

April 2004

# The Nauti News



## Homestead Yacht Club

Our 18<sup>th</sup> Year of Boating Fun

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### COMMODORE'S CORNER

Hi everyone,

It's already the end of winter, spring is in the air and regardless of what you heard, I survived. It seems it wasn't the flu but food poisoning; I guess I won't be eating any Chinese food for a while.

The dock party was a great success and Sonia out did herself with paella to die for. People that I haven't seen in ages came out for this party. The appetizers were great and the deserts were the best, I was full before I could even get to main course but I still forced myself to eat a big plate of paella, it was so good. The party continued into the wee hours of the night and when it got too cold, everyone went into George Mayer's boat for a night cap that, from what I heard, lasted into early in the morning (3am). I really do appreciate all the hard work that Sonia, Mario and all the helpers did to make this event a great one. They and members like them are what makes this club a great one.

Next month, Sonia once again worked hard to bring you an outstanding event with a four-day cruise to the Bahamas. For those of you that have made your reservations I know that you will have a fantastic time. Check with Sonia if you haven't made reservations and would like to go.

The rosters for the 2004 membership were handed out at the March meeting and copies were mailed to those not at the meeting. Anyone wishing to have another copy can purchase it from the ships store.

That's all from me for now, so may your winds be light and your seas smooth.

Commodore Bill



## **Next Club Meeting**

The next monthly meeting will be at the Redland Country Club on April 5<sup>th</sup>. Menu will be Smothered Rib Eye Steak or Smothered Chicken Breast (onions, pepper, and cheese). Confirm your reservations with Susan Coffey.

## **Editor's Note**

Spam (junk mail) continues to be a major annoyance for most of us who use Email. As a result, more and more people are using anti-spam programs, either those built into their mail programs or add on programs. Nearly all of these programs permit you to limit the Email you receive to only mail from specific Email addresses. If you are using such a program, please be sure to add sunbil@aol.com (for the Newsletter) and Klcoffey@bellsouth.net (for monthly meeting notices) to the permitted Email list.

Just a reminder, members are welcome (space permitting) to list items for sale or items wanted in the Newsletter. Also, members are welcome to include business cards or business card size ads for their work/business.

Bill Zinn, sunbil@aol.com

## **Jewfish Creek Bridge**

Present plans are to replace the existing Jewfish Creek drawbridge with a fixed bridge having a clearance of 65 feet. According to news sources in the Keys, the Florida DOT held a series of meetings in late January, followed by Corps of Engineers meetings in early March, to brief the public and receive comments on the plans for the 18 miles stretch between Florida City and Key Largo. At the meetings, held in the Keys and at Homestead, DOT officials advised that the 18 mile stretch will remain two lanes, but that the shoulder on the north bound side would be paved so that it can be used as an additional traffic lane in the event of an evacuation. The present Jewfish Creek Bridge will be replaced with a fixed bridge with 65' clearance. There will be cloverleaf exits for access to Gilberts and the Anchorage. The bridge will actually extend across Lake Surprise from the Jewfish Creek area to Key Largo. It will replace the present causeway, which was built by Flagler for use by his railroad. Construction is expected to begin in 2005. Who knows, we might actually see the end of the "on the hour and half hour" openings of the Jewfish Creek Bridge in our lifetime.

## **Dania Marine Flea Market**

The Dania Marine Flea Market, which is more or less an annual pilgrimage for many club members, will be held April 15-18. Hours are 9-6 Thur - Sat and 9-4 on Sunday. Cost is \$10 opening day and \$8 the last three days. For additional info go to: [www.thedaniamarinefleamarket.com](http://www.thedaniamarinefleamarket.com)

## Relying on GPS

This photograph, from keysnews.com, shows what is left of the props on a 56 foot Sea Ray after it struck the coral reef near Looe Key around 6 PM on March 20th. The boat "Moderation" was traveling from Fort Lauderdale to Key West. It was going about 28 MPH when it struck the coral and subsequently damaged 300 to 400 yards of the reef. The boat owner and operator, who has 20 years of boating experience and has boated in the Keys before, said that his GPS malfunctioned and he thought he was in Hawks Channel, nearly two miles from where the grounding occurred. The fines for damaging the



coral reef start at \$100 for the first square foot and \$75 a foot after that, plus possible additional costs for monitoring and restoration. Guess you could call that a damn expensive malfunction.

## Minutes of the March Club Meeting

Commodore Bill Clemons and Linda were both home with the flu, so Vice Commodore George McDermot brought the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 1, 2004. Minutes of the February meeting were accepted as published in the March 2004 newsletter.

### **Old Business:**

**Use of the Park.** There were two people present who were conducting a 5 – 7 minute survey on the use of the park for the South Florida Water Management District, and members were encouraged to do the survey.

