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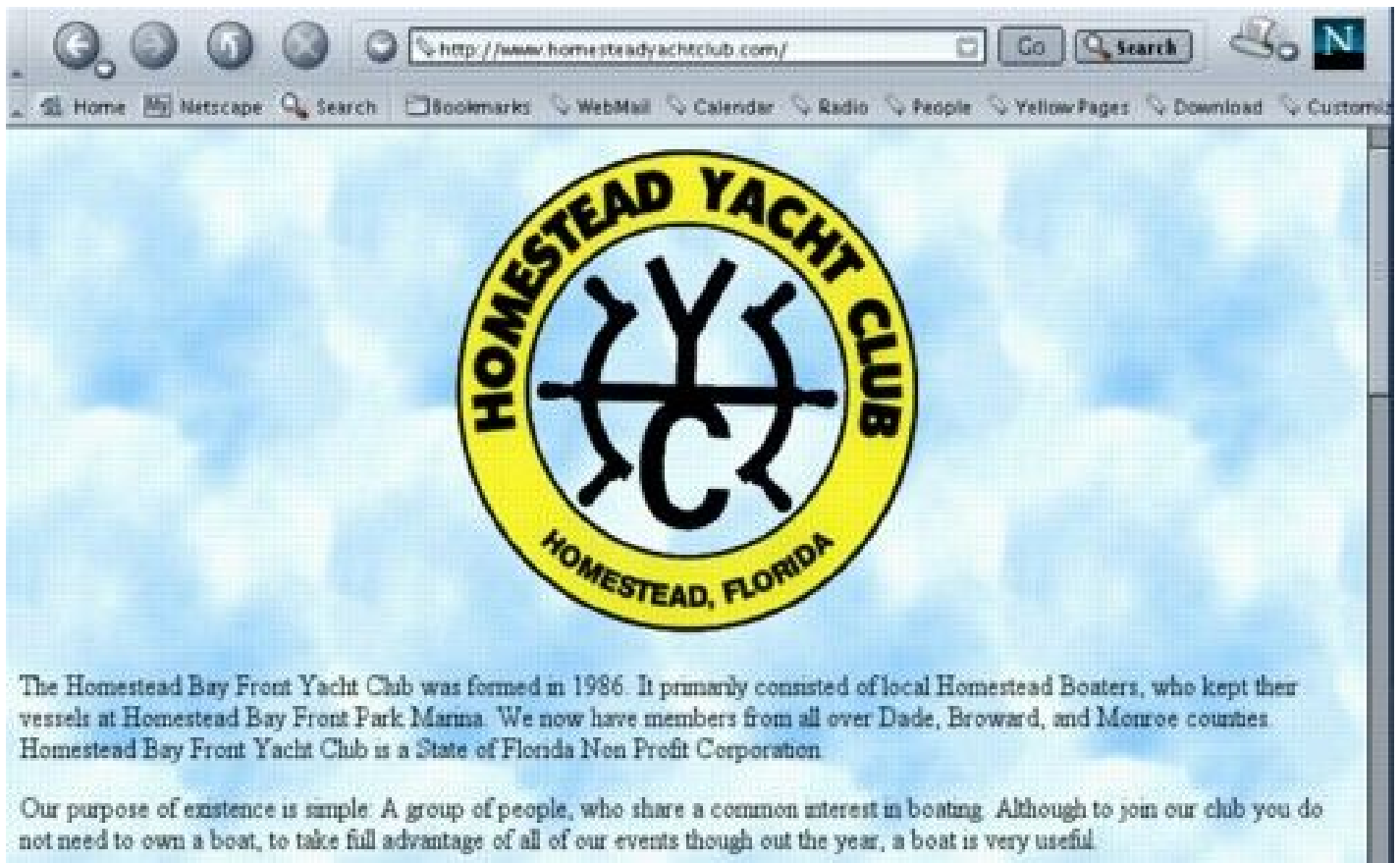


The Nauti News

Homestead Yacht Club

Our 16th Year of Boating Fun

www.homesteadyachtclub.com



Just in case you haven't seen it yet, the above is what a portion of the main page of the new Homestead Yacht Club web site looks like. More information on the web site is included later in this newsletter.

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Commodores Letter

It's March, we've already had two HYC parties, it's Easter, Spring has sprung, just where does all the time go, and go so quickly??? Do you realize that there are only 276 shopping days left until Christmas?

