

December 2010

The Nauti News



Homestead Yacht Club

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Our 25th Year of Boating Fun



Commodore's Comments

Happy New Year Everyone!

I want to thank the entire membership for all your support in the past two years as Commodore. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve Homestead Yacht Club. Please give the new bridge your support for 2011.

Remember our Membership Drive promotion ends December 31. Please tell all your friends about HYC. Your membership is now due for 2011. Please send a renewal application (which is on our website) to Dwayne Powell along with your check for \$80. Dwayne asked me to give a plug to his friend who has a Luxury Yacht for charter. In case you and your closest friends would like to be pampered check it out at www.kingkalm.com for details. Dwayne says he can get us a deal from the published rates!

Many of you know that Sharon and I have moved to Key Largo. If you know anyone who is interested in living on a golf course with over 2 acres of land please check out home website at www.golfersdreamhome.com Sharkay will still berth at Homestead Bayfront, so we will still see you all on the water.

Don't forget our annual **Change of Watch Commodore's Ball** on January 15th at Redland Country Club. Great food, good dance music, open bar, with great friends. Don't miss it, get your checks in by January 8th. \$30 for members and \$40 for guests. I hope to see you all there.



Larry Roesch

Editor's Notes

Some of you probably received some new computer equipment or software from Santa and are now putting it to use. This could have an impact on your ability to receive and view the Newsletter. Such problems are most often a result of the settings in your e-mail program. If you are having problems receiving/viewing the Newsletter, please let me know and I will do my best to assist you.

A few years ago, the Club agreed to permit members to post business card size ads in the Newsletter so that members could make use of services offered by others in the Club. We haven't done this in some time, mainly because the business cards I have on file are pretty old. So, lets start over. If you have a business card you would like included in the Newsletter, get it to me and space permitting, I will periodically publish it.

Also, if you have nautical related items for sale or that you are looking to buy, a Wanted/For Sale item can be included in the Newsletter. If you would like an item included, please send it to me, preferably in DOC format, and I will do my best to get it in the next edition of the Newsletter. But please keep the item as brief as possible and make sure that it is nautical related (your car, mower, couch, etc do not qualify as nautical related)

Bill Zinn, Editor, sunbil@aol.com

Minutes of December 2010 Meeting

Meeting opened at 7:30 p.m. on December 6, 2010 by Cmdr. Larry.

First order of business HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Jerry and Vicky Cline and HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Dee Riley and Sonia Espineira. Change of Watch, sign up sheets and menu on the tables....let us know whether or not you are coming. You can pay Sharon tonight or mail it to her. Cmdr. Larry advised that we have invited other clubs to attend as we are anxious for a good turnout. Check your e-mail for further information.

Mike McCrink was unable to attend as he is at a seminar. He did say that the pump-out station does work but you do have to pay to use it.

Cmdr. Larry attended a meeting of law enforcement personnel who govern the water. The subject of buoys seems to be on hold, however, they are still talking about "sticks" at Sands Cut, the Keyhole and south of Billy's Point. Cmdr. Larry assured us that he and Bill Zinn will keep us informed of any changes which will affect us.

Next year's bridge was approved as Dave Giuliani, commodore; Bob Larson, vice-commodore, Dee Riley, treasurer and Claire Strandhagen, secretary. Bill and Sandy Zinn have graciously consented to continue with the newsletter/rosters, and Liz Phillips as our "call girl". Jan Mayer will be unable to continue as Sunshine (thanks for the great job Jan) BUT Linda Clemons has agreed to take over. Dwayne Powell will remain as membership.

Treasurer's report: Given by Dee Riley: Beginning balance \$4690.79, ending balance \$4531.10. Full report appears elsewhere in the newsletter.

Minutes from last meeting accepted as seen in the newsletter.

Park Liaison: Buz Strandhagen reports that the sewer line from the national park did not work (IT WASN'T LARGE ENOUGH) and a larger one is being put in. All construction is on hold until the sewer system is up and running.

Cmdr. Larry commented on the fact that Lisa Vari has moved her boat down to the keys as it is less

expensive BUT will remain a member and plans to handle Halloween for us next year.....

Dwayne Powell reports that we still have 37 memberships. He reminded us that if we bring in a new member before the end of the year our membership dues will be \$60.00 instead of \$80.00. If you are renewing please go to the website and download a form. It has been set up so that you can fill out all your information on the site and then print it.

Sunshine: Jan reports that Bob Deane is doing well from his surgery, however, his mother died. The club sent a card.

Cmdr. Larry mentioned the fact that Charles Maxie passed away last month. He was a young man well known to many members as he worked on many of our boats. He will be sorely missed.

The turkey fry at the Anchorage last month went very well. The group discussed many things as possible events for the coming year. We have tentatively scheduled a Valentine's Day ball for February; a breakfast and/or meet and greet for March; a small boat trip for April; Bill and Linda Clemons are checking on a cruise to Lucaya in May; a trip to Ft. Myers for a mystery train excursion...it is all inclusive with dinner and hotel stay....date to be announced. Mark and Janelle Wise have volunteered to sponsor an event at Coconut's. Nothing is planned for August or September yet. The discussion also included having some dock parties. E-mails will be sent to let everyone know

If you are planning to watch the Christmas boat parade in Key Largo the Big Chill seems to be the place to be.

