

Greeting cruisers

By Bruce Nunez, Cruising Director



We've been busy lately with two cruises happening since my last column. *Miss Dixie*, *Wind Shadow*, and *Mariah* made the voyage to Crab In and met many of our fellow club members, who made the land cruise, for a wonderful dinner.

Then we teamed up with Bay Yacht Club for a joint cruise to Key Allegro and dinner at Doro's. A total of nineteen boats made the trip including six from PIYC, *Miss Dixie*, *Wind Shadow*, *Mariah*, *Cajun Princess*, *Genesis*, and *Blue Yonder*. Many land cruisers were also on hand. The cruisers had quite a party on the docks with entertainment by Jim Weatherill and his guitar. The dulcet tones of Al Wolls were also heard wafting across the marina. As you can see the number of cruisers is growing. Let's keep this trend going.

Next up is our cruise to Bay Yacht Club on April third. The nice folks at Bay are going to try to outdo the hospitality that we showed them at our club. There will be a pot luck supper at BYC at 5 p.m. Saturday and all hands are invited to attend. Bring your favorite dish or dessert. Let have a good turnout and meet some of our yachting brethren.

Coming up on May 15th is the annual blowout known as Bahia Hee Hee. We all know what fun this one is so start making plans now.

Also in May on the 1st and 2nd is the Rockport Nautical Flea Market. This is a great opportunity to pick up some deals on boating equipment of all types. Well that about wraps it up for this month. See you on the water.



Ann Weatherhill & Ulla Skovdal -Key Allegro Cruise

Thank You

Our thanks the following two companies for their donations for us to use as prizes in the Limerick Contest. We appreciate their support. Please take a moment to drop by and express your thanks.

A wonderful plant arrangement was donated by Kris Wickham Pottter of **Padre Island Bloomers Flowers and Gifts**, 14493 S.P.I.D. Ste G.-Phone 949-1143. And a delightful Soup and Salad set was donated by **Galleria Market** at 13923 S.P. I.D.-Phone 949-1444

Spoil island clean up April 17

Spoil island clean up is on April 17, 2004 starting at 8 AM until Noon. Pick up areas are at Cartagena boat ramp and Cobo de Bara boat ramp Both boats and people needed. Join the trash and treasure hunt. Get on board with P.I.E., Padre Island Yacht Club and Property Owners Association.

Come out and help us clean up the canals and canal banks and spoil islands in the subdivision. Remember there is a lunch party and a hot dog cook out at the Yacht Club following clean up.

For more information call: Dave Walls 949-7351 or Dotty Bricarell 949-8446



Wheelhouse Notes and More

By Dave Walls
Vice Commodore

Great things are happening at the club this month. Had a great turnout for the Spring Cleanup. My thanks to Dorcas Payne, Carol Woll and Irene Walls for heading up the cleanup of the building; David Reader and Peggy Fairey for heading up outside cleanup, and Bill Boyd for cooking up the burgers and all of you who showed up and helped with the work.

We now have ceiling fans in the downstairs room, donated by John & Dorcas Payne and installed by Doug Martz. Al Woll is in the process of numbering the boat slips and corresponding electric meters, Thanks Al.

A contract has been let to complete the remaining three boat slips. These should be ready in three to four weeks.

Some of us are still having problems with the gate. Operating procedures are as follows:
TO OPEN—ENTER FOUR DIGIT NUMBER IN KEYPAD GATE WILL OPEN AND REMAIN OPEN. TO CLOSE— GATE-ENTER FOUR DIGIT NUMBER IN KEYPAD AND GATE WILL CLOSE. If you dial the wrong number or for some reason the gate does not open on first try, wait about one minute to give it time to reset and try again. **Remember the gate no longer automatically closes.**

WATCH YOUR NEXT MONTH'S BILLING STATEMENT FOR NEW COMBINATION TO GATE AND BUILDING. Thanks to everyone for all of the help.



Lesie & Tom Criser—two of our club pixies

More limerick winners

Our ship doesn't float on the water
Its roads are like seas only hotter
This boat has no keel
She's called a 5th wheel
We've toured the US since we got her.

