

February 2009



# The Nauti News

**Homestead Yacht Club**

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Our 23rd Year of Boating Fun

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## Commodore's Comments

As I write this I find that almost two months have gone by already. We have a lot of great events planned for this season. Please check the Website for the schedule. I hope you all have gotten the notice that the February 28 steak fry outing hosted by Derek and Anna Boos has been postponed till March 28. Please mark your calendars, as that will be a fun event. For those of you who missed last month's meeting, Peter Dean was thanked for doing an outstanding job on our Meet and Greet Event.

Last weekend the Marina held their Social Event. The food was great and there was a good turn out of marina patrons. Kathy Haley (Dade County Marina Manager) was there. I spoke to her regarding our concerns about the rock ledge, which because of the moving of markers on the south side of the channel, is a hazard to navigation. She said that she had been informed of the matter only two weeks ago. I found that strange since it has been reported numerous times in the past two years. I also told her that many of you wanted to send a letter to the Park Director and Dade County Commissioners. She asked that we not do that till she had time to investigate the matter.

Last week I had the opportunity to attend a meeting of the Fish Tales Boat Club in Venice, Florida.. Their meeting was very similar to ours. They asked me to speak to them about what we do over here on this side of the world. I did notice that even though they had a few less members than we; they seemed to have great participation at their monthly events. They have 29 members now. They are looking for more members, just as we are. They say on average about 45 % of the members participate in each event.

Please don't forget about our next boating event "**Raft Up at Card Point**" on March 7. So far 4 boats have notified me that they are going. Please let me know if you are coming. This will be a fun event, with a bonfire on the beach at dusk. Hope to see you all out on the water soon.



**Larry Roesch**  
**Commodore**

**If you don't participate we all lose**

## **Editor's Notes**

Hopefully, after I figured out how to send it correctly, everyone received and was able to read the January Newsletter. Since we started sending the Newsletter electronically, several years ago, we have tried several different methods of doing that. For a while we simply sent it as a doc or pdf attachment which had to be downloaded to be read. Of course most members didn't like the idea of having to download it. We finally figured out how to send it so that all you have to do is open the e-mail to read the Newsletter. Of course during this time we also started to post the Newsletters on our web site. Between the e-mail and the web site everyone should be able to read and if desired, print the Newsletter. However, if you are having problems doing so, please drop me a note and hopefully we can figure out a solution.

One of the biggest problems with putting out the Newsletter and the monthly meeting notice, is developing a mailing list that included all members and contained only valid e-mail addresses. In the course of building the mailing list we noticed that many members have two and sometimes three different addresses on the list. In many cases this looks like a home address and a work address. This isn't costing the club anything, but I wanted to mention it just in case we are using an address that you would rather not have used to receive the Newsletter. If so, just let me know and we will remove the address from our list. Also, if you change your address or deactivate an address, please let us know as soon as you can so that we can correct the mailing list.

Bill Zinn, Editor, sunbil@AOL.com

## **Minutes of Homestead Yacht Club meeting on February 2, 2009**

Meeting opened at 7:30 p.m. by Cmdr. Larry. First order of business we heard from our dockmaster, Mike. He reports that problems at the fuel dock with the diesel pump were the result of a burst pipe. The repair work is underway and should be complete by this weekend. He further reports that the December inspection of the pilings in the marina has come back to indicate that all is well and none will have to be replaced. GUEST PARKING passes will be available on March 1st. The park will advise as to method of distribution. Boat show tickets are in the mail. Dade County is attempting to fill empty slips and will soon begin advertising. Guards beeper was damaged. If you need to contact the guard before it is replaced use channel 71 on the VHF. If the number for the beeper is changed when it is replaced, we will be notified via e-mail. Invitations for the marina social will be going out in a few days. Discussion later in the evening among members present stated that marina social is Feb. 21st and the car show Feb. 22nd. (WE THINK...SO CHECK YOUR MAIL). Mike was asked if anyone had checked to see if the problems in the channel at or around marker 9 were being addressed. He said he would check and several members advised they had hit bottom at that spot. WE'LL HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE and not attempt to leave the marina at low tide.

