MEETING MINUTES - JULY 21, 2026 PACK MEETING

PACK Board For 2026	
President	Ken Bement
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Opening

Ken started the meeting -- welcomed everyone
Showed pictures of boats loaded with kayaks
Sometimes the process takes more than one trip

Guests and New Members

Will - - Has a kayak - a Wilderness 160
Ian - - Texas Fly Fisherman guest
John - - Texas Fly Fisherman guest
Ben - - Has a paddle board
Robert - Has some canoes - Mad Rivers
Jeff Morris - Met some PACK people at the BBQ place - has a canoe

Meeting Location For 2026

Trini Mendenhall Community Center - 1414 Wirt Road

Show And Tell New Items? Modified Items?

Blake watched a YouTube video about repairing leaking plastic using a tube of filler
He purchased the product and would like to try it it out. Let him know if you get a leak in your kayak.
Max talked about Ken's kayak.
William came up with a design for a rod holder.
Mike Watts rigged up one also.

Safety Spot Light Items Ken ran an AI search to locate some safety ideas
CoPilot compiled a list for staying hydrated

It is hot out there, so stay hydrated

* Hydrate before you launch
* Carry extra water (more than you think you will need)
* Drink small amounts often
* Add electrolytes on long or hot outings
* Avoid alcohol, energy drinks, caffeine
* Watch for warning signs: headache, irritability, slower reactions

One PACK member indicated that he worked in the ER. His advise was get off the water if you stop sweating. You are in danger of heat stroke.
Ken said he drinks coconut water and brings an insulated Thermos with ice water
Jay commented that sodium intake helps you to retain water.
And be careful with potassium - too much will stop your heart
Brad uses a chill pad - a shammy. It will cool you down very quickly.
He also uses an umbrella during lunch to keep away the sun's rays
Ryan C. prefers a neck fan. Also cooling towels

A Big Thank You

Ken gave a big thank you to Bruce Behrens. Bruce created our new WhatsApp account.
The app has been extremely helpful for group communication.

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Fishing Tales — Any Non PACK fishing outings that you would like to talk about?

July 1st -- Pam caught a flounder, spec's and a 22" red - Sarwell Lake
July 20th -- In Alaska, Dave caught two salmon and a rockfish
July 18th -- Fly fishing group went to Mud Island in Corpus channel
July 3rd -- Ross Ozuna caught a personal best! It was 24"
-- went to St. Charles Bay - off highway
-- the kayak launch is near an oyster farm
July 3, 4 and 5 - Ryan Woods spent 72 hours fishing on the beach - Yarborough Pass
-- he caught kingfish, snapper, black grouper

Past Events

July 3rd and 4th - Night fishing — Trip Initiator - William Tryon
Participants were Blake and William and Max
Max indicated that he really appreciated having William and Blake help him
The group fished until 4 AM in the morning
Blake was using glow in the dark crappie lures
He has a light to recharge his glow in the dark lures
Blake talked about the cross currents and the wind

July 18th - - HOW - Heroes On the Water — Matagorda Chapter
Mike and Mike P. were in attendance - they said wind was about 8-10 mph
There were about 20 participants - had two volunteers for each participant
This is a great outing for veterans
Usually have some participants who have never been in a kayak before.

July 20th - - - Offshore fishing party boat



14 out of 20 anglers were PACK
Went out about 70 to 80 miles
Had AC units on the boat
Over 200 feet of depth
- lots of reeling

Base cost was $139 with $18 for parking
Next year, Blake will plan another offshore trip
Also, Craig is talking about a 30 hour trip

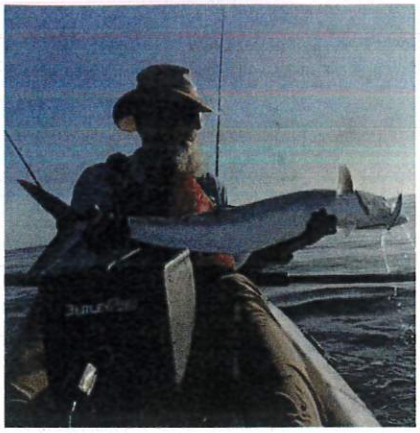
Future Events

August 15 and September 19 and October 17 — HOW - Heroes On the Water
Third weekend of each month
Event contact is Joey Grimland
This is an excellent volunteering activity

October 8th - 11th Bolivar — Trip Initiator - Joel Berry
This trip is filled up - all of the available slots are taken
You can still fish on Saturday, but the rooms are full in the AirBnb

Late October - another big event - Ken's daughter is having a baby ! !

Guest speaker - - Glenn Madden



YouTube: Glenn Madden
Facebook: Glenn Madden or Prof. Salt Outdoors
Instagram: Prof Salt

Glenn is here to talk about his approach to catching some redfish

- More hunting than fishing
- Glenn fishes mainly in very shallow water
- Looks for fish that are visible
- It is a stealthy approach
- Getting the details right is critical
- And YES -> Glenn will cast to obvious fish that are located in deeper water

Helpful facts about redfish

- Be on the lookout for tails and crawlers
- Redfish are most visible in the shallow when water temps are in the 70's, but redfish remain fairly active in almost all temps
- When it is cold or hot and fish are deeper, you may only see wakes or ripples.
- Redfish like to tail in windy conditions
- Redfish have sensory organs for good detection
  - > can detect faint changes in current
  - > can detect even small movements near the mouth
  - > sense of smell is very well developed
  - > vibrations in the water (lateral line) can be good or bad
    - * they are hunting predators
    - * also - they are not always on top of the food chain
- Most active times for redfish are typically the first and last 90 minutes of daylight
- Weather challenges
  - > rain --> not all rain is created equal
  - > wind: reds are still going to eat
    - * to fight the wind or to not find the wind
    - * found in 4" of water with 20+ winds
    - * can still be spooky in windy conditons
- Spooky times
  - > slack winds
    - * even deeper fish
  - > super shallow fish
    - * wind does not figure
  - > how to adapt and overcome spooky times
    - * be quiet
    - * slow down
    - * shorter casts

Various types of tides and locations to find redfish

- Falling tides - drain mouths or edges, shelves along channels that drain
- Rising tides - edges of channels as fish feed into lakes, newly covered areas, backs of lakes
- Low tides - channels that drain/connect lakes, just outside drain mouths, any flats that are still covered in water