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The Nauti News



Homestead Yacht Club

Our 18th Year of Boating Fun

Boat Parade



Mr & Mrs Santa Clause rode with a large contingent of Club Members on the Linda C Too in the Key Largo Christmas Boat Parade. In keeping with the theme of the Linda C Too, Babes in Toyland, many members were dressed in their best PJ's. The event judges recognized the Linda C Too as the most colorful boat in the parade. Congratulations and thanks to Commodore Bill and Linda for another great Boat Parade event. More event photos are contained later in this Newsletter.

COMMODORE'S CORNER

Hi everyone.

Tis the Season and I hope everyone had a happy one. The boat parade had a great turn out. We got ready for the parade with some of the best soup, chili and an assortment of goodies that I have ever had. I had to eat a little (?) of everything just to make sure that it was as good as it looked, didn't I? Some of the members went out in their boats to better observe the parade and others boarded my boat. I had over 25 babes and boys in their pajamas on my boat and I even had Santa and Mrs. Clause on the front. After I was underway we had to redistribute the weight as the front of the boat tried to dive under the water but every one still had a good spot. Our own DJ Larry Roesch set the pace with a selection of Christmas music and as always it was fabulous but it was the first time

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that I ever saw a conga line done to Silent Night. As we passed the judges stand the music of Toyland and the march of the toys was played (with several marching toys on the side) and all the babes waving. Everyone on board was fantastic and they were all the best in the parade. I thank everyone for all of his or her help and support.

While we were at the Anchorage Resort it was decided that the club would have one more event for the year. On New Years Eve we will have a dock party for everyone to attend. Everyone should bring something to share and the club will provide dinner of chicken and yellow rice. There will be plenty of eating, drinking, dancing and whatever, So come one, come all and we will bring in the New Year the HYC way!

Our new Membership Chairman is Dwayne Powell so send your renewal applications to him. You can download your renewal form from our web site, www.homesteadyachtclub.com. Membership renewals have been slow, Dwayne reports that we have only 20 renewal's so far, so don't forget that for \$5 a month you get support, friends, travel, a voice and fun, who could beat that? Don't be late and miss out on all the fun for next year!

The Change of Watch party will be on the 24th of January, Please get your checks in to Larry or Sharon Roesch as fast as you can so they can provide a count to the Redland Country Club. Don't miss out on the biggest event of the year, plan now to attend and strut your stuff to the soothing sounds of DJ Larry or maybe even Barry will come out.

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

Commodore Bill

P.S. Happy Hanukah, Merry Christmas, and A Happy New Year to All.



Editor's Note

This is my last edition of the Newsletter. After doing this for four years, I figured it was time for someone else to share the ??fun??. So, beginning next month, Joe Rohrer will take over as Editor.

For the most part, the last four years have been very enjoyable. Probably our biggest accomplishment was beginning the electronic distribution of the Newsletter. That has saved the Club considerable money and greatly reduced the Editor's workload.

Thanks to all who helped during the last four years by contributing suggestions, articles, photos, etc. Hopefully you will give Joe the same support. You can contact him at 305-731-9824 or joerohrer@earthlink.net

Bill Zinn, sunbil@aol.com

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No Monthly Meeting in January

Because of the annual Change of Watch dinner and dance on January 24th, there **WILL NOT** be a Club meeting on the first Monday of January. The normal monthly meetings will resume in February.

Biscayne Park Management Plan

In early December I attended one of the Park Service's public meetings to explain their proposed Management Plan for Biscayne National Park. Park Superintendent, Linda Canzanelli, delivered a presentation explaining that the Management Plan is something that started three years ago and is necessary to protect the Park's resources for "our" future use. The public meetings are being held to solicit public comment which can be considered while finalizing their Plan. While their proposed Plan contains numerous items which make sense, such as closing some area during sensitive nesting periods (already being done) and expanding the slow speed area around University Dock south past Elliott Key harbor, it also contains items which significantly restrict public use of the Park. These include large Non-combustion Engine Use Zones and Access by Permit only Zones. In one-on-one discussions with Ms Canzanelli, she acknowledged that they plan to implement the Non-combustion Engine zones and probably the Permit Only zones, regardless of the public comments. She stated that the Non-combustion Engine zones were being created largely in response to requests from the flats fishermen. That was a really interesting statement, considering that just a few days earlier The Miami Herald had run a story about how the area fishermen were opposed to the Non-combustion Engine proposal. When asked about the Permit Only zones, she stated they were necessary to keep what has happened at the Sands Key sand bar from happening in other areas. In the course of discussions with her, she revealed that when she was at the Park Service Hq in Washington, she helped prepare the Park Service's report supporting the banning of personal watercraft (jet skis) from all Parks and she has also worked at locations where the use of Permit Only areas has worked well. Guess it is not surprising that the banning of combustion engines and creation of Permit Only zones are featured prominently in this Plan. I was left with the distinct impression that the Park Service has their own agenda that they intend to implement regardless of the public comments they receive.