Larry thanked Peter and Teresa Dean for doing such a good job on the MEET AND GREET. We also thanked Mike and Josiel for providing, erecting and dismantling the tent AND providing all the ice.

Larry advises that the Feb. 28th event chaired by Derek and Ana Boos has been moved to March 28th when the pavillion is available. Derek needs the cooking facilities there in order to provide us with a gourmet feast.

Sharon Roesch, Bob Deane, and Bob Klipp were thanked for cooking at the Meet and Greet Event., and Peter Dean for being thrifty enough to return unopened meat to Winn Dixie and save the club money.

Motion made and seconded to approve minutes of the Dec. meeting as it appeared in the newsletter.

Treasurer's report given by Dee Riley (our new treasurer). See copy in newsletter.

Park Liason Buz Strandhagen had nothing new to report other than there was a new girl in the office. HmMMMMMMMM.

Ray Vega reports that Matheson sells fuel for \$2.35 Tues. thru Thurs. and \$2.45 on the weekend. He also said Jim is now working at Matheson. Larry advises that Peterson fuel will come to Bayside to fuel your boat and it is very reasonable. If you're interested check with Larry for more information..

Dwayne Powell reports that our membership stands at 36 and that our newest members are Richard and Natalie Arambarri and Fernando Tanin. They were not at the meeting but...welcome.

Larry asked that we please remember to respond to the e-mails reference the meeting. If you are not going to attend a simple NO would be greatly appreciated.

Our next event is a joint venture with Black Point Yacht Club at Card Point. It is March 7th with a make up date of March 14th in case the weather is bad. Ken Johnson spoke to us about it. He advises they are planning to cook conch chowder, chicken gumbo and provide a bonfire for sitting around or cooking. You will bring either a dessert or appetizer. It will be free for members since each club is putting in \$150.00 and guests will be \$10.00. The event is set to begin around 12:00 or 1:00 p.m. BUT if you show up earlier to help clean up the beach, free lunch will be provided. You will be notified by e-mail by Thursday if weather forces up to change the date from March 7th to the 14th.

Sunshine Committee: Condolence card was sent to the family of former member John Collier who recently passed away. Other than that Jan Mayer had no new news.

Becky Dowdell passed out cards offering discounts from boat yards. Larry advised that the barn at Black Point Marina would pull your boat out with a forklift and sand, clean and wax for a very reasonable fee. This works for boats about 33' to 35'. If interested see a "fella named Steve".

Larry is still looking for volunteers to schlep the ship's store to functions away from the monthly meetings. There are lots of bargains so remember to buy, buy, buy.

He also offered thanks to Bill Zinn for the newsletter AND noted the fact that even I, *ms computer illiterate*, was able to open and read it.

50/50 of \$45.00 was won by our vice cmdr. Ray Vega. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Claire Strandhagen, Secretary

**Reminder: The next Club meeting will be on Monday, March 2nd**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**HOMESTEAD Bay Front YACHT CLUB**

MONTH ENDING January 2009

BEGINNING BALANCE 6843.14

INCOME :

50/50	43.00	
DUES	410.00	
Event COW	1760.00	
Event Meet N Greet	35.00	
Store	0.00	
Total		2248.00

EXPENSES :

Meeting room fee	0.00	
Event COW	2879.75	
Event Meet N Greet	194.92	
Total		3074.67

