

# Commodore's Corner: Donald F. Hearn



This is still my happy place...

The Yacht Club was given another opportunity to shine. The City of Port Arthur had another RFQ (request for quotation) concerning the lease of the clubhouse and boat house buildings. This had to be submitted on February 28, 2024 no later than 3:00 pm (1500). Many thanks to Drake, David, Brian, and the many other club members who put in the many volunteer hours to provide the city with this Quotation. There was only one other Quotation submitted for this RFQ. We look forward to further discussions with the City to clarify the provisions of the RFQ.



Many thanks to Daphe and Tempe for bringing 41 American Heritage Girls and 26 adult leaders to PAYC Saturday, March 2 for their Boating Badge Day. The event was very well organized and many of the Yacht Club members were there to assist.

The weather is beginning to clear and get warmer so many of the yachts are being seen on the lake more often. Thursday night races will be starting this month on March 14th with the Skippers meeting at 1800. The race event will last about 3 hours, but the discussion about who won can last a lifetime.



While out and about I have been asked about PAYC's Junior Sailing Camps for this year. At this point we are planning on having 2 camps; one from June 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> and the other one from June 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. To the volunteers that make Junior Sailing Camp a success, we THANK YOU, we couldn't do it without you.

The PAYC is not 2 buildings, it is made up of volunteers that have a purpose and a genuine desire to pass on their skills and knowledge to the next generation.

Thank you to all our members,

Donald F. Hearn

Commodore PAYC 2024



# Building and Grounds

Due to recent Security Concerns please make sure to lock all doors when exiting the club facilities and assests.

Also as a reminder if you use the kitchen at the PAYC Clubhouse please consider donating the following items as these items are not provided by the club:

- Paper Towels
- Dish Soap
- Coffee & Filters
- Paper Plates & Bowls
- 42 Gallon Trash Bags
- Spray Cleaner and /or Bleach

Additionally we ask that you please help keep the kitchen ready for use by doing the following:

- Keep items stored in the fridge or pantry to a minimum
- Wash, dry, and put away your dishes after use
- Wipe down the stove and counter after use
- Take out the trash if full or smelly

We appreciate everyone's consideration and help to PAYC !

# Treasurer's Report

I greatly appreciate everyone help in keeping dues paid timely !. We are continuing to mitigate all cost and remind folks that the biggest financial liabilities that we have are Power, Water, and Insurance cost. Any assistance is greatly appreciated.

Please reach out if any questions.

# PAYC Junior Sailing Corner

Happy Spring!

As the Junior Sailing Chair-Person, I've chosen to look away from the darkened and stormy future the Port Arthur City Leaders are trying to present and will lead the Junior Sailing Program towards a brighter future for the Port Arthur Yacht Club. We will oil our lamp and be a beacon of hope within the City of Port Arthur and continue to show how PAYC is contributing to tourism, building a community,

presenting healthy activities, and serving as role models to youth across the region. While we can't control the actions of others, we can be proud of the actions we take to influence them!

The 2024 Junior Sailing Season is off to a strong start! The American Heritage Girls all had a great time at their Boating Badge Day; it was great to see so much excitement for sailing! Can we call this a warm up for future, less involved weekend events? A few of the parents, both moms and dads, are interested in coming back for Thursday Night Races! We hope they bring their kids and expose them to different aspects of sailing!

KFDM interviewed Crystal Meadowcroft and filmed some of AHG activities; once the link for the story is posted, we will pass along the link so we can all advertise the good our club can do! No other group that has bid for the rental of the Clubhouse the Port Arthur yacht Club built almost 50 years ago and maintained ever since could present a weekend like what we did!

Junior Sailing now has its own email address: [JuniorSailing@payc.us](mailto:JuniorSailing@payc.us). This was created to allow for continuity as new Junior Sailing Chair-people take over and have a more professional appearance as we grow our communication within the Port Arthur area and across the state!

Going forward, I will plan for what we have control over. That means we will have monthly Junior Sailing Days on the first Saturday of the months, starting in April until October, and two Junior Sailing Camps in June.

The monthly Junior Sailing days will be on the first Saturday of each month from April to October from 1000 -1400 (10AM to 2PM). These are days for junior sailors, club members and not, to visit PAYC, see our wonderful offerings, meet our dedicated club members and volunteers, and develop a love for sailing! We plan on serving a light lunch, and maybe a big boat sail if there are parents interested. Please help spread the word.

