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The Nauti News

Homestead Yacht Club

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Our 23rd Year of Boating Fun

Plantation Event



There were more vehicles than boats at the Plantation Yacht Harbor event, but everyone seemed to have a good time.

NEXT MEETING: Because of the Labor Day holiday, our next meeting will be on Monday, August 31, one week earlier than normal.

Commodore's Comments

Hello from the Bridge!

Although summer is quickly coming to an end, HYC has one more summer event: Labor Day Week End at Coconuts –Marina Del Mar– Key Largo. I would hope that as many of our members as possible will support this event. Dee and Ted have some great plans for this upcoming holiday weekend. Please contact Dee at 305 598 4724 if you wish to come by boat or car. I would like to thank Ray Vega for putting on a very nice outing at Plantation Yacht Harbor last weekend. We had 29 people attend and fun was had by all. A special thanks to my wife Sharon for all the Appetizers, Desserts, and Margaritas she made. Also to Sandy Zinn for collecting the money for the event. Don't forget our September meeting is August 31, 2009. We have over 40 members, but less than half usually come to meetings or events. I would hope that we could try to improve those statistics. It seems that we email you, call you, beg you, and still most wait till the last possible minute to decide to support your club. Many of you don't respond at all. It is very hard for those who have volunteered to chair an event, to make any plans, when so few will commit to show up until the last possible minute. Let's all try to remember why we joined HYC: Boating Fun, Friendships and a Great Time. This is very hard to do, when you join the club, and then never participate. Enough of my rant, but it is very frustrating for your Commodore! Hope to see you all on the water and at our next event.



Commodore
Larry Roesch

Editor's Note

I have received a letter and DVD from Biscayne National Park concerning yet more meetings to review proposed plans for the Park. These meetings concern their Fishery Management Plan and are follow-ups to earlier meetings on this subject. I am not sure why this plan and their recently proposed Marine Reserve Zones Plan are not one in the same, but maybe that will be clarified sometime. More details about the plan and the meeting dates and locations are provided later in this newsletter. Among the various proposals included in this plan are a special fishing license stamp to fish in the park and an annually renewable Recreational Boat Use sticker for your boat if you are engaged in any recreational activity inside the park, such as fishing, diving, swimming, etc. These and other proposals have a direct impact on all of us who use the Park and I encourage all of you to either attend one of the meetings or review a copy of the plan and offer your comments to the Park Service.

Just a reminder... if you have any marine associated items for sale or are looking for a specific item, you can post a For Sale/Item Wanted ad in the newsletter. Also, you can have a copy of your business card printed in the newsletter. Just get the info/card to me and space permitting, it will be added.

Bill Zinn, Editor, sunbil@aol.com

Minutes of August Meeting

Meeting opened by Cmdr. Roesch at 7:30 p.m. on August 3rd, 2009

Minutes from last meeting accepted as seen in the newsletter.

First guest was dock master Mike McCrink. He advised that the marina would probably not be effected by the recent budget problems but that the park most likely would lose three employees. He also told us that next Saturday, National Marina Day, the Coast Guard would be doing boat checks at Bill Byrd Marina at Haulover Park. Mike spoke about the information boxes posted at each dock for information or notices. They are ours to utilize as well as marina management. Guest passes are available. You must go to the office and request it. Remember they are only good for one day.

Treasurer's report given by Dee Riley. Beginning balance \$5,144.94, ending balance \$4,624.61. See full report elsewhere in newsletter.

Plantation Yacht Harbor. Scheduled for August 22nd. Let Vice Cmdr. Ray Vega know whether or not you plan to attend. His menu is hamburgers, beans, coleslaw. Cost is \$5.00 for members and \$10.00 for guests. He will send an e-mail as to availability of hotel rooms for members who wish to drive down.

Larry reminded us to please respond to our call lady Liz Phillips. She goes to a lot of trouble to make sure we are notified as to meetings and menu.

Dee Riley spoke about the Labor Day weekend at Marina del Mar. She has planned a cocktail party. Bring appetizers to share. It will be a "meet your bridge" party. After the cocktail party there will be dinner of hot dogs and hamburgers at Sharkey's. They have live music and a dance floor soooooo come and have fun. Cost is \$15.00 per person.

October event hosted by Dwayne and Charlene Powell is still in the planning stage. They are talking about a late afternoon dock party. Maybe a German food cook out and maybe make it a pajama party as this seemed more fun than costumes.

