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The Nauti News



Homestead Yacht Club

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Our 18th Year of Boating Fun

COMMODORE'S CORNER

Hi everyone,

Well it looks like we dodged another bullet with Hurricane Charley going in to the west coast. Some of the past members that live on the west coast did have some damage, but luckily none of it was major.

The raft up was understandably small with all the miscommunication and the excitement with Charley, but a few of us still went out on Saturday. I cooked hamburgers with all the fixings and hotdogs (Sonia supplied the sauerkraut). The weather was very nice, except for the mosquitoes that visited us at sunset, and the water was just right for swimming.

Everyone that is on the Hawks Cay list should have contacted Hawks Cay by now to confirm their slip. It looks like we will have approximately 70 people attending the dinner Saturday night. I will be collecting for dinner, \$32 for each club member and \$37 for guests, on Saturday.

Don't forget that the meeting is on the 30th of this month due to the Labor Day Holiday.

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

Commodore Bill



Next Monthly Meeting

Because of the Labor Day Holiday, our next monthly meeting has been moved up a week and will be held at the Redland Country Club on Monday, August 30th. Menu will be your choice of Country Fried Steak or Smothered Pork Chops. Please confirm your reservations with Susan Coffey.

Editor's Note

Thanks to Dwayne Powell for the rather unique picture of the Homestead marina which I have included in this newsletter. The photo was taken from high up on the mast of his sailboat. Not sure what someone was doing up there with a camera, but it is a great photo.

Because I forgot to interview someone for the members profile this month I was faced with having to run around and find someone at the last minute. Rather than do that, I took the easy way out and interviewed Sandy and myself. I'm not sure I wanted to hear some of the answers I got, but we are it for this month.

Just a reminder that photos of most HYC events/activities are posted on the Photo Island web site (www.photoisland.com) and can be viewed by entering guest sign-in: sunbil and password: hyc. The most recently posted photos are ones taken by club members while in the Exumas.

Bill Zinn, sunbil@aol.com

Ft Jefferson damaged by Hurricane

According to the Park Service and Key's news sources, Ft Jefferson in the Dry Tortugas National Park was severely damaged by Hurricane Charley. Water came over the moat wall, washing some of the bricks away and filled part of the moat with sand. About 80% of the trees on the island were blown down and the finger docks next to the main dock were destroyed. The park is presently closed. Clean up and repairs are underway and it is hoped that at least part of the Park will be able to reopen sometime in September.



Sand over moat wall

Jet Skis in the Park?

According to a recent Miami Herald news item, the Personal Watercraft Industry Association has initiated action in an attempt to have the use of Jet Skis and similar personal watercraft again permitted in Biscayne National Park. The group has filed a petition with the Dept of the Interior asking for an environmental assessment of the craft's impact on the Park. They claim that the engines on such craft are 75 percent cleaner, quieter, safer and environmentally friendlier than they used to be and are no worse than any other motorized boat on the water. In 2000 the government banned the craft from 66 parks and national seashores, including Biscayne National Park. Since then, the group, by filing similar petitions, has been successful in getting the craft permitted back into six areas, including Lake Powell in Arizona and Lake Meade in Nevada.

Homestead Marina



As seen from the mast of Charley Girl

Minutes of the August Meeting

Commodore Bill called meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. on August 2, 2004,
Motion was made and carried to accept the Minutes of the July 2004 meeting as published in the Newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report:

July Balance	\$5,236.01
There were no expenses in July	
Ending Balance	\$5,513.01.

Motion made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as read. Details will be published in the Newsletter.

Newsletter: Bill Zinn advised that there are going to be changes in the size requirements and boat limits for Dolphin in Florida and Georgia waters. There is going to be a Dolphin Tournament sponsored by Miami Wings on August 14, 2004. Bill mentioned that a lot of people returning from the Bahamas this summer did not have a good experience clearing Immigration and suggested that members write their Congressmen in an effort to get this policy changed. Commodore Bill asked if pictures from the various trips to the Bahamas had been placed on the website yet and Bill advised they would be put there sometime in the near future.

Website: No new news on the website. Larry Roesch informed that Cole's had their pumps fixed so they are now running twice as fast as they used to.

Phone Committee: Reported that "everybody is doing good"

Park business: Buz Strandhagen informed that the Park had just purchased a \$10,000 Whaler to work on possible dredging of the channel and that Larry Roesch had already volunteered to do the dredging with Sharkay. Buz asked members to be helpful and not run over the Park's Whaler while on official business. He also informed the members that if they had a slip that was going to be vacant for a period of time, they should let the Park know so they can rent the slip out and thereby earn more revenue. Judy Love asked if the slip owner would be free of rent for that period of time, but was informed that according to the leases we have with the Park, we would still have to pay slip rental, even if the Park was collecting twice for the same slip.

Sunshine Committee: Reported that everyone was alive and well. However, Kathy informed that Andrea, Wolfgang Heiden's wife was going back into the hospital for further surgery on her shoulder this week.

Membership: Dwayne Powell informed that the Club had 64 members and holding.

Ship's Store: Linda Clemons advised that there was a lot of new stuff for sale, and urged members to purchase from the store. All items were on display.

NEW BUSINESS:

August 2004 Event: Commodore Bill informed that there would be no event for the month of August because the Club did not have a sponsor. However, the Linda C Too would be on the water most weekends and anyone interested in a raft up could join them. Members were urged to volunteer for the weekend of August 14 – 15, but there were no takers.

