

Padre Island Yacht Club

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Annual Party: Be There and Be Square (Mallory Square, That Is!)

Who: PIYC Members and Guests
What: PIYC Annual Party
Where: PIYC Downstairs
When: Saturday, August 12, 6-11 P.M.
How: Eat, Drink, Dance and Be Merry!

The theme of the PIYC Annual Party is **“Sunset Celebration in Mallory Square - Key West,”** and you won't have to go to Florida to experience it! If you have been to Mallory Square in Key West, you know the fun and magical festivities that happen every night in anticipation of the sunset. If you haven't been there, you'll enjoy discovering a new and entertaining way to view the sunset. (Hint – look for the Green Flash!)

We'll kick off the Happy Hour with Tequila “Sunsets” (or beer or wine, if that's your pleasure). During Happy Hour, you'll travel through a mini re-creation of Mallory Square, complete with street acts and music. There may also be a surprise or two we are not revealing yet. At 7:00 P.M., you'll dine on Caribbean fare: jerk pork and chicken, rice and beans, cole slaw, and... key lime pie, of course! Following dinner, get ready for the “Mallory Square Sunset Celebration” – hopefully the weather will cooperate, and Padre Island will have a gorgeous sunset to rival Key West's. (Hint – look for the Green Flash!) There's still more to come with live music provided by Tequila Sunrise – and dancing. (Hint – If you are still seeing the Green Flash, you've had too many Tequila Sunsets!)

This should be one of the best annual parties in PIYC history – a great night of friends, food, and fun. We hope every member will **“BE THERE AND BE SQUARE!”**

Family Picnic a real splash

Saturday, the 24th of July was the annual PIYC Family Picnic. Unfortunately the date coincided with the Navy Regatta, so we missed many of you, but the turnout was good anyway.

Although, the planning committee for this party was chaired by me (Vickie Nunez), but the real stars of the show were the hard-working members of the committee: Deb Collins, Bonnie Wilson, Irene Walls, Bev Hoffman, Kay Ann Harbor, Cynthia Atteberry, and Deb Martz. Thanks to all these ladies for their planning, input, and hard work--that's what really made this party happen!

Deb Collins and Bonnie Wilson did an absolutely fabulous job with the decorations and setup for food service. It was too beautiful to describe--you'll just have to see the pictures! They also did the shopping for all the prizes--which were many and wonderful! Bruce Nunez took care of the keg and handled cooking all the hamburgers and hot-dogs, as well as, sailing over Jack & Millie's Lazer which was enjoyed by several outstanding sailors!

Rick & Bonnie Wilson were kind enough to organize the games and water sports, with Mike Hoffman as safety swimmer, assisted by Ed Robinson & Bruce Nunez. The kids all had a ball with swimming races, boogey board races, kayak races, water-balloon contests, etc. There were wonderful prizes for all the winners!

There were even a couple of adult competitions; an adult male swim, and a kayak race. Rick Wilson was the winner of both of these--yea Rick

Thanks also to all of you for bringing the fabulous appetizers, side dishes and desserts--what a great looking display it all made!

Thanks to everyone who brought or shared your water-toys; lazer, sunfish, kayaks, day sailer, boogey-boards & rafts. It really helped make for a great time for everyone who participated! It was a wonderful, fun-filled day for all--hope you enjoyed it!

The Commodore's Column

Commodore Jerry McCracken



Seeking new officers for 2005 term

We had two great parties this month. The party at the beach with games and blazing bonfire and our family picnic with water games and balloon tossing were both a huge success. We don't want to forget the good food at both events. Thanks to all the volunteers that give their time to make the club and parties so much fun. Coming next is the **annual party** and I am sure it will be another hit with food, music, and good friends.

The building committee has posted some ideas upstairs. Please take a look at the plans, if you have any questions contact one of the committee members.

The time has come to work on nominating our 2005 Executive Board. Board positions and a brief description are listed below.

Commodore: Presides over all meetings of the membership and Executive Board. The Commodore position is filled by the current Vice Commodore (Dave Walls).