Our heartfelt Thank You to George & Annabelle McDermot for sponsoring and organizing our St. Patrick's Day party at the pavilion in the marina. Ya' gotta love Miami and its melting pot of nations - only here could a couple from Jamaica host an Irish party and serve Cajun jambalaya as the main course! Annabelle even went to the trouble of looking up the Irish origins of as many names as she could - in my case Timmons comes from the counties Mayo, Wicklow, and Carlow. Even got an official Irish coat of arms. As with most Homestead Yacht Club events, there was more than enough food and more than an adequate supply of anyone's favorite adult refreshment. Thanks again to the McDermot's!!

On April 12th thru the 14th, we get to visit the Pilot House Marina in Key Largo during the "Spring Fling" hosted by Ralph & Linda Laughridge. If you haven't already signed up, please call Ralph or Linda at 305-453-4885 or send them an email at laughl@att.net. Also, you should have received notice by now of the plans for Memorial Day at the Coral Ridge Yacht Club in Ft. Lauderdale. To sign up, or to get additional information, please contact Charlie & Carole Sammarco (305-937-4786) charlie@gunderlin.com or Steve & Charlotte Bell (954-779-2761) bells3hyc@hotmail.com.

As some of you know, we've put our boat up for sale - so this weekend we ran it over to Ft. Myers. Anyway, the point is that now we

can officially tell sea stories, and I'm sure that the later the night the taller the waves will get. The water was sorta uncomfortable, and we dodged a few rain showers, during the 115 miles from Marathon to Naples, but I didn't realize how big the waves were until we got there and discovered that one of the safety glass windows in the salon had shattered. The good news is that the limo tinting that we had installed a few years ago held the pieces in place so that at least the inside of the boat didn't get soaked. If anyone ever needs the way points, let me know - just wait for a nice calm day to make the junket.

Hopefully everyone has visited the new web site for our club: www.homesteadyachtclub.com Larry Roesch and Bill Zinn deserve all the credit for getting this up & running. They've done a great job and welcome all suggestions that you may have.

Until next time, keep the wind at your back!

Commodore Bob



Next Club Meeting

The next meeting of the Homestead Yacht Club will be on Monday, April 1st at the Redland Country Club. The menu will be Baked Chicken or Sliced Roast Beef with mashed potatoes, mixed veggies, salad and desert. If you haven't already done so, please confirm your reservations with Barb Kelly as soon as possible.

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Editor's Note

A special thanks to Commodore Bob for providing some of the photos he took at the St Paddy's Day event to be included in this letter and on the Photo Island web site.

Speaking of web sites, as previously mentioned, the HYC site is now up and running. In addition to lots of useful info, described later in this letter, copies of this and previous newsletters can now be accessed from the web site.

And don't forget, if you have something that you would like me to include in the newsletter, please get it to me at least a week before the first Monday of the month (our next club meeting) and I will do my best to include it.

Bill Zinn sunbil@aol.com

New Members

Please add to your rosters:

Charles & Mavis Adams
6265 SW 110 St, Miami, Fl 33156
305-661-0445
Boat: Star Dust V at Homestead, B21

Jim Crosby & Merimac
15220 SW 158 St, Miami, Fl 33187
305-254-0114
captj2@aol.com
Boat: Eldorado at Matheson, G28

Hugo & Pauline Diaz
7857 SW 103 Pl, Miami, Fl 33173
305-596-5154
deBache@aol.com
Boat: Pauline at Homestead, E-29

Mike & Ceci Rimland
19225 SW 264 St, Homestead, Fl 33031
305-248-5153
mkrimland@msn.com
Boat: Mi Ceci at Homestead, B-5

HYC Web Site

The "homesteadyachtclub.com" web domain name is now registered to our club and we now have our own web site. The Home page of the web site contains a very brief history of the club, explains our dues, and describes the types of events the club participates in. At the bottom of the page are links to the following additional pages:

The Bridge. Contains a photo and the names of the present bridge. It also lists the chairpersons who assist the bridge.

Schedule of Events. Provides a list of upcoming events and the person in charge of organizing each event. This page also includes a link to the the PhotoIsland web site where photos from previous events can be viewed.

Newsletter. Contains links to copies of this and previous newsletters, back to November of last year.

Ships Store. Mentions the type of items presently available from the ships store. We hope to eventually include a complete list of items along with the prices.

Membership. Contains links to a list of present members and to the membership renewal form. The membership list presently contains your name, the name of your boat (if you have one), and your email address.

Join our Club. Provides the form to be completed to join the club, along with some general membership guidelines for new members.

