

March 2004



# The Nauti News

## Homestead Yacht Club

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

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### Editor's Note

Due to some unanticipated computer problems, Joe was not able to take over publication of the Newsletter as planned. So..... I guess for at least the immediate future, I'm back.

Since we didn't have a Newsletter for February, I have included our Commodore's comments for both last month and this month.

Please remember, if you change your email address, let us know so we can keep our records current and get Club info to you. Also if you have any info or photos that you think may be of interest to other members, let me know.

Bill Zinn sunbil@aol.com

### Commodore's Corner

Hi everyone,

((February))

Well it's a new year and I am definitely feeling older but with all the great things that the Club has planned for the New Year I am sure that I will be up to it. We have several new chair members to help keep things running and I know that we will still have plenty of help from the out going members.

I want to thank again the Bridge and Chairpersons for their support: Vice Commodore George McDermot for his support in running the Club, he is continuing as Vice. Treasurer Charlene Powell for her outstanding reports on the state of our finances. The new Treasurer will be Sharon Roesch and I am sure she will carry on in Charlene's footsteps. Secretary Teresa Dean, with help from Peter, for keeping us straight on what was said at each meeting. The new Secretary will be Annabelle McDermot, may her hands be as fast.

Membership chair George Mayer for the great job he did in building the Club up. Our new Membership chair is Dwayne Powell, so send your renewal applications to him. You can download your renewal form from our web site: [www.homesteadyachtclub.com](http://www.homesteadyachtclub.com). Phone Coordinator Ely Prats for the excellent job she did in getting the information out to the membership and organizing the meetings each month. She will be replaced with Susan Coffey who will email everyone and organize the meeting. Suzie Snipes and Vicky Cline will alternate at the meeting to collect for the meals, so it looks like we will have a Phone Committee again. Park Liaison Buz Strandhagen for his many years of being the go between the Club and the park. With all of his contacts we are glad that Buz will continue as Park Liaison. Newsletter Editor Bill Zinn will be stepping down after his many years of keeping us informed, he will be sorely missed. Bill will be giving all of his expertise to Joe Rohrer, who will be our new Newsletter Editor. I am sure that Joe will continue to keep us informed of all the news. Web Master Larry Roesch will continue to keep our web site up to date. If you haven't visited our web site yet, do so, it is the best web site out there, if I do say so myself. Roster chair Sandy Zinn for all of her hard work in publishing and keeping the Membership Roster up to date throughout the year. Sandy will continue to do her hard work for the Club by being Roster chair again. Sunshine Coordinator Carol Timmons for the cheer and the sorrow that she expressed for the club with just a little bit of sunshine to all from all of us. Kathy North is the new Sunshine Coordinator and I am sure that she will do an excellent job. Ship's Store Linda Clemons for her great work in keeping us supplied with all the Club's essentials, after having the Ship's Store dropped on her at the beginning of the year. She is the kind of member that will jump in and help, no matter what, to keep this Club afloat. She has said that she will continue with the Ship's Store until there is a volunteer to take her place.

Remember this is your Club and there is no better way to support it than by volunteering to be a chairperson or by sponsoring an event during the year. Volunteering only takes a few hours of your time and gives you and your Club mates many hours of pleasure. There is no better way to get to know the other Club members and for you to make a difference in your Club than by volunteering. Stop being a lump on the water, volunteer!!!

The Change of Watch party was a rip roaring success with everyone dancing to the wee hours of the morning. DJ Larry Roesch (or should we say Barry) was at his finest, and when he was out dancing there were several volunteers running the music. I would like to personally thank everyone (Larry Roesch, Sharon Roesch, Annie McDermot) and all the people that helped to make this the best Change of Watch ever. Thank You!

((March))

We had our first event of the year and it was a great one. Boca Chita couldn't have been nicer, maybe a little less crowded, and the weather was perfect. Peter Dean did a fabulous job getting everything organized, even

with getting Teresa around on her ankle, and George Mayer did his magic on the deep fried turkeys. The appetizers, side dishes, and desserts brought by the Club members were fantastic, and the turkeys were to die for.

