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The Nauti News



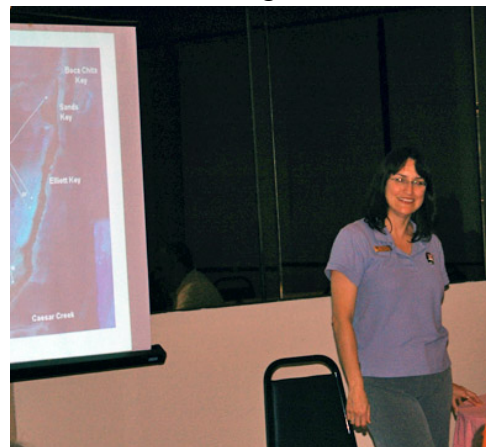
Homestead Yacht Club

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Our 26th Year of Boating Fun

Mooring Buoy and Marker Plan Revisited

The latest revisions to Biscayne National Park's Mooring Buoy and Marker Plan were explained to HYC members at our February meeting. The Park's Chief of Resource Management, Elsa Alvear, and Chief Park Ranger, Didier Carod, explained the status of the Plan and answered Club member's questions. Ms Alvear explained that the Plan has been revised/updated because of the overwhelming negative public response to the original version of the plan. She explained that the intent of the plan is not to ban anchoring in the Park or to ban the Columbus Day Regatta. Many of the Plan's proposals seemed well received by Club members, such as increased markers around the Feather Beds, informational markers in the channels entering the Park so that boaters know they are entering the National Park, and a ban on using anchors on ship wreck sites and the reef. As with the original version of the Plan, the item which prompted the most concerns and questions was their plan to limit the number of boats allowed to anchor in the vicinity of the sand bar at Sands Cut. Ranger Carod stated that there are usually more than 100 boats at the sand bar on weekends, that most of the calls for assistance originate from the sand bar area and that the Park simply does not have sufficient ranger staffing to adequately police that area. The revised plan calls for the installation of 70 mooring pins around the sand bar. Anchoring and beaching will not be permitted and thus the number of boats permitted in the area will be limited to 70. When asked where he thought the boaters would go if all 70 mooring pins are in use, and his response was, "somewhere else". Since most HYC members anchor in the University Dock area rather than at the sand bar, the concern is that if the weekend boaters can not anchor at the sand bar, they will move south to the small beaches located north and south of University Dock. Ms Alvear explained that there will be another round of public meetings to obtain comments on the revised plan and that they hope to finalize the plan by the end of 2011.



Meeting Reminder

Our next monthly meeting will be on March 7th at Redland Country Club

Editor's Notes

Yes, I know, it is March and I am just sending out the February Newsletter. Sorry about that. Guess I just lost track of the date. Better yet, let's blame whoever reduced February to 28 days instead of the normal 30/31.

In addition to missing my end of the month publication deadline, I also failed to fully update my mailing list, so several of you have received the Newsletter even though you have not yet renewed your membership. Sorry about that, but just look at it as a reminder and another chance to rejoin.

Thanks to our Treasurer Dee Riley, this issue of the Newsletter contains some recaps of the Clubs financial status during 2010, including how much was spent on events and how many people attended the various events.

Bill Zinn, Editor, sunbil@bellsouth.net

Minutes of February Meeting

Meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. on February 7, 2011 with presentation by Elsa Alvear from the National Park Service. Also present from the Park Service were Chief Park Ranger Didier Carod and Jackie Ayala, an environmental policy intern. The presentation included pictures, maps and explanations of the proposed plan to protect the park and coral reefs. They also passed out pamphlets to interested members. Elsa Alvear quickly assured the audience that the Park Service had no plans to end anchoring in the bay. Dwayne Powell questioned whether or not the national park service had anything to do with our problems with the channel leading from the marina and Ms. Alvear assured him that the solution to that problem lies strictly with Dade County. The presentation ended with questions for and answers from Ms. Alvear and Didier Carod with regards to more law enforcement in the bay. We were informed that the department charged with that was seriously undermanned.

Treasurer's Report: presented by Sharon Roesch as Dee Riley was unable to attend. Opening balance \$4,531.10 on Dec 1, 2010 and closing balance \$5377.85 on Jan 31, 2011. Full reports appear elsewhere in the newsletter.