This is a GREAT opportunity to invite Port Arthur City leaders and their families out to see, in person, the good our club does and the free advertising for Pleasure Island, especially towards people that have never been on the island!

As we move into the spring, I would like to use the monthly Junior Sailing Days on the first Saturday of the month as training opportunities for both adult and junior staff. It is a great way to use a short, repeated, low stress event to help folks.

Rigging of all boats,

launching and storage

light instruction

on water monitoring/coaching

cleanup of boat house.

We will develop a group of volunteers so we can rotate who can help with the weekends and not everyone every would be asked to assist every month. Volunteers need time off, too!

In the near term, During the March 23rd workday, I am looking for volunteers to help clean up the boat house so it is easier to use for Junior Sailing Days, Sailing Camps, and all events in between. Adults and children are welcome to help. This is a great opportunity for any kids that want to be Junior Sailing Camp Counselors to learn and show off their skills....

The goal is to make the boat house more useful for either boat work or instruction. We will empty everything out of the boat house, match like items together, inventory and assess. Then we will return the gear we need to keep and trash or sell the stuff don't need. If you've ever wondered what is in the boat house, this is your time to get a good look!

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The dates for the camps are: June 13-16 and 27-30, 2024.

I've reached out candidates for key position roles and will be following up with volunteer requests once these spots are filled.

If you'd like to help, please let me know what you would like to do and what your availability is.

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Be proud of what you, do things that matter, and please help out with our growing Junior Sailing program, either directly or indirectly!

Together, forwards, and stronger! 2024

Capt. Brian Meadowcroft,  
Junior Sailing Chair-Person, 2024

# Port Arthur Yacht Club Meeting Minutes

## Port Arthur Yacht Club (PAYC) General Meeting February 13th, 2024

**Members Present:** David Bradley, Crystal Meadowcroft, Mike Martinez, Shawn Pichoff, Greg Lynd, Gary Hollier, Art Lynd, Drake Thibodaux, Don Hearn, K.C. Shay, Brian Meadowcroft, Mike Givens, Cody Williams, Emily Williams, Paul Vera, Soloman Friemuth,

**Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 18:04 hours on February 13th, 2024, by Don Hearn.

### Opening Comments

- Greg Lynd stated the new website looks fantastic.

American Heritage Girls present to discuss upcoming event for their troop to earn boating badges on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024. Volunteers are needed for certain stations at the event.

### Review of Minutes

- General Meeting was held at the Awards banquet January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Meeting was called to order at 18:37, and adjourned at 18:38:26

### Junior Sailing

- Brian Meadowcroft will be the junior sailing chair.
- Beginning in April, junior sailing will have events on the first weekend of the month on Saturdays from 10AM- 2PM

### Club Boat Maintenance

- K.C. Shay to be added to the Bout Time committee
- New fuel water separator filter purchased for Bout time
- Brian Meadowcroft and K.C. Shay to take a weekend, haul out Bout Time, and pressure wash the hull.

### Treasury Report

- Checking balance is \$5482.03
- Savings account balance is \$75,609.22
- Aging report balance of \$1041.69. Wrote off around \$20,000 in bad debt.

### RFP Status

- About a week ago The City of Port Arthur put out that there is an RFP for the PAYC clubhouse and the boathouse. Drake Thibodaux put in a request to the city for information. The city has not responded.

- Brian Meadowcroft, and Drake Thibodaux to work on the PAYC RFP.

## Membership

- A few calls on those looking for slips.
- New cruising destination to Lighthouse Bend Marina was found thanks to K.C. Shay
- Scrubbed Membership, and addressed existing arrearages

## Socials

- Awards banquet was held last month
- Mardi Gras Murder Mystery party to be held here at the PAYC clubhouse on February 17<sup>th</sup>.
- HOA wants to continue renting the PAYC clubhouse.

## Racing

- The first race of the year to be held on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- Gary Hollier in the future wants to look into purchasing another buoy for racing.
- Racing starts at 18:30 with a skippers meeting at 18:00

## Building and Grounds

- Holding off on spending anymore money until the RFP is decided
- Pending changing the codes on all the building locks.
- Handle locks with a keypad to be installed on both side doors.