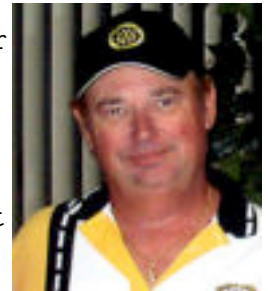
Breakfast Sunday morning was our usual fare of bagels, cream cheese, salmon, onions, fresh fruit, Bloody Marys, and Mimosas, wish we were this lucky everyday.

Sharkay was initiated again, in what is becoming a tradition for HYC, ask Larry to show you the evidence. After eating all that food several members suffered a severe attack of gas. In fact there was so much gas Saturday night that there was a green glow by Instedda and several members were seen crying while sitting on the seawall.

Bill Zinn is doing the Nauti News again until further notice and Sandy Zinn will have the membership rosters out, hopefully in March. Dwayne Powell is still accepting renewal applications and you can download your renewal form from our web site: [www.homesteadyachtclub.com](http://www.homesteadyachtclub.com).

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 of the Homestead Yacht Club will be held at the Redland County Club on Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. Dinner menu will be your choice of Corned Beef and Cabbage or Sliced Roast Beef. Please let Susan Coffey ([klcoffey@bellsouth.net](mailto:klcoffey@bellsouth.net) or 305-279-5393) know if you intend to attend and your menu preference.

Members attending this meeting will receive their copy of the 2004 Club Roster containing Club member information and the schedule of events for the year. Those who do not attend the meeting will receive their roster via mail later in the month.

### **Another National Park Management Plan**

In addition to the already well publicized General Management Plan and the Fishery Management Plan for Biscayne National Park, the Park Service has now come up with the Exotic Plant Management Plan. In addition to Biscayne National Park, this plan will also apply to Everglades National Park, Canaveral National Seashore, Dry Tortugas National Park and National Parks in the Virgin Islands. The goal is to remove exotic (non-native) plants from our National Parks. The first public meeting in our area, to explain this plan, will be held at the Homestead YMCA on March 4<sup>th</sup>, between 3:30 and 7:30 PM. EDITOR'S COMMENT: Maybe if we all agree to each destroy one exotic plant, they will agree to let us keep using "our" park.

## **Minutes of Last Club Meeting**

Meeting was called to order by Commodore Clemons at 7:30 PM on February 2, 2004.

Thanks went out to Larry and Sharon Roesch for the preparations for the Change of Watch, which was a great success and well attended. Thanks were also extended to the ladies who brought centerpieces.

### **Old Business:**

**Treasurer's Report:** A detailed report was provided by Charlene Powell on 2003 revenue and expenses. We had a loss of \$131.07. This was a result of the Club spending \$3,529.75 for events during 2003. It was reported also that the Ship's Store did very well during 2003. Beginning balance as of December 31, 2003 was \$6,014.80, and ending balance as of January 31, 2004 was \$5,981.98. Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

**Newsletter Editor:** No one had seen Joe to find out whether or not there will be a newsletter in February. Commodore Clemons will check on the status of the Newsletter.

**Website:** Nothing new to report

**Phone Committee:** No issues and nothing new to report

### **New Business:**

**Park Marinas:** Bob Cowan indicated that Black Point seemed to be having quite a few more issues than Homestead Marina. One of their issues is that patrons in Black Point on Dock A had their own electric meters and paid their own electric bills, but when they were absent, the Park rents out their slip and charges for the electric. In essence the marina was being paid twice. It was recommended that the marinas get together in a meeting to resolve their issues with Parks and Recreation.

**Membership:** Dwayne Powell advised that in 2003, the Club had 64 members. As of this meeting, the Club had 45 paid up members. There were quite a few members from 2003 who had advised they were renewing their membership but to date they had not paid their dues. Payment of Club dues is critical because the rosters will be published sometime in February/March, and if the dues are not paid, their information will not be included in the Club roster. New Members Ana and Derek Boos and Jason Cook were introduced to the Club and received their Club burgees.

