

June 2004

The Nauti News



Homestead Yacht Club

Our 18th Year of Boating Fun

COMMODORE'S CORNER

Hi everyone,

The trip to Ft Lauderdale was a great success. Once again, Charlie and Carole Sammarco made sure that everyone had a good time. On the way up to Coral Ridge Yacht Club some of the members tried to drown some bait, but MS Addiction got broke in with a very large bull dolphin. Friday night we had a happy hour that lasted all night for some of the club members, but the meal in the club restaurant was fantastic. Saturday we were on our own until dinner, Charlie and Vinnie cooked a pig that we all enjoyed and after dinner we danced to steel drums and guitar. Sunday was a club breakfast and then we all rode the waterbus to Shooters and then on to River Walk where we had dinner and drinks, lots of drinks for some. Monday we made the trip home with a few of us fishing on the way back that proved there are some fish still out there.

We are guests when we go to a Club or a Marina and we need to respect their rules. We don't want to not be invited back or to give our club a bad reputation. So when you see somebody doing something that is breaking the rules of our host please remind them, they might not have known.

This month we will be going to Miami Beach Marina for a pub crawl and a nice dinner. Make sure you sign up so you don't miss another great event. Also if you plan on going to Hawks Cay I need you to sign up now so I can get the list to Hawks Cay. After they get the list you will need to call them and provide a credit card number so that they can hold the slip for you. You can email me if you plan on going and are not at the meeting to sign up.

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 on Monday, June 7th, at the Redland Country Club. Cocktails at 7 PM and the Meeting/Dinner at 7:30 PM. Menu is country fried steak or smothered pork chops. Please confirm your reservations along with menu choice with Susan Coffey ASAP.

Editor's Note

A special thanks to Barb and Cliff Hadden for providing me with the photos they took during the Bahamas Cruise and to roving reporter Claire Strandhagen for her report about the cruise. Thanks also to Larry Roesch who played both reporter and photographer at the Coral Ridge Event.

Just a reminder that from time to time, space permitting, you can have your business card included in the newsletter. It is a good way to let fellow members know what goods or service you can provide to them. How about that, Free Advertising. Also, if you are trying to sell or are looking for a marine associated item, you can place a For Sale or Wanted ad in the newsletter.

Bill Zinn, sunbil@aol.com

The Bahamas Cruise

Your roving reporter recently took a four day cruise with nine couples from Homestead Yacht Club. We traveled on Royal Caribbean to Coco Cay and Nassau. For six of us the trip started out in a stretch limo, complete with full bar arranged by Jan Mayer. Mario commented on the fact that it was definitely strange to drink and ride....Needless to say, we got a head start on the cruise. Our cruise director, Sonia Espineira, arranged for a welcome aboard cocktail party AND a fifty dollar credit per cabin. I don't think Royal Caribbean realized how much damage our crew can do at a cocktail party. Anyway, our cruise started out with a liquid bang.

The private beach at Coco Cay was great. The sand was white and pretty and there were enough beach chairs to seat all of us. Some of us were brave enough to get in the water....not your roving reporter....and the rest of us enjoyed lounging and shopping. Buz discovered the topless beach area of the island and was very disappointed to realize that I was his only witness. The other guys assured me they would not have believed him had I not been there to witness the occurrence. Buz only drooled a little. Dinner that evening was lovely and the food was plentiful. In fact, the food every day was good and plentiful. The next day in Nassau some of us took a tour on the Yellowbird to another private little beach. It was fun and Jan discovered that shooters make the water warm enough to get in. Sonia lost her hat and the rest of us walked and looked and AGAIN lounged. On the trip back our fearless crew (led by Buz, of course) managed to disrupt a wedding taking place on a beach we were passing.

They yelled and pleaded for the groom to reconsider but managed to resist mooning them. We ran into the wedding party at dinner that evening on the ship and they assured Buz that they had the entire episode on video and thought it was funny. Once I learned that they were not planning to sue, I decided not to charge them for the entertainment.