Vice Commodore: Assists the commodore in the discharge of his or her duties and serves as chairman of the Docks and Facilities Committee.

Rear Commodore: Assists the vice-commodore and serves as chairman of the Membership Committee.

Secretary: Records events transpiring at the Executive Board meetings, maintains a calendar and accepts club use applications.

Treasurer: Responsible for matters involving the club's receipts, deposits, disbursements and preparation of the annual budget. The treasurer works with the hired accountant who monitors and audits the club books.

Social Director: Chairman of the committee that plans and recruits help to carry out the numerous parties and social events planned for the year.

Cruising Director: Gets the club out on the water by chairing the committee that plans club cruises. The cruising director and social director work together in planning the calendar.

Director of Information: Publishes Docklines to keep members informed of club activities.

Don't wait to be ask to serve. If you have any interest in serving on the board call a member of the nominating committee listed below.

Jerry McCracken, Chairman, 949-7277

Dorcas Payne, 949-0771

Al Woll, 949-1461

Jackie Boyd, 949-7132

Debbie Martz, 949-1115

Building committee holds informational meeting

On June 25, the Building Committee held an informational meeting and introduced the following members: Bill Boyd, Dick Danofsky, Doug Martz, Bruce Nunez, John Payne, Dave Walls, Mern Williams and Al Woll. The Building Committee feels that it is very important to keep club members apprised of their work and to encourage member input. The committee has made no recommendations, at this time, related to club expansion or expansion design. Members will be kept informed of committee actions through meetings and the bulletin board and, are encouraged to ask questions or submit suggestions to the committee at any time.

The two possible designs on the bulletin board are for discussion purposes. No construction will start until the membership is fully informed and a vote has been taken for the approval or disapproval of any proposed action.

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Club Officers: Commodore Jerry McCracken, 949-7277; Vice Commodore Dave Walls, 949-7351; Treasurer Bill Boyd, 949-7132; Secretary Kathy Coker, 949-1056; Social Director Katharine Robinson, 949-0405; Cruising Director Bruce Nunez, 949-9885; Rear Commodore Jim Baker, 949-1506; Information Director Maddrey Reader, 949-8324; Past Commodore Bev Hoffman, 949-7551;

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The social scene

By Katharine Robinson

Two-stepping on the beach, building mansions out of sand swimming, enjoying a blazing campfire, playing games, eating hot dogs and best of all, visiting with good friends were all part of our Beach Party on June 19, Thank you to Beach Party chair persons June and Pete Geneseo and their helpers—Bonnie and Rick Wilson, Peg and Bill Fairey, Frances Rosarius, Anne Weatherill, Mary Roy and Cynthia Atteberry. All of their hard work made for an unforgettable afternoon and evening.

If you thought the Beach Party was fun, the Family Picnic was just as grand! With appetizers, salads, desserts (to die for) and of course hot dogs and hamburgers. Thanks to Vickie Nunez and her co-workers, we had a wet and wild afternoon. Deb Collins did the exquisite decorating. The calories from the desserts were burned off while Rick and Bonnie Wilson supervised the games. Bruce Nunez and his helpers provided us with the best hamburgers and hot dogs on the Island.

Both the Beach Party and the Family Picnic provided us with fun filled afternoons with family, friends and children. And, there's more to come. **August 21** is our **Annual Party**, chair person

Katrina Warren. On **September 7th** at 7 p.m. is our second **Ladies Evening** at the club with wine and cheese. We will be organizing our next three parties. Come and enjoy this time together. All input and ideas are welcome. **September 25th** is the **Fish Fry**. Everyone please go fishing and bring your catch to the club where our cooks will fry them for another delightful day at PIYC. **October 30** is our **Halloween Party**. Dress up like a song or just come and enjoy the fun. **November 20th** is our **Chili Cook-Off**. This is a fun one to help with. We need three judges—three people to do nothing be eat.

See you soon at the club.