**Ship's store:** Linda Clemmons advised that the store catalog was available at the meeting and if there was anything not in inventory, she would be happy to order new stuff. She also asked members to let her know if there were any special items they would like to order and she would be happy to look into it.

**2004 Rosters:** Sandy Zinn advised that the new rosters should be available at the March meeting. Members were reminded that they need to update their information prior to publication.

### **Club Events scheduled for 2004 were recapped as follows:**

**February 21–22, Boca Chita:** Sponsored by Peter Dean and George Mayer, who will be doing deep fried turkeys over the weekend. Sign up sheets were left on each table to be filled out, guests were welcome at a charge of \$5.00 each. Members were advised that there is a \$15.00 charge for overnight docking at Boca Chita, and receipts should be posted in a spot where the park rangers could see it. Dwayne Powell informed that he

had been to Boca Chita a few Friday's ago at 1:00 p.m. and the harbor was full. He encouraged people to go early and save space for others. He also advised that we are allowed to tie up two boats deep off the dock.

**March – Dock Party on “B” Dock, date to be determined:** Sonia Espineira will make her special seafood paella for this event. She will also reserve the pavilion in the event we have bad weather.

**April – Cruise somewhere – date to be determined:** Sonia Espineira has been investigating the various cruise ships leaving the port of Miami for a three day cruise to destinations like the Bahamas on perhaps the Royal Caribbean, but she will have more information for the Club at the next meeting. The date will probably be a weekend before or after the Easter Weekend. More on this to come.

**May 28-31, Coral Ridge Yacht Club:** The Club will be returning to the Coral Ridge Yacht Club sponsored by Charlie and Carole Sammarco who have hosted the Club at CRYC on two other occasions. Those events were well attended and great fun.

**June, Cruise to Miami Beach Marina:** Sponsored by George and Annabelle McDermot. The club had a successful dinner at “A Fish called Avalon” a few years ago, and Linda Clemons will be speaking with the owners of this and another restaurant to explore the possibility of a Club dinner. There is a strong possibility of a “Pub Crawl” being planned for this event as well.

**July 4 Weekend, cruise to Bahia Mar, Ft. Lauderdale:** Sponsored by Heroildo and Aida Geronimo, details to be published at a later date. The Fireworks on the water at Ft. Lauderdale beach on July 4<sup>th</sup> is a wonder to behold and participants will not be disappointed.

**August, A star or circle raft up off of Elliott Key:** Sponsored by Roger and Kathy North. Any event on the water should be well attended, as that is what boating is all about.

**September, Labor Day Holiday Cruise to Hawks Cay:** Being hosted to Bill and Linda Clemons. The Club has had many successful trips to this resort, which has treated our Club well. If you plan to participate you should call and reserve a slip early as the marina fills up over this holiday weekend.

**October, Cruise to Bayside:** Sponsored by Art and Maria Muina who will arrange a dinner at a restaurant in the area, place to be identified. More on this later.

**November:** Initially no event was scheduled for November but following encouragement from Commodore Clemons, Derek and Ana Boos volunteered to host a party at the Homestead Park/Marina. Date and specifics to be determined.

**December:** Commodore Clemons suggested the Club participate in the Ft. Lauderdale Boat Parade, and if that is not possible, then the Key Largo Boat Parade. To be decided later.

**2005 Change of Watch** was too far ahead to plan for.

Bill and Sandy Zinn informed that some pictures from the Change of Watch were available.

The 50/50 was won by Chuck Burnitz and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Annabelle McDermot, Secretary

## Welcome New Members



Derek and Ana Boos



Jason Cook

## Photo from our Boca Chita event



Boca Chita Harbor



Carving the turkeys



Saturday Evening Dinner



Our Sunset

Additional event photos have been posted on the Photo Island web site  
To view the photos, go to: [www.photoisland.com](http://www.photoisland.com)  
Sign in using visitor ID: sunbil and Password: hyc  
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