



The Nauti News

Homestead Yacht Club

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Our 21st Year of Boating Fun



FROM YOUR COMMODORE

George Mayer

Minutes of General Meeting

Homestead Yacht Club

April 4, 2007

Commodore George opened the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Park Business:

- Steve mentioned that on the first dock they were waiting for holes to be fixed, which will be done soon.
- The event of March 10 was better than expected. He indicated they could not have done it without the help of HYC.
- On April 21, there will be a Park Social. Invitations already went out. There would be ribs, corn chowder, slaw, beer and wine and more. Please RSVP if you plan to attend so they know how much food to order.
- On April 22, there will be classic cars on display and some vendors in the park, a Rock Band and they are hoping for a great turnout.
- Steve will be on vacation from April 6 for one week. He will be back on April 14, but would be available for the final walk through of the work being done at the park.
- Some smaller boats may be leaving the marina because of insurance concerns.
- Hopefully electric and water works will be fully operational shortly.

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance at March 1, 2007	\$7,892.29
Ending Balance at March 31, 2007	\$8,211.04

A detailed Treasurer's report will be included in the Newsletter and on the website.

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Boca Chita:

A good time was had by all. Large turnout ever for some time now for an event on the water. Thanks to Ted and Dee for all the arrangements and food, Sonia for the Margaritas, and DJ “Barry” Roesch for the music.

Membership:

- Ken Johnson’s son was introduced as a guest.
- Maria Garcia who is a new member accepted her club burgee.
- There are 50 memberships so far for 2007

Roster: Sandy Zinn requested correct e-mail information since she had been receiving returned e-mails. Please contact Sandy and provide her with accurate information in order to receive your newsletters and other club communications.

Park Liaison: Buzz requested the park do something about removing the oysters from the poles and ramps as they were very dangerous. Steve advised the Park was working on it and this job should get done soon.

Ship’s Store: Conrad was doing a good job tonight because he was able to sell some things at the meeting.

Commodore George thanked Dave for the information/materials on the flags, and felt it was a good idea for this type of information to continue being provided at future meetings.

Sunshine Committee: Linda Clemons had an operation on her knee but she was doing very well, and at the meeting. Dwayne Powell got bitten by a dog, and according to our Sunshine Committee Member, it was probably his own fault.

Telephone Committee: Susie advised that there were no problems.

April 2007 event: will take place at Key Largo Marina Resort April 28 – April 29. Sonia Espineira advised the people were very nice to work with. They serve a continental breakfast between 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. On Saturday, the Club will host a BBQ for \$10.00 per person and \$18.00 for non-members. BBQ will be at around 6:00 p.m. by the pool. There is plenty to do around the Marina. Sonia will need a count of everyone who will participate and she will need a check in advance for the BBQ. Members who cannot participate by boat can drive down and attend the BBQ. Sign up form is being distributed.

Commodore George informed that customs forms were delivered to each table. If there are not enough, please give him a call. If you plan to visit the Bahamas, you only need to fill the form out once. A Card will be issued to you at the Tamiami Airport and you won’t have to do it again.

Commodore George also informed that the Hawks Cay cruise was still on. Although not everything is still open, there is a map of all the places on the property that is still open.

The 50/50 was won by Peter Dean.

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully

Annabelle McDermot

Secretary

The deadline for the boat insurance issue was April 1st. As a result of this action, the county will expect to be notified that you have insurance. Cmdr. George can show you the acceptable form, which must designate that Miami Dade County Parks and Recreation be notified. If you have not already dealt with this issue, see Steve or George immediately.

Old News -Memorial Day Weekend. 10 slips were reserved at Bimini. Reservations were needed early. The new Marina site on North Bimini had new docks, restaurant, pool, and the club would be visiting for the first time.

Your HYC membership card is now a multi-discount Card too!

Patronize the following stores to obtain discounts on your favorite fishing and boating needs. Be sure to keep checking the newsletter and the HYC website for more participating merchants in the very near future!

The Complete Angular~ 5% to 10% discounts on rods and reels, 10% to15% on parts and supplies.