We are looking at a number of additional things to add to the web site, additional pages, additional links to other web sites of possible interest to the membership, etc. If you have something you would like to see on the site, suggestions on how to

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make the site more useful, or just have general comments, let Web Master Larry know at: KLR22@aol.com and be sure to visit our web site at: www.homesteadyachtclub.com

Minutes of March Meeting

Cmdr. Bob Timmons called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

The minutes of the previous meeting, as published in the Newsletter, were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Jan Mayer reported a balance of \$5562.231. Expenses were Department of State \$61.25, "C" dock party \$662.75 and the light parade \$186.90. Income: February 50/50 was \$56.00, Membership dues were \$260.00, "C" dock party was \$275.00 and the ships store was \$70.00.

Newsletter- Bill Zinn asked that everyone with internet access look at the changes that Webmaster Larry has made to our test web site. More changes to come soon. Sandy Zinn gave out new rosters to the members that were present

Park Liaison- Buz Strandhagen advised that the Marina festival will be held on March 9. County commissioners are supposed to be there and it would be good PR to have as many from our club there as possible to voice opinions on any issues. Head count was taken with 15-20 saying they would probably be there. Various other comments from members about the "state of the Marina" were voiced and will be discussed further at another time.

Ship's Store- Chuck Burnitz says BUY! BUY! BUY!

Membership- Bill Clemons introduced new members Maritza and Wilfredo

Padron and Jim Crosby and Merimac. Welcome aboard new members!!!

Sunshine Committee- Monica Adams reported that Maria Corzo has recovered and is back at work

Telephone Coordinator-Barb Kelly stated that All is well!

New Business:

Anabelle announced St. Patricks day party would be \$15 per couple and \$10 per person for guests. The bill of fare will be "Louisiana Shrimp Boil".

Dick Klein discussed the "Spring Fling" sponsored by Ralph & Linda Laughridge, need to RSVP by 4-8-02.

Dwayne Powell will look into Bahia Mar for May 4-5, during the Air and Sea show.

Bill Clemons needs a head/boat count for the S. Bimini event on July 4th. So far, 9 boats say yes.

Old Business:

Some members were charged to go to the dock party and we need to discuss policy with Park manager.

A really big thanks to Mario and Sonia for the "C" dock party. And also Kudo's to Lance & Phyllis for the best fritters on the dock, or anywhere for that matter.

The 50-50 of \$55.00 was won by Joy Scherer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Sunshine News

No news is always good news.

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Photos from our St Paddy's Day Event



Additional photos are posted at the Photo Island web site.
Go to: www.photoisland.com Use Guest ID: sunbil and Password: hyc
Select St Paddy 2002 from the album list

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Next Club Event
Spring Fling at Key Largo
April 12-14

Friday at 7 PM: Cajon style food and drinks at the home of
Ralph and Linda Laughridge, 477 Bahia Ave

Saturday at Pilot House Marina/Restaurant
6:30 PM open bar, 7 PM Entertainment & Hors d'oeuvres, 8 PM Dinner
Dinner Menu: Prime Rib, Chicken Marsale, or Dolphin Meuniere

Make your reservations with Ralph and Linda at
305-453-4885 or email them at: laugh1@att.net

Make your own slip reservations with Pilot House Marina at 305-451-3452

**If you are taking your boat to this event, here are some navigational tips
put together by Larry Roesch**

This information taken from chart 11462_2 Suggest going from Homestead to Hawks Channel. South in Hawks channel to Pennenkamp Park "R2" 25.05.77 N --080.23.845W . From here pay attention!! Steer to 25.04.385N --080.25.093W and then from here to "R2" 25.04.610N--080.25.627W. Keep red "4" on starboard, then red "6" then look for entrance to channel on the port side before reaching red "8". Watch carefully in channel for hazard markers that may be there! Tides at Homestead are: Friday High at 11:27 AM, Saturday at 11:59 AM, Sunday at 12:31 PM. Tides at entrance of Channel to Pilot House Marina are: Friday High at 9:15 AM Saturday High at 9:48 AM, and Sunday High at 10:20 AM. These are approximate as the nearest tide station I could find was at Mosquito Bank. Hope to see everyone there! Larry

Future Event

**Memorial Day at Coral Ridge Yacht Club in Ft Lauderdale
May 24-26**

Co-sponsored by: Charlie & Carol Sammarco and Steve & Charlotte Bell

**For Info and Reservations, contact:
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