

Padre Island Yacht Club

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Sun Set Celebration-Mallory Square

Saturday August 21, PIYC was magically swept away to Key West Mallory Square.

A lamp post giving mileages to different locations—the Sun, Nassau, Antigua, St Lucia, Aruba and Key West—greeted members and guests arriving at the club. The down stairs was decorated in red and yellow with a sun set behind the bar painted by Susan Laws added to the atmosphere and a large flag of the Conch Republic hung high above the club.

During happy hour, we were entertained by an impressive juggler, Rick Wilson, providing delightful music was Dave Warren and his guitar; the amazing alphabet artist, Millie Simonis; Patches the Clown delighted the young at heart by making animals and flowers out of balloons a.k.a. John Renner. And, a little old lady peddling brownies.

One of Key West's most famous citizens was the novelist Ernest Hemingway. Needless to say we had to have a look-a-like contest. A poster was made with pictures of Hemingway during different periods of his life. Members were asked to write the name of anyone at the party whom they felt most resembled Hemingway. The result was Doug Tinker (3 votes), Karl Rubinstein, Gart Bowling, Dave Reader, Jeff Fitzgerald, Bill Boyd, Dr. Sim Reeves, Rodney Warren and Bruce Kennings.

Then came the food. What a delicious dinner! Chicken, jerk pork, rice, beans, coleslaw, and Key Lime pie. Yes Jaki is posting the recipes on the web. Our wonderful, becoming famous, cooks were Bill Boyd, Dave Walls and Bruce Nunez.

The evening was windy and cloudy but that did not stop us from our festivities and celebrating the "Sun Set". At the correct time, we all gathered looking east. Bill Fairey and Larry Ryon blew conch shells as the crowd clapped and cheered. As the sun went down, Katrina with her magic allowed us all to see the "Green Flash". (Several times).

The evening ended with more fun and dancing to the music provided by Tequila Sunrise.

How did all this happen and fall into place so perfectly? After several meetings, lots of phone calls, Katrina War-

They met at the club to make 14 Key Lime pies, coleslaw and some of the decorations. They were Carol Woll, Gay Baker, Deb Collins, Jacki and Ericka Boyd, Eloise Reuter, Linda Walsh and Peggy Fairey. Meat preparations was done at home by Jaki, Ericka and Bill Boyd. Yard work was done by Bill and Peggy Fairey.

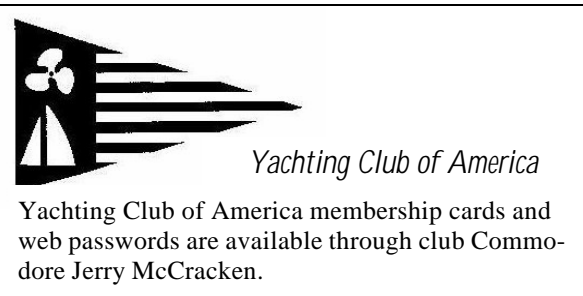
Saturday afternoon, the decorating and cooking



crews arrived and then returned to the party to cook and clean up. They were Katrina and Rodney Warren, Jo Ann and Larry Ryon, Peg and Bill Fairey, Eloise Reuter, Carol Woll, Jan Roehrig, Bill Boyd, Dave Walls, Linda Walsh, Mary Whittey, and Bruce Nunez. The morning after clean up crew, the Faireys, Boyds, Warrens and Ray and Linda Meckel.

Many volunteers and hard work made for such a delightful event. A very special thank you to all. We truly enjoyed our magical trip to Mallory Square.