B& F Marine ~ 10% to 15% discount.

El Capitan's Marine and Fishing Center~ 25% to 50% discount.

Prestige Boat Tops ~ 15% discount.

Remember to present your membership card with a picture ID to qualify for this HYC benefits.

Boaters can now Cruise through Customs!

Under a new government program, boaters will be allowed to return from a foreign country without having to submit to interviews by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

The Local Boater Option Program allows boaters in Miami, Tampa, Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands areas to register with the boarder protection agency. Boaters will provide information about themselves, their vessel and receive a personal registration number.

When returning from a foreign port, the registered boater simply has to notify the customs office and inmost cases can bypass a face-to-face interview. All passengers on the vessel must also register.

"This is going to be primarily for the real frequent travelers," agency spokesperson, Zachary Mann said. "They'll be able to call in. It'll make it easier and more convenient."

Previously, recreational boaters or fishermen returning from the Bahamas or other foreign countries had to call the customs office upon their return and present themselves and their crew and passengers for an interview within 24 hours.

Besides easing travel for boaters, the program frees officers for more important duties.

"It allows us more manpower to focus on targeting people who may be involved in criminal activity," Mann said. Boaters may make an appointment to register for the program by calling 800-432-1216 or 800-451-0393.



*****Bring with you your Boat's registration, pertinent documents and passports. *****

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### Grandma's Boyfriend ....

*A 5 yr old boy went to visit his grandmother one day. While playing with his toys in her bedroom while Grandma was dusting, he looked up and said, "Grandma, how come you don't have a boyfriend?"*

*Grandma replied, "Honey, my TV is my boyfriend. I can sit in my bedroom and watch it all day long. The TV evangelists keep me company and make me feel so good. The comedies make me laugh. I'm really happy with the TV as my boyfriend."*

*Grandma turned on the TV and the reception was terrible. She started adjusting the knobs, trying to get the picture in focus. Frustrated, she finally started hitting the backside of the TV, hoping to fix the problem.*

*The little boy heard the doorbell ring, so he hurried to open the door, and there stood a man. The man said, "Hello, son, is your grandma home?"*

*The little boy replied, "Yeah, but she's in the bedroom bangin'her boyfriend." Grandma's minister fainted.*

