



THE SPOIL ISLAND CLEANUP was a great success this year! Thanks to everyone who participated. The city provided two dumpsters; one at the Cartagena Boat Ramp, and another at the Copa De Bara Boat Ramp, and club members manned the ramps to assist in off-loading the garbage picked up off the shores, dragged up out of the water, and brought in to the ramps.

Thanks to those of you who volunteered your boats—we know this was no day in the park—because they certainly needed a major cleaning before the day was over! Thanks also to those of you who trudged through the water, fell off boats, got splashed by sodden falling

couches, and risked throwing out your backs hauling in bags of garbage, barnacle encrusted lumber, and other assorted debris.

And we can't forget the folks back at the club—cooking hamburgers and hotdogs, and making sure the keg and sodas were on ice. As always, it's team effort that got the job done!

Remember to support and thank the business owners of the community—they were incredibly generous in providing door prizes for this event. And a special THANK YOU to Dottie Bricarell, who organizes this event each year, and to Bruce Nunez who made sure local businesses had flyers, and picked up many of the door prizes.



THE SOCIAL SCENE
by **Debbie Loven**

APRIL FLOWER
POWER POT LUCK

Upcoming socials – **May Social is the Bahia Hee Hee Cruise/Party on May 14th.** Cruise or drive over for a great party sponsored by the Bahia Marina at Ingleside On the Bay. Need more details? Contact Mern Williams or Dave Walls. Bring a covered dish to share with the crowd and enjoy a live band, food, fun and fellowship!

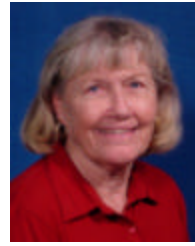
Ladies, don't forget the **2nd Annual Mother's Day Brunch.** An elegant sit down meal completely prepared and catered by the yacht club men on Sunday, May 8th. How often do we get to relax and enjoy a meal without having to lift a finger? You don't want to miss this opportunity!

Father's Day Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social will be June 19th at P.I. Y. C. Bring the whole family and enjoy an afternoon at the yacht club. Volunteers and a new chairman are needed, as Vickie Nunez' (who had previously volunteered) daughter is getting married the following weekend and it's going to be a busy time in the Nunez household!

Bunko is moving to the evening and will be on the first Wednesday of each month. There is a sign up sheet at the yacht club. If you need more information, contact Cissy Day at 949-9664 or email at cissyron@aol.com. If you can't commit to playing once a month but would like to be a sub, that's okay too! It is easy to learn and lots of fun.

Have a great month. See you at P.I.Y.C.

There were so many door prizes donated by local businesses for the Spoil Island Clean Up, that hardly anyone went home empty handed!



REAR COMMODORE'S
RAMBLINGS
by **Peg Fairey**

Jim and Mary Espey who live at 15326 Sabre have joined the club and also you can see their boat "Killshot" on our docks. Welcome aboard !!

Our members brought a big group of guests on Friday April 8^h. There was a total of 17 guests that came for the evening. I hope each of you that were hosts will encourage your guests to join us and be at the club for all our activities.

Call me for any membership information.

KAYAK GROUP

Anyone interested in joining a PIYC kayak group, please contact me. I have one extra kayak for anyone wanting to try the sport with the group.

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CRUISE NEWS
by Mern Williams

The Blue Angels soared high as did the spirits of the hardy April cruisers who ventured out to the Bay on April 9 to watch the air show before returning to Spinnaker Hole anchorage for a very pleasant evening and overnight cruise. Once again, the cruise weekend was wrought with high gusty winds and rough bay waters – shades of the March cruise to Shamrock Cove – conditions that abandoned destination Donnel Point for this weekend. Cruise hosts Bill and Peg Fairey regrouped quickly, however, and pulled together a wonderful raft-up in Spinnaker Hole – long-time favorite destination of PIYC’ers.

The evening cuisine consisted of a smorgasbord of fabulous sandwiches built by our cruisers, and condiments, hors d’oeuvres, sides and delicious chocolate morsels accompanied the food fair. Spending the night in Spinnaker Hole were hosts, Bill and Peg Fairey (*Rattler*), Steve and Carol Jean Spoonemore (*Reel Loco*), Chuck and Bev Hoffman (*Wind Shadow*), Jim and Anne Weatherill (*Genesis*) and Mern and Barbara Williams (*September Song*). Joining the cruisers for the evening were Ray and Diane Smith (and dog, Skipper) on their dinghy, and Jim Rider and Denis Quintero in Jim’s fishing boat. Speedster Carol Million joined the cruisers on her SeaDoo the next morning for the traditional mimosas and other breakfast goodies.

The night was not without it’s usual excitement! Late into the night Jim Weatherill, Steve Spoonemore and Jim Rider came to the rescue of grounded boaters in the ICW – not only the original sailboat that called for help, but also a second boat that had gone out into the ICW to help the first. With the capable assistance of our three PIYC’ers and Rider’s fishing boat, they were able to safely make the rescues and return to Spinnaker Hole by 1:30 a.m. to get a little sleep that night. These guys were real quiet – most of us just kept on zzzzzzin’ through the whole thing!

MAY 14-15 – BAHIA HEE HEE
SOCIAL/CRUISE

Bahia Marina at Ingleside on the Bay is the venue for the Bahia Hee Hee – an annual affair hosted by marina owners, Keith and Carol Regnier, for boating organizations and residents of the Coastal Bend. There is limited space at the marina and it’s on a first-come basis, so cruisers should be prepared to anchor out in Ingleside Cove, if necessary, and dink ashore to the evening festivities. Don’t forget your potluck dish to share at the evening Bahia Hee Hee feast.

