



## NOTES FROM THE COMMODORE Bill Boyd

The **BIG** news this month is the expansion of the PIYC Clubhouse. Construction is on or ahead of schedule. Everything is really starting to take shape. Members will be pleasantly surprised with the size of the new facility. With the removal of the west wall, you can actually see how large the meeting room and the kitchen are going to be.

In about three to four weeks, the addition should be completed enough so we can use the original room for our Friday evening happy hours while construction is completed on the new addition. We'll keep you posted by Docklines or email. I'd like to dedicate part of my column to bringing you up to date on some other events of which you may not be aware. PIYC sends heartfelt condolences to Jim and Neva Sundvahl-Cruz on the death of Jim's mother, Jerry and Karen McCracken on the death of Karen's brother, and Linda Walsh on the death of her father. Also get-well wishes to Bobbie Kragness on her recent surgery, Raylene Rittenberry on her recent knee surgery, Steve Offutt following his recent surgery, and to Dottie Bricarell, mother of Brant (and Tammy) on her recent stroke. Dottie is a long-time friend of the PIYC, and we have worked with Dottie on the Spoil Islands Clean-Up for many years.

This year, I am asking the Club to step up its participation in Spoil Islands Clean-up scheduled for April 22 because Dottie is not able to organize and supervise it this year. We need several clean-up boats. Non-boaters can help at the ramps to unload the boats bringing in trash or go on the boats to pick up trash around Spoil

Islands. After the Clean-up, we will have a boat-cleaning station at the guest docks at PIYC, and also a BBQ featuring hot dogs, hamburgers, and prizes for participants. Let's show Dottie we are really behind her – I'm sure it will speed up her recovery!

My report this month is short due to the fact that the clubhouse is temporarily out of commission. Rest assured the business end of the Club is going on as usual – Board meetings, etc.



## NOTES FROM THE VICE-COMMODORE

By Gaylor Heemink



It's been a good month. The club expansion looks very roomy and impressive. Al Woll keeps us informed with mini-meetings on club progress and warm with opportunities to volunteer sweat equity. Shown here are glowing fragments of the Tuesday morning coffee group posing in admiration of their righteous fire

hydrant protective barrier pipe installation. Al is up wind on the right side and the rest of the guys are on the left.



Tammie's wobbly fixed by Hank Svoboda! Oh yeah, Tammie Bricarell's wobbly finger pier between her slip 24 and slip 25 was gratuitously repaired by Hank Svoboda, "The Dock Doctor". A sister piling was washed in and secured to the wobbly piling. Hank owns Padre Island Maintenance, Inc (361-949-8434), and has been building and repairing docks for 20 + years. Tim, Mike and Shorty, members of Hanks crew are shown wrestling the 25 foot piling into place.

**Other notes:** Joe Spalik and Bruce Nunez replaced the guest dock lights and junctions with new ones. All works now.

Six solar landscape lights were installed on the dark end of the docks by Nunez and Bill Boyd. We'll try these out for a while to see if they provide enough guidance for walking the dock on a dark night. Otherwise we will go to 110V solution.

**And further:** Every now and then a board member has to make a mass e-mailing. Here are some addresses that do not work: [rootfranz@aol.com](mailto:rootfranz@aol.com), [isle509@aol.com](mailto:isle509@aol.com), [digital.moodle@worldnet.all.net](mailto:digital.moodle@worldnet.all.net), [kathrob@webtv.net](mailto:kathrob@webtv.net), [\[@ev1.net\]\(mailto:ev1.net\), \[annreedy@awesomnet.net\]\(mailto:annreedy@awesomnet.net\), \[jkelly3@earthlink.net\]\(mailto:jkelly3@earthlink.net\), \[ken1938@earthlink.net\]\(mailto:ken1938@earthlink.net\).](mailto:dqzsatx</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

I have left messages with some of the owners, etc. Please, if you recognize an address that is similar to or was yours, e-mail a small note to [gheemink@stx.rr.com](mailto:gheemink@stx.rr.com) and I'll pass the correct address around to the board.