Bill Zinn

Minutes of December 2003 meeting

Commodore Bill Clemons called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, December 1, 2003.

Old Business:

The minutes of the November meeting were accepted as printed in the Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Charlene Powell presented the Treasurer's report for the month of November 2003. Beginning balance was \$6,059.65; Income for November was \$1,185.83; Total expenses for November was \$2,499.55. Ending balance at November 31, 2003 was \$4,745.93. Income included \$240.00 for 2004 Membership dues already collected, and \$855.83 collected from the October and November events. Major

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expense for the month was the Oktoberfest @ \$940.00. and trip to Bayside @ \$525.75. Motion carried to accept Treasurer's report.

Newsletter: Bill Zinn had nothing new to report

Website: - Larry Roesch had nothing new to report

Phone: Elisa Prats advised she was doing very well, and all reservations made were in attendance at this meeting.

Membership: George Mayer informed that the club currently had 59 members and that new members, Thomas Lynch and Derrick and Anna Boos were present to receive their club burgees. Members were reminded to renew their membership early and were asked to update their address/phone and other information so that the club roster will be accurate. Dwayne Powell will be collecting 2004 club dues after the meeting.

Park Business: Buz Strandhagen informed he met last week with John Turner of Black Point Marina to discuss mutual problems at the respective marinas. It was clear that both marinas had communications problems with management. A meeting will take place in December with Black Point marina who seems to have more problems than those existing at Homestead Bay Front Park. However, the consensus is that marina patrons and yacht clubs should unite, assign a representative for each of their groups, who would meet in unison with Parks and Recreations and speak on behalf of all their marina patrons. Marina patrons represent a substantial income to Dade County, and our voices should be heard. There is correspondence between HYC and Dade County that is available to read, if interested. Roger North advised he had sent letters and placed a copy on each boat and Cathy also made some calls to boat owners.

Sunshine Committee: Carol Timmons was home sick. George McDermot, recovering from his fall, attended the meeting.

Ship's store: There is some good stuff available from the store, but if members do not find what they want, ask Linda Clemons about special orders.

Boat Parade: Slips were available at the Anchorage, but you will have to call. If you plan to drive down, you are welcome to join the party on the Linda C Too. There will be soups and other stuff available. At this time, there was no information on where the Awards dinner would be held, but the club expected to have breakfast at the Cuban Restaurant next to the Anchorage. Rooms were also available at the Anchorage. The theme for Linda C Too will be Babes in Toyland

Change of Watch: Larry Roesch would be providing information on this event in the newsletter and on the website. The club is subsidizing the Change of Watch. Guest price is \$40.00 per person for Prime Rib and \$35.00 for Chicken. Members price for Prime Rib is \$25.00 and \$20.00 for chicken, with an open bar. If you would like to hear some special music, bring it with you.

New Business:

Bill Zinn reported that public meetings were planned by the Park Services to review the various versions of the Biscayne National Park Management Plan that they are considering. He recommended that club members attend the meetings to express their opinions because some the alternatives being suggested by the Park Service

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will significantly impact our use of the Park. He advised the dates/locations/times of the meetings that will be held in the coming weeks. He also discussed some of the alternatives being offered by the park such as: A) Development of a dock area on ocean side of Boca Chita. B) Expansion of docking on the West side of Boca Chita and the addition of mooring balls. C) No combustible engines allowed in several Park areas. D) Expansion of the slow speed zone along the west side of Elliott Key. It is not apparent that public comments are actually being used in their plans; however, continued participation in the meetings is needed. A long discussion ensued on rulings that may be adopted by the Park Service because in essence, it seemed Park management might only be interested in gaining more land, power and money – an 8 billion dollar business to them. If enough people get involved, perhaps it may make a difference. Dredging of the channels in the Park was also discussed.