Our friends at the Club we have missed
So now we would like to insist
Since we are not there
It would only be fair
To consider yourselves hugged and kissed.
Von and Jean Raimond

Said a sixtyish sailor named Raymond
After twenty-one years with the same one
I haven't a clue
Don't know what to do
I still haven't managed to train one!
Raymond Smith—San Antonio

St Patty is just a bit wacky
He came to the club with tobaccy.
He made such a mess
And wouldn't you guess
Inside there's no smoking—By Cracky.
Barb Smith

The commodore's cap was a mess
Thought he thought that his was the best
Till a gull came along
With an urge ultra strong
Now the mess reaches clear t his vest.
Al Woll

A thank you in rhyme

Dear Carol, Skipp and Maddrey

There once were three limerick judges,
Who judged without any grudges.
You read every rhyme,
So thanks for your time,
And hugs to you three Ms. Judges!

(Okay - so the last line is weak - there aren't that many rhymes for judges!) But you get the idea - thank you so much for judging - you did an OUTSTANDING job, and it was appreciated by everyone, especially me! Thanks Jaki Boyd

New Members

Welcome Aboard!



By Rear Commodore—Jim Baker

We welcome the **Hillegeists, Skovdals and Mary Davis** to the club this month. Watch for them and extend the friendly greetings for which PIYC is known.

Jim and Michyl Hillegeist are originally from Corpus Christi and after living in Oklahoma and San Antonio came back to the island. They live at 13609 Port Royal Court with their 9-year-old daughter Paige Summers. Day sailing, racing, cruising and riding around are their boating interests and they are happy to have a place to dock 25-foot Cal 25 sailboat, *Tonka Toy II*. Their phone number on the island is 949-4881.

Mary Davis came to the island from Dallas and is retired after a 29-year teaching career and 20 years in retailing. She lives at 14300 Aloha, #103 and her phone number is 949-2531. Mary was attracted to PIYC by the opportunity to make friends and a chance to do a bit of sailing. She also wants to get involved in carrying out club activities.

Jorgen and Ulla Skovdal have landed on the island after years of travel. They are originally from Denmark and have lived in El Paso, Texas and Connecticut before coming here. Jorgen retired as manager of an appliance design group. They heard about PIYC and have joined to make friends to boat with. Ulla is a serious bridge player and hits a hard tennis ball. They lived at 13822 Gunwale Drive, telephone 949-9055.

Fair winds and following seas to the Schnecks

Dear members

It is with deep remorse that Dick and I must leave the Padre Island Area. Our association with PIYC has been both rewarding and enjoyable. We wish you all the very best and much luck in your endeavors to continue to make the Yacht Club the BEST IN THE WEST (Southwest (U.S., that is!). We'll miss the wonderful camaraderie, of course the socials and most especially the "rendezvous" on the water. If any of you are in the League City (Kemah) area, please (in fact) you betta call us and visit. This is an invitation! Mr. & Mrs. R.E. Schneck request the honor of your presence to our new residence: 2335 Merion (Southshore Harbour gated subdivision) League City, TX 77573 Phone 281-538-2857. Lynda and Dick

Logo shirts a hit

It seems that having club logo shirts are a hit with members. Over 50 shirts have been ordered in a variety of colors and styles. We are expecting the first order to come in at the end of the month. Hopefully, they'll be here before our Bay Yacht Club cruise.

Unfortunately, we didn't meet the minimum of 12 on the visors and hats and these are on hold until the minimum is met. We have asked for a sample hat for you to look over. Since hat has to fit just right, be sure to check it out.

If you didn't get to order a shirt or two, our new order will be sent in around April 19. We will also include more of the ladies summer wear on the new order.

The Outer Banks polo shirts are 100% cotton and come with and without pockets for \$28 each for sizes men's and ladies thru XL. The Jeezees T-Shirts are heavy-weight 100% preshrunk cotton are \$15. T-Shirts with pockets are \$19 and Long Sleeve T's are \$20. All the shirts come in a variety of colors. Sizes in 2XL cost \$2 more and 3XL are \$4 more.

The low profile sporty five panel cap is \$15 and comes in Red or Tan. The "wavy" color visor comes in Stone/Navy and is \$14. Due to size, the visor will only have the burgee stitched.

Any of these items can be ordered during April Happy Hours and need to be paid for at the time of ordering.

