

December 2001



The Nauti News

Homestead Yacht Club

Our 15th Year of Boating Fun

Commodore's Letter

Our Thanksgiving weekend at Bahia Mar was outstanding. The Sammarco's picked us up in their boat Friday evening to take us to the Coral Ridge Yacht Club for Happy Hour, Dinner, and Dancing. What a beautiful club - Charlie and Carol are trying their best to add a touch of class to our lives - first Turnberry Isle and now this. We ended the evening with a moonlight cruise home.

Saturday we went by dinghy over to the Bell's house, where we indulged ourselves with Margaritas and Frajitas. What a perfect place to live, right on the water, it's like a vacation every day. After much libation, we jumped back into the dinghy caravan for a leisurely look at how the rich and famous live. It was a big day for me - I even stayed awake until 7:30 p.m. A big thanks goes to the Sammarcos, Bells, and Mayers for a great outing.

The "elves" have new costumes this year - no more dunce caps and lights wrapped around them - just pure adorable. Don't miss the Christmas boat parade fun.

Finally, don't forget to mark your calendars for Change of Watch on January 19th. It looks like another great party is planned.

Ted

Planning for 2002

What would YOU like to do in 2002? The members of the Homestead Yacht Club bridge will be holding a planning meeting in the near future to schedule the monthly events for YOUR yacht club for the upcoming year. We would like to give all members the opportunity to provide their input.

In the past, we have had some events that repeat from year to year - Change of Watch, Memorial & Labor Day Weekends, Oktoberfest, Thanksgiving Turkeys, Christmas Boat Parade in Key Largo, etc. We have also had fun times rafting up, having a poker run (many years back), or visiting marinas such as Bayside, Sunset Harbor, or even going to the Bahamas.

What would YOU like to do in 2002? Any or all of the aforementioned events? Having a Flea Market at the Pavilion in Homestead? A week long trip to Key West? or Stuart? Something else? Whatever you suggest, would you be willing to become involved and help organize the events as well?

Please let us know what would YOU like to do in 2002. No idea is to off the wall and the only bad idea is the one that's not submitted. We will review all suggestions and hopefully incorporate as many as possible in the 2002 HYC schedule.

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Next Club Meeting

Also, we are looking for people willing to help out by volunteering for some of the essential Club tasks. We have been able to fill most of the positions, but we still need someone to take over as the Sunshine Chairperson and someone to run the Ship's Store during 2002.

The next Club meeting will be on Monday, December 3rd at the Redland Country Club. Menu is Cornish Game Hens or Smothered Pork Chops. Please confirm your reservations with Barb Kelly.

Please let me know your ideas for 2002 Club events and if you are willing to volunteer to help out. Email to Carols_Crew@mindspring.com or call me at 305-254-7663. Thanks.

Bob Timmons, 2002 Commodore

Sunshine News

Two of our members are recovering from recent foot injuries: Linda Clemons had surgery for a compound fracture of her toe; Dynese Lawrence fractured her foot and is navigating on crutches. We wish both of them a very speedy recovery.

Editor's Note

This edition of the newsletter marks, what I consider, our first step into the 21st century with distribution via email to the majority of the members. Of those with email addresses, only two requested continued mailing of the printed version. This move will save the club considerable money and greatly reduce the time it takes me to put it together and mail it.

Membership Renewal

It is that time again. Attached to this newsletter is a form for use in renewing you membership. Please send the completed form along with your check for \$60 to the address on the form.

Speaking of the 21st Century, we are also experimenting with creation of a Club web site which would include info on club events, membership info, an archive of minutes and newsletters, etc. Some time ago we advised the membership of the web site maintained by the Black Point Club and asked that you take a look at it. Most members thought that something similar for our Club would be a good idea. More info on this including the URL for the test web site and the anticipated costs of such an effort will be provided in the near future.

Minutes of Nov Meeting

Minutes of Homestead Bayfront Yacht Club for November 5, 2001

Meeting called to order by Cmdr. Ted Newlan at 7:33 p.m.

Motion made and passed to do without reading of the minutes from previous meeting as everyone had read them in the newsletter.

Because of the Thanksgiving Holiday and the fact that I must get this out prior to leaving on vacation on the 29th, this will be a somewhat condensed newsletter. I will try to make up for that next month.

Bill Zinn, sunbil@aol.com

Treasurer's report read by Denyse Lawrence for the month of November shows a beginning balance of \$3430.41; income from ship's store, membership, October fest and 50/50 of \$1681.00; expenses from Oktoberfest, newsletter and change of watch (deposit on band) of \$1609.71 and an ending balance of \$3501.70.