50/50 of \$33.00 won by Ted Ficken. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Claire Strandhagen, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT HOMESTEAD BAYFRONT YACHT CLUB

BEGINNING BALANCE NOVEMBER 1, 2010: 4690.79

INCOME:

50/50	20.00
Turkey Fry	20.00
Total	40.00

EXPENSES:

Turkey Fry	99.69
Room Fee	100.00
Total	199.69

ENDING BALANCE NOVEMBER 30, 2010: 4531.10

SUBMITTED BY Dee Riley, TREASURER

NOTE: The Turkey Fry was attended by 21 members and 4 guests.
The cost to the club was \$79.69.

McDermot's First Cruise in Louisiana

Cruise Madisonville LA, from Slidell week ending October 22, 2010

The day began with a gorgeous blue sky, winds out of the SE at around 10 - 12 knots and a bare 1 ft. stirring the lake. We left the dock shortly after midday to enjoy a three day week-end in Madisonville - around 22 nautical miles (not as the crow flies) from our dock at Oak Harbour in Slidell. The town was having it's annual Wooden Boat Festival and we wanted to check it out. On Lake Ponchartrain we passed a few sets of concrete pilings that must have had some kind of structure on them - not sure if Katrina did away with those and they were never rebuilt. We went under the I-11 Bridge and felt bad for the sail boats who had to wait because that bridge only opens on week-days with a three hour advance request. The next bridge we had to go under was the railway bridge which opened on demand - a swing bridge and it was interesting to see how it operated. Had a train been on the bridge, we would have had to wait. A series of three or four red markers showed the way into the Tchefuncte River with the Tchefuncte River Lighthouse on shore marking the way in. Before leaving our dock in Slidell, one of the boaters on our dock advised that although the lake had



depth, we should not cut the markers because there had been a breakwater there which fell during Katrina, and was submerged just below the surface, so we followed local advice. There was an old steel barge of about 200 feet half sunken by the river's edge as we slowly made our way through the channel. Tall reeds and grass bordered the shoreline, along with one or two sunken boats, fish shacks and the like. There was no tide surge in the river but we took it slow because of the boat traffic. The river itself was surprisingly wide and our depth was showing 20 plus feet. About 6 minutes up the river, a basin opened up wide enough to accommodate the Marina Del Rey - quite large



with slips for boats ranging from a bit over 70 ft and below. The cruise took no more than 2 hours as we took it slow across the lake. We tied up in our slip, dropped the dinghy, everyone put on their life vests (a requirement for everyone here, courtesy of the local sheriff's office), and took off to investigate the town and river by water. Zoe put up a fight with the life jacket but once the adults put on theirs, she stopped complaining in Zoe talk. On the West side we saw huge two and three story mansions with private docks. We went under HW 22 swing bridge (restricted openings) - North of the bridge boats were tied up to the municipal docks. On the East side of the river were raft-ups, each with possibly 8 - 12 boats - anchors dropped both for and aft, while further up the river some boats had lines tied from aft to the Cypress trunks on shore and anchors at the



bow. Seeing the boats was a reminder of Columbus Day but there were no naughty signs, and no nudity anywhere to be seen. The homes on both sides had private docks with boats tied up, and the raft ups were about 15 - 25 ft. off those private docks. It was interesting to see so many boats anchored in the river, both sail and power, large and small. We wanted to see how our new dinghy would perform with four and a half people on board so when we got out of the crowded waterway, we took off. The river wound it's way like a snake moving



over the ground. Houses were interspersed between the tall Cypresses, Oak trees and river reeds. Docks with benches were built on the water's edge under their overhang. The peace and quiet of the place was only interrupted by the noise of our little 15 horse engine. Our dinghy not only fit the back of our boat, but it performed well, taking us on a plane and we are greatly pleased. On our way back, we stopped at the municipal dock and walked through Main street, filled with tents, artisans, food and drink. There was a special area for kids, and Zoe had a wonderful time. We enjoyed the food - fried cat fish with sweet potato fries, jambalaya, and shrimp poboy - checked out all the old

wooden boats - some built back in the early 1800's and still moving on the waters of the US. Most of the boats had huge posters with the history of the boats written on them. There was a boat building contest going on - to end with the boats racing on the river on Sunday. The people were friendly and we had a conversation or two with the locals. On our way back we cut 4 miles off the trip going closer to the North Shore and were surprised to see an island in the lake with white sand beaches. This may be a spoil island that acts as a breakwater - we are not sure but will do some investigating later on. Our first cruise in Louisiana was a new adventure and we are already looking forward to the next one.

Of course, we are having a hard time getting used to gray water, we have not ventured to swim in it yet and George is having withdrawals from Billy's rum runners. We miss you all and will keep in touch.

"Soon Come" over for now. George and Annie

Meeting Reminder

Because of the Change of Watch event, there will not be the normal 1st Monday of the month Club meeting in January.

You are invited

Homestead Yacht Club
Annual Change of Watch

Commodore's Ball

Saturday January 15, 2011

Redland Golf and Country Club

24451 SW 177 Ave

Homestead, FL 33031

Cocktails 7PM Dinner 8PM

Lobster Bisque

Salad

Prime Rib or Chicken Wellington

Baked Potato Broccoli with Béarnaise

Peach Cobbler

Open bar 7 – 8 pm & 9 pm – 10 pm

Cash Bar after 10 pm

Music from 7pm to 11pm by

Social Expressions

Members \$30.00 per person (all inclusive)

Guests \$40.00 per person (all inclusive)

Reservations due by January 8, 2010

Advanced purchase only

Send check payable to HYC

Sharon Roesch

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Please select prime rib or chicken