

May 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.

Sonia worked hard to bring you an outstanding event for this month 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. The rest of us will just have to wait for the meeting to find out who did what.

In May the club invades Ft Lauderdale, when we take our Memorial Weekend Cruise to the Coral Ridge Yacht Club. If you haven't been there before, you have missed one of the best events that HYC has each year. Charlie and Carole Sammarco do a fabulous job of entertaining us with all kinds of activities and the CRYC has everything you could want right at the club. You can email or call me if you would like to go and I will add you to the list of members that have already signed up. I would like to have everyone that is going sign up before the middle of May so Charlie can have some idea of the number of people that will be there.

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

Commodore Bill



### Next Club Meeting

Our next monthly meeting will be on Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Redland Country Club. The menu will be seafood primavera or chicken a la king over noodles. Please confirm your reservations with Susan Coffey by either email ([klcoffey@bellsouth.net](mailto:klcoffey@bellsouth.net)) or phone (305-279-5393).

## **Editor's Note**

I am trying two new things with this edition of the Newsletter. The first is how it is delivered to you and the other is a new Member's Profile feature.

The new email delivery method should permit everyone to simply open the Newsletter and read it, without having to download it first and then use Acrobat Reader to view it. Just in case this doesn't work for everyone, I have continued to attach the PDF version to the email as in the past. For those of you who always print out a copy, you may find that downloading the PDF version will give you the best print copy. Please let me know if you have any problems or if you especially like or dislike this way of doing it.

For the monthly Member's Profile I am starting with our Commodore. A special thanks to Bill for answering my many questions and helping me put this together. My plan is to start with our Bridge and then the various Chairs. Hopefully you will enjoy getting to know a bit more about the folks who make our Club function. As always, your comments, positive or negative, are welcome.

Bill Zinn, sunbil@aol.com

## **Sunshine News**

I assume that no news is good news. To the best of my knowledge there are no new illnesses or injuries to report. Please remember to let me know any time you know of a club member who is hospitalized, injured or seriously ill. You can usually reach me at home in the evenings on Monday thru Thursday and on the boat Friday night thru Sunday afternoon. Please call me, send me an email at kathynorth2@earthlink.net or catch me at the Marina. Thanks.

Kathy North, Sunshine Chair

## **Lighthouse Trivia**

According to BOATING magazine, all lighthouses in the United States are now unmanned except for the Boston Light on Little Brewster Island and that one is manned by a woman, Sally Snowman. She oversees maintenance performed on the lighthouse and personally cleans the lens once a week. Cleaning of the 336 individual prisms in the lens takes about three hours and is done with distilled water, isopropyl alcohol, and a few drops of Woolite. She says that the Woolite makes it sparkle.

## **Profile: Commodore Bill Clemons**

Our Commodore is a truly rare find, a native born Floridian, having been born in Bradenton, Fl. While he was born here, he certainly didn't grow up here as his Father was in the Navy. He thus lived at numerous places around the country including San Diego where he met his future wife Linda. She was born and raised in San Diego and she and Bill attended High School together. They subsequently got married and after 33 years of marriage, have two children and six grand children. Bill, following in his Father's footsteps, also joined the Navy. He was trained and worked as an Air Traffic Controller before becoming an aircrew member. Bill was subsequently injured in an aircraft accident and after having served nine years, was discharged. Falling back on his earlier training, Bill took a job as an Air Traffic Controller for the FAA, a job he still holds today. His interest in boating goes back to age 13 when he was a licensed sail boater. In 1974 he acquired his first powerboat, a 15' Swiss Six with a 50 Hp Evenrude outboard. Next was a 17', then a 22', then a 27', a 33', a 38', and finally their present 47' "Linda C Too". Bill and Linda have had a boat on the docks at Homestead since 1985 and have been HYC members since 1992. Bill holds a Captain's license and has completed Coast Guard boating courses. His favorite boating destination is the Bahamas, having made several visits over the years. Commodore is not a new title around the Clemons' household. Bill is not the first to hold that title; Linda was the club's first and thus far only female Commodore in 1996.



**The Clemons**

## **Minutes of the April Club Meeting**

The meeting commenced at 7:35 p.m. on April 5, 2004.

A motion was made and carried to accept the minutes of the March meeting as contained in the newsletter.

### **Treasurer's report** for month ending March 31, 2004:

Beginning Balance at 3/1/04:	\$6,443.41	Ending balance:	\$6,175.02
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Details of the treasurer's report are included in the newsletter.

**Redland Country Club:** Commodore Bill thanked the Redland Country Club for coming up with the idea of printed tickets for the dinners, as the tickets will eliminate some of the issues with what was ordered.