## Special Committee

- PIC Meeting: One of the committee members made it clear that the PAYC clubhouse RFP was “for Profit”

## Sea Scouts

- Cleaned up the boathouse
- Cleaned up one of the boats, and fixed up the trailer
- Visited the WWII museum
- Planning to spend more time at the marina.

## New Business

- PAYC owes \$4,434.10 to several members and the accountant. Funds are not in the checking to make these members back.
- David Bradley motions to transfer \$1,000 from the Capital expenditure to general revenue funds.

**NOTICE:** At the next general meeting, a vote will be held to transfer funds in an amount determined by the treasurer from the improvement fund to the general revenue fund.

Meeting adjourned at 19:09 **The next general meeting will be held on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 18:00 hours.**

**Port Arthur Yacht Club (PAYC)**  
**Budget Meeting**  
**February 13th, 2024**

- Drake Thibodaux presented financial numbers for the last three years, and advised that there is potentially \$22,000 from membership income currently. Building utilities present the biggest financial issues for PAYC currently.
- Motion to redirect membership dues to General fund for a six month period.
- General discussion on potentially charging liveboards \$50 a month extra to offset utility costs.
- Budget adopted as adjusted.

**NOTICE:** Vote at the next general meeting to modify Bylaws to redirect funds to general operating funds.

**Port Arthur Yacht Club (PAYC)**  
**Board Meeting**  
**February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**PAYC Members Present:** Drake Thibodaux, Gary Hollier, David Bradley, KC Shay, Don Hearn, Brian Meadowcroft

**Opening:** The board meeting of the PAYC was called to order at 20:17 hours on January 9th, 2024, by Donald F. Hearn.

All committee reports from the General meeting carry over.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

Meeting adjourned at 20:22 hours.

The next PAYC Board meeting will be held on March 12, 2024 following the General Meeting.





## 2024 Calendar of Events

### March 2024:

March 2nd – American Heritage Girls

March 10th – Time Change (clocks fall back an hour)

March 12th – General and Board Meeting (18:00)

March 14th – First Race of the Thursday night series (18:00 – 21:00) *Racing*

March 16th – Johnson's Bayou Rig Race (10:00) Skipper's Meeting (9:30) *Racing*

March 21st, 28th – Thursday Night Race (18:00 – 21:00) *Racing*

March 23rd – PAYC Workday

### April 2024:

April 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th - Thursday Night Race (18:00 – 21:00) *Racing*

April 6th – Junior Sailing Day 10AM – 2PM

April 6th – 7th: Garrison's Ridge Overnight Raft-Up (Skipper's Meeting 13:00)

April 9th – General and Board Meeting (18:00)

### May 2024:

May 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th –Thursday Night Race (18:00 – 21:00) *Racing*

May 4th – Junior Sailing Day

May 14th – General and Board Meeting (18:00)

May 18th – Long Distance Race

May 24th – 27th: Memorial Day Sail to Lake Charles

### June 2024:

June 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th –Thursday Night Race (18:00 – 21:00) *Racing*

June 2nd – Junior Sailing Day 10AM – 2PM

June 11th – General and Board Meeting (18:00)

June 13th – 16th, 27th – 30th: Junior Sailing Camp

June 21st – PAYC Workday / Overnight Cruise

### July 2024:

July 4th – Patriot Run / Port Arthur Firework Display (Raft up)

July 7th – Junior Sailing Day 10AM – 2PM

July 9th – General and Board Meeting (18:00)

July 11th, 18th, 25th – Thursday Night Race (18:00 – 21:00) *Racing*

July 13th – Commodore's Picnic (Adult Small Boat Race)

July 27th – Single Handed Race #1

### August 2024:

August 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th 13th – Thursday Night Race (18:00 – 21:00) *Racing*

August 4th – Junior Sailing Day 10AM – 2PM

August 10th – Island Cup (14:00 – 1800) *Racing*

August 13th – General and Board Meeting (18:00) (Form Nomination Committee)

August 30th – September 2nd: Labor Day Run (Sailing to Moody Gardens)

## **September 2024:**

September 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th – Thursday Night Race (18:00 – 21:00) *Racing*

September 8th – Junior Sailing Day 10AM – 2PM

September 10th – General Board Meeting (18:00)

