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Letter from the Commodore

Welcome Back, hopefully everyone had a good July/summer, traveling, vacationing, playing tour guide for visiting friends and relatives, etc. We are now back to our normal first Monday of the month meeting. However, the first Monday of September is Labor Day, so we will be meeting on the second Monday, the 9th.

One sure sign that summer is ending will be all the flashing yellow lights and signs telling you to slow down for a school zone. Have you noticed how there seems to be a school zone every five blocks or so and how there often is no school within sight of the school zone?

Our first attempt at a raft up was cancelled due to weather concerns. A second attempt at a raft up is now planned for August 17th. As it stands now, we have no firm plans for events during the remainder of the year. That includes Halloween, Oktoberfest, Thanksgiving, etc. As mentioned before, if you would like to sponsor an event but are not sure you can do it on your own, let me know and we will look for another member to give you a hand.

Just a reminder, as of August 1st anyone operating a motorboat within Everglades National Park must have a Park Boater Permit in their possession. Remember, this does not apply to Biscayne National Park. Speaking of Biscayne, they have announced that the Spite Highway on Elliot Key is again open to the public. If you do not know what the Spite Highway is, see the item later in this Newsletter,

Commodore Bill



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Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order on August 5, 2019 at 7:15pm by Commodore Bill.

Minutes: The June minutes and the treasurer's report will be amended as follows: In the minutes, treasurer balance is \$2877.87 vice \$2877.887 and the Treasurer's Report will show an income of \$276.00 vice \$76.00. With these amendments the minutes were approved by Claudia and seconded by Chip.

Membership: Dave – No new "prospects" as of now. With September Labor Day and October Columbus Day weekends coming up he will try to have a membership drive at the boat ramp for at least one of the holidays.

Treasurer's Report: Linda reported a beginning balance of \$2877.87 and an ending balance of \$2900.87. A full report appears later in this newsletter.

Park Liaison: Buz was not present so Dave explained that the last Security Meeting at the Marina was cancelled at the last minute because the head of the security company could not make the meeting. The meeting will be rescheduled in about 90 days. In the past 90 days there has been no reported break ins/thefts/damage to boats.

An owner of a boat in Dry Storage was watching his security camera and saw some individuals breaking into the area. He called the park and security chased them. They got away thru the mangroves. Miami Dade police took 25 minutes to show up. Park security is contracted out and they do not have use of the same frequencies as the police, therefore contact/response is slow.

Newsletter: Annie - All's well!

Sunshine: Teresa was not present. Commodore Bill reported that Sharon Roesch's brother, Mike, passed away this morning. Heartfelt condolences were expressed to her family by all the members.

Roster: Sandy – The roster is "rostering". All is good.



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Webmaster: Larry was not present but would like everyone to take a look at the web site and let him know what they think – good, bad, or indifferent.

Events:

AUGUST 17 – Raft Up, sponsored by the Adam's, the Casanave's, the Dean's and the Kokenge's. Location: Southwest of UNIVERSITY DOCKS, Monitor Channel 67. Please let Annie know by Wednesday the 14th how many are planning on coming, what you will be bringing, etc. so they can plan the food.

If anyone needs a "ride" Peter and Teresa can take people from the Marina – contact Peter along with Pat & Annie.

SEPTEMBER: Dinner at Devon's has been cancelled, as the restaurant was not willing to work with Dee.

If anyone would like to do/sponsor something, please let Commodore Bill or Vice Dave know!

OCTOBER: Nothing is scheduled as yet but Oktoberfest at the German American Club is a possibility for October 19th. More on this later.

NOVEMBER: We are thinking about a Turkey Fry at the Anchorage – date to be determined.

It was suggested to have a Dolphins Watch Party – anyone interested?

As of August 1st the operator of a boat in the Everglades National Park MUST have a boating permit certificate (after taking the test and passing by 80% or higher you can download and print the paper). The test takes 30 – 45 minutes and is free. If boating within the park boundaries you must have this piece of paper with you and show it if stopped and asked. THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO BISCAYNE NATIONAL PARK. (Hint: Instead of carrying around an 8x11 piece of paper I printed it as a business card size and laminated it.)

The "SPITE HIGHWAY" is now open on Elliott Key. It is a 7 mile walk – the length of the key. This is the only hiking trail in Biscayne National Park.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:45pm by Chip and seconded by Linda.

50/50 of \$17.00 was won by Anna Giuliani



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NOTE #1: SEPTEMBER MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 9th. (2nd Monday of the month).

NOTE #2: Our vice, Dave, has RETIRED! He says he's a "house Husband" – Anna says a "A Kept Man"!

Respectfully submitted by Claire Strandhagen, secretary



Treasurer Report

Beginning Balance May 31, 2019

\$ 2,877.87

INCOME:

June 50/50 \$23.00

TOTAL INCOME \$ 23.00

EXPENSES:

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$ 0.00

Ending Balance July 31, 2019

\$ 2,900.87

SUBMITTED BY: Linda Wood, Treasurer

There was no June meeting, so this report represents 2 months.



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2019 Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Location</u>
January 19	Change of Watch	Members	Capri Rest
February 4	Dinner Meeting		Capri Rest
February 17	Membership Drive	Dave G	Homestead Bayfront Park
March 4	Dinner Meeting		Capri Rest
March 16	Tour Fruit & Spice	Linda W	Fruit & Spice
April 1	Dinner Meeting		Capri Rest
April 13	Baynanza Cleanup	Annie K	Biscayne Natl Park
May 6	Dinner Meeting		Capri Rest
May 17	Marina Social	Dave G	Homestead Marina
June 3	Dinner Meeting		Capri Rest
June 15	Raft-up 11:00 am	Adams, Casanave, Kokenge, Dean	Billy's Point
August 5	Dinner Meeting		Capri Rest
August 17	Raft-up 11:00 am	Adams, Casanave, Kokenge, Dean	by Univ docks
Sept 9	Dinner Meeting		Capri Rest
October 7	Dinner Meeting		Capri Rest
November 4	Dinner Meeting		Capri Rest
December 2	Dinner Meeting		Capri Rest

This is the preliminary calendar. As new events are added it will be amended.

Club meetings are held each month on the first Monday of the month at the Capri Restaurant, 935 N Krome Avenue, Homestead, FL. There is a social time and dinner (6:00 pm) prior to the meeting which begins promptly at 7:00 pm. Members are notified of the meeting location and any changes via email and/or phone.



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Florida History

Spite Hiway

In the late 1960s, 13 of the 18 registered voters in the Elliott Key area voted to incorporate and they formed the city of Islandia. The city included 33 islands north of Key Largo, including Elliott Key, their plan was to connect the islands using causeways and bridges. They planned to develop Elliott Key into a tourist area with luxury hotels and waterfront homes along a six-lane road to be called Elliott Key Boulevard.



Opposition to the developers was organized by fishermen, nature lovers, politicians, and celebrities. They were successful in getting the government to create the Biscayne National Monument which later became the National Park. In 1968 in a last-ditch effort to discourage the opposition, the developers brought in bulldozers and carved a six-lane road in the middle of Elliott Key from one end to the other. Once the Park Service took possession of Elliott Key, the road was permitted to revert to a hiking trail and was opened to public use. It became known by the more accurate name of "Spite Hiway" After having been closed by the last Hurricane, it was recently reopened to the public.

On March 16, 2012, following a unanimous vote, the Dade County officials abolished the city of Islandia.