All in all, we had a great time. It was fun to laugh and play with all of our buddies from Homestead Yacht Club. We satisfied any cravings we might have for cracked conch, booze, gambling and fun in the sun. The women especially enjoyed getting on a boat where someone else does the lines and cooks. We've decided it is a MUST DO at least once a year. Don't miss it next time this event comes around. Till next time, Claire

Cruise Photos



Sunshine News

Lynn Sinnamon was in the Homestead Hospital earlier this month. She has improved enough that she was moved to St Annes. The club sent her flowers and if anyone would like to send a card or short note, which I'm sure would cheer her up, the address is:

11855 Quail Roost Drive
Room 320 Bed 2
Miami Fl 33177

I hope everyone else is well and ready for a great summer. Kathy North

Member's Profile: The McDermot's **Vice Commodore and Secretary**

Our Vice Commodore, George McDermot and our Secretary, Annabelle (Annie) McDermot were both born in Kingston, Jamaica. Their families knew each other and they went to elementary school together, but certainly were not childhood sweethearts (something about George having a preference for long red hair at that time). After finishing school, Annie took a job with the Jamaican government's foreign service, and wound up in their office in Belgium. During a Christmas visit back to Jamaica, she and George met again this time things clicked. After following her to Belgium, she returned to Jamaica and they were married in December 1973. Annie had no interest in boating until she married George and they got their first boat, a 21' sail boat. They remained sail boaters until six years ago when they got their first power boat. About 29 years ago, due to political and economic upheaval in Jamaica, they decided to immigrate to the States and settled in Miami where they still live. At the time, there was a restriction on the amount of money that could be removed from Jamaica, so George figured out a work around, which just happened to involve boating. They purchased a 43' sail boat which they named "Liquid Assets". George and a crew sailed the boat to the Cayman Islands where it was sold and the money safely deposited outside of Jamaica. George is now the CFO for heavy equipment builder Komatsu and Annie works for Master Card services. They are founding members of HYC. George was Club Commodore in 1993 and Annie was the Newsletter Editor for four year, Phone Contact person for a couple of years and Secretary several times. While they are presently without a boat, that is only a temporary situation. Their son Kyle, a marine architect in New Orleans, has designed a 48' power boat for them, which is presently being built by George's brother in Tampa. There is no firm "splash" date yet and they are still trying to agree on a name.



George and Annie

Memorial Day Weekend at Coral Ridge

Most of us left early Friday morning to make the tide from Homestead. Three boats MS Addiction, Instedda and Sharkay fished their way to Ft Lauderdale. Mario and Sonia were the big winners with a 22 lb bull Dolphin going up. Instedda got a 24 pounder coming back on Monday. The weather was great all weekend. Great cruising conditions too! We all went to the Coral Ridge Bar for cocktails and then a great (as always) dinner after. Many danced the night away in the lounge after dinner. Saturday brought some relaxing by the pool, some to the beach, and others shopping. Uncle Vinnie and Charlie supervised a great Pig Roast for Saturday night by the pool bar. Stocks and Blondes stopped by Saturday and on their way from Sarasota to Daytona and visited with most of us at the pig roast. Sunday we all

ventured out on the Waterbus taxi to Shooter's. Many of us stayed to see the "hot bod" contest. Then we all went by water taxi down to River Walk. Our Commodore found a bar that had three for one drinks (just what we all needed). The Coral Ridge Yacht Club once again out did themselves in making us feel welcome and at home at their fine facility. Thanks to Charlie and Carole Sammarco and Steve and Charlotte Bell, along with Vinnie, for making it all possible. Larry Roesch

Coral Ridge Photos



MINUTES OF LAST HYC MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Bill Clemons at 7:20 p.m. on Monday, May 3, 2004. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the April meeting as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer's report:

Beginning Balance at April 1, 2004	\$ 6,175.02
Ending Balance at April 30, 2004	5,566.21

Details of Treasurer's report will be included in the Newsletter

Old Business:

Newsletter: Bill Zinn informed that everyone is apparently receiving the newsletter and having no problem reading it. He also requested that everyone provide him with any changes to their e-mail address, as he did have three rejected mailings in April.