MAY 21-29 – KEY ALLEGRO, LIGHTHOUSE COVE & BEYOND . . .

Calling all PIYC sailors/cruisers and landlubbers to join us at Key Allegro on May 21. Dinner at the Dorado’s will top off the evening on Saturday night - Dorado’s is always a pleasurable culinary experience!

On Sunday, May 22, boaters who can join us for a longer cruise will head NE on the ICW spending the second night at Lighthouse Cove anchorage (same bay as Army Hole – near Port O’Connor) for a relaxing quiet evening in the bay. From there the journey will continue up the ICW to Serendipity Resort/Marina in Palacios for a few relaxing days before returning home to Padre Island, or . . . for those who can take even more time, the captain and crew of *September Song* invite you to continue NE on the ICW to Galveston and Clear Lake for another cruising week, returning home to Padre Island around June 3.

Let us know (sign cruise board) if you plan to go to Dorado’s by land or by water. If the longer cruise peaks your interest, give us a call at 949-8074.

Can anyone volunteer to take chairmanship of the June 19th Father’s Day Ice Cream Social? My daughter is getting married the next weekend and it’s going to be a very, very busy time for the Nunez family. I’d be so grateful! Give me a call @ 949-9885 if you’re interested, please! Vickie Nunez



BLUE PLATE SPECIAL!

Jaki Boyd, Blue Plate Chairperson

Approximately 56 people enjoyed the Italian Blue Plate dinner prepared by Gay and Jim Baker, Janet and George DuBorg, and Jan and Ken Roehrig. The delicious pasta and sausage bake was a prize-winning recipe from Jan DuBorg, which was featured in the Taste of Home magazine. Among the scrumptious desserts was a to-die-for tiramisu created by Carin Wiegman and John Mueller. All of the Blue Plates this year have been fabulous!

You are invited to the May Blue Plate on Friday, May 20, which will feature South Texas favorites – fajitas, beans and rice. The chefs are Karen and Jerry McCracken, Charlene and Bob Forest. I know this will be a winner! Don't miss it!

Thanks to the folks who stepped up to fill in June and July. In June, Michyl and James Hillegeist, and Tammy and Brant Bricarell will prepare another favorite – SHRIMP BOIL - can't wait for that one! Pearl and Harry Beniot signed up for July, and Pearl wants to do chicken. We need another family or two to help Pearl and Harry – please volunteer. Call me at 949-7132 if you would like to help in July. Remember, you are reimbursed for Blue Plate expenses. Receipts should be given to me, preferably on the night of the Blue Plate, and I will get them to our treasurer immediately after recording them. Our treasurer, Gaylor Heemink, is very quick in mailing out the checks!



"We who are about to cook salute you!"?

We love ya', Bill!



NOTES FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

Vice Commodore Bill Boyd

I'd like to thank everybody who turned out for the PIYC Spring Cleanup on April 2nd. The Clubhouse and grounds were really spruced up through the hard work of the enthusiastic crew of PIYC members who participated. After the cleanup, everyone enjoyed a BBQ given in appreciation of their efforts. Although everyone did an outstanding job, I'd like to thank Joe White for his several days of work on the pump and irrigation system.

I'm still getting estimates on the front gate, and as of this time, I don't have anything to report. The gate, however, is a priority, and I will keep you informed of the progress.

We have a lift pump for our sewer system to pump our sewage over to the sewage plant. The motor is plugged in a receptacle outside the club. Unfortunately, someone unplugged it, and the pump stopped working, and the toilet overflowed in the women's restroom, flooding the bottom floor of the club Friday night during Happy Hour. Please don't unplug any of the outside plugs if you don't know what they are for. Special thanks go to Bruce Nunez and Chuck Hoffman for cleaning up the spill with me.

There is one slip available in our marina. Refer any interested parties to me.

I know it's a little early to be talking about next year's installation banquet, but I just wanted you to know we booked the Holiday Inn on Padre Island for the event on January 21, 2006. We are working on a menu and entertainment.





**THE COMMODORES
COLUMN
by Dave Walls**

The city has approved renewal of our lease. City Council had a second reading on April 19th and all members voted for the lease renewal. The new lease will become effective on June 20th. We simply renewed our old lease for 10 years with a 10 year option.

As a result of our new lease approval, I am reactivating the Building Committee.

We will now aggressively pursue the improvement of and/or enlargement of the building. We will keep the membership informed of our progress by posting minutes of our meetings and any drawings we may have on the bulletin board upstairs. Membership participation and suggestions will be greatly appreciated.

My personal thanks to Bruce and Vickie Nunez for heading up the Spoil Island Clean-up this year. These projects require a lot of time and hard work and I appreciate their efforts

Thanks to all of you for your cards, letters, phone calls and visits during my recent hospital stay. I have recuperated very well and am ready to get out on the water.

**More great photos from the
Spring Clean Up and the
cookout after. Thanks to
everyone for your participation!**



DOCKLINES

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

- May 7th -- Beer Can Race
- May 8th -- 2nd Annual Mother's Day Brunch
- May 14th -- Bahia Hee Hee Cruise & Social
- May 17th -- Board Meeting
- May 20th -- Blue Plate Dinner (South Texas Favorites!)
- May 21st - 29th -- Cruise to Key Allegro, Lighthouse Cove
- June 4th -- Free Fishing Day
- June 17th -- Blue Plate (Shrimp Boil!)
- June 19th -- Father's Day Ice Cream Social