Aux. Safe Boating Course at Sabine Pass High School on Saturday May 17, 2008. During the Memorial Day weekend the Acadian Yacht Club are planning to make their annual visit to PAYC.

Membership:

Application from Jr. member Chris O'Brien was approved. We received a letter from Joe & Mary Fitzgerald that they will be resigning their membership as of June 30, 2008.

Racing:

(Reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

Paul Vera reported that the winds are unbelievable this year. Seems like every Thursday afternoon the wind are blowing anywhere from 15-20 knots. We also have the Dieter Junge Galveston Race on May 24. We will hold a skipper's meeting Thursday May 22 at 6pm before the Thursday Night Series Race, to see who is going and give instructions. Here is the May and June race schedule:
Thursday Night Series, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Dieter Junge Galveston Race May 22,
Thursday Night Series, June 5, 12, 19, 26,
Full Moon Race, June 21.

House & Grounds:

Butch Neely reported he received two bids to finish the floor in the meeting room. The bids were \$450 and \$270. Butch assured the Board that the floor would be complete by the next meeting. Butch also reported there is excessive humidity in the restrooms.

He suggested installing exhaust fans in each of the restrooms to control the humidity. Mike Wise made a motion to purchase and install two exhaust fans. Mike Gill seconded the motion. The motion passed.

PAYC BOARD MEETING MINUTES * (continued)

Cruising/Socials:

(Reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

Art Lynd reported that the annual PAYC Treasure Hunt and social is scheduled for May 17. Members are to bring meat to cook on the grille and PAYC will furnish buns and vegetables. The skippers' meeting for the hunt will be 9am. Karen Hallquist reported that on September 20, 2008 there is a long distance race scheduled and a group wants to rent the clubhouse the same day. The Board said that there would not be a problem as long as the group understands that the participants of the long distance race would be coming in and out of the club house after the race.

Safety:

(Reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

Gene Kohrman reported that there were more deaths in Sabine Lake last month. A newspaper reported that six people in a 16' boat capsized and three adults drowned, two while wearing life vests.

Junior Sailing:

(Reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

Paul Vera reported that Junior Sailing Camp is coming up so if you have a child planning on attending please send in their application soon so he can get an idea on how many kids are coming. Paul needs volunteers to help with this year's camp. Junior Sailing camp dates are June 27-28-29-30, this will be a sleep over camp.

Sea Scouts:

No Report

Old Business:

Alan Aldredge reported that we need to update the trustee list. Pat O'Quinn reported that the committee to review the slip rules met on April 15, 2008. They reviewed the slip rules and after a lengthy discussion decided that the rules cover most situations with minor clarifications. It was decided that the members that have two slips can stay in them until the second slip is needed. When a slip is needed the owner has the option of deciding which slip to keep. To obtain a large boat slip your name must be on the list at the club house. The Harbor Master will try to give the member a two week notice if possible.

New Business:

No Report

Meeting was adjourned

Russ Myers, Secretary of the PAYC

secretary@payc.us

Terrell's Corner ' a tribute to Terrell Adkisson's witty messages from the past! '

“Rub-a-dub-dub, three men in a tub, somehow entered a Thursday night race. With nary a sail, they still did quite well, for their handicap gave them first place. “

*- from the **Ruby Yacht** of Sailbad the Sinner.*

From the bilges of your trusty dusty 'HabaDude'.....

. . . and a pleasant morning to you. We are currently anchored in a secluded cove on a tropical island. The sunrise was spectacular, the coolness of the equatorial daybreak, a cuppa kava, solitude, peace and quiet. Oh, what a day this is to be . . .

Haba! Haba! Hey Dude, WAKE UP!!! We are late . . . and back to reality and the heat of summer. Yes, Summer is definitely upon us. With the temperature in the nineties and the afternoon thunder-showers, the humidity; it may not be officially summer, but . . . we are on Lake Sabine and having a very fine sail. The ol'dogboat is stretching her legs, a prissy lil winch she be. Full main, full mizzen with a cruising chute a flyin'. Hey, Haba! Hey, Dude! WAKE, UP. You went back to sleep. We have things to do, people to see, places to go . . . Now get out of the v-berth and make a pot of coffee.

Reality time, as I have been speaking of; HURRICANE SEASON has arrived. On the ol' dogboat; preparations for hurricane season are underway. 1600 feet of anchor line, the aluminum Spade 100, the 25# CQR, the 33# Bruce and the Fortress anchors are onboard.. I need to inventory staples and restock as needed for a minimum of one weeks supplies . . . and the list goes on. I have a hurricane plan for my ketch. What about you? Last month, I again mentioned the BOATU.S. Hurricane Preparation Guide and for the past several years we have ask our boat owner membership to complete the Hurricane Preparation Worksheet form and mail it to PAYC, in care of the 'HabaDude'. Better yet, why not just head on down for the weekend. I bet you do not even read this article. We normally have impromptu breakfast Saturday and Sunday mornings and an evening meal Saturday night. We pitch in, we bring a dish, we have a feast and we attempt to out prevaricate the other (esp. when it comes to sailing).