September 14th – Treasure Hunt (10:00-16:00)

September 21st – PAYC Workday

## **October 2024:**

October 6th – Junior Sailing Day 10AM – 2PM

October 10th – General and Board Meeting (18:00) (Award and Officer Nominations)

October 15th – 22nd: Harvest Moon Regatta (Lakewood Yacht Club)

## **November 2024:**

November 12th – General and Board Meeting (Elections) / Thanksgiving Potluck (18:00)

November 16th – Single Handed Race #2

## **December 2024:**

December 7th – Last Race of The Year (14:00 –18:00) *Racing*

December 10th – General and Board Meeting (18:00)

December 14th – Lighted Boat Parade and Christmas Party

## **January 2025:**

January 14th – Board Meeting for Calendar and Budget

January 18th – General Meeting and Awards Banquet (18:00)

# Local Resources for Sailors, and Power Boaters

## Training & Education

BoatUS Foundation offers free, state boating classes.

American's Boating Club (formerly US Power Squadron) offers more basic and advanced courses for all types of boating.

US Sailing has offerings of classes to enhance sailing and racing skills.

US Coast Guard Auxiliary offers inspections to help verify your boat is safe.

## Racing & Cruising

Regatta Network has links to races around the country, including Houston & Kemah.

Galveston Bay Cruising Association has links to races in the Galveston Bay Area.

Texas Mariners Cruising Association is a group of cruisers that sail the Texas coast and beyond.

## Local Yacht Clubs

Houston Yacht Club - [www.houstonyachtclub.com](http://www.houstonyachtclub.com)

3620 Miramar Dr, La Porte, TX 77571 | **(281) 471-1255**

Lake Charles Yacht Club - [www.lakecharlesyachtclub.com](http://www.lakecharlesyachtclub.com)

1305 N Lakeshore Dr, Lake Charles, LA 70601 | **(337) 564-3987**

Lakewood Yacht Club - [www.lakewoodyachtclub.com](http://www.lakewoodyachtclub.com)

2322 Lakewood Yacht Club Dr, Seabrook, TX 77586 | **(281) 474-2511**

Seabrook Sailing Club - [www.seabrooksailingclub.org](http://www.seabrooksailingclub.org)

1010 Todville Rd, Seabrook, TX 77586 | **(281) 474-5827**

Texas Corinthian Yacht Club, <https://www.tcy.org/>

104 Park Cir, Kemah, TX 77565 | **(281) 339-1566**

## Local Marinas

Bord Du Lac Marina - Transient Marina in Downtown Lake Charles, Louisiana

1111 Bord du Lac Dr, Lake Charles, LA 70601 | **(337) 491-1256**

Lighthouse Bend Marina, Restaurant, and Market - Convenience store, Diesel fuel, Restaurant Bar & Grill

190 Davis Rd, Cameron, LA 70631 | **(337) 775-5010**

Sabine Pass Port Authority

5960 S 1st Ave, Sabine Pass, TX 77655 | **(409) 971-2411**

## Boat Service

Redbeard's Boatworks - Boatbuilding and Repair. Fiberglass, Woodwork, and Plumbing. **(276) 734-5828**

The Boat Yard - Boat yard across from marina; haul outs, bottom works, general boat work, etc.

949 T.B. Ellison Parkway, Port Arthur, TX **(615) 330-1049, (713) 448-9141**

Circle D Boats' - Power boat service center.

6335 Hwy 347, Beaumont, TX 77705, 409-722-5230

## Local Supplies

Kim's Marine & Fisherman's Supply - Local supplier.

3201 Gulfway Dr, Port Arthur, TX, 77642. **(409) 982-8348**

Blackburn Marine - For all your wholesale and retail boating needs. Family owned and supplying the Texas Gulf Coast boating community for over 50 years.

2030 Marina Bay Dr, Kemah, TX 77565. **(281) 334-5474**

Boaters Resale is in Kemah with a large inventory of reasonably priced used boat parts

1440 N Hwy 146, Kemah, TX 77565. **(713) 614-8884**

West Marine - Specializing in boating accessories & parts, plus related apparel & fishing supplies.

