

The Nauti News



Homestead Yacht Club

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Our 21st Year of Boating Fun



FROM YOUR COMMODORE

George Mayer

HYC MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

August 6, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Commodore George at 7:40 p.m. There was a larger than normal number of members at the meeting which was unusual for the summer.

Commodore George mentioned that there was a misprint in the last minutes regarding dates of upcoming events. Commodore George was preparing to go on vacation and there was not enough time to make the amendment before the minutes went out in the newsletter. A motion was made to approve with amendments. Motion carried.

Park news: Steve advised that the Marina had sent out an invitation to participate in an event the week end of August 18, 2007 (Clean Marina Celebration). Cold Fruit, Sandwiches – food for approx. 75 people would be served – between 10:00 – 12:00 noon. RSVP Please. Power went out at 4:00 p.m. on August 6, 2007 but was restored. There is a long waiting list for slips. Some of these are members of HYC. Steve indicated we should send him a list with contact information so they can receive invitations. Dwayne Powell informed Steve can also check our website for updated information.

Club members asked to help Marina management in instances where rent users do not know how to behave. Information was being handed out at the gate. D Dock to be done in 30 days. National Marina Day is this week-end (August 11, 2007). New boats would be on show, hotdogs and hamburgers would be sold. Ricardo/Steve being trained for “ADE”. Senior Lifeguards already trained. How to handle chest pains – they can help until emergency folks get there. Make sure we all have our stickers – the Park will not let us in unless we have them. New proposed budget – the Park will be taking a big cut – but not on security in the marina. The level of security will be the same. Only part-timers are on maintenance duty. Approximately 1,100 people will be laid off. Most of the vacancy numbers are open positions that will not be filled. University dock will be demolished and not be rebuilt due to lack of funds. Black point undergoing maintenance and we are getting a lot of people in our Marina due to this. There is a 2 to 3 hour wait at the gate on weekends.

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Commodore George – For Boat owners, there is a hurricane checklist that can be used to send information to the Park Office (to Steve's attention) or leave it with another HYC member in the event you are going to be out of town. Steve must have everyone's updated contact information. There is a long waiting list for slips

- 🚤 **Treasurer's Report:** Report was for a two month period. Beginning balance was \$7,816.36 ending balance was \$8,023.68. Details will be published in the newsletter for August.
- 🚤 **July Event:** The fireworks display on July 4th at Black Point was great and all who attended had a great time.
- 🚤 **August Event at the Anchorage.** 8 Slips were reserved. Right now, only 3 boats were registered. Since there was not a great deal of interest, Dwayne made a motion that the Club support the August event at the Marina the week end of August 18. The motion was seconded and carried.
- 🚤 **September event at Hawks Cay.** The club needed a commitment for this event. Checks should be sent no later than August 20. Members should bring their own flatware and plates. A miniature golf event was planned for the women. Black Point was working with the hotel to get a discount for rooms. We were unable to get a discount on slip cost. Anyone driving down to attend the dinner on Saturday should provide that information ASAP as they needed to purchase the steaks before going to Hawks Cay.
- 🚤 **October Fest in Key West.** Will be lots of fun. A sign up sheet was passed around. There will be games, prizes, food, drinks and fun on the bus. They are looking for \$5.00 - \$10.00 per person and some funds from the Club for the bus. Location for bus pick up TBD. The bus holds 55. More to come at the September meeting and/or in the next newsletter.
- 🚤 **Susie:** If you have not paid for your dinner this evening, please do so immediately as they are short.
- 🚤 **Membership:** Dwayne informed the club had 55 memberships. New members Ray and Flora Vega were introduced and welcomed. Directories were delivered to new members who had not yet received theirs.
- 🚤 **Sonia Espineira** made a motion that we should provide Steve with a large HYC flag for the flag pole. Ted Newlan seconded and motion carried. Research on the size of the flag to be done.
- 🚤 **Roster:** Sandy Zinn informed that members needed to call and provide their updated information and to send any updates to their e-mail addresses. There is a continued concern that we are not reaching all our members because of old contact information.
- 🚤 **Park Liaison:** Buzz Strandhagen said we are losing a lot of revenue because the marina is understaffed but Steve informed that the regulations do not allow volunteers. Members can help by not putting over sized boxes in the small bins and not leave furniture, equipment on the docks but remove them to the larger dumpsters in the parking lot. Suggestions on how the Club can help are welcome.

