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The Nauti News



Homestead Yacht Club

Our 17th Year of Boating Fun

COMMODORE'S CORNER

Hi Everyone.

First let me thank you for your support in allowing me the privilege of serving as your Commodore for another year and now an update on your Vice-Commodore. George McDermot is doing better now that he has the clamps removed and has a cast on his leg. I even saw him down at the dock checking on his boat and breathing the salt air, although he was in a wheel chair. He said that he was going to start going back to work as he was out of leave and didn't want his boss to realize that he didn't need him. I wish him the best of luck and know that the Club does to.

The Thanksgiving weekend event at Bayside is going to be light on the number of participating boats but I have had several promises of people to drive there for the dinner Saturday night. Well we will just have to wait to see.

I have had a late start this year in planning for your events for next year, so far I have volunteers for February (Boca Chita), July 4th (Bahia Mar), and September (Hawks Cay). I need to know what you would like to do for the rest of the year, if there is something you would like to do or someplace that you would like to go we can pick a time and arrange things for it. Remember it is your club, so support it!

Membership renewals have been slow so don't forget that for \$5 a month you get support, friends, travel, a voice, and fun, who could beat that? You can download your renewal form from our web site (www.homesteadyachtclub.com) and mail it to George Mayer or give it to him at the December meeting. Don't be late and miss out on all the fun for next year.

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The December Christmas boat parade in Key Largo is on the 13th and there are still a few slips available at the Anchorage. Also, all of Blackwater Sound is available for anchoring. You can drive down to the anchorage and board my boat for the parade if you can't bring your boat. The theme for my boat is Babes in Toyland and you can be part of the parade by wearing your pajamas.

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

Commodore Bill



Editor's Note

Sorry there are no event photos in this Newsletter, but we missed the Oktoberfest event and have not received any photos from anyone who did attend. Hopefully we will have some Bayside and Boat Parade photos for next month.

Once again, a reminder to let me know if your email address changes. Also, for those of you still receiving the Newsletter via US mail, I would like to again encourage you to use email delivery if you have an email address. This saves the club money (postage and supplies) and makes your Editor's job much easier. If you are concerned about being flooded with junk mail once you provide your address, that hasn't been a problem thus far. If you want, I can send you the Newsletter without your address being revealed to other members.

sunbil@aol.com

Bill Zinn,

Next Club Meeting

The next month HYC meeting will be on Monday, December 1st at the Redland Country Club. Our meal will be Turkey with stuffing and Baked Ham. Please make your reservation with Ely, either by email or phone, no later than Sunday, November 30th. Beginning with this month, if you make your reservation by email, Ely will send you a confirmation back by email. If you do not receive a confirmation, please phone her no later than Sunday. Also beginning this month, if you show up at the meeting without a reservation, you will be charged the guest rate of \$16 instead of the member rate of \$13. As in the past, if you make a reservation and do not show up, you will be expected to reimburse the club for the cost of your meal. Ely can be contacted by email at eddyely@aol.com or by phone at 305-270-1527 (home) or 305-773-0783 (cel).

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Sunshine News

Flowers were sent to our Vice Commodore last month. George broke his ankle at our Oktoberfest event when he fell from a ladder while helping with the decorations. Flowers were sent to cheer him up and wish him a speedy recovery. Keep the sun shining, Carol Timmons

Biscayne Nation Park Management Plan Meetings

The next round of public meetings to discuss the proposed General Management Plan for Biscayne National Park will be held on Dec 2nd (Key Largo), Dec 3rd (Miami) and Dec 4th (Homestead). Development of this Plan began about three years ago and once it is finalized, it will govern how the Park is used over the next 15-20 years. There are presently five Plan alternatives, ranging from alternative one, which is no change to present use, to alternative five, which significantly restricts public use of the Park. Among the proposals in the various alternatives are zones where combustion engines are not permitted, zones where entry will be permitted only with a permit from the Park, zones where there will be no public access, expanded low speed areas, and the use of anchor buoys in some areas. These public meetings are your chance to review their proposals and offer comments. Supposedly, the public comments are being considered as they develop the final Plan. The Homestead meeting will be in the YMCA at 1034 NE 8th St between 3 and 7:30 PM on Dec 4th

Minutes of November 2003 Meeting

Commodore Bill Clemons called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. on Monday, November 3, 2003.

The minutes of the October meeting were accepted as printed in the newsletter.

Charlene Powell presented the treasurer's report for the month of October 2003, which showed the following: Beginning balance: \$5548.01, Income for September: 50-50 - \$54.00, Membership - \$160.00; Oktoberfest - \$365.00; Ships store - \$45.00; Void check # 1052 - \$110.22, Expenses include: Sunshine (Rimland, Geronimo, Hernandez) - \$165.33; Sunshine, (Heiden) - \$57.25. Total Income: \$734.22 Total Expenses: \$222.58 Ending Balance: \$6059.65

Bill Zinn, Newsletter Editor: If you do not get your Newsletter by email as expected, please let him know. With all of the "spam blockers" out there now, it is possible for mail containing attachments to be returned.

Larry the Webmaster commented that if you do not get your newsletter, you can always go to the website as they are posted there.