By Katharine Robinson - Social Director



The Commodore's Column

Commodore Jerry McCracken



Burning the Bank Note

By Jerry McCracken
Commodore

If you did not come to the annual party hosted by Katrina Warren and her committee you missed out. Bill Boyd and Dave Walls did the grilling and many others made coleslaw, rice & beans and don't forget desserts. After the dinner Katrina asked Bill Fairey to announce for everyone to come up to the deck and watch for the green flash as the sun set. Some saw the flash and said you had to look quick. Ha! Ha! We dance to music by Tequila Sunrise and at their first break; I had the pleasure of announcing the bank note on the building had been paid in full. When the building was built 19 members signed the bank note. The names of the signers were read by Dave Walls which follow: Chuck & Marilyn Armstrong, Greg & Debbie Boss, Jack Brackin, Ulf & Bennie Sue Carlson, Gene Dozier, Joe Gangeme, Lee Guin, Hank & Jenny Hammer, Richard & Trudy Harter, Joe & Ann Marie Horvat, Steve Kubas, Jim & Shirley Lehman, Bob & Pam Maupin, Doug Tinker, Keith Walker, Ro & Barbara Wickham, Don & Gloria Wilson, Larry & Jean Whipple. After the names were read Jim & Shirley Lehman, Barbara Wickham and Doug Tinker came up for the burning of the note. I would like to thank those members for their financial commitment in making the clubhouse a reality. In January we will start the renewing process of our lease. We have been told it should not be a problem getting the renewal.

The fall membership meeting has been set for November 19, 2004 at 7:00 pm. to vote on 2005 Board of Directors. We have volunteers for every position but Social Director. If you would like to serve please contact Dorcas Payne, Al Woll, Jackie Boyd, Debbie Martz or Jerry McCracken.

Cruisers Celebrate Bastille Day and Bahia Hee Hee on July 10

For the second time in July, a display of fireworks entertained PIYC cruisers – this time as they watched the symbolic burning of the “Bastille Tower” at the Bastille Day celebration at Bahia Marina. Located in Ingleside by the Bay, the Bahia Marina is the site of the annual Bastille Day festivities, as well as the Bahia Hee Hee (combined with Bastille Day this year due to a rain-out in May). But before the fireworks and rockets filled the sky, lots more entertainment was on deck to be enjoyed as the evening unfolded into nighttime, including music by blues singer Carl Lewis and the Deadbeats and the ever-popular Larry Joe Taylor. And, of course, the potluck dinner provided an array of food sufficient to tickle anyone's taste buds.

This party was best enjoyed while tied up at the marina, rather than on the hook in Ingleside Cove. To insure a spot at the docks, cruisers from Bay, Corpus Christi, Rockport and Padre Island Yacht Clubs began arriving as early as Thursday afternoon and continued coming through Saturday afternoon. Other groups represented at this Saturday night event included the CC Sail and Power Squadron and folks from the local marinas and towns of Aransas Pass, Port A, Rockport, Bahia/Ingleside. Marina owners, Carol and Keith Regnier, graciously accommodated all PIYC cruisers with slips or dock space, including Mern and Barbara Williams on *September Song*, Dave and Irene Walls on *Cajun Princess*, Stephen Offutt and Carol Million on *Dutch's Treat*, the Hoffman family (Chuck, Beverly, Michael, Susanna, and visiting teens Brittany and Samantha) on *Wind Shadow*, and Cooper and Ann Woodring on *Whatever* – which ended up tied off to a palm tree beside the bulkhead!

For the most part, the weather cooperated during the weekend – with brief heavy downpours only on Saturday afternoon before the party really got started, and again Sunday morning. Everyone arrived home safely by Sunday afternoon.

By Barbara Williams

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The social scene

By Katharine Robinson-Social Director

Everyone is invited to our social planning party on September 7th at 7 p.m. at the club. There will be wine and cheese and lots of fun as we organize our plans for the next few months. Please come and enjoy the evening.

Our social calendar is full of exciting events. On September 25 we are combining our annual Fish Fry with our 'Round the Bay Regatta. Bev Hoffman is the chairman and she need cooks for this event. If you are not sailing in the regatta, please volunteer.

Next we are having our Halloween party on October 30th and our chair is Lynn Loveless.

Then comes our Red Hot (and not so hot) Chili Cook-Off on November 20th. We are still looking for a chair person for this event. We have on judge and need two others.

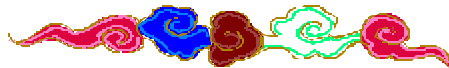
Mary Whitley has volunteer to chair our annual Thanksgiving Day dinner. If you would like to help with this event, give Mary a call.



