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The Nauti News

Homestead Yacht Club

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Our 25th Year of Boating Fun

Boating Adventure



Several Club members take a ride on the "Pirate Ship" prior to the Club's pontoon boat outing in Key Largo

Club Meeting Reminder

The next Club meeting will be on Monday, May 3rd at the Redland Country Club

Commodore's Comments

Hello Everyone:

Last weekend was our Pontoon Adventure in the Keys. For those of you who weren't able to attend, you missed a fun filled weekend, thanks to the diligent efforts of our Treasurer Dee Riley and Ted Newlan. We started out on Friday night with a Sunset Cruise on a Pirate Ship. If you haven't tried it, it is a free trip right now. Pontunes takes the ship out almost every evening. By the way, the food and the service there were outstanding. Of course a trip for me in the Everglades National Park, always includes a visit from the Ranger. Although he was courteous, unlike those at Boca Chita, we did learn that Park Rangers make rules as they go. Now it is my understanding that you can't play a radio in the Park, unless you are by yourself and no one is around. You must carry the original registration (not a copy) with you or you could be fined \$75 and if you have an outboard pontoon boat over 26 feet, you need two fire extinguishers. We received no tickets just a half hour speech! Thanks to Ted for serving as the other Captain of our second vessel.

Our next event is Italian Night at Homestead Bayfront Park on May 16 at the Pavilion in the late afternoon. Details will be discussed at the next meeting Monday night. I hope to see a big turn out as we have a lot to discuss about upcoming events.

Don't forget about the BPYC Fishing Tournament at Black Point Marina on May 22. If you want to participate please contact Stan Scherer or myself.

Summer is almost here, and some of the best boating is now upon us. Last Friday was one of the best cruising days so far this year on the water. Get out there and enjoy it. We hope to see everyone on the water.



Larry Roesch

Editor's Notes

A special thanks to Commodore Larry and Ted Newlan for providing some photographs of the Key Largo boating event. Please remember that if you take any photos of Club events or boating related activities that may be of interest to other members, just e-mail them to me and I will do my best to include them in the Newsletter.

Bill Zinn, Editor, sunbil@aol.com

Customs and Border Protection Requirements

Are you planning a boating vacation to the Bahamas this summer? If so, you should check the recent changes to the Small Vessel Reporting System which Customs and Border Protection is now using. Under this program you can pre register and then file a float plan before traveling. You will be assigned a float plan number and upon returning to the US, will be able to call a dedicated phone number and clear Customs and Border Protection without going to one of their offices. Details of this program can be obtained by calling 800-432-1216 or by going to www.cbp.gov and clicking on the "travel" tab.

Minutes of April 5, 2010 Club Meeting

Meeting called to order by Cmdr. Roesch at 7:30 p.m.

First speaker for the evening was Mike McCrink, Dockmaster: Mike wished us all a happy Easter. He then went on to say that during the Biscayne National Park bioblitz scientists would be taking inventory of the plants and fish in the bay. Starting on the last Friday in April and ending on Saturday, 2,000 people will be going out to accomplish this task. Mike said they expect the park to be very busy, however, they will do their best to be sure the marina patrons will be able to get in. Mike further said that they were interviewing for an additional full-time marina position. Hopefully, this will make it easier to keep up with maintenance at the marina. Members noted the mangroves being trimmed and thanked Mike. He advised that it is a long process because of the rules and regulations involved. The parks department has authorized new carts and new wheels for some of the others. There should be two carts for each dock soon. Mike also gave us his new cell number 305-431-1481. This is the number to call if you are having trouble getting into the park. Cmdr. Roesch mentioned the letter he wrote on behalf of the club, thanking the park employees who have been so helpful to us and again thanked Mike for coming to our meetings. Mike further advised that he has put in a requisition for two part time security guards. In response to a member's question, Mike says we have forty-six empty slips at this time.

Cmdr. Larry says an e-mail from members, who will remain nameless, requested membership cards. Sharon found them but we don't know if the sponsors listed are still valid. Larry suggests that we all check for establishments who might be interested in offering discounts. He'll get back to us.

Motion made and seconded to accept the minutes from last month's meeting as it appeared in the newsletter.

Treasurer's report: Beginning balance \$6,042.32, ending balance \$6,020.29. Full report can be seen in the newsletter.

Events: June 12th will be a party at Coconuts. We may be switching the May 15th event with the June 12th. Vicky Cline is checking the availability of Homestead Bayfront for the Italian Night Party. More to follow.....

The recent Black Point Event was lots of fun for those of us who attended.

Pancake Chef Larson and Chef Guiliani did a great job at the recent Brunch. The bloody mary and mimosa specialist was equally efficient. 24 members and 11 guests attended. The wine tasting presented by Luke Thornton was fun, delicious and informative.

Larry reminded everyone that this is his second term AND second time around and that it's time for someone else to be commodore. Please think about it.

Sunshine Committee: Jan Mayer, card sent to Ray Vega and wife Isabel on the death of his mother. Our prayers to the family.

Membership: Currently we have 35 families as members.

Pontoon Adventure: Dee Riley is attempting to do two boats, costs \$20.00 per person. We will be leaving at 10:00 a.m. Lunch will be provided but you will be expected to bring your own beverage.

May 22nd. Black Point is holding its 10th annual fishing tournament. First prize is \$1,000, second prize \$500 and third is \$250. Entry fee is \$200.00 and covers the tournament and the fish fry afterwards. If you are interested contact Stan Scherer.

The National Park Superintendent will be speaking to us at our June meeting. Cmdr. Larry and Bill Zinn will meet with him before then to let him know some of the things we are interested in. We will start the meeting earlier, at 7:00 p.m., in order to give him sufficient time. If you have any questions or concerns you wish to be discussed, please let Larry or Bill know.

Cmdr. Larry says everyone should have their new rosters. Extra ones can be purchased for \$2.00. He asks that we check our e-mail addresses on the web site and if you have a picture of your boat you would like posted on the web site, send them to Larry.

There are two flotillas going to the islands this summer. One is leaving late June and the other after the 4th of July. If you're interested in trying to catch up with them at some point, contact Cmdr. Larry for details.

50/50 of \$32.00 won by Jan Mayer. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Claire Strandhagen, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Homestead Bay front Yacht Club

Month ending March 31, 2010

Beginning Balance, March 1, 2010: 6042.32

Income:

50/50	38.00
Dues	80.00
March Event	175.00
Rosters	10.00
Total:	303.00

Expenses:

Meeting Room Fee	100.00
Roster Expenses	77.21
Meet & Greet Event	147.82
Total:	325.03

Ending Balance, March 31, 2010: 6020.29

Submitted by Dee Riley, Treasure

NOTE: The late February event was attended by 55 members and 2 guests. Cost to the club was \$147.82. The March event was attended by 24 members and 11 guests. The cost/income to the club for that event will be included in the next report.

Pontoon Boat Event Photos