Bill also informed that each month, he would be publishing a member's profile, having begun with Commodore Bill Clemons in the May newsletter.

Web Site: Larry Roesch informed that newsletters are posted on the Website and goes back to 1999. If you accidentally deleted a newsletter that you had not read, they are on the website.

Marina News: There was discussion between members and Buzz Strandhagen on the depth of the channel and surveys that had been done. He informed that the channel stops at Markers 2 & 3 and there is no extension of the channel. The original survey has this information and nothing has changed. Members noted that there was a spot between Markets 3 & 4 where boats were bumping the bottom, and also some spots by the boat lift. Commodore Clemons indicated that some time ago Reef Rover had been tied up by the boat lift, and ran his engines at the dock, which pushed a lot of the silt from the dock area into the middle of the waterway.

Membership: Brian & Liz Burgess and Alex Gutierrez received their club burgees.

Ships Store: Linda Clemons indicated that there were new shirts for both male and female in stock, some of which are special orders. She also indicated that the store has copies of the Club Directory available for \$2.00 each if members needed additional copies to keep on their boats, car or elsewhere.

New Business:

Memorial Day Cruise: Commodore Bill reminded members that if they were joining the club on this event, they needed to register immediately, as dockage may be limited. Anyone needing additional information on this cruise should contact Commodore Bill as quickly as possible to assure dockage. Members not going by boat should also speak with Commodore Bill to assure participation. Following members are already signed up: Sharkay, MS Addiction, Instedda, Linda C Too, Sea Ya, Cruzana, and Charley Girl.

June Cruise to Miami Beach Marina: A sign up sheet was being passed around for those wishing to participate in this cruise. Vice Commodore George McDermot had reserved 10 slips but members should sign up to assure dockage at the marina. A dinner was being planned for Saturday evening as well as a pub crawl during the late afternoon hours. Details will be at the June meeting.

The July 4th cruise to Bahia Mar in Ft. Lauderdale was cancelled due to lack of participation. However, Aida Geronimo has changed the venue to No Name Harbor and was making arrangements with the restaurant. More to come on this at the next club meeting.

July Club Meeting: This meeting will take place on Monday, **June 28, 2004** so as not to conflict with the long weekend event at No Name Harbor.

50/50: Was \$45.00 and won by Bill Zinn.

With no more business to discuss, motion was made and seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Secretary Annabelle McDermot

TREASURER'S REPORT for the Month ending April 30, 2004

Beginning Balance	6175.02
Income:	
50/50 April	55.00
2004 Members dues	415.00
Ship Store	314.00
Total	784.00
Expenses:	
Sunshine (Sinnamon)	51.61
Annual Report Filing (FL State)	61.25
FatCow Web Hosting (HYC)	119.00
Peacock Embroidery	1160.95
Total	1392.81
Ending Balance April 30, 2004	5566.21

Note: The event for April was the RCCL Cruise. It was not funded by HYC

Submitted By, Sharon Roesch, Treasurer

Welcome New Members



Brian & Liz Burgess



Alex Gutierrez

Watch for Little Glass Bottles

According to a recent Miami Herald article, thousands of small glass vials have been released into waters off the Keys as part of a study aimed at restoring the queen conch population in the Keys. Five thousand of the vials were released at ten locations in water off of the Keys from Sands Key to Molasses Reef. Another 500 vials were released in the Florida Straits. A message in each vial asks the finder to report by either a toll free phone call or e-mail, the vial number and the date and location where it was found. Those who report finding a vial will be entered in a drawing for a cash prize of \$150 or a "Conch Research" hat. The vials

travel pattern should mimic the drift pattern of conch larvae and thus tell scientists where to place adult conch to spawn so that their larvae stay in the Florida waters.

Next Club Event

Miami Beach Marina

June 12-13

Contact George or Annie McDermot for details

Do Business with other HYC Members