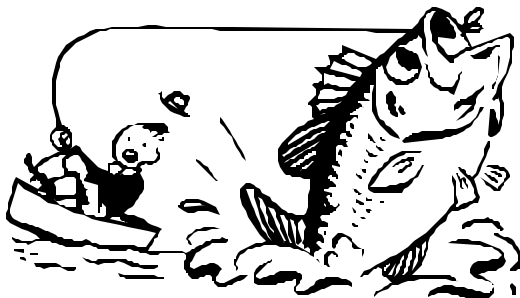
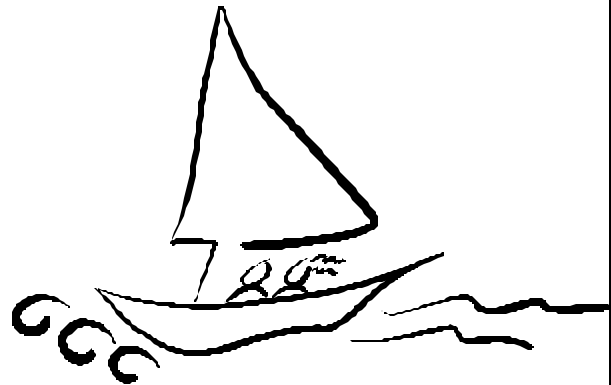
'Round the Bay Regatta and Fish Fry

The 'Round the Bay Regatta and Fish Fry will be held on September 25th downstairs at the club. The skipper's meeting will be held in the morning. Talk to Bruce Nunez for exact time.

After the regatta, we will be at the club around 5 p.m. to tell stories and award prizes. Our chair person for the Fish Fry is Bev Hoffman. Between now and the 25th, go FISHING and bring your catch to the club we they will be cooked and enjoyed. There will be more information after our September 7th meeting. Watch for e-mails.



Fish Fry and 'Round the Bay Regatta September 25



Sail in the morning and swap sailing and fishing and sailing stories downstairs at the club. See who gets the sailing awards. The fish fry will start around 5 p.m. More information will be available soon. Bev Hoffman is chair for the Fish Fry and Bruce Nunez is our cruise director.

Greeting cruisers

By Bruce Nunez, Cruising Director



Greetings cruisers. Since our last issue we've been pretty busy on and off the water. The good folks at Bahia have kept their promise to make the cancelled Bahia Hee Hee up to everyone with an extra special Bastille Day celebration. Several of our members made the journey and a good time was had by all.

The 4th of July cruise downtown was well attended with *Windshadow* hosting a dockside pot luck for the cruisers followed by ringside seats for the fireworks show.

The usual gang and a hopefully a few new boats will cruise to Rockport in August. The Rockport Yacht club members report they are looking forward to our arrival. More on this next issue.

Get your rigs tuned and bottoms cleaned for the up coming 'round the Bay Regatta. This years race will take place on the 25th of September. Watch for the fliers for more details.

Till next time...see you on the water.

Come Join Our Cruise to South Padre

For the past two years, PIYC cruised to South Padre (2002) and South Padre/Port Mansfield (2003) – and had a great time, so we're fixin' to do it again! A similar cruise to South Padre (including closer destinations of Port Mansfield, and/or Land Cut – depending on boat type and available days for the trip) is in the early planning stages.

Tentatively, the time frame for this cruise would incorporate the second weekend in October, but would probably start a little earlier (maybe Thursday or Friday) and/or extend a little longer (possibly Monday or Tuesday) than just the 2-day weekend. (In 2002 most of the group did 5 days/4 nights; in 2003 the group did 4 days/3 nights.)

If you have an interest in joining this cruise, please contact our cruise director, Bruce Nunez or Barbara Williams (949-8074 or bawhmw@juno.com) as soon as possible.



Wheelhouse Notes and More

Vice Commodore Dave Walls

The final leg of our water line to the new boat slips was completed by Rick Wilson. All slips now have fresh water available. David Reader has been trimming oleander bushes and eyeing the palm trees, which also need trimming.

Peggy Fairy has been tending the flower beds, watering, weeding and adding new beds.

Tom Kane has volunteered to help get bids on and head up building a sunfish dock and storage area. He and several other members were heard discussing sunfish races, beer can races and even the possibil-

ity of sponsoring a Sea Scout Troop.