September Meeting: A discussion followed on the date for the September meeting. It was decided that due to the Labor Day holiday, the September meeting will take place on August 30th.

Hawks Cay: Reservations were already made and slip assignments completed. Dinner will be at The Water's Edge Restaurant. The Chef has created 3 types of fish, Key West Chicken, Cowboy Steak, seafood pasta, three different deserts etc. Commodore Bill informed there was something for everyone to enjoy there. He will need a full headcount for the dinner. Payment for dinner would be collected from all guests that Saturday before the dinner. Your checks should be made out to HYC, and the Club will pay the bill directly.

Oktoberfest: Arturo Muina advised he had reserved 10 slips at Bayside. At the next meeting he will have a sign up sheet. The date was originally planned for October 16, but after looking at the calendar, it was obvious that if we changed the date, we would be interfering with either Columbus Day or Fantasy Fest. The date for the Oktoberfest cruise to Bayside will remain at October 16 and 17. Arturo further informed that the Marina would have no problem if members wished to get there on Friday night. The charge for the slip is \$1.65 per foot. The restaurant "Eidelweis" is very accommodating, there is no full bar. If there is insufficient space inside the restaurant for everyone, the restaurant will erect a tent outside. He will check with the Chamber of Commerce to see if there is a tram that could take us to the restaurant. More information to be provided at the September meeting.

November function: Derrick and Anna Boos volunteered to sponsor the November event. More to follow.

Congratulations and celebration followed for Buz Strandhagen's big **70**, with a lovely cake, the "Happy Birthday" song that was more appropriate for a Wake (we need singing classes), Buz thanked the members by pointing to people he knew who were over 40, over 50, over 60, and some just plane over the Hill. For those of us who have not reached his side of the hill, he informed we have a lot to look forward to because 70 is serious business.

The 50/50 pot was \$63.00 and was won by David Giuliani.

With no other business to discuss, a motion was made and seconded for the meeting to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.
Annabelle McDermot, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT for the Month ending July 2004

Beginning Balance	5236.01
Income:	
50/50 July	75.00
Ship Store	152.00
Membership	50.00
Total	277.00
Expenses:	
Total	0.00
Ending Balance July31, 2004	5513.01

Note: The event for July was cancelled.

Submitted By, Sharon Roesch, Treasurer

Seen a Sawfish Lately?

A unique creature roams the coastal waters of South Florida. The sawfish, which can reach 18' in length, is in the class of fish containing the sharks, rays and skates. Once common in the Gulf of Mexico from Texas to Florida and along the Atlantic coast north to New Jersey. Their population has declined to less than five percent of its original size. Today they are found only in Florida waters, mostly in the Everglades National Park and adjacent waters as far as Tampa Bay on the west coast and St Augustine on the east coast. They are now considered an endangered species and the Center for Shark Research at Mote Marine Laboratory in Sarasota is conducting a research project in an effort to save them. Part of the project involves compiling sighting and capture data. Reports are being sought from the public, fishing guides and commercial fishing vessels. Reports should be sent to sawfish@mote.org and should include as much information as possible, including date and time of capture or sighting, size of the sawfish, location, water quality and method of capture or sighting. More information can be found at their web site: www.mote.org/~colins/Sawfish/Index.htm



Member's Profile: Bill and Sandy Zinn

Bill Zinn, the Newsletter Editor, was born in York, Pa, best known for air conditioners, barbells, and Harley motorcycles. He was raised in the little village of Starview, north of York, and shortly after graduation from high school, joined the Air Force. After being trained as an intelligence analyst and reporter (remember intelligence is a career field and not necessarily a state of mind) he spent the next 25 years doing something he loved. Nearly 18 of the 25 years were spent overseas, in Japan, Germany, England, Greece, and the Philippines, working with/for the Air Force, Navy, and Army security services as well as the National Security Agency. His last military assignment was at Homestead Air Base.

Sandy Zinn, the maintainer of the club roster/phone book, was born in Salem, Ohio. Everyone, except her brother and Larry Roesch, knows that the real witches come from Salem, Mass not Salem, Ohio. After completing high school in Salem, she moved to Long Island, NY where she worked for awhile before joining the Air Force. After being trained as an administrative specialist, she eventually wound up working with the intelligence services. Most of her military time was also spent overseas.

Bill and Sandy first met when they were both stationed in Greece. They subsequently wound up stationed together in Germany and finally here at Homestead, where they got married. After two years here at Homestead, rather than go back overseas again, they left the Air Force and Bill went to work at Turkey Point. He remained at Turkey Point and was the plant Nuclear Security Operations Supervisor when he retired from FPL. Bill and Sandy have a son and a daughter in the local area and a daughter in Tennessee. They began boating shortly after arriving here in Florida, with their first boat being a 17' Woodson Tri-Hull. Their favorite boat was a Carver cruiser which they had rebuilt, prior to losing it to Hurricane Andrew in 1992. They joined HYC in 1999. Sandy has been doing the roster since 1999 and Bill has been the Newsletter Editor since 2001.



Bill & Sandy Zinn

Birthday Congratulations

Two club members recently celebrated Birthday milestones. Buz Strandhagen was 70 years old and Linda Clemons was 50 year old. Our congratulations and best wishes for many more Happy Birthdays.

Quote from the Exumas

After lunch at McDuffs

"It didn't taste that drunk while I was drinking it"

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