



**Commodore's Comments** ....Mark Hallquist

**April 2007 Edition**

*I would like to thank all those who showed up and helped with the work day on March 3.*

Karen Hallquist and Deena Gill ran for parts and arranged lunch for the working crew. It was a good and productive day. Alan Aldredge and I worked on the front gate and did general repairs there. Mark got carried away with lubrication of the gate which caused it to jam. We had to reset the stops. The gate should now be in good working order...

Paul Vera, Russ Myers, Jessie Aranda and Richard Hughes worked on the Junior Sailing equipment and "About Time". The sail loft and storage area looks really good for now. "About Time" received a good wash as well.

Pat O'Quinn, Ed Wiltz, and Eric Phelan worked on getting water sourced to the screen house. Several of us showed up at the screen house after we got our other tasks done. The scene there was a bit comical. A 20 foot trench was dug exposing the pipeline. The new line was connected to the exposed pipe and we got water to the flush lines but not to the screen house. We dug another six feet. Did some more cutting and fitting. We glued the pipes together and turned on the water a bit too soon... We then cleaned up the mess and re-glued the connections. We waited a bit longer and the connection held.

The men's toilet was also repaired with a new seat and a new handle. Now if we could only get it to quit rocking...

That evening we had the Moonlight race. Karen and I took out Sea Dreams (a 39' Westerly Sealord with a 5' 6" draft) and raced with the cruisers. We got over the starting line first for the cruisers and third overall. The winds started light and everyone began to pass us up. It did not look good, and then the winds started to build. By the time we made it to the mark we had passed up all the cruisers except Jessie Aranda.

When we were headed for the mark, Jessie was about four to five boat lengths ahead of us. Jessie made the turn so I pointed right for his center knowing by the time we went around the mark he would be well ahead of us. Not this time. Jessie's boat stalled at the mark. There was just enough room between Jessie and the mark to get through so I saw our opportunity and took it.

At this point I should tell you that the mark was the oil rig. First Karen (and Jessie) were worried about us T-boning Camisa (Jessie's sailboat), then Karen was having a heart attack about how close we were to the oil rig. I was happy I missed T-boning Camisa but most happy about finally passing Jessie up in the race. I was instructed by Karen not to talk to her for the rest of the race. It was a good night.

That was the fun stuff and now for the not so fun. The current slip assignments are not adequate for the needs of all of our members. We have members who are in the need of boat slips where they are able to access their boat. The hurricane and rate of repair by the Island commission is leaving us in a terrible bind. We have no more large slips available. We do have a few smaller slips available. We also have boats that are currently unusable for sailing and motoring and are taking up good working slips.

The bottom line is that we are going to have to move some boats around so that we can accommodate the membership as a whole. For those of you who have boats in good working order we may have to move your boat to another smaller (width and/or length) into a working slip. This will allow us to place a larger functioning boat into a working slip so their owner may have access to it. I understand these moves may not be wanted by some but we would appreciate your cooperation so that we can provide everyone a working slip.

We are working as we can with the commission to get these docks repaired. Progress has been slow.

The weather is getting warmer every day. Spring is here. I hope to see you out there.

**Mark**

## *Junior Sailing .... Paul Vera*

Juniors hang in there things will be picking up for each one of you when school lets out. I plan on taking a group to race at other clubs after our camp which will be held on June 29-30 - July 1-2. I'm also looking at a junior camp out. So get ready for a fun summer.

## *Racing ....Paul Vera, 963-3525*

The racing is approaching take off speed with the start of our first Thursday Day Night racing which means we will be racing every Thursday night till August. Our Moonlight racing has proven to be very competitive with as many as 8 boats racing. Our first Olympic race or buoy race will be April 14. Skippers meeting will be at 10am. Let's get out there and have fun on the lake. Watch for Russ Myers's notices of race.

## *Cruising from the Cruising Guru .....Pat O'Quinn*

The cruising season is about to kick off and we have some great cruises to make. The Galveston/Shell Island cruises will take place March 28<sup>th</sup> and March 31 respectfully. You can take your pick, a short trip to Shell Island or a longer trip to Galveston.