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance at the end of January was \$5,981.98, and ending balance at the end of February was \$6,443.41. The treasurer's report was accepted as read. A detailed treasurer's report will be included in the newsletter beginning with the next one published.

**Newsletter:** Bill Zinn has been doing the newsletter for the past 3 years and he would like to hand over this responsibility to a new editor as soon as one is set up and ready go. Bill reiterated that members have the opportunity to have their business card information included in the newsletter periodically (free advertising). The only requirement is that you send him your business card and ask that it be included in the newsletter. Also, members were urged to advise Bill of any changes in their e-mail address.

**Website:** Roger North suggested the possibility of putting the roster on the Web Site and updating as needed. However, Larry Roesch, Webmaster, advised that the information on the website could be viewed by anyone, and it was not a good idea to have our members personal information (Phone, fax, e-mail etc.) published there. However, he indicated that the member name and their boat name will be published. The web site has a mail box capability, which we do not use at this time, but is something that could be looked into. The calendar of events for 2004 will also be uploaded in the website and maintained current.

**Phone Committee:** Working well, and members were asked to keep their e-mail information updated. At least 55 people registered to attend the March 1 meeting.

**Boca Chita:** This event was very well attended with 12 boats present, and everyone had a great time. Thanks went out to George Mayer and Peter Dean and all those who helped to make this event a successful one.

**Park Business:** Buz Strandhagen indicated he had correspondence between the Park, Black Point, Dade County and HYC and would be happy to share the information if members had an interest. He indicated that Black Point has severe problems which they are addressing aggressively. They have been sending correspondence and setting up meetings with Dade County in an effort to have the problems resolved, but Dade County representatives sometimes do not show up. On the subject of oil spills, he advised that the National Park Service declared there should be no more oil spills in the park (high Octane, sun tan lotion etc.) If you would like more information on this topic, you should contact Buz.

**New Business:**

**March Dock Party:** Place – B Dock, March 13, 2004, sponsored by Mario and Sonia Espineira. A sign up sheet was placed on each table so that Sonia could determine how many people would be attending in order to purchase the right amount of sea food. Fee for attending is \$10.00 per person and \$15.00 per visitor.

**April Cruise to the Bahamas:** This event is scheduled for April 30, - May 3. It is not too late to register and pay for the cruise, as there are still some spots available. Please contact Sonia Espineira for information.

Events for the remainder of the year will be addressed in future meetings and published in the newsletter.

**Membership:** Dwayne Powell advised that as of the date of the meeting, HYC had 53 paid members. The following new members were welcomed: David and Anna Giuliani, Steven and Ruth Anderson, and George and Rebecca Dowdell

The Fifty Fifty was won by new member George Dowdell

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

**Treasurer's Report for month ending February 2004**

<b>Beginning Balance:</b>		<b>5981.98</b>
<b>Income:</b>		
50-50 February	40.00	
Ship Store	25.00	
2004 Membership	635.00	
Boca Chita (5.00 pp)	265.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>965.00</b>	
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Boca Chita Pavilion	200.00	
Boca Chita Food & Supplies	294.57	
COW Table Decoration Prize	9.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>503.57</b>	
<b>Ending Balance as of February 29, 2004:</b>		<b>6443.41</b>

**Note:** The Boca Chita event cost HYC \$229.57 with 53 people attending.

Submitted by: Sharon Roesch, Treasurer

## Photos from HYC Dock Party



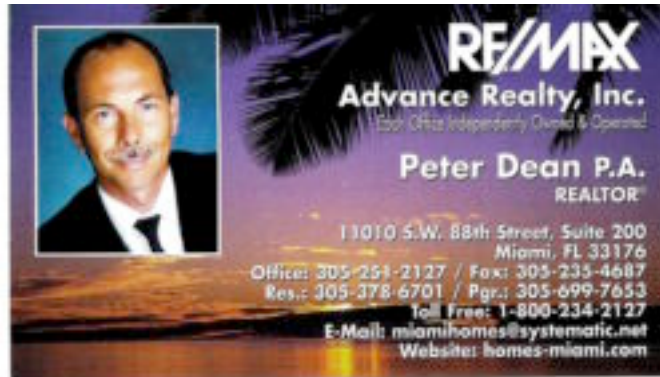
Additional photos have been posted to the Photo Island web site. To view them go to: [www.photoisland.com](http://www.photoisland.com) use guest ID: sunbil and password: hyc

### For Sale

**Achilles 10'2" Inflatable**  
9.9 HP Yamaha, Trailer and Extras  
**\$1399**

Contact Stan at 305-235-7600

## Do Business with Club Members



## Future Club Events

**April 30-May 3: Island Cruise to the Bahamas, Mario & Sonia Espineira**

**May 28-31: Memorial Day at Coral Ridge, Charlie & Carole Sammarco**