As I mentioned earlier, Peggy Fairy, is taking care of the flower beds. Her biggest complaint is having to pick up what appears to be hundreds of cigarette butts in the yard and beds. In an effort to help solve this problem, she purchased several flower pots and made butt cans for the upper and lower decks.

I am asking all smokers to join this smoker in making an extra effort to use the butt cans and not the yard or canal. Thank you for your cooperation.

P.I.Y.C. CHALLENGE

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 some even put 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-year lease with a ten-year option.

The first ten 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 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 Do 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. Options 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”. The exclusivity of option two 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, and Ro Wickham, 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.

Note co-signers would not be needed 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.

John Payne
Building Committee Member

Bunko results

Winners for the August Bunko were:

Most Bunkos — Lucy Cisoth

Most Wins—Neva Cruz

2nd Most Wins—Maggie Westgate

Boobie (Most Losses)— Cissy Day

1st Bunkco—Lucy Cisoth

Refreshments were provided by Carol Woll and Maggie Westgate.

Next Bunko Game will be held on September 1. Please join us. This game is easy to learn-it only takes a few seconds!

New Members

Welcome Aboard!



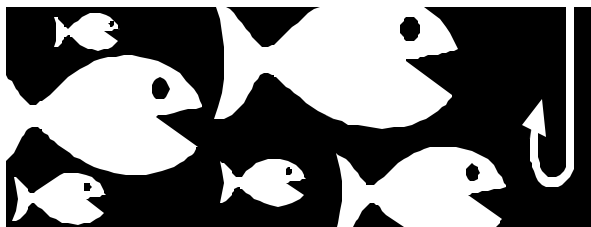
By Rear Commodore—Jim Baker

August brought us the following new members to the club. Get ready to shake the hands of:

Steve and Jutta Cox, 15846 Grenadine Drive, 949-8347. They moved to the island from Kansas City, MO., and are now retired. Steve was an aircraft maintenance supervisor in the U.S. A.F. for 20 years and Jutta worked for 35 years in property management. Now Steve spends his time golfing and fishing and Jutta in swimming, beaching and bunco. They decided the yacht club is a good place to meet people and have a great time.

Lorie Messer, 15333 Isabella Court, 949-1739, email: lori.messer@mail.tamucc.edu. Lorie was attracted to the low-key friendly people at the club and the fact that she and her son Shawn live only two streets away. When not employed as a senior buy or as a student at Texas A&M Corpus Christi, she likes to sail her 16-foot Sunfish, water ski, and any outdoor activity. She also is interested in photography. She grew up in Puerto Rico and recently moved to the island.

Linda Walsh, 15350 Isabella Court, 949-4755, email: lindawalsh@glassmasters.us. Linda moved here from the Washington, D.C. area. She is opening a branch office of a glass company on the island. For fun and relaxation, she likes the water, music, boating and fun people. She sees the club as a place to mingle with good people, exchange stories and relax.



Some announcements from Past Commodore Bev Hoffman

Ahoy, all crewpersons! If your skipper fell overboard could you turn the boat around and pick them up? Could you safely bring the boat into a harbor or dock? Do you know about the safety equipment on your boat? Do you know how to use the man overboard button on your GPS? If you answered no to any of these questions, would you be interested in a series of on the water safety drills to teach you these boat handling skills? If so, contact Bev Hoffman by E-mail (BevHoffman@aol.com). Depending on the interest shown, we will set up several different dates and times to teach these important skills and try to schedule these to fit our busy schedules.

Sunfish and small sailboat owners Is your small sailboat sitting on your dock not being used? Would you like to learn to sail it better or just get together with others to have fun on it? I got my Sunfish out for the first time this summer a few weeks ago and was reminded about how much I enjoy sailing it! I would enjoy company on the water and will be glad to give some sailing pointers to anyone joining me. E-mail me if you are interested and check the white board on the wall to the left of the downstairs door for sailing times.

La Posada Boat Parade The first organizational meeting for the La Posada Boat Parade will be held at PIYC on Thursday September 9 at 7:00. We will need a large group of volunteers to make this important community effort a success. Are you willing to be a:

Toys for Tots boat? (3 or 4 large boats needed)

Toys for Tots collector boat (6 or more small boats needed)

Parade starter

Publicity chair (write articles for newspaper, make up flyers, and etc.)