In April, I am looking into a trip to Lake Charles to the L'Au Burge Do Loc casino. If I can get the price right for the docks, we can make it a weekend cruise. I'm still waiting to hear back from them. If we can't get it done in April, maybe we can do it during Contraband Days in May. We are going to try to have several impromptu cruises that will hopefully include all types of cruisers. I'm also working on a prize for the captain and crew who make the most cruises of 2007. Join in, you WILL have fun.

**Pat O'Quinn** - "Cruising director"..aka Cruising Guru

## *Socials.....*

It is still not official as to whether or not we have someone to replace Barbara as our social director. In the interim we will attempt to utilize this space to inform the club of any upcoming social events in or around the club. Currently we have a **TBA social event** slated for **April 21st**. If anyone has some fresh ideas or suggestions for what kind of impromptu social this should be—please attend the next **meeting on April 10th** & voice your ideas.

## **da Ha-ba Dude**

### **Come one, come all! It is marinaho time . . .**

Spring is upon us and a great sailing season is here and it is time for you to enjoy your marina. Why not join us and overnight on your boat, the sun-rises and sunsets are spectacular. Also, have impromptu breakfast Saturday and Sunday morning at nine and suppertime is 7 pm, Friday and Saturday nights in the clubhouse. The menu is pot luck and all bring a dish and breakfast materials. Seems you are missing out on the camaraderie, as well as the razzle-dazzle. Besides, I am really getting tired of looking at the same people!.

Then there are the excuses as to why your boat beat mine, and what is the secret weapon you keep talking about that will make your sailboat faster; and it goes on . . . Come join us, come chat over a cup of coffee, let us see just who can out prevaricate the other. Let us just have a grand time. Now, for the non boat owning membership, this invitation is also extended to you. When was the last time you and your wife dined on the water, in your clubhouse. I expect to see you there.

By the way, several of us will be marina-ing in Galveston at the end of the month of March. If interested, you need to contact the 'Cruising Guru'. This is a very dangerous and perilous voyage. Last year we were plagued by the goblins and the trolls—and it was rumored that a rogue killer porpoise was even sighted. We must be alert to survive the ocean blue (brown), really . . .

See you on the water,  
da Ha-ba dude

What did you do this weekend . . .

[http://www.dailymotion.com/video/x4oms\\_trouble](http://www.dailymotion.com/video/x4oms_trouble)

(Eat your heart out Paul)

## **PAYC BOARD MEETING MINUTES \* March 13, 2007**

Club Members present were: Karen Hallquist, Russ Myers, Mark Feeny, Sam Showalter, Terrill Adkisson, Tom Shelley, Alan Aldredge, Steve Swanson, Gene Kohrman, Larry Elliott, Chuck & Marilee Davenzio, Pat O'quinn, Jessie Aranda, Johnny Otto, Mike Wise, Richard Richardson, & Martin Novich.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

(reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

<u>Main Checking:</u>	<u>\$26,210.39</u>
Improvement CD:	\$12,557.23
Improvement CD2	\$29,379.60
Lease:	\$28,510.46
Money Market CD:	\$ 3,423.45
Self Insurance CD:	\$24,759.87
<u>CD</u>	<u>\$ 3,203.97</u>
Total	\$128,056.71

The finance committee has finalized a budget proposal. They reported that the proposed budget is based on 165 members @ \$180.00 a year, which will be \$29,700 for 2007. They proposed to raise the annual membership dues from \$16.00 to \$20.83 a month, or from \$180 a year to \$250 a year, which would increase the budget to \$39,600. Dues have not been raised in over eight years. The raise is needed to offset the increase in the cost of living. Johnny Otto raised concerns that cutting the social and junior sailing budgets could actually hurt the growth of the club. The finance committee replied that if we have an increase in membership that some budgets might be readdressed. The proposed increase if passed will take effect on July 1, 2007.

The Board passed the proposed budget. Ballots are to be included in April's Mainsheet. Also there will be ballots for the proposed increase in membership dues.