Jeanie Clark informed that effective immediately, marina patrons will get two marina passes free. She advised if you had already paid for your second pass, you should go to the marina office, fill out the reimbursement request form, and you would be reimbursed. Alternatively, if you would prefer to have a third pass issued to see her about this. A receipt will be issued if required

Congratulations went out to Sharon and Larry Roesch who had delivery of their new boat - a 57ft. Ocean.

2004 Calendar of events was discussed:

January: No event planned because of the Change of Watch.

February: Boca Chita weekend of February 12-15. However, the Boat Show is February 11-17. The Club will try to make adjustments to the reservations at Boca Chita.

March: Dock Party – Sponsored by Sonia Espineira.

April: Nothing scheduled. Suggestions (1) Black Water Sound (2) Marco Island – Tin city. E-Mail or call to say what you want to do, and volunteers needed.

May: Coral Ridge Yacht Club – sponsored by Charles Sammarco

June: Miami Beach Marina – Linda Clemons to explore dinner possibilities.

July 4th weekend: Bahia Mar – sponsored by Aida Geronimo.

August: Nothing scheduled. Suggestion made to do something on the water like a visit to Holiday Isle – need to book way ahead of time if we want to go there. There are marinas in Snake Creek – another possibility.

September: Hawks Cay – please make your reservations early. No sponsor defined. A poker run was suggested for this event, but due to the distance, it was not considered.

October: October Fest trip to Bayside – Sponsored by Art Muina.

November: Nothing scheduled as it is difficult to get people to travel over the Thanksgiving holiday. We should consider doing something close to home

December: Xmas Boat Parade

Suggestion was made that during one of the months when nothing is planned, perhaps a weekend cruise should be considered. Several people volunteered to check out group rates.

Those very artistic people in the club are challenged again to sponsor a table at the Change of Watch, by creating their most wonderful centerpiece for their table. The challenge is to use what you have at home for your creation. The Club will provide a first prize, and a committee of 4 judges will be chosen. Contact Annabelle McDermot at (305) 539-2317 if you are sponsoring a table.

Suggestion made by Barbara and Dieter Herber to have an impromptu New Year's Eve party on the docks – to be discussed further.

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Fifty Fifty - \$45.00 for the winner – Cathy North. The next Fifty Fifty will be at the February 2004 meeting. There being no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Welcome New Members



Thomas Lynch



Anna and Derrick Boos

Christmas Boat Parade



Part of the Xmas Crew



Did she get that from Santa?

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Would you trust your boat to this crew?



Even Marilyn was there.

Additional Photos have been posted to the Photo Island web site.
Go to: www.photoisland.com and use guest ID: sunbil with password: hyc

Future Events

New Year's Eve Dock Party
Homestead Marina Dock area
BYOB and Food Dish

Contact Commodore Bill for additional info

Annual Change of Watch Dinner and Dance
January 24th
Redland Country Club
Prime Rib or Chicken with open bar

Make reservations with Larry or Sharon Roesch by January 17th

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Homestead Bayfront Yacht Club
Membership Application
New ___ Renewal ___

Captain: _____ Mate: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Other Phones: _____ (Cel, Boat, Etc, please specify)

E-Mail Address: _____

Name of Vessel: _____ Power ___ Sail ___

Size: Length: _____ Beam: _____ Draft: _____

Location: _____ Dock & Slip: _____

(Marina name/Home/Trailer)

NOTE: The above information is used to prepare the club roster and to forward the monthly newsletter and other club information to you, so please be as complete and accurate as possible.

Membership Policy

Dues: There is a \$20 initiation fee, plus annual dues of \$60. The annual dues for new members are prorated at \$5 per month from February to October. For November and December it is the prorated dues plus the following years dues (\$70 and \$65 plus \$20 initiation fee). **Renewal fee is \$60 regardless of month paid.**

Membership: Membership privileges extend to member's spouse or significant other, children under 21 residing in the house, and parents residing with the member. Single members pay member rates when bringing a guest to a club event.

I have read and understand the above membership policy.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**Mail this form along with your check made payable to
Homestead Yacht Club to:**

Dwayne Powell, 12905 SW 116 Court, Miami, FL, 33176-8354