### **Old Business:**

**Newsletter:** Bill Zinn thanked people who responded to his test of e-mailing the newsletter. He indicated that formatting problems with an email version had been resolved and that everyone receiving the newsletter as an

e-mail should be able to read and print it without first downloading it. He will however still attach the PDF file version which can be downloaded and read using Acrobat Reader. Also, new to the newsletter will be the profile of a HYC member each month starting with the May Newsletter. He will begin with the Bridge, Chairpersons, and work down the list.

**Park Business:** Buz Strandhagen indicated he would use e-mail to keep everyone updated on Park Issues. Janie, the Homestead Dock Master, advised that there will be a dinner on May 21, 2004 to benefit children. The cost of the dinner would be \$100 per couple, and is a tax write off. Members who own businesses and want to participate as a sponsor can also write off their expense as a tax deduction. If interested, see Janie for details. She also informed the members that she had brought a box of absorbent pads and pocketknives to the meeting and the members were welcome to help themselves.

**Sunshine Committee:** Kathy North indicated that the membership was reasonably healthy. She asked that if anyone knows of a member who was not well etc. to please give her a call. She had found out late that Jason Cook had hip surgery. Her contact information is in the roster.

**Membership:** HYC now has 61 members. It has been a busy month for the Membership Chair having signed up 10 new/renewal members since the last meeting. New members are Steve and Ruth Anderson, George and Rebecca Dowdell, Mark and Janelle Wise, Alex Gutierrez and Alicia Carranza, Oscar and Blanca Iglesias, Robert and Lucia Larson, Jerry and Charlotte Burgess, Antonio and Rocio Muina, Brian and Liz Burgess. New members at the meeting were presented with their club burgees. After the presentation Sandy Zinn advised that a list of previous new members had been distributed earlier in the evening suggested that members add the information to their Club Rosters.

**Ships Store:** Linda Clemmons indicated there was lots of merchandise to choose from. Linda was modeling a new style of women's shirt, which she said was available. If anyone was interested in the new design, they should let her know. She also had a catalog to choose from if there was any interest in other items.

**Cruise to the Bahamas:** Sonia Espineira indicated that the cruise was leaving on Friday April 30 and returning to the Port of Miami the following Monday morning. Members who have not signed up should do so as the group would not be allowed to board until all the forms had been completed and submitted. If new members were interested in joining the party, they should see Sonia for details.

#### **New Business:**

**Memorial Day Weekend-** Coral Ridge Yacht Club is hosting the HYC over the Memorial Day Weekend. Members were encouraged to participate in this event. The marina is a full service marina, the service in the past had been excellent, and host Charlie had gone all out in the past to make us feel welcome. A preliminary sign up sheet was distributed at each table, and members were asked to sign up if they planned to participate. Commodore Bill will firm up the plan and notify everyone of the events at the next meeting. Roger North asked if there was a cancellation policy for the event. Commodore Bill advised he would need to know in advance of any cancellations.

**June 2004 Event** – Hosted by George and Annabelle McDermot, at the Miami Beach Marina. Events are being planned and will be discussed at the May meeting. Some fun events will be on the agenda.

**July 4, 2004** – Hosted by Aida Geronimo – Bahia Mar , Ft. Lauderdale. Aida indicated that since the holiday is on Sunday and not everyone will be off on Monday, she needs to know how many boats would be going. If

there are not enough boats going, the club may have to cancel this event or plan something closer to home. She needs a minimum of 10 boats to make the trip worthwhile. A show of hands indicated 3 interested. This event will be discussed further at the next meeting.

**August 2004** – A raft up is planned somewhere in Biscayne Bay – hosted by Roger North. No sign up was needed, just bring your lines and fenders.

**Labor Day – Hawks Key** – Hosted by Bill and Linda Clemons. A deposit on your slip is needed by June and individuals must call to make their own reservations. More information to be provided at future meetings.

Commodore Bill thanked John at the Redland Country Club for an excellent meal.

The 50/50 was \$55.00 and won by a new Member Jerry Burgess.

There being no other business to discuss, a motion was made and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**  
**for the Month ending March 31, 2004**

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>6443.41</b>
<b>Income:</b>	
50/50 February	57.00
2004 Members dues	205.00
B-Dock party (10.00 pp)	700.00
Roster Sales	2.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>964.00</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
B-Dock Food & Supplies	1007.04
Sunshine (T. Dean)	53.48
Newsletter & Roster Printing	156.87
Postage for mailing Rosters	15.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1232.39</b>
<b>Ending Balance March 31, 2004</b>	<b>6175.02</b>

**Note: The B-Dock Party cost HYC \$307.07 with 70 people attending.**

Submitted By: Sharon Roesch, Treasurer

**Next Club Event**

**Labor Day Weekend at the Coral Ridge Yacht Club**  
**Hosted by Charlie and Carole Sammarco**

**Don't miss this FUN event**

## Presentation of Burgees

Welcome to the Club



**Mary & Tom Monaco**



**George Dowdell**



**Jerry Burgess**



**Steven & Ruth Anderson**



**David & Anna Giuliani**