Spring Cleaning



Dorcas Payne & Betty Danofsky

COOK'S NOTES

by Dorcas Payne

A "Wild Irish Rose" to the Host Chefs and Assistants for the March Blue Plate. Not a morsel was left of the delectable

Corned Beef and Cabbage served in celebration of St Patrick's Day. Seventy five hungry and appreciative members were fed the bill of fare which included new potatoes, tempting homemade confections and a Shamrock chocolate cake. All this due to the extraordinary efforts of Host Chefs Ann and



Terry Kenning, Ann and Van Reedy, and ruce Kenning

Van Reedy, and Assistant Chefs Bruce and Terry Kenning, Carin Wiegman and John Muellner. Many Many thanks crew of all your hard work!!!

Accolades to those who show up in the kitchen to help with cleanup and allow the Host Chefs to eat and rest a bit. Your thoughtfulness does not go unnoticed. Volunteers are needed to help with the serving of the April Blue Plate. Call Dorcas if you are willing to help. 949-0771

COMING UP on April 16



Another spectacular Blue Plate Special will be hosted by guest chefs Marilyn and Larry Gomillion and assisted by Jacque Boyd and Phyllis Bowling. The menu will be a Mexican Plate of Tamales and Chili , beans and other accompaniments.

Treasurer's Report

By Bill Boyd

You will soon receive "greetings" from me – i.e. the Second Quarter Dues Statements! I'm very appreciative that most of the PIYC members pay their dues in a timely fashion once they receive their statements. The accounts receivable have been decreased quite a bit with only eleven people owing dues or dock fees. On April 1, these members will be ninety days overdue with their payments and are jeopardizing their membership – hopefully they will rectify this with the next billing. I thought you might like to know the monthly expenses of the club:



Building loan	\$1,299.87	
This includes an extra \$300 for early payoff (10/04)		
Lease to city	537.00	
Average (We pay 10% of our monthly income less sales tax.)		
Insurance	477.00	
This year's policy – we financed half of the amount. (See below for further insurance information.)		
Administrative Fees	155.00	
Includes Accounting and Bank Service charges		
Electric (Club)	300.00	
Average – More in the summer with AC		
Electric (Slips)	160.00	Average
Water	100.00	
Average – More in the summer with irrigation		
Telephone	38.05	
Trash	75.61	
Ground Maintenance	100.00	
Building Maintenance	200.00	
Includes cleaning costs of \$40 per week		

Postage/Office Supplies	300.00	
Includes Docklines printing and mailing		
Slip Maintenance	50.00	
Pest Control	<u>20.00</u>	
TOTAL		\$3812.82

This amount does not include Social, Cruise, Wheelhouse, and Blue Plate expenses. All of the Directors and Committee Chairpersons are doing an **outstanding** job keeping costs down this year and trying to keep us at or under budget. Kudos to all of you!

Insurance Breakdown:

Flood Insurance	394.00
Windstorm/Hail	873.00
Commercial Property Coverage	1,068.00
Commercial General	
Liability Coverage	4,200.00
Policy Fee, Stamping Tax,	
Surplus Tax	<u>470.67</u>
TOTAL	\$7,005.67

We are still paying on last year's insurance because we didn't have the funds to pay all of it at once, so the club financed 50% of the fee. Our insurance has more than doubled since 2002.

Other Fees:

- Quarterly Sales Taxes** - These can run as high as \$1000 per quarter, depending on the amount of dues we **bill**. So even if the dues are not collected, we still have to pay sales taxes on them!
- Property Tax for 2003** – This was \$3636.92, and will probably increase for 2004.
- Personal Property Tax for 2003** – This was \$152.07 and will probably increase for 2004.

Actually, all of PIYC's expenses have increased over the past few years, while our dues have remained the same. This will have to be evaluated by the membership if we want to continue operating at a level we all enjoy.

DOCKLINES



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— Coming attractions —

Apr. 3 — Social-Cruise to Bay Yacht Club
April 16—Mexican Blue Plate Special
April 17—Spoil Island Cleanup
April 30—Spring Board Meeting
May 1-2—Rockport Nautical Flea Market
May 9—Mothers' Day Brunch
May 15—Bahia Hee Hee