### How to Tell the Sex of a Fly

**A woman walked into the kitchen to find her husband stalking around with a fly swatter. "What are you doing?" she asked. "Hunting flies" he responded. "Oh! Killing any?" she asked. "Yep, 3 males, 2 females," he replied. Intrigued, she asked, "How can you tell them apart?" He responded, "3 were on a beer can, 2 were on the phone**

~~~~~**Moment of the day**~~~~~

ABSOLUTE LAWS of THE UNIVERSE

Law of Mechanical Repair

After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch or you'll have to pee.

Law of the Workshop:

Any tool, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.

Law of the Telephone:

Law of the Alibi:

If you tell the boss you were late for work because you had a flat tire, the very next morning you will have a flat tire.

Law of Probability:

The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

Variation Law:

If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal.

Law of the Bath :

When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone rings.

Law of the Result:

When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, it will.

Law of the Theatre:

At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle arrive last.

Murphy's Law of Lockers:

If there are only two people in a locker room, they will have adjacent lockers.

Law of Location:

No matter where you go, there you are.

Brown's Law:

If the shoe fits, it's ugly.

And Last, Wilson's Law:

As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it

The Washington Post's Mensa Invitational once again asked readers to take any word from the dictionary, alter it by adding, subtracting, or changing of one letter, and supply a new definition. Here are the 2006's winners:

1. **Castration (n.):** The act of buying a house, which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period.
2. **Ignoramus:** A person who's both stupid and an asshole.
3. **Intoxication:** Euphoria at getting a tax refund, which lasts until you realize it was your money to start with.

If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will start to move faster than the one you are in now (works every time).

Law of Close Encounters:

The probability of meeting someone you know increases when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.

Law of Biomechanics:

The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.

Law of Coffee:

As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, the boss will ask you to do something which will last your until the coffee is cold.

Law of Rugs/Carpets:

The chances of an open-faced jelly sandwich landing face down on a floor covering are directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet/rug.

Law of Logical Argument:

(my personal favorite)

Anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about.

Oliver's Law:

A closed mouth gathers no feet.

4. Reintarnation: Coming back to life as a hillbilly.
5. Bozone (n.): The substance surrounding stupid people that stops bright ideas from penetrating. The bozone layer, unfortunately, shows little sign of breaking down in the near future.
6. Foreplay: Any misrepresentation about yourself for the purpose of getting laid.
7. Giraffiti: Vandalism spray-painted very, very high.
8. Sarchasm: The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.
9. Inoculatte: To take coffee intravenously when you are running late.
10. Hipatitis: Terminal coolness.
11. Osteopornosis: A degenerate disease. (This one got extra credit.)
12. Karmageddon: It's like, when everybody is sending off all these really bad vibes, right? And then, like, the Earth explodes and it's like, a serious bummer.
13. Decafalon (n.): The grueling event of getting through the day consuming only things that are good for you.
14. Glibido: All talk and no action.
15. Dopeler effect: The tendency of stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come at you rapidly.
16. Arachnoleptic fit (n.): The frantic dance performed just after you've accidentally walked through a spider web.
17. Beelzebug (n.): Satan in the form of a mosquito, that gets into your bedroom at three in the morning and cannot be cast out.
18. Caterpallor (n.): The color you turn after finding half a worm in the fruit you're eating.

How do they KNOW no two snowflakes are alike? Has someone seen them all?

The following numbers are provided for your future use.

Marina Tel: 305.230.3033

Pager: 305.881.6417

Analog Tel: 305.230.0291 (*During power failures only!*)

After hours security guard's telephone number is 305.272.0800 and for the "Front gate" press 01#; For "A" Dock, press 11# ; For "B" Dock press 33#; For "C" dock press 44#, For "D" dock press 55# and for the Dry Storage area press 66# or for the Bait and Tackle Shop press 77#.

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Remember that the HYC meets every first Monday of each Month at the Redland County Club from 6:30 PM until 9:00 PM. The Redland Country Club is located at 24451 Krome Avenue (177th Avenue) in Homestead, FL, Telephone: 305.247.8503.

You should meet and greet new members and speak to all members in a courteous manner. Please welcome everyone to be part of the club.

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FYBI by Captain David G. Giuliani
 (For your Boating Information...)



The following represents a sampling of 100650 Vessel Safety Checks.

74.873% Passed the VSC
25.127% Failed the VSC

Items that Failed: (Note: This is a percentage of ALL vessels examined and some had two or more items that failed so these numbers will not add up to 100%.)

Display of Numbers

5.435%

Registration / Documentation

5.574%

Personal Flotation Devices

2.832%

Visual Distress Signals

12.221%

Fire Extinguishers

4.501%

Ventilation

1.451%

Backfire Flame Control

1.639%

Sound Producing Devices / Bell

5.156%


Navigation Lights

8.465%


Pollution Placard

2.375%


MARPOL Trash Placard

 2.802%

Marine Sanitation Device

 2.921%

Navigation Rules

 2.742%

State and/or Local Regulations

 10.432%

Overall Vessel Condition

 4.670%

Recommended Items not Found: (Note: These items are not required to pass the VSC.)

Marine Radio

 33.433%

Dewatering Device & Backup

 14.347%

Mounted Fire Extinguishers

 21.570%

Anchor & Line for Area

 11.257%

First Aid and PIW Kits

 27.928%

Inland Visual Distress Signals

 24.252%

Capacity / Cert. of Compliance

 28.246%

Discussion Items

- a. Accident Reporting / Owner Responsibility
- b. Offshore Operations
- c. Nautical Charts / Navigation Aids
- d. Survival Tips / First Aid
- e. Fueling / Fuel Management
- f. Float Plan / Weather & Sea Conditions
- g. Insurance Considerations
- h. Boating Check List
- i. Safe Boating Classes

 14.704%



