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The Nauti News

Homestead Yacht Club

Our 17th Year of Boating Fun

Commodore's Corner

Hi everyone. Well we just completed our first in the water event and what an event it was. Dee really out did herself and on short notice too. The cocktail party was great, even with a little inclement weather and the restaurant was accommodating to move us indoors. Everybody that went by boat had a place to tie up to on the seawall and even had a welcoming committee courtesy of an entertaining dolphin. We all put our dinghies in the water and on Sunday Bob Timmons and George McDermot found a sand bar that everybody enjoyed. George tried to sink his boat by putting his propane stove in his boat oven, but all he succeeded in doing was scaring Annie and Carroll to death while they were cooking breakfast. His propane stove was given a proper burial.

There is never a dull moment with HYC and when you don't attend the events all you can do is try to make out what really happened from the stories told.

The next event will be at Boca Chita and it will be a real humdinger. Also on Memorial Day Weekend, Charlie Sammarco said he has 8 slips at the CRYC in Ft Lauderdale with food, fun and more stories. More to come soon.

Well I have carried on long enough, so may your winds be light and your seas smooth till next time.

Commodore Bill



Next Club Meeting

The next HYC monthly meeting will be on Monday, April 7th at the Redland Country Club. Cocktails at 7 PM and Meeting/Dinner at 7:30 PM. Please make your reservations with Ely Prats at Eddyely@aol.com or 305-270-1527

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Editor's Note

Photographs and/or news items which you think may be of interest to other Club members are always welcome. Send them to me by email or snail mail and I will do my best to include them in the newsletter.

Rumor has it that a club member wound up locked inside the Redland Country Club last month. I don't have all the details yet, but it has something to do with hiding in the restroom and then using a ladder to escape from the Club. I don't want to name any names, but she supposedly had a painting kit in her possession. Additional details and photo will be provided if/when obtained.

Bill Zinn, sunbil@aol.com

New Members

Please make the following new members feel welcome



Bo and Debbie Justice



Jerry and Vicky Cline

INS Entry Requirements

According to an item in the April issue of Southern Boating, the INS is now enforcing the requirement for everyone entering the US to report, in person, to the nearest INS Port of Entry for clearance to enter the country. For those of us in South Dade, the nearest Port of Entry is the INS office at the port of Miami. This requirement is in addition to the telephone clearing of Customs that we are all accustomed to. According to the item, this requirement has always existed, but INS has only recently begun to enforce it, in response to 9-11 and the Iraq war. The requirement is for everyone on the boat to report, in person, to the INS office. If it is after working hours, everyone must remain on the boat until the following morning and then report directly to the INS office. Everyone should remember to take their passport, drivers license, and/or birth certificate with them to the INS office. This applies to US citizens as well as non-citizens and failure to comply can result in a significant fine.

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Biscayne Park management plan meetings

The next round of public meetings concerning the plan for the management of Biscayne National park in the future will be held in early April. This plan includes provisions to restrict access to parts of the Park, to restrict fishing in the Park, to further restrict lobstering in the Park, and to restrict spear fishing in the park. The meetings will be held between 3 and 8 PM as follows: April 8 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on Le Jeune Rd in Miami, April 9 at Keys Gate Golf Club House in Homestead, and April 10 at the Westen Beach Resort in Key Largo. This Plan has an impact on all of us who use Biscayne National Park, so please try to attend one of these meeting and express your opinion of their Plan.

Sunshine Report

Kathy North is scheduled for shoulder surgery and we wish her well and a speedy recovery.

It was good to see Judy Love was at the March meeting. She is doing well and has returned to full time work.

Please forward any Sunshine news to Carol Timmons by phone or email.

Minutes of March Club Meeting

The March meeting of the Homestead Bayfront Yacht Club was called to order at 7:37 PM on Monday, March, 3, 2003 by Commodore Bill Clemons.

The minutes from last month's meeting were accepted as printed in the newsletter.

Charlene Powell presented the treasurer's report for February 2003, which showed an ending balance of \$6863.07. She reported the following income for February: 50/50 \$56.00, dinner collection February 3rd 585.00; Dues \$560.00; Ship's Store \$332.00 Expenses for February were \$65.00 for non-profit license; Boca Chita deposit, \$100.00; Sunshine Committee \$45.48; dinner meeting February 3rd \$585.00

Bill Zinn, newsletter Editor, notified new members that the newsletter is sent by e-mail. Members were asked not to use the club roster to send "junk mail" to club members. Bill and Sandy attended a meeting sponsored by Everglades National Park regarding preservation of recreational use of our parks. (Sandy and Bill had previously attended a meeting of the same theme for Biscayne National Park, with other club members.) Bill advised club members to keep apprised of what is going on with the park system and their plans; we don't want to lose the ability to use our parks. Sandy had new membership rosters and advised members to keep current with any changes in e-mail addresses. Please contact Bill or Sandy if your e-mail changes or you have anything to add to the newsletter.