### **Harbormaster:**

(reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

Gene Korhman reported seven slips are unusable on row C. There are three Coast Guard classes scheduled for the month of March. There are several boats for sale in the club.

### **Membership:**

Applications from Ryan & Amanda Eppes and David Roberts were approved. Gary Cormier resigned in good standing.

### **Racing:**

No report at this time.

### **House & Grounds:**

(reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

The work day we had on March 3, 2007 went well. A lot of work was accomplished; the water was connected back to the screen house, the junior sailing equipment was organized, the toilet in the men's restroom was repaired and several more items. However there was a leak on the PIC side of the meter. PIC should repair the leak in the near future.

### **Cruising/Socials:**

There are two cruises scheduled for March 31, weekend. There is a cruise to Shell Island and a cruise to Galveston that weekend.

### **Safety:**

(reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

A fully loaded barge of rocks capsized in the Intracoastal Canal at channel marker 279. If you're in the vicinity, please exercise caution around this obstacle.

### **Junior Sailing:**

No report at this time

### **Old Business:**

(reposted from General Meeting Minutes)

The new thermostats should be installed on Friday March 16, 2007. The new gate FOBs have been ordered. I will let the membership know when they arrive. We can not find the key that will enable us to switch out the key pad for the gate. We hope to have this problem resolved soon.

### **New Business:**

No report at this time.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm

**Russ Myers**, Secretary of the PAYC

[secretary@payc.us](mailto:secretary@payc.us)

**Proposed Budget for 2007 (based on 165 members @ \$180 = \$29,700)**

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	Paid 2006	2007 Budget
<b><u>Administrative</u></b>		
Accounting, Taxes, Dues	2,325.00	2,325.00
Stationery, Checks	1,280.59	680.00
Postage, Printing	137.16	137.00
Mainsheet	365.40	365.00
Publicity, Membership		
<b><u>Clubhouse</u></b>		
Insurance	2,175.62	2,500.00
Self-Insurance		1,500.00
<b><u>Utilities</u></b>		
Electricity	8,017.04	8,000.00
Telephone	858.22	860.00
Waste Services		
Water	1,553.20	1,550.00
Gas	54.70	200.00
<b><u>Maintenance</u></b>		
Building	12,167.93	2,000.00
Ice Machine		
Janitorial	4,040.15	4,000.00
Cleaning		
Supplies		1,070.00
<b><u>Racing Program</u></b>		
Race Committee	1,116.75	500.00
TSA Regatta	160.00	
Regatta Insurance	300.00	300.00
Spindletop Regatta		
<b><u>Boat Maintenance</u></b>		
Insurance	184.79	185.00
Repair	681.87	500.00
<b><u>Cruising Program</u></b>		
<b><u>Junior Sailing</u></b>	1,011.49	500.00
<b><u>Social</u></b>	1,596.90	500.00
Functions		
Pantry		
<b><u>Annual Banquet</u></b>	1,619.55	
Banquet Cost		200.00
Honor Awards		1,000.00
Door Prizes		300.00
Decorations		
<b><u>Lease Renewal</u></b>		
<b><u>Contingency Fund</u></b>		
<b><u>Miscellaneous</u></b>	1,409.58	
<b><u>Furniture &amp; Equipment</u></b>	756.37	
<b><u>Trophies</u></b>	1,482.64	
Totals	<b>43,294.95</b>	<b>29,172.00</b>
<b>Less Roof</b>	<u>(8,550.00)</u>	
	<b>34,744.95</b>	

**Approve** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do not approve** \_\_\_\_\_

Submit ballot at the April 10 General Meeting or mail for receipt prior to April 10 to  
Port Arthur Yacht Club  
560 Pleasure Island Blvd. #79  
Port Arthur, TX 77640

## **Ballot for Proposed Membership Dues Increase**

The Proposed increase of **\$5.83 *a month*** would raise dues from **\$180.00** a year to **\$250.00** a year, which would take effect on ***July 1, 2007***.