Sunshine Committee: Joy Scherer has agreed to take over this committee as Linda Clemons has moved to Ft. Myers.

Membership: Dwayne Powell reports that we currently have 23 members, however, he is still recruiting by calling previous members.

We are planning a dock party for Feb. 26th. Plan to bring appetizers, more info to follow. Charlene Powell is still working on the April event for the mystery train and will have more options next month.

Liz Phillips brought two long time friends as guests to tonight's meeting. They chose the winning ticket for 50/50 which resulted in Claire Strandhagen winning \$35.00.

Cmdr. Dave thanked everyone for the great time we had at Change of Watch.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m

Respectfully submitted, Claire Strandhagen, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORTS, DEC 2010 & JAN 2011

HOMESTEAD Bay front YACHT CLUB

BEGINNING BALANCE DECEMBER 1, 2010: 4531.10

INCOME:

50/50 33.00

Total: 33.00

EXPENSES:

COW DJ 351.00

Room Fee 100.00

Total: 451.00

ENDING BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2010: 4113.10

There was no December event.

BEGINNING BALANCE JANUARY 1, 2011: 4113.10

INCOME:

DUES 1680.00

Event COW 1520.00

Total 3200.00

EXPENSES:

Event COW 1824.00

FL Report 61.25

DJ Gratuity 50.00

Total 1935.25

ENDING BALANCE JANUARY 31, 2011: 5377.85

SUBMITTED BY Dee Riley, TREASURER

NOTE: The Change of Watch cost HYC \$705.00, and was attended by 7 guests and 41 members.

HYC Annual Treasurer's Report 2010 February 2010 through January 2011

Income:

	<u>Events</u>	<u>50/50</u>	<u>Dues</u>	<u>Ship Store</u>	<u>Misc</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Feb		39.00	240.00	89.00		368.00
Mar	175.00	38.00	80.00		10.00	303.00
Apr	480.00	33.00	80.00			593.00
May	40.00	36.00				76.00
Jun		25.00	79.00			104.00
July no meeting or event in July						0.00
Aug		40.00				40.00
Sept		35.00	110.00			145.00
Oct		29.00				29.00
Nov	20.00	20.00				40.00
Dec		33.00				33.00
Jan	1,520.00		1,680.00			3,200.00
Total	2,235.00	328.00	2,269.00	89.00	10.00	4,931.00

Expenses:

	<u>Events</u>	<u>Sunshine</u>	<u>Roster</u>	<u>Misc</u>	<u>Room Fee</u>	<u>Web Site</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Feb	147.82				100.00		247.82
Mar	226.97		77.21		100.00		404.18
Apr	873.61	27.42			100.00		1,001.03
May	334.50			99.00	100.00		533.50
Jun					100.00		100.00
July no meeting or event in July							0.00
Aug					100.00		100.00
Sept					100.00		100.00
Oct	150.00				100.00		250.00
Nov	99.69				100.00		199.69
Dec				351.00	100.00		451.00
Jan	1,824.00			111.25			1,935.25
Total	3,656.59	27.42	77.21	561.25	1,000.00	0.00	5,322.47

"Submitted by Dee Riley, Treasurer"

HYC EVENT COSTS 2010

Month	Event	Collected	Paid Out	Cost To HYC	Attendance
JAN	COW	1,440.00	2,447.00	1,007.00	49
FEB	Meet and Greet	0.00	147.82	147.82	57
MAR	Brunch	175.00	226.97	51.97	35
APR	Pontoon Cruise	480.00	873.61	393.61	24
MAY	Italian Dinner	40.00	334.50	294.50	25
JUNE	Anchorage			0.00	13
JULY	No Event			0.00	
AUG	No Event			0.00	
SEPT	No Event			0.00	
OCT	Halloween Party		150.00	150.00	18
NOV	Turkey Fry	20.00	99.69	79.69	25
DEC	No Event			0.00	
TOTALS		2,155.00	4,279.59	2,124.59	246

February Dock Party





As usual, Peter did an outstanding job on the grill. A special thanks to Liz and Billy for providing Club members with fresh vegetables.