Blue Plate Special Friday, August 13

HOST CHEFS: Archie and Edie Hamilton
ASSIST. CHEFS Gaylor and Mareke Heemink
Joe and Jane White

Time: 7:00 P.M.
Cost \$5.00 per plate

A PERFECT SUMMERTIME MENU
Not your ordinary Sloppy Joe Sandwiches

Lazy W Sloppy Joes
Beans
Coleslaw
Chips
Cake

All menu items will be fresh and homemade.
SOUNDS GREAT

DON'T MISS IT!!!

Membership Directories Available

Several members had asked that we print extra directories and make the available at a nominal cost.

We have about 10 extra directories at a cost of \$2.50 each. If you would like to purchase a copy to keep on your boat or work, please see either Bill Boyd or Maddrey Reader for a copy.

Greeting cruisers

By Bruce Nunez, Cruising Director



It has been a busy time on the water since my last column. Several boats made the journey to Corpus Christi for the 4th of July fireworks. A good time was had by all at Joe's Crab Shack and at the dockside party along

The following week saw several of our boats heading for Ingleside and the combination Bahia Hee Hee / Bastille Day Bash. Once again the folks at Bahia put on a splendid affair and ensured that a good time was had by all.

The weekend of the 24th and 25th saw the Navy Regatta and PIYC's own David Frank on *Brandy* took first place in his class both Saturday and Sunday. Old Coach just gets faster and faster.

August's cruise is set for the 28 & 29 and we are heading for Rockport. At this time I am still awaiting a call back from the Rockport Yacht Club about a joint party that night but it looks good for now.

Hope we get a good turnout.

Till next time...See you on the water



Thank you to Diane Smith (*Blue Yonder*) for all the work she did on the palapa. Diane made throw rings or lifesavers with the names of all the boats docked at PIYC. Ray Smith made repairs to the bar stools.

Thanks to Millie and Jack Simonis (*Mici*) who installed solar lights down the walk way to the palapa and along the docks.

The palapa really looks great!!



Wheelhouse Notes and More

Vice Commodore Dave Walls

We now have a complete sound system in the upstairs clubroom. Rick Wilson acquired all of the necessary parts needed and we now have a TV, AM/FM Radio, Tape Player, CD Player, VCR and PA System. Dick and Betty Danofsky were instrumental in acquiring a portable PA system that can be used downstairs or outdoors.

Several times in the last few weeks I had occasion to visit the club and found the gate open, all of the lights on in the building, AC on 62, the bar open and on one oc-

casional the freezer downstairs was left open for a week before someone discovered it.

I am making a personal appeal to all club members; Please, if you are the last one to leave the building, turn off all lights, lock the bar, turn AC up to 80 and lock the East and South doors. Check the downstairs door and lock it and **CLOSE THE GATE**. If you are in doubt about closing the gate, close it. Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.

P.I.Y.C. CHALLENGE

By John Payne

About ten years ago our club was located in a rented facility that was barely adequate and subject to the whims and largess of a landlord. With a lot of courage and foresight, the board decided that we should build our own clubhouse. The project caused a lot of discussion and some members were upset by the change. However, many more were up to the challenge and put their efforts and even some, their credit on the line to make the new clubhouse possible. With a stroke of genius and a lot of hard work members found our site and negotiated with the city to lease the land. They received a ten (10) year lease with a ten (10) year option.

The first ten (10) years of our lease will expire next year. Our board feels that we need to explore where we are going and how to get there for the next ten (10) years and beyond. We now find that our clubhouse is again barely adequate and the lease needs considerable attention. Ten years is a much shorter term than it once seemed and we need to assure ourselves of our continued existence beyond that period.

In addition to a new lease agreement, the board is exploring a range of options including but not limited to:

1. Increasing the size of our facility
- 2 Limiting our membership to a number that the present facility could safely accommodate
- 3 Doing nothing

Of course, any decision regarding the future of P.I.Y.C. is subject to membership approval. The first option obviously will require extending our note payments. Option two (2) and three (3) may seem cheaper in the short term but with ever escalating expenses, such as, taxes, insurance, utilities, maintenance and upkeep, we will still be faced with keeping

dues at levels to meet those expenses. It is like the old business axiom "you grow or you die". Exclusivity of option two (2) could propel the club into the future but it also has its perils. The result would be a less diverse membership and we could run afoul of our mission to serve the community.