If you have any comments or suggestions e-mail them to [secretary@payc.us](mailto:secretary@payc.us)

**Approve** \_\_\_\_\_ **Do not approve** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Port Arthur Yacht Club**

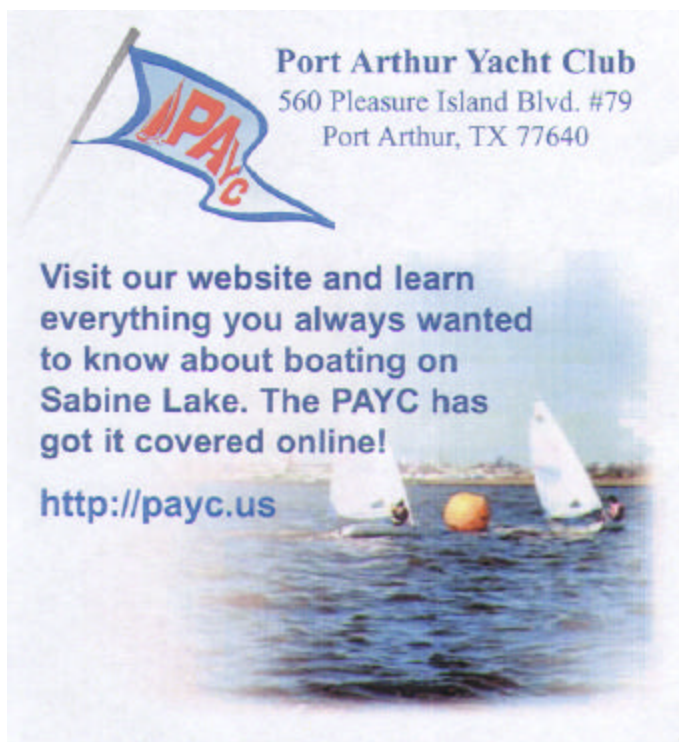
**560 Pleasure Island Blvd. #79**

**Port Arthur, TX 77640**



*More scenes from our recently past club sponsored 2007 Mardi Gras Regatta on Lake Sabine. These kids sure know how to sail!*





**Next General Meeting: Tuesday, April 13th, 2007, 7:00pm at the PAYC Clubhouse. Board Meeting immediately following General Meeting.**

If you would like a copy of the current PAYC roster, email [roster@payc.us](mailto: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](mailto:mainsheet@payc.us)

**Commodore** : Mark Hallquist

**Vice Commodore** : Russell Test

**Secretary** : Russ Myers

**Treasurer** : Karen Hallquist

**Board of Directors** : Terrill Adkisson, Gene Kohrman, Paul Vera, Chuck Devenzio, & Pat O'Quinn (Past Commodore)

**Trustees** : Alan Aldredge, Sam Showalter

**Harbormaster** : Gene Kohrman

**Mainsheet Editor** : Steve Swanson

**Website Editor** (<http://payc.us>) : Carolyn Worsham

### **YACHTS FOR SALE AT PAYC**

(Call Steve Swanson at 409-659-2272 to list your vessel or have it removed from this list)

30' Olympic Princess  
 27' 1978 Hunter

Tom Thigpen 704-866-8856 or [thigpen@midrex.com](mailto:thigpen@midrex.com)  
 Glenn Thibodeaux 409-886-3113 or [tibodoe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tibodoe@sbcglobal.net)

### **Reserving the PAYC Clubhouse**

Members wishing to reserve the clubhouse should first call or email Barbara Test. Barbara will determine clubhouse availability by checking the most current calendar. You may contact her at [clubhouse@payc.us](mailto:clubhouse@payc.us) or at (409) 722-5739. After your date has been cleared with Barbara, you can then visit [www.payc.us](http://www.payc.us) for a reservation application and more info.

## **Summary of *PAYC* Events in April:**

**Mar 31st—April 1st**—Shell Island Cruise—departure at 10 AM after breakfast

**April 5,12,19,26** - Thursday Night Race Series #2—Skippers meetings at 6 pm

**April 10th**—PAYC General & Board meetings

**April 14th**—Olympic Regatta #1—Skippers meeting at 2 pm.

**April 21st**—TBA Social

**April 28th**—Full Moon Race/Cruise—Skippers meeting at 6 pm.