**And finally:** On February 11, 2006 I sent the following e-mail to CCL Security Products, the people who make Sesamee locks. This is about the lock that used to be on our gate. They have not replied. Good people at CCL Security Products, Attached are pictures of a failed Sesamee padlock series K440. The past Commodore was locking the gate to the club house when the lock came apart in his hands. The lock was loaned to us by a member and has been in use by us for maybe two years. The lock owner reports that the lock was stored in a drawer for some time before loaning it to us.

I'm not sure what your advertised "Guaranteed to last a lifetime" means, but it seems that this lock may have had less than an average run. Sure could use some help here.

I invite you to our website <http://www.piyc.org/index.html> to get an idea about us and our club. One of my jobs as Vice Commodore in addition to club and dock maintenance, is to write a small news article for the "Docklines", our monthly newsletter.



All the best,

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### **CRUISE NEWS**

**By Jim Hodson**

It is a new cruise year, and we started it off with a bang. The Cruise to the PIYC curtesy docks in January was a huge success! The food was abundant, not to mention good thanks to Dennis Quintero and Dave Walls for manning the pits and everyone who brought the great sides. A special thanks to Bob Otto for bringing a truck load full of wood for the smoker! The commarodoree was the best and the Karaoke a boat load (pun intended) of fun! We had a number of cruisers at dock side: Lil' Miss Dix, Shocker, Govea, Blue Yonder, Loki, Wind Shadow and a special appearance Sunday morning by Ed Robinson in his newly acquired row/sailless/motorless (but floating!) boat! The land cruisers were way too numerous to mention them all, but suffice it to say the club was packed! We sang the night away with Raymond Smith, Mike Hoffman and Dixie Hodson to name a few, but Al Woll stole the show with his accapello aria that couldn't (and probably shouldn't!) be duplicated! The cruise came to a successful end Sunday morning with dock side coffee, mimosa's and a bloody mary or two after a resounding wake up call from the Shocker's captain, Denis Quintero and his Sponge Bob anthem. A great time was had by all!

We hope our February cruise to Island Moorings is just as great. So far we have five boats signed up to join us and a number of land cruisers have expressed interest. With luck the weather will be favorable for yet another fantastic time on the water!

Be sure and mark your calenders for the up coming cruises. March 18<sup>th</sup> Cruise to Key

Allegro/Oysterfest, April 15<sup>th</sup> Spinaker Hole raft up and in May the Bahia Hee Hee (exact date TBA).

Stay tuned for updates on all our up coming cruises, both through this monthly article and at the club as well.

**Until next time....see you on the water!**

### **SOCIAL SCENE**

**By Georgina Maltais**

Thanks to all our members and their patience. As you all know the club is going under renovation and expansion so we have not been able to host any events. A letter went out to each member notifying of the changes. We thank you for all your support and hopefully we will be ready soon to start the Party & Social Scene I will keep you posted on future events as soon as they are available.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT FEBRUARY 2006**

**By Brett Tanner**

The Profit and Loss report reflects income and expenses incurred January 15, 2006 through February 15, 2006.

The checking account balance, as of February 15, 2006, is: \$5,941.07

During this period, we have drawn \$66,310 from our building loan. This is not reflected on the Profit and Loss Statement as the building loan, per Beverly Rogers CPA, was categorized as a long-term liability.

To date, we have spent a total of \$79,310 from both Money Market transfers and the building loan towards our building expansion.

Treasurer's Note: To date, I have only received one request for their statement to be sent via email. If you would like to receive your PIYC statements by email to help lower the club's postage and office supply cost, please E-Mail me at [btanner@stx.rr.com](mailto:btanner@stx.rr.com).

The 2006 Budget was approved by the Board and can be viewed in the minutes at the Clubhouse.

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## **The Landlubber's Laments**

**By Harry Benoit**

**HELP!!!** We are still in need of a Historian or a coalition of people acting as such. Please consider volunteering, it's not all that hard a job.

Sailing Definitions:

Marina – Commercial dock facility. Among the few places, under admiralty law, where certain forms of piracy are still permitted. Most marinas have up-to-date facilities for the disposal of excess amounts of U.S. currency that may have accumulated on board ship, causing a fire hazard.