Cmdr. Ted advised the club members that Holiday

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Isle had refunded \$178.17 of our money because we were unhappy with some of the events.

Dick and Diane Kline: nothing to report on the December event.

Newsletter: Bill Zinn reported that most members were agreeable to getting the newsletter electronically through their e-mail. He estimates that this will save the club a considerable portion of the approximately \$800.00 a year that the newsletter presently costs. If you do not have an e-mail address, you can request the printed form; if you do not wish your e-mail address to be public, he can send it to you with a blind cc (which means that no one will see your address on the email). The motion was made and passed with only one dissenting vote (from me by the way as the computer frustrates me). If you need to request one of the three options, please contact Bill Zinn or Cmdr. Ted.

Park Liaison: Buz Strandhagen reported that the marina staff was out checking the docks and boats with our latest "storm" warning. They called boat owners and made sure that boats were properly tied up.

Ship's store: no report.

Bill Clemons: report from membership committee....reminds us that it is time to renew. We should do this as soon as possible in order to get our new rosters done. The dues are \$60.00 per year. Bill had blank forms on every table. He also advised that you can fill in NO CHANGE in your information and include that with your check.

Sunshine Committee: Lynn reports that everyone is A-okay.

Barb Kelly: We had twelve people who made reservations for this month's meeting and did not show up. They will be charged for dinner. Another reminder, please.....if you cannot make the meeting and you have made a reservation, Barb will take your cancellation as late as Monday morning. Thank you for that consideration.....

Next event is Thanksgiving at Bahia Mar. It looks like there are only three boats going and ten people. Cmdr. Ted was unable to get anyone else to commit as most people have previous plans.

Dec. 15th, Boat Parade in Key Largo. We are

guessing that this is the date as this being a Keys event, no one hurries to make plans. The shrimp boil hosted by the McDermots and Klines on the KLINE DOCK will be held in the daytime and finish before dark so that everyone involved in our entry boat (elves, Santa and miscellaneous other personnel) will have time to get on the boat and get into position for the parade. The price for this event will be \$10.00 per person for members and \$15.00 for guests.

Old business: Cmdr. Ted thanked Barbara Kelly for the marvelous time we had at the October fest. The food was delicious and everyone had a good time. Barb thanked Cmdr. Ted, George and Annabelle McDermot and Bill and Linda Clemons for their help with everything.

50/50 of \$60.00 was won AGAIN by Dan Hitchcock. He was most embarrassed but I can verify that he did not fix the draw.....

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Next Club Event

The next Club event will be the Christmas Boat Parade in Key Largo on Saturday, Dec 22nd. The Date was changed to avoid a conflict with other boat parades in South Florida. The Club will raft up in front of Sundowners. During the afternoon prior to the parade, everyone will go by dingy to the Klines for a Shrimp Boil. Attendees are welcome to ride in the parade on the Club's entry, the Linda-C-Too, or watch it from the raft up. Contact Bill Clemons or Dick Kline for additional info, reservations, etc.

For Sale

Two Penn Intl 80's with
matching new Rods
\$500 each
Call Jack Judge at 305-230-0102

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ANNUAL CHANGE OF WATCH

Dinner Dance

January 19, 2002

Redland Golf and Country Club
24451 SW 177 Avenue Homestead, FL

Menu

Lobster Bisque
Herb Roasted Prime Rib of Beef
Or
Chicken Wellington
Caesar Salad
Twice Baked Potato
Fresh Green Beans
Mini French Baguettes and Butter
Assorted Cheesecakes

Cocktails (Open Bar) 7 PM

Dinner 8 PM

Open Bar 9 PM to 10 PM Cash Bar 10 PM to Midnight

Dancing to the BACKBEATS

(Same as last year)

\$40.00 per member \$50.00 per guest

Make Checks Payable to Homestead Yacht Club

Send to Larry Roesch

17330 SW 246 St. Homestead, FL 33031

All reservations must be prepaid by Jan 10, 2001

Indicate Beef or Chicken

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**Homestead Bayfront Park
Yacht Club
2002
Membership Renewal Form**

Captain's Name

Mate's Name

Street Address

City, State, Zip

(Completion of the following is necessary only if it has changed since last year)

Home Phone

Other Phone (name/location)

Other Phone (name/location)

E-Mail Address

Name of Vessel

Power_____ Sail_____

Size: Length_____ Beam_____ Draft_____

Location: _____ Dock & Slip_____
Marina name/Home/Trailer

**Mail this form along with your \$60.00 check made payable
to Homestead Yacht Club to:**

Bill Clemons, Membership Chairperson
662 SE 22nd Drive
Homestead, Fl 33033-5204