The website for the Hurricane Preparation Guide and Worksheet: <http://www.boatus.com/hurricanes/>, and if you are a PAYC boat owner with your boat in the marina; please complete the form and mail it to PAYC or just come on down and enjoy your yacht club where you can insert it in the mail slot in the door of the Commodore's office. Sounds like a broken record, does it not? Submittal of Hurricane Preparation Worksheet and dock-lines are two subjects I have repeatedly been harping about. I am not even going to mention dock-lines this month. I will give you a break. Ah, just a lil' pun. OK, yes; summertime is upon us and we need to maintain hydration of the body for the prevention of a heat stroke. Let us remember to consume vast amounts of liquids; nada, not the alcoholic kind. And speaking of alcohol and boating; remember, they do not mix. A BWI is the same as a DWI and if you acquire a BWI, you will most likely lose you drivers license as well as one big hassle which will cost you mucho grande monies. Better yet, just don't consume the demon spirits. enjoy your day on the water. Just too many needless boating incidents due to lack of attention, inebriated boaters, not enough life jackets, and lack of common sense while on the water (not necessarily in that order). When was the last time you checked the expiry date of day/night flares on your vessel? By the way, something I learned last month. Texas State law supercedes federal standards (cfr) when it comes to you head thru-hull. Texas state law stipulates the thru-hull valve to be locked out with a pad-lock.

Website of the month: <http://mail.google.com/mail/?hl=en&tab=wm#inbox/11a3308ea8750cb7>

See you on the water,
Gene Kohrman

From the Cook's Galleysome much favored recipes to sail with

This is a newly formed area that we hope catches on & will perhaps appeal to more of our members. We would like to see mostly recipes that our own personal club members & their families have created over the years if possible. If you have a wonderful recipe you would like to share then please submit it to mainsheet@payc.us or mail us a copy via snail-mail at the clubhouse. We will of course post recipes that other clubs have posted as well as other sources to fill in the gaps as needed. Bon' Appétit' Folks!!

HOT BUTTERED RUM MUD

½# butter, sweet cream, salted

½# dark brown sugar

4 tsp ground cinnamon

4 tsp ground clove

2 tsp nutmeg

2 tsp ginger

Cream till mud.

Add 1 level Tsp mud to heated mug, then introduce 1½ jigger rum to concoction and fill with boiling water. Stir till smooth texture and enjoy your watered-downed mud.

(Remember, it was 1½ jigger rum! Why 1½, you will see . .).

Great for a couple on a cold winter night, in front of the fireplace, with lights down low . . . well just enjoy.

Satisfaction Guaranteed

You betcha bootsies, baby!

It is my understanding that Art Pryor varied the standard recipe to perfection, so sayeth Terrell Adkisson.



The Hunt Is Over!!

From the feed back and the "on going" talks around the marina, I believe the 2008 PAYC treasure hunt was a great success. Little kids and big kids (adults) ranging from 7 to 67 all teamed up to collect clues and fight off the clever and sneaky ghost pirates of Jean Lafitte.

Those of you that didn't make it, talk with one of the 53 members or guest that were involved. You will hear the stories of strategy, sailing maneuvers, quick getaways, exploration, navigation and water balloon warfare with pirates attacking from all directions. We had a total of 17 boats and one gator. She was friendly.

Fleet Admiral Mike Wise's team was the winner. The treasure chest was found on the bank 3/10 of a mile up Big Four Bayou under a pine tree. A winner's declaration document was signed by all of the winners giving them bragging rights for one year. It can be found in the club house. The grill at the screen house was filled with hamburger, links, hotdogs and steaks, smelling up the entire marina for the after treasure hunt social. Donated prizes from local merchants that were awarded to the winners ranged from power tools, VHF radios, and lawn swings to free laundry certificates and video rental. Deena Gill was the winner of the pirate punch contest with Annette Lynd in second. Jack Sparrow and Elizabeth were also spotted roaming the crowd as the sun began to set. For those of you who only like to race or only like to cruise, this hunt was just another way to meet our clubs purpose: *"to encourage and stimulate yachting in a safe and sporting manner."*.....and to have fun.

Art Lynd

Vice Commodore

These awesome vendors donated prizes to the Treasure Hunt :



Movieland Rentals—
Groves



Academy—Port Arthur



Lowe's—Port Arthur



Ritter@Home—
Beaumont Store



Kaye Electronics—Beaumont



Gander Mountain -
Beaumont



The Laundry
Basket—Groves

*A tale from the Treasure Hunt as conveyed by a young, but able bodied crewperson ..
...thanks goes out to Miss Caroline Mahavier*

**Pirate adventure (My side of the story.)
By Caroline Mahavier**

(Dad's Notes: This story was written, unedited, by Caroline who is 10 year's old. I've taken the liberty of NOT correcting the mistakes – for example it was Pat who protested the Pirate Rule and “quadrant” should be “coordinate.” Oh, and that was my “serious” voice, not my “scared” voice! ;>)

We finally got to the marina from Beaumont. We went to our boat Chalupa to unload our water guns and water balloons 4 buckets full to the exact. And when we were done we went to the club house to get instructions. We all discussed the rules. My Dad (Ted) protested about the pirates not having to stop when we hit them with 4 water balloons. So that rule was changed. After the meeting we got the quadrants of our clue.