1401 Marina Bay Dr, Kemah, TX 77565. **(281) 535-0820**

## **Canvas & Upholstery**

Hall McSween's Canvas & Upholstery -Awnings & Canopies, Boat Covers, Tops & Upholstery

1075 Calder St., Beaumont, TX 77701, **(409) 835-3964**

## **Rigging**

Bahama Rigging - 1207 Marina Bay Dr, Kemah, TX 77565. **(281) 636-7302** | [www.bahamarigging.com/](http://www.bahamarigging.com/)

Hayes Rigging - 918 Delesandri Ln Suite D, Kemah, TX 77565. **(281) 474-4505** |

[www.hayesrigging.com/](http://www.hayesrigging.com/)

Stix-n-Riggin' - 400 Anders Ln, Kemah, TX 77565. **(281) 334-7849** | [www.stixnrign.com/](http://www.stixnrign.com/)

## **Sail Lofts**

North Sails - 602 West Dr, Kemah, TX 77565 **(281) 334-7559**

[www.northsails.com/sailing/en/locations/kemah-texas](http://www.northsails.com/sailing/en/locations/kemah-texas)

Quantum Sails - 1606 1st St, Seabrook, TX 77586 **(281) 474-4168**

[www.quantumsails.com/en/lofts/gulf-coast](http://www.quantumsails.com/en/lofts/gulf-coast)

UK-Halsey Texas - 2031 Anders Ln, Kemah, TX 77565 **(281) 334-3464**

[www.uksailmakers.com/lofts-america/texas](http://www.uksailmakers.com/lofts-america/texas)

## **Out of State Sail Lofts**

Bacon Sails and Marine Supply – Used Sail loft. Search their site for sails specifically by boat make / model or sail dimensions. **[www.baconsails.com](http://www.baconsails.com) | (410) 263-4880**

Precision Sails – For new custom sails made to precisely fit to your boat.

**[www.precision sailloft.com](http://www.precision sailloft.com) | 1 (888) 958-5638**

### **Contact Us**

**409-356-6253 | [www.payc.us](http://www.payc.us)**

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**Treasurer: Drake Thibodaux | [treasurer@payc.us](mailto:treasurer@payc.us)**

*Check the website for information regarding the yearly calendar, bylaws and policies, membership applications, dues and fees, racing rules/procedures, Mainsheet past issues and club reservation policies.*



**Port Arthur Yacht Club**  
 410 Pleasure Island Blvd.  
 Port Arthur, TX 77640  
**409-356-6253**



**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Co- Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Applicant Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Applicant Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name & Ages of Children: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about PAYC? \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Boat ownership is **not** required for membership.

Own a Boat: No:  Yes:  Length: \_\_\_\_\_ Make \_\_\_\_\_ Sail No: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Tell us about you... Are you new to boating \_\_\_\_\_ If no, what experience do you have \_\_\_\_\_

What club activities most interest you?

Cruising:  Adult Racing:  Adult Sailing Classes:  Socials:  Junior Sailing:  Jr. Racing:

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER.....Monthly Dues: \$54.13 (\$50.00 dues + \$4.13 tax) / For Years 0-5

JUNIOR MEMBER (Age 16-26 ) ..... Dues: \$21.66 (\$20.00 dues + \$1.66 tax) / a month

Junior Members Only (Age: 16-19 up to 26 if full time student) Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**Upon acceptance of the application, payment is required of 3 months' non-refundable dues of \$162.38 (\$150 dues + \$12.38 tax.) Invoice will be provided by email, or a check can be provided with this application.**

I HAVE READ THE BY-LAWS AND POLICIES OF THE CLUB. UPON ACCEPTANCE OF MY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION, I ABIDE BY THE BY-LAWS AND OPERATING POLICIES OF THE PORT ARTHUR YACHT CLUB. Upon cancellation of membership, voluntary or otherwise, I acknowledge I am required to return all properties, including keys, of the Port Arthur Yacht Club to the PAYC Secretary.

**Signature:**

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this application with remittance to:**

Port Arthur Yacht Club,  
 410 Pleasure Island Blvd, Port Arthur, TX 77640  
 or Email to: board@payc.us

Payment can be made by check or e-invoice with a credit / debit card.

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<p><b>For PAYC use:</b></p> <p>Recommendation 1: _____</p> <p>Recommendation 2: _____</p> <p>Membership Approved? _____</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p>Secretary _____ Commodore _____</p> <p>Treasurer _____ Vice Commodore _____</p>
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