Park Liaison Buz Strandhagen reported that the Homestead Bayfront Park and Marina is sponsoring an open house at the pavilion on May 17th for marina residents. He encouraged members to come enjoy a Bar-B-Q and beer. The possibility of other events with the park was mentioned.

Sunshine Committee member Carol Timmons reported flowers were sent to Judy Love who suffered a heart attack on February 19th. Judy was at the meeting and thanked everyone for the warmth and support of the

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club. Please call or e-mail Carol with any news.

Ship's Store - Chuck and Dodi were not able to attend. Sales for last month totaled \$332.00. The new operator of the ships store will be Aida Geronimo

Membership Committee chairperson George Mayer: Burgees were presented to Bo and Debbie Justice and Vicky and Jerry Cline. Welcome aboard!

Telephone Coordinator, Elisa Prats, reported that everything is going smoothly. Please call ahead and make reservations. She can give the final count up until Monday a.m. but please don't delay in confirming your reservation. She was thanked for doing a good job.

New Business:

HYC web site - Larry was sent an email about the need to update our web site registration, so he has done so. Members can see information about club events, a membership list with email addresses, ships store pricing and there is a link to the "Photo Island" web site, where the club event photos are posted.

No Name Harbor event chaired by Dee Riley - This event is scheduled for March 15th. Anchor out or tie up to the sea wall. There will be a cocktail party, everyone bring an hors d'oeuvres and your choice of drink. Dinner will be in the restaurant and the dinner choice will be chicken breast or grilled dolphin. Price will be \$12.00 per person and Dee must have your reservation by March 5th.

Boca Chita event chaired by Bill & Sandy Zinn and Larry & Sharon Roesch - Boca Chiita is just north of Elliot Key. The club is paying for the food, burgers and dogs, and members will pay \$ 5.00 per person to cover the pavilion rental. Docking will be 2 deep on the wall and is on a first come first serve basis. We've been told it's OK to run generators, but no pets! Also, you might want to bring some bug spray.

Tin City event chaired by George & Annie McDermot - The date has been changed to April 26. Hotel rates for Saturday and Sunday range from \$55-65. Bring dinghies or rent deck boats or pontoon boats. A public park is close by for launching. Several restaurants have been mentioned for dinner with prices ranging from \$ 32 -\$ 42 per person.

Bimini Bash - Seventeen slips have been reserved at \$ 27 per night for July 3rd through July 7th at the Bimini Beach Club. They will be held for 30 days, need to reserve now and there is a 2 week cancellation time period. They will be serving a fabulous "Bahamian" dinner. The "Sands" is a great location with all the amenities.

Sunset Harbor August 8,9,10 - Please sign up ASAP, only 12 slips available and you are on your own to make that reservation. Rates will be \$ 2.00 per foot. It's a great event and good fun will be had. More details at the next meeting.

Roger North raised to possibility of the Club, maybe in conjunction with Tow Boat US, acquiring and maintaining a barge at Homestead Bayfront Park for use as a Club House. After pro and con comments by several members, the major concern seemed to be the degree of liability the Club would have if we owned such a barge. Roger offered to have an attorney address that issue for the club. No further action was taken on the subject. Roger also mentioned that the Park will be looking for volunteers to transport people to and from Elliot Key during a Park cleanup they are planning. Additional details to be provided later.

Old Business

The Jambalaya dock party was a huge success. Kudo's to George & Annie!

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Kathy Winn won the 50-50 of \$ 50.00.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Teresa Dean, Secretary

Photos of the No Name Harbor Event



Club fleet on the wall



Dinner

Additional photos have been posted on the Photo Island web site. To view them go to www.photosiland.com, enter guest ID: sunbil and password: hyc then select album named No Name.

Next Club Event

Spring BBQ at Boca Chita Key

April 5th at 4PM

\$5.00 per person

**Come for the day or come Friday for the weekend
Over night dockage on the wall is \$15, first come first served**

NOTE: Pets are not permitted on the island or on boats in the harbor

Don't forget your insect repellent

Make your reservations with Bill & Sandy Zinn or Larry & Sharon Roesch

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Second April Club Event

Trip to Naples - Tin City

Weekend of April 26th

Arrive on Friday or Saturday for a fun weekend on the west coast

Contact George or Annabelle McDermot for details and to make reservations