We got the boat ready, and took sail. It took about an hour to get to the marsh. The quadrants said that it was about 1 mile in. So, we got in my little dingy and went through the marsh and didn't find anything. So we rowed back to the boat and my dad called up the leader of our team. And he said there were two clues then he said only 1. So we went back and looked. We didn't find it so he called up the leader and said the other guy must of got it. Then he said there were two clues and ours was at the beginning of the marsh. We rowed to the clue and went to the boat. We were stuck in the mud! So we all leaned against the side of the boat. We got loose except for the anchor. My dad was messing with the sails so he told me “Pull up the anchor! Do your best!” in his scared voice. I had never pulled up an anchor before, But, I did it!

We were finally loose. We rode back in the boat with the motor on since the other team got the treasure. We got ambushed! But, with my dads arm on our side they didn't stand a chance. After that i jumped in for a swim. Other boats were attacking each other with their water balloon catapults. They had far distance but not good aim. So i swam and got some of their water balloons that were floating since we were out. And i got back in and we got in the war of water balloons and super soakers.

After a long day we got back on land, and went to the party. We learned that the person who we thought got the clue really got back with the treasure! We got to eat and have a good time so it really did not matter!



Some pics taken during our recent PAYC Treasure Hunt ...Arrrr



Check out *THIS* dandy launcher complements of one of the notorious pirates on the water !



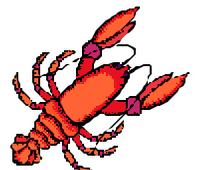


June 2008

PAYC UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 LADIES Bridge Club meets.	4	5 Thursday Night Race— Series 4— Skippers meeting at 6pm	6	7 Crawfish Boil—12:00 pm until ?? - at the screen house <i>Bring 10 bucks</i> <i>per person!</i>
8	9	10 General & Board Meet- ings—start at 7 PM.	11	12 Thursday Night Race— Series 4— Skippers meeting at 6pm	13	14
15	16	17 LADIES Bridge Club meets.	18	19 Thursday Night Race— Series 4— Skippers meeting at 6pm	20	21 Full Moon Race/Cruise/ Social/ #4— meeting time—6 pm
22	23	24 LADIES Bridge Club meets.	25	26 Thursday Night Race— Series 4— Skippers meeting at 6pm	27 Junior Sailing Summer Camp—Day1	28 Junior Sailing Summer Camp—Day2
29 Junior Sailing Summer Camp—Day3	30 Junior Sailing Summer Camp—Day4				Call Beverly Broussard for details regard- ing the LADIES Bridge Club @ 983-6016	

Come hang out for some Crawfish—June 7th at the Screen House . See you there !!

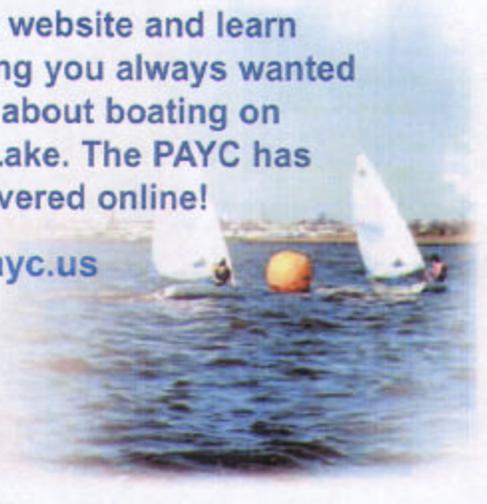




Port Arthur Yacht Club
 560 Pleasure Island Blvd. #79
 Port Arthur, TX 77640

Visit our website and learn everything you always wanted to know about boating on Sabine Lake. The PAYC has got it covered online!

<http://payc.us>



Next General & Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 10th, 2008, 7:00pm at the PAYC Clubhouse .

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

Commodore : Mark Hallquist
Vice Commodore : Art Lynd
Secretary : Russ Myers
Treasurer : Jim Pearson
Board of Directors : Chuck Devenzio, Mike Wise, Mike Gill, Ed Wiltz, Pat O'Quinn
Trustees : Sam Showalter, Alan Aldredge, & Eric Phelan
Harbormaster : Gene Kehrman
Mainsheet Editor : Steve Swanson
Website Editor (<http://payc.us>) : Carolyn Worsham
Head of Socials: Eric Phelan
Social Committee: Deena Gill, Anne Lynd, Julie Swanson

Reserving the PAYC Clubhouse

Members wishing to reserve the clubhouse should first call or email .us. We will determine clubhouse availability by checking the most current calendar. You may contact us at clubhouse@payc.us or at (409) 985-3751. After your date has been cleared with the PAYC, you can then visit www.payc.us for a reservation application and more info.

Arrrthe pirates have once again come and gone at the 2nd Annual PAYC Treasure Hunt ! Look inside to see what you missed by not being there ! Maybe next time maties!!

