

April 2013

The Nauti News



Homestead Yacht Club

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Our 28th Year of Boating Fun

Snacking at La Playa



HYC members relax and snack at La Playa

Meeting Reminder

**Our next monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, May 7th
at the Whistle Stop restaurant in the Redland Hotel**

NOTE:

**This meeting is on Tuesday rather than our normal Monday and
it will be at a new location, the Historic Redland Hotel**

The Redland Hotel is located at 5 S Flagler Ave in Homestead

Commodore's Comments

To all HYC Members and Friends---

Thank you Dwayne and Charlene for the April event at the La Playa. The weather picked up, and it ended up being a great time as usual. Unfortunately, Ted and Angie are not able to host the May event, so I am attempting to pick up the slack and get something going. I mentioned at the April event that maybe we could go fishing on a "party boat" for May's event----and here's what I came up with.

There is an outfit called Robbies located at MM 77 (Islamorada)--- and they run 3 trips a day, the cost is \$40.00 per person. I bargained them down to \$35.00 per person, and figure that the club can chip in \$10.00 a head, so the end cost to members would be \$25.00. Guests are welcome but they would pay \$35.00. I have set things up for Saturday May 18th, leaving the dock at 2:00pm sharp. After the fishing trip the restaurant on the premises "The Hungry Tarpon" will give us 10% off the menu prices, and seat us all together. This is based on about 15 to 20 of us attending.

I look forward to talking more about this at the next meeting---- May 7th, at the Whistle Stop-- and that's on a Tuesday--- check your e-mail for details to come.

Thank you



Commodore Dave.

Editor's Notes

Hopefully everyone is receiving the Newsletter fine and is able to read it. If not, please let me know and hopefully we can figure out what the problem is. Just a reminder, the present and past Newsletters are posted on the web site, but that doesn't change the fact that you should be able to read the Newsletter when you receive it via e-mail.

Commodore Dave told me that he attended the Everglades Park public meeting, held in Key Largo, to discuss their proposed Everglades management plan. He was impressed by the large attendance and how well prepared the fishing guides and Chamber of Commerce were, with facts and figures about how much money fishing in Florida Bay and the Everglades generates for the local area. Their major complaint is the proposal to ban motor powered boats from a large portions of the Park.

Regarding management plans, I have included in this Newsletter, a letter I received from Biscayne Park regarding their proposed management plan. The interesting thing is the fact that the letter is signed by Brian Carlstrom, Superintendent. Most of us remember Superintendent Mark Lewis, who has addressed our Club and actively negotiated changes to their proposed management plan. Well, apparently Mark has retired (and been seen frequently in restaurants in Key Largo) and has been replaced by Brian Carlstrom. According to Brian's bio, he has an extensive background in resource management and planning, so he should fit in well at Biscayne National Park.

Bill Zinn, Editor, sunbil@bellsouth.net

Minutes of April Meeting

Meeting called to order by Cmdr. Dave at 7:45 p.m. on April 1, 2013.

First order of business was to introduce Karen Sutton's guest Woody Woodside. We had 18 members in attendance.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Dee Riley....beginning balance \$4,368.76, ending balance \$4,131.27. Full report elsewhere in newsletter.

Dwayne Powell updated us on April's event. It was moved to La Playa at Homestead Bayfront. The event is scheduled for April 13th at 4:30 p.m. and will be free to members. The club will provide appetizers.

May event: We need a sponsor as Ted and Angie had to drop out.....Cmdr. Dave suggested a Cinco de Mayo something.

The "ship's store" items sold for a total of \$58.00. It will be offered again at the June meeting as Sharon Roesch will be out of town for the May meeting.

The two extra meals the club paid for were given to Stan and Joy Scherer as a very SAD goodbye.

Bill Zinn mentioned the meetings being held with reference to rules for the Everglades and promised to let us know via e-mail when the next ones are scheduled.

50/50 of \$22.00 won by Ted Newlan.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Claire Strandhagen, Secretary

Biscayne Park Info

The following letter was sent out by the Park:

April 19, 2013

Dear Friends of Biscayne National Park,

As you may know, the National Park Service is working toward the completion of the General Management Plan / Environmental Impact Statement, which will guide the park's decision-making for the next two to three decades.

Next Steps

Because the plan will have long-lasting impacts, the park's staff carefully reviewed more than 18,000 comments we received on the 2011 Draft General Management Plan. Many of those comments had thoughtful suggestions that prompted us to reexamine certain aspects of the plan.



In conjunction with key partners, including the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), we continue to use the best available science to develop a supplemental plan with one, or potentially more, modified alternatives. We expect to have the supplemental plan available this fall, and will immediately seek additional public comment. We will widely publicize the public meetings which will follow the release of the draft supplemental plan.

Update Newsletter Available

A newsletter with the latest information concerning the General Management Plan / Environmental Impact Statement is [available to download as a PDF file here](#) as well as at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/bisc>. The newsletter includes background information, current status of the plan, and next steps.

Biscayne National Park has a beautiful array of resources and is truly a gem of the National Park System. It is a park deeply loved and appreciated by generations of visitors. It is served by passionate and talented staff and volunteers, and actively supported by its partners and the greater Miami area. I look forward to working with everyone on continuing to refine the park's General Management Plan.

Sincerely

Brian Carlstrom

Superintendent, Biscayne National Park

TREASURER'S REPORT

HOMESTEAD Bay front YACHT CLUB

BEGINNING MARCH 1, 2013: 4368.76

INCOME:

Postage	10.00
Event	35.00
50/50	55.00
Dues	80.00
Total	180.00

EXPENSES:

Event	331.48
Roster/Newsltr	86.01
Total	417.49

ENDING BALANCE MARCH 31, 2013: 4131.27

SUBMITTED BY Dee Riley, TREASURER

NOTE: The March Event was attended by 25 members and 7 guests. The cost to the club was \$296.48.

La Playa Photos



Safety Reminder



An explosion on a 35-foot Cabin Cruiser moored in Ft Lauderdale resulted in the loss of the Cruiser and a 35-foot Sailboat moored next to it. A third vessel was damaged, but was saved. A couple and their four year old son were staying on the Cruiser. The Captain was hospitalized with burns, but his wife and son were able to get off the vessel uninjured. Cause of the explosion is being investigated, but the Captain reported smelling fumes just before the explosion.