Park Liaison Buz Strandhagen asked who has written a letter to the Park Manager? Almost no response ... (Roger says he has a letter that members can read and approve.) Buz also said we are not being heard or

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supported, not to mention that the communication is not going well either. As boat owners, we are subject to Dade County and their rules. Buz has a copy of his communication for any and all members to read. The marina has proposed one decal with the slip and the second will cost you \$ 25.00. If they don't hear us, we will not get any results! On the same subject, Bill Clemens said letters written individually are better than a group letter. A vote was taken and the members voted for individual letters rather than a group letter.

Membership committee chairperson George Mayer introduced new members Justo Popo and Lara Garcia. He also reported that David Giuliani has joined.

Sunshine Committee member Carol Timmons reported that George McDermot is home and recuperating from his Oktoberfest incident.

Linda Clemmons, operator of the Ship's Store had nothing to report.

Telephone coordinator Ely Prats commented that she needs to get the confirmations for dinner reservations on time. She will now email members that choose to attend with a confirmation for dinner. Make sure you get a confirmation for your dinner reservation. In the future, if you show up without a reservation, you will be paying the guest price of \$16.00 for your meal. She also reported that the price of meals will be increased \$2.00, to \$15.00 for members and \$18.00 for guests, effective January 1, 2004

Old Business: Super Kudos for Art & Maria Muina for another great job with the Oktoberfest. Despite the accident with George McDermott, everyone had a great time and plenty to eat!

New Business:

Charlene and Dwayne are hosting the Bayside Ramble at Bayside Nov. 28-30. At the same time, The Christmas village with Disney characters will be opening. Saturday will be dinner at Bubba Gumps, Sunday morning it is bagels and bloody marys . So far, only a few have signed up so hurry! Deadline is Nov. 15 for the sign up. He needs a minimum of 20 people to reserve the restaurant.

Bill Clemens discussed the boat parade in Key Largo on December 13th. The theme this year is "Hooray for Hollywood". Everybody is welcome to ride on the Clemens boat but you must be in costume.

Larry announced the results of the elections. They are as follows:

Commodore: Bill Clemens

Vice Commodore: George McDermot

Secretary: Annie McDermot

Treasurer: Sharon Roesch

Larry also discussed the "Change of Watch" which will be on Jan. 24th at the Redland Country Club. Everyone should come as it's always a great time. He needs checks by Jan 17th so he can have an accurate head count.

We had several guests speak about towing vs salvage. Mike Karcher, a maritime attorney, explained the difference between a tow and salvage. Towing is a convenience or service rendered between one vessel and another and neither the vessel nor life is in peril. A salvage is a service also rendered voluntarily, but either the vessel or life is in peril. It's important to read your insurance policy to determine what coverage you have.

Mickey from Miami Dade Marine Patrol gave us several different scenarios of towing and assistance.

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Holley Rice from the Park Service spoke about the Park and what they are trying to do for the public. Also some history, things to do, protected areas and their purpose. In addition, she gave some good advice about what to do if you do run aground and how to protect the seabeds. Capt. Bill based at the Homestead marina discussed towing options with Tow Boat US and what your Boat US coverage will and will not cover. Some that are usually covered are running out of gas and breakdowns. He also discussed several different scenarios of groundings and what he can and cannot do if this happens to you. Again, everybody, it's time to get your policy out and read it. Find out exactly what your policy covers and what it does not!

The club helped Angie Ficken celebrate her birthday. We were not told how old she is but rumor has it that she's somewhere in her late 30's...Ted also brought a wonderful cake for all to enjoy.

Aida Geronimo won the 50-50 of \$ 49.00

The meeting was adjourned after 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Peter Dean

For Sale by HYC Member

ICOM VHF radio, Model IC-M59
With built in Class-D DSC distress call, when connected to GPS
Like new: \$130.00

Force 10 Gas Propane Stove
Two-burner model with oven, plus two tanks
Less than a year old
Like new: \$600.00

Contact Barbara or Dieter Herber at 305-274-5251

Our Next Club Event

The Key Largo Christmas Boat Parade

December 13th

**Dress in costume and ride in the parade on Commodore Bill's decorated boat
The theme for Bill's boat is "Babes in Toyland"**

Stay in the Anchorage Marina or anchor out

Contact Bill or Linda Clemons for additional details

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ANNUAL CHANGE OF WATCH

Dinner Dance

January 24, 2004

**Redland Golf and Country Club
24451 SW 177 Avenue Homestead, FL**

Menu

Seafood Bisque

Herb Roasted Prime Rib of Beef

Or

Boneless Chicken Breast w/Mango-Papaya Chutney

Caesar Salad

Baked Potato

Fresh Asparagus w/Hollandaise

Mini French Baguettes and Butter

Dessert: t.b.a.

Cocktails (Open Bar) 7 PM to 8 PM

Dinner 8PM

Open Bar 9 PM to 10 PM Cash Bar 10 PM to Midnight

Dancing to DJ Larry

\$25.00 per member Beef

\$20.00 per member Chicken

\$40.00 per guest Beef - \$35.00 per guest Chicken

Make Checks Payable to Homestead Yacht Club

Send to Larry Roesch

17330 SW 246 St. Homestead, FL 33031

All reservations must be prepaid by Jan 17, 2004

Indicate Beef or Chicken