Linda Clemons spoke about the Christmas Boat Parade in Ft. Lauderdale. It is Dec. 12th and the theme is "That's Entertainment" We'll learn more about it in future newsletters.

Jan Mayer introduced her sister to the group. She's visiting from Australia.

50/50 of \$43.00 won by your secretary Claire Strandhagen.

Next meeting is scheduled for August 31st due to the holiday.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Claire Strandhagen, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT, June & July 2009

Homestead Bayfront Yacht Club

BEGINNING BALANCE June 1, 2009: 5144.94

INCOME :

50/50	45.00
Store	78.00
Big Chill Event	695.00
 Total	 818.00

EXPENSES :

Meeting room fee	100.00
Event Big Chill	1203.33
Store Refund	35.00
 Total	 1338.33

ENDING BALANCE JULY 31, 2009: 4624.61

SUBMITTED BY Dee Riley, Treasurer

Note: The June Big Chill Event was attended by 25 members and 2 guests. The cost to the club was \$508.33.

There was no meeting or event in July, therefore the June and July Treasurer's Report was combined.

BUY AMERICAN

Article # 8- Dwayne Powell

The Seapath Marina in Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina is a full service marina and they even make a car available so we took the chance to get a few groceries. As you head north from Wrightsville Beach, the ICW scenery changes to houses and vacation cottages and there are numerous inlets, which create shoaling, and the need to proceed cautiously. Our next stop was the Swan Point Marina in Snead, North Carolina. Swan Point Marina is an interesting place as it is also a boatyard and there are several live a boards in the marina. The restaurants in the area offer some excellent southern food. It was here that HYC members Art and Leslie Thornton joined us for an automobile tour of the area and for the next week we had a great time seeing the sites. Our first stop was the Dismal Swamp Canal an alternate route separate from the ICW. We had planned to transit the Dismal Swamp Canal but were happy to see it by car as I found it well-dismal. One of the highlights of our tour was our visit to Fredericksburg, Virginia to visit the Washington-Thornton Cemetery. While small, the cemetery has great historical value as many of George Washington's relatives including his father are buried

here. Since we were in the area, Art wanted to visit the cemetery as it also includes many of his relatives. Over the next days we toured historical Williamsburg, Virginia and the outer banks of North Carolina. Bottom left photo by Art Thornton of Washington-Thornton Cemetery. Bottom right photo of Swan Point Marina by Charlene.



Biscayne National Park Plan

By Bill Zinn

The Park Service has put together the latest version of their Fishery Management Plan for Biscayne National Park. This is the continuation of a process which began some time ago. As part of the process they must follow, another series of public meetings have been scheduled at which they will explain their proposals and accept written or verbal public comments. Among the things included in their proposals are: limits on commercial fishing and trapping within the Park, requiring commercial fishers and guides to obtain an annual permit, requiring you to purchase a special stamp for your fishing license in order to fish in the Park, eliminating spear fishing within the Park, and requiring a special Park sticker on your boat if you use it for recreational purposes in the park, such as fishing, diving, swimming, etc. The public meetings will be from 6 to 9 PM at the following locations: Sept 15: Fla City City Hall, 404 W Palm Dr, Fla City; Sept 16: Crown Plaza Hotel, 950 NW 42 Ave, Miami; Sept 17: Holiday Inn, Key Largo

If you can not attend one of the meetings, a printed copy of the plan can be obtained from the Park Hq and at most public libraries. The plan can also be reviewed and comments offered at their web site: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>

Plantation Yacht Harbor Event



Additional event photos are posted on the Club's web site

Our Next Club Event

LABOR DAY ADVENTURE **SEPTEMBER 4 – 7, 2009**

We will be at Marina Del Mar for the entire weekend. You are invited to use the pool at the Holiday Inn, as well as Marina Del Mar. The Holiday Inn pool has a waterfall and Tiki Bar, if you want a change of scenery.

On Saturday, we will have a progressive “Meet Your Bridge” cocktail party moving from boat to boat. Please bring an hors d’oeuvre that serves 20 to the dock promptly at 5 p.m. We will tell you which boat to go to, and also move you from boat to boat at half hour intervals.

This is the time to let your officers know what events you enjoyed (or not), and suggestions for new events. Keep in mind, we always need new officers, if you might want to volunteer to put your name up for election.

Call Dee Riley or Ted Newlan at 305-598-4724 if you plan to come, as we have a dinner at Sharkey’s following the cocktail party.

The cost is \$15pp for members and guests. Hope to see you all there.