I would like to see the club grow but with the same spirit of participation that we had when we moved into the present facility. There was a lot of "sweat equity" from our members who pitched in to build the decks, docks and do the inside finishing of the clubhouse. Our General Contractor was Charlie Craven who was a builder and Ro Wickham was our Architect. Ro and Charlie were both members and were essential to our living within our budget. Lots of other folks with building trade backgrounds or just willing energy helped to drive nails, saw boards and pick up debris. . We would benefit greatly by the same type of participation in our new building if that is our direction.

We would not need note co-signers because we now have equity and history to help with the necessary credit. Please think about it and if you have expertise or energy you would be willing to commit to such a project please let our committee know.

New Members

Welcome Aboard!



By Rear Commodore—Jim Baker

New members bring us new faces, new ideas and new friends. We extend a warm welcome to:

Brett and Laurie Tanner, 15810 Cuttysark St., 949-2371, email: btanner@atx.rr.com. They and their daughter Megan enjoy sailing in “Gavea,” their 36-foot Mariner. Brett is a medical electronics expert, based at Driscoll Children’s Hospital, and Laurie is in technical writing and graphics. They came to the island from Louisiana and joined PIYC to socialize with people of similar interests.

Wayne and Sally Lucas, 13917 Cabana North, 949-9917, email: sally225@yahoo.com. Wayne is an engineer and currently is taking down the missiles in Russia that were pointed at us here in the US. He and Sally also have a home in Moscow. When not dealing with contractors at their island home, Sally enjoys playing bridge. Their boat will arrive here when Wayne retires here in about a year-and-a-half.

Donald and Susan Doolittle, RR15, Box 1330, Edinburg, TX 78541, 956/279-4140, email: DD4888@msn.com. Now retired, Donald from air traffic control and Susan from teaching, they pursue interests in hobbies, entertaining and boating and fishing in “Czigany Sue,” their 36-foot Grand Banks power boat.

Brent and Valerie Whitmore, 15234 Isla Pinta, 949-7934, email: whitmore@cdkitchen.com. This former college professor and computer web programmer now have their own “dot com.” They have come to the island from Minnesota and have been guests at the club



HELP – THE ANNUAL PARTY COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR TALENTS!

The Annual Party Committee, chaired by Katrina Warren (949-1083), will be working hard to make the 2004 Annual Party a memorable one. If you would like to help with decorations, entertainment, food preparation, etc., give Katrina a call. Right now, we are lining up entertainment, and we really need people to volunteer for “street acts” during the Happy Hour. (We’ll even bring drinks to you.) The street entertainment is a very essential part of the Mallory Square re-creation. If you have a talent (or not) in music, mime, juggling, tight-rope walking (just kidding, but there are actually tight-rope acts there), or can make up some kind of act, please call Katrina or Jaki Boyd (949-7132) and let us know you would like to participate.

Beach Party best ever

Over a hundred members attended the Beach Party held on June 19th. Starting at 4

p.m., there were a constant flow of people coming and going and taking part in the many activities. We ate our way through 200

hot dogs and drank plenty of beer. It was a perfect day with lots of kids and adults enjoying the surf.

Rick and Bonnie Wilson got things off with many exciting games like the Coconut toss, egg toss and limbo. We didn’t know how low some of our members could go until they showed off their stuff. As night fell, the music came on and we were dancing on the beach to the light of a blazing campfire.

S’mores made a delightful dessert for those who were able to keep their marshmallows from burning. Everyone had a great time so thanks to June and Pete Geneseo and their helpers for all their hard work.



Oliva Ruszczyk & Catie, granddaughter of the Robinsons play in the sand.