"ENDING BALANCE January 31, 2009 " 6016.47

SUBMITTED BY: Sharon Roesch, Treasurer

**Note:** The Change of Watch event cost HYC \$1119.75 with 55 members and 3 guests present

The Meet and Greet event cost HYC \$159.92 with 50 members and 7 guests present

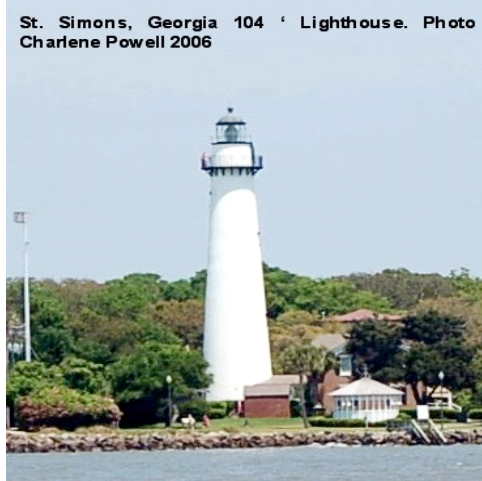
**Not Just on Land**

It seems like at least once or twice a week we see on TV or read in the paper about a high speed police chase or someone trying to run over an officer while attempting to escape. Well apparently such events are not limited to just on land. According to the KeyNoter News, on January 31 two FWC officers tried to stop a boater in a 15' Boston Whaler near the Seven Mile bridge, but the individual fled after trying to ram the FWC boat. The officers said that as the individual fled he was laughing and making hand "gestures". The officers chased the boat into Whiskey Creek where the operator lost control of the boat and crashed into the mangroves. The individual then fled on foot and despite a search, the officers could not find him. However, one of the officers had previously stopped the individual and recognized him. He was subsequently arrested at his home and charged with fleeing from marine officers, a felony, and misdemeanor reckless operation of a boat. The Boston Whaler, which was registered to the arrested individual, was seized for possible forfeiture.

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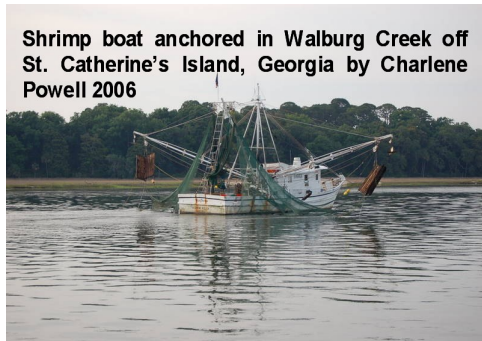
## Article 2- Dwayne Powell

The focus of this month's article is Fernandina Beach, Florida and Georgia's Golden Isles. The Fernandina Beach is rich in history and the Fernandina Harbor Marina is downtown, allowing you to take a walking tour of



St. Simons, Georgia 104' Lighthouse. Photo Charlene Powell 2006

the city. Fernandina Beach, Fort Clinch and Amelia Island are all a short car ride from the marina. Should you wish to take a dingy or ferry ride the quaint little village of St. Marys, Georgia and the Cumberland Island National Sea Shore are only about 5-6 miles away. This entire area will impress you with its expanse of gorgeous salt marshes and numerous streams. The famous Georgia 19<sup>th</sup> century poet Sidney Lanier in his poem "The Marshes of Gynn" about the area writes the following: *By a world of marsh that borders a world of sea. Sinuous southward and sinuous northward the shimmering band of the sand beach fastens the fringe of the marsh to the folds of the land.*



Shrimp boat anchored in Walburg Creek off St. Catherine's Island, Georgia by Charlene Powell 2006

As you cruise north, Cumberland Island is the first of Georgia's Golden Isles and its one of the prettiest and most historical. Because of its National Seashore designation animals such as deer, raccoon, and horses can easily be seen grazing on shore. I recommend you take a tour of the island and plan a dinner at the Greyfield Inn. Whether you decide to take the inside or outside to St. Simons watch out for the Kingsbay Naval Base Trident Class Submarines which can put out a pretty good wake and on the ocean side the many Shrimp boats that work the area. St. Simons and Jekyll Island are worth a look-see and I consider the Golden Isles Marina at St. Simons to be one of the best on the ICW. You should plan to anchor for a night in Walburg Creek at St. Catherine's Island. You will be glad you did!! Beware of the 6-8' tides and strong currents of Georgia's Isles.

## Member's Ads

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## **Meet and Greet Event**



## **Plan to attend a future Club Event**

**March 7 Joint event with the Black Point Club at Card Point**

**March 28 Steak Fry at the Homestead Marina**