- 🚤 **Phone Committee: Nothing new to report.**
- 🚤 **Newsletter: Nothing to report.**
- 🚤 **Web Site: Larry Roesch informed that the e-mail information on the web site is correct. He has checked them and they work. If any are missing, he should be informed also.**
- 🚤 **Sunshine Committee: Jan advised that Dee Riley had knee surgery and was at home recovering. Stan Scherer was in the hospital but was doing well. Charlene Powell had eye surgery and was at home recovering.**
- 🚤 **The 50/50 was won by Ted Newlan.**
- 🚤 **The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 10, 2007.**
- 🚤 **There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.**
- 🚤 **Respectfully**
- 🚤 **Secretary Annabelle McDermot**

TREASURER'S REPORT	
HOMESTEAD Bay front YACHT CLUB	
MONTH ENDING JUNE 2007	
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$7,816.35
INCOME :	
EVENT	-
50/50	\$ 56.00
Store	25.00
Dues	165.00
Total	246.00
EXPENSES :	
Sunshine	25.00
EVENT	152.67
	\$ 177.67
ENDING BALANCE June 30, 2007	\$7,884.68
Note: The June Event cost HYC 152.67 with ?? members	

TREASURER'S REPORT HOMESTEAD Bay front YACHT CLUB	
MONTH ENDING JULY 2007	
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$7,884.68
INCOME :	
EVENT	-
50/50	\$ 54.00
Store	-
Dues	85.00
Total	<u>\$ 139.00</u>
EXPENSES :	
	-
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ENDING BALANCE July 31, 2007	<u>\$8,023.68</u>
SUBMITTED BY	
Sharon Roesch TREASURER	
Note: The July Event cost HYC 00 with 12 members and 1 guest attending	

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#.

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

Boat Docking- An Introduction

by Charles T. Low

We can't cover everything about boat docking in one sitting, but I think you'll be surprised at how many of the basic principles of close quarters maneuvering are embodied in the example docking which I will be discussing shortly. First let me answer these two questions: Is this boat handling exposition for novice boaters? Yes, absolutely. Is it for expert boaters? Yes. Experts often pilot their boats by an instinctive feel, and are delighted finally to see and to understand why it is that what they do works so well.

That brings up another important point. Learning to dock is done on the water, in our boats, not by reading about it here. Book learning and good teaching are important, (I would say crucial), and allow us to focus our minds more quickly and clearly than just by using the trial and error method. However, ultimately, we must accept the responsibility ourselves for learning the mechanics and feel of boat handling, for what works and what does not, for us and for our particular boats, by actually doing it.

- **Port-side-to -- a docking dissected**

For the present purposes, I'm going to assume calm conditions, and not factor in the effects of wind. Wind is probably the hardest thing to contend with, when docking a boat, but there's a lot of water to pass under the bridge before that discussion, so I'll leave it out for now. Many of the techniques we're about to cover, however, will also prove useful in coping with wind.

What's your angle?

First thing to notice is that this boater is coming in at an angle. This makes it much easier to aim for a particular spot, and to bring the boat in close to the dock without scraping. There isn't always enough "sea room" to do this, but when possible, using an angled approach makes life simpler.

Coasting and the power turn

Secondly, think about what throttle setting you would use at the beginning of the approach. A calm, orderly, accurate docking will usually require the slowest speed available, but on many boats, even idle speed is so fast that they have to coast. However, coasting is when "steerage", the ability to steer, is at its minimum, because either i) there is no discharge current from the propeller to amplify the effect of the rudder, or ii) with inboard/outboards, most of the steering "authority" simply vanishes when the transmission is in neutral. So, even when going very slowly, we still steer with power, when necessary. You could wish that the boat would just drift all the way in without wandering off course, but with many (not all) boats, that's all it would be: a wish! If in neutral gear, give a short shot of forward gear (generally only at only idle speed, but use more if

required), to steer the boat back onto course, and then coast for another distance. If already in gear, and the boat is still getting away from you, open the throttle briefly for a few moments until you regain control. The general principle is that the sharpest turns can be made when the boat is going extremely slowly, because it will skid less widely through the turn. Yet, the turn is often best done with power, so reconciling these two conflicting demands (minimal power to go slowly, more power to steer), means using power intermittently, and then using it vigorously enough to perform the maneuver.

Keep up the momentum

The next thing the boater will do, as the dock draws nearer, is to start to turn the boat. However, this is also about the time that he or she wants to decelerate to a stop, in reverse gear. While slowing down, the vessel may be hard to steer. This is largely because very little water will be flowing over the rudder (or worse, over the outdrive leg of an I/O).