Cook's Notes

The past months of June and July have brought us two very successful and delightful Blue Plate Specials.

JUNE

In June, we were hosted by Co-chefs Tom and Kay Harbour, B.J. and John Ivers and Doug and Debbie Martz, who treated us to a gorgeous and sumptuous dinner of two kinds of stuffed peppers (with or without rice), two varieties of salad (tossed and slaw), and two kinds of dessert (brownies and lemon squares) plus homemade rolls. We had a record turnout of 80 members. Beautifully presented and simply delicious



Photography by Maggie Westgate

JULY



Photography by Maggie Westgate

In July, we were served an all-time-favorite of Shrimp Boil. Co-Chefs Chuck and Beverly Hoffman, Michael and Susanna Hoffman and Doug and Kris Schaffer cooked and served in our open-air downstairs area. This was a very special treat for our members and was well attended. The “boil” consisted of generous and cooked-to-perfection portions of shrimp, sausage, corn and potatoes, all accompanied by a delicious cold slaw. Dessert was a marvelous chocolate cake provided by Bonnie Wilson in celebration of husband Rick’s birthday.

Two wonderfully delicious Blue Plate Specials. Thanks to all who participated in making these *very special* events

Treasurer's Report

By Bill Boyd

PIYC Profit & Loss Statement

January—July 2004



	TOTAL
Income	
Blue Plates	2,561.50
Clothing Sales	2,132.70
Cookbooks	5.00
Courtesy Dock-Power	36.00
Courtesy Dock-Rental	285.00
Directory Sales	425.00
Docks-Power	1,629.09
Docks-Rental	9,622.50
Donations	34.05
Initiation Fees	4,074.50
Installation Banquet	2,550.00
Membership Dues	24,274.59
Miscellaneous Income	322.00
Wheelhouse	3,792.10
Total Income	51,744.03
Expense	
Bad Debt	64.65
Bank Service Charges	183.62
Beverly Rogers	600.00
Blue Plate Exp	1,603.32
Clothings	1,727.12
Directory Expenses	653.89
General Supplies	561.30
Installation Banquet Exp	3,501.33
Insurance	4,727.46
Interest Expense	129.43
Lease Payments	2,631.77
Maintenance-Building	1,728.28
Maintenance-Docks	2,057.17
Maintenance-Grounds	630.69
Mem-Docklines	667.31
Mem-Historian	36.55

Mem-Members	240.03
Miscellaneous	262.93
Office Supplies & Postage	1,073.73
Officer Flag	184.90
Race/Cruises	204.20
Social-General	1,110.69
Social-Men's Coffee	129.64
Social-New Years Party	351.34
Taxes-Property	3,788.99
Telephone	230.57
Trash Disposal	535.66
Utilities-Electric	1,676.19
Utilities-Electric-Slips	1,488.46
Utilities-Water & Gas	328.20
Wheelhouse Exp	3,935.65
Total Expense	37,045.07

Net Income **14,698.96**

This month's statement includes January through July 23rd. The checkbook balance, as of July 23rd was \$16,804.47, which includes \$2,880.00 in refundable slip deposits. The CD balance is \$6410.48.

Do you get our e-mail updates?

Every so often, we send out e-mail updates to our events giving you last minute information or reminding you of an upcoming event. For example, for the Bay Yacht Club pot luck, we sent an e-mail asking member to bring dishes, asking for help with docking, rafting and other assorted things.

If you're not hearing from us by e-mail, we probably don't have your correct address. Check your listing in the membership directory. If your information needs to be updated, fill out the change of address form in your directory and drop it in wood box at the club or e-mail changes to Maddrey at piycedit@stx.rr.com

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— Coming attractions —

August 13—Blue Plate Special

August 21—Annual Party

August 28-29—Cruise to Rockport

Sept. 7th—Ladies Evening-Wine & Cheese

Sept. 17—Blue Plate Special

Sept 25—Fish Fry

Oct. tba —Cruise to South Padre

Oct. 30— Halloween Party

Nov. 20th—Chili Cook-Off