Host for the open house at the club during the parade

Baker of cookies or maker of punch for the Open House

Procurer of judges and awards for parade participants

Host for workshops on boat decoration

Parade participant

We need all of you! So show up for the meeting and/or E-mail Bev Hoffman.

Cook's Notes

By Dorcas Payne

August brought us another fabulous Blue Plate Special. Archie, (a.k.a. "Bunhandler") and Ed



Hamilton were Host Chefs who did a marvelous job of planning and organizing the event. Assistant Chefs were Gaylor, (a.k.a. GasMan) and Mareke Heemink and "Sloppy" Joe and Jane White. Together they created a perfect summertime menu of,..... you guessed it; Lazy W. Sloppy Joes, Beans, Coleslaw, Chips and three kinds of cake,

a crunchy creamy pudding, Pineapple Upside Down Cake and Banana Split Cake. We served seventy-four (74) hungry and appreciative P.I.Y.C. members and guests. THANKS!! for an outstanding evening of food and fun..

COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER

Friday September 17th
Time: 7:00 P.M.
Cost: \$5.00 Each

HOST CHEFS

Bill and Peggy Fairey
Dick and Bettye Danofsky
Brent and Valerie Whitmore



MENU

TACO SALAD
WITH
ACCOMPANIEMENTS
DESSERT

Treasurer's Report

By Bill Boyd



PIYC Profit & Loss Statement

January—August 2004

	TOTAL
Income	
Cookbooks	5.00
Donations	34.05
Courtesy Dock-Power	36.00
Courtesy Dock-Rental	285.00
Miscellaneous Income	327.00
Directory Sales	555.00
Docks-Power	1,993.96
Clothing Sales	2,132.70
Installation Banquet	2,550.00
Blue Plates	2,901.50
Wheelhouse	4,520.10
Initiation Fees	5,074.50
Docks-Rental	11,462.50
Membership Dues	24,474.59
Total Income	56,351.90
Expense	
Mem-Historian	36.55
Bad Debt	64.65
Interest Expense	129.43
Social-Men's Coffee	140.62
Officer Flag	184.90
Race/Cruises	204.20
Bank Service Charges	209.73
Miscellaneous	262.93
Telephone	269.20
Mem-Members	271.78
Social-New Years Party	351.34
Utilities-Water & Gas	369.88
General Supplies	569.38
Trash Disposal	613.40
Directory Expenses	653.89
Beverly Rogers	675.00
Maintenance-Grounds	705.69
Mem-Docklines	

Office Supplies & Postage	1,110.73
Clothings	1,727.12
Utilities-Electric-Slips	1,742.49
Blue Plate Exp	1,807.80
Maintenance-Building	2,028.28
Utilities-Electric	2,031.04
Maintenance-Docks	2,057.17
Social-General	2,289.09
Installation Banquet Exp	3,501.33
Taxes-Property	3,788.99
Lease Payments	3,831.82
Wheelhouse Exp	4,554.71
Insurance	4,727.46
Total Expense	41,763.87

Net Income **14,588.03**

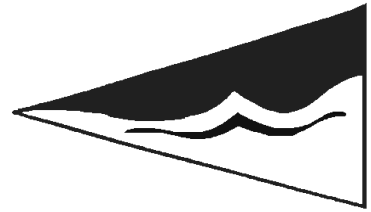
This statement is through August 22nd. The check-book balance, as of August 22 was \$16,683.11, which includes \$2880.00 in refundable slip deposits. The CD balance is \$6410.48.

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 —

- Sept. 7th—Wine & Cheese Planning Party
- Sept. 9th—La Posada Organizational Meeting 7 p.m.
- Sept. 17th—Blue Plate Special
- Sept. 25th—Fish Fry
- Sept. 25th—'Round the Bay Regatta
- Oct. tba —Cruise to South Padre
- Oct. 30th— Halloween Party
- Nov. 19th—Fall Membership Meeting
- Nov. 20th—Chili Cook-Off