Fortunately, boats in motion have momentum: once in motion, they tend to continue in motion, and once turning, they tend to continue to turn. This sometimes confounds the less skilled skipper, and yet momentum is exactly what to use when all other steering options fail. At just what point to turn, and how hard and for how long, I cannot say. It will vary by boat, by the prevailing conditions, and even by the skipper's individual style. But the boat must turn, and often this will be done by a brief, firm pulse of power, with the wheel hard over. Part way through the maneuver, by which time the boat is in reverse gear, the only thing that keeps it turning, and that keeps it sliding sideways towards the dock, is momentum. The skipper did this on purpose, took a run at it, so to speak, albeit very gently and cautiously, and then skidded the boat into its slip.

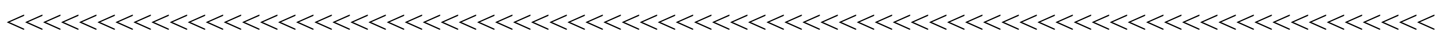
A walk in the dock

One final thing: it is very common for propellers to thrust asymmetrically, more on one side than the other, and in some boats the effect is often especially strong in reverse gear. It's called "walking", because it almost seems as if the stern of the boat wants to walk sideways, when you first engage reverse propulsion, rather than go backwards.

It's because of this effect that we are discussing specifically port-side-to docking. Right hand propellers walk the stern to port, in reverse (a minority of propellers are "left hand" - for them, this whole discussion is a mirror image). So, not quite as much turning momentum is required as would otherwise be. Asymmetrical thrust can be a nuisance, so at least in circumstances like this when it can be helpful, we might as well avail ourselves of it.

Conclusion

There is no conclusion to boat docking. I have yet to hear the final word, and I've probably discussed and studied it more than most. Even if this port-side-to docking were all there was to know (and it's not, it's just the barest beginning), one could still spend a lifetime honing and refining the skills and techniques it requires, and the better feel for boat handling thus engendered would spill over into all of our other close quarters maneuvering. And my wish for us all is that we continue to hone and refine for a long, long time, and that we love every minute we spend doing it!



The Future...

A little boy goes to his dad and asks, "What are Politics?"

Dad says, "Well son, let me try to explain it this way:

- #1. I'm the head of the family, so call me The President.
 - #2. Your mother is the administrator of the money, so we call her the Government.
 - #3. We're here to take care of your needs, so we'll call you the People.
 - #4. The nanny, we'll consider her the Working Class.
 - #5. And your baby brother, we'll call him the Future.
- "Now, think about that and see if it makes sense."

So, the little boy goes off to bed thinking about what Dad has said. Later that night, he hears his baby brother crying, so he gets up to check on him. He finds that the baby has severely soiled his diaper. So, the little boy goes to his parent's room and finds his mother sound asleep. Not wanting to wake her, he goes to the nanny's room. Finding the door locked, he looks in the peephole and finds his father in bed with the Nanny. He gives up and goes back to bed. The next morning, the little boy says to his father, "Dad, I think I understand the concept of politics now."

The father says, "Good, son, tell me in your own words what you think politics is all about." The little boy replies, "The President is screwing the Working Class, while the Government is sound asleep. The People are being ignored and the Future is in deep shit."

Ooops...

A photographer for CNN was assigned to cover southern California 's Wildfires last year. He wanted pictures of the heroic work the Firefighters were doing as they battled the blazes.

When the photographer arrived on the scene, he realized that the smoke was so thick it would seriously impede, or even make impossible, his getting good photographs from the ground level. He requested permission from his boss to rent a plane and take photos from the air.

His request was approved and he used his cell phone to call the local County airport to charter a flight. He was told a single engine plane would be waiting for him at the airport.

Arriving at the airfield, he spotted a plane warming up outside a hanger.

He jumped in with his bag, slammed the door shut, and shouted, "Let's go!"

The pilot taxied out, swung the plane into the wind and roared down the runway. Once in the air, the photographer instructed the pilot, "Fly over the valley and make two or three low passes so I can take some pictures of the fires on the hillsides."

"Why?" asked the pilot.

"Because I'm a photographer for CNN," he responded. "And I need to get some close-up shots."

The pilot was strangely silent for a moment, finally he stammered, "So, what you're telling me, is...

You're NOT my flight instructor?"

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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