

July 2002



The Nauti News

Homestead Yacht Club

Our 16th Year of Boating Fun

Commodore's Letter

So, July 4th is here and the summer is either half gone or half to go depending on your point of view. It's been a busy year so far and we have more events planned for the remainder of the year.

Many thanks to the Cowans and the Klines for organizing the June trip to Marina Del Mar in Key Largo. It's a great place to visit and has a really big swimming pool that was used in the off moments when it wasn't drizzling. Not being able to swim due to inclement weather sure didn't stop anyone from enjoying the food and adult beverages that were available - buffet tables on the dock, cocktails on the stern, dinner Saturday night at Coconuts - really not a bad way at all to spend a weekend!!

Next month is the club outing to the Bahamas. I think that it's probably pretty late if you haven't already signed up, but please call Bill Clemons on the off chance that spots are still available. Next time you see Charlie & Carole Sammarco ask them about the pleasures of going to the Bahamas. I heard once that a good rule is that if the waves are higher than 20% of the length of your boat that you really outta' stay home. Don't know if that's in Chapman's, but it works for me.

On August 10th we're having a half day party at Alabama Jack's on Card Sound Road. You can come by car, you can come by boat, you can come by motorcycle, but the party starts at high noon and ends whenever. The band plays from 2:00 - 5:00 and contrary to previous reports, dancing is required rather than prohibited. You can order off the menu and each couple will run it's own tab, but Phyllis is going to serve her world famous conch fritters, so however you get there, come hungry. Lance said that if anyone wants to come via "big boat" that he will run a shuttle service between the anchorage and the restaurant. If you can't come to the meeting on July 1st, **please call me at 305-431-5479 and let me know how many people will be coming.** There's no charge, but we'd like to have at least a vague idea of how many people will be there.

September is Hawk's Cay, then Oktoberfest at Homestead Marina, Thanksgiving at Plantation??. and the December Boat Parade in Key Largo.

July 2002

It's been mentioned before, but bears repeating, these are the events that are currently scheduled, but if you would like to chair another event or outing to take place this year, please bring it up at our monthly meetings. The only bad idea is the one you don't ask about.

Lunch is over and now it's time for me to get back to work, not yet at that retirement stage of life like some members of our club (George!!).

Commodore Bob



Next Club Meeting

The next HYC meeting will be on Monday, July 1st, at the Redland County Club. Menu is BBQ Chicken and Ribs with potato salad, beans, corn on the cob, cornbread, and apple cobbler. Make your reservations with Barb Kelly.

Editor's Note

Details of our affiliation with BoatUS which gets you a half price membership are included in this newsletter. I can certainly attest to the value of their towing coverage as they paid the \$700 plus that it cost to get towed home from Key Largo last year.

Sandy and I will not be at the July Bahamas event, so if anyone in attendance takes photos please send me any that you would like to see in the Newsletter or on the photo island web site. Thanks in advance.
Bill sunbil@aol.com

New Members

Please add the following new members to you rosters and make them welcome:

Peter & Martha Nunez, 13464 SW 90 Ter, Miami, Fl 33186
305-752-8899 dogworks@earthlink.net
Vessel: RUFF LIFE in E-30 at Homestead

Minutes of June Meeting

Cmdr. Bob Timmons called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

The minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Jan Mayer

The beginning balance was \$ 5,729.78. Expenses were: Flowers, \$ 69.88; Deposit on June Key Largo event \$ 200.00. Income: May 50/50 \$ 52.50; Ships store, \$ 83.00; Bimini outing, \$ 192.00; New membership, \$ 50.00.

July 2002

Park Liaison- Buz Strandhagen

Buz introduced guests Cathy Haley, Dade County Marina Manager and Janie Clark, Homestead Dock Master. They spoke of improvements at the marina versus money available. The Park is trying to have additional pilings replaced and possible dredging of the channel. Contract renewals now available with NO increase from last year. Also, an EZ payment plan is available. New landscaping is on the way and so are new gates on the docks, probably with entry key cards.

Ship's Store- Chuck Burnitz

Chuck was not in attendance as the Mets were in town and his son plays right field for the Mets.

Membership- Bill Clemons

Additions to the roster are available. Please see Bill if interested. Bimini, everyone is paid and the July picnic could be shared with the Matheson Club.

Sunshine Committee- Monica Adams

Condolences were sent to Bob and Carol Timmons for the passing of his mother.

Telephone Coordinator-Barb Kelly

So far, so good!!!

New Business

Lee & Bob Cowan will be out of town for their June 7-9 event at Marina Del Mar. Dick and Dianne Klein will be coordinating the event in their absence. Everyone who is going must call the Marina to pay for your slip. At this time, nobody has paid so get it together and pay tonight. The charge is \$ 30.00 per person for the dinner which will be at Coconuts. The menu choices are Chicken, Dolphin or Prime Rib. Cocktails will be on the dock at 6:30 and its BYOB. Please bring an appetizer.

Members were reminded that they will receive a discount when renewing their Boat US membership. Additional details will be in the next Newsletter or call them for details.

Old Business

Bill Zinn and Bob Cowan provided a recap of the National Park Services Fisheries Management Plan meeting that they attended. Representatives from the Park Service Headquarters, Biscayne National Park and the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission were present and spoke about some of the various proposals to conserve/restore the fish population in the Park. Some of the proposals are the closing of some areas to all visitors, limiting fishing to certain areas, changing size and bag limits, etc. Some of the proposals will require rule changes by the state of Florida and it was pointed out that the Park Service would not initiate any restrictions that conflict with state rules. Survey forms were available for club members to provide their comments to the Park Service. All members were encouraged to complete a form and were reminded that if you "don't vote, don't bitch!"

The 50-50 of \$ 49.00 was won by Annette Villena

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



HYC has renewed its affiliation with BoatUS for another year. This means that you can join or renew your BoatUS membership for 50%, that is \$9.50 rather than \$19.00. Membership includes their discount marine catalog, marina and fuel discounts at many locations, and their towing service (\$50 with membership and up to Unlimited for a fee). To get your discount, call 1-800-395-5628 and give them our Co-op Group number: **GA82404Y**.

July 2002

Retirement

While it wasn't an official HYC function, you would never have known that from the number of members present to wish George Mayer a happy retirement. After 30 years of flying planes around the world he can now relax and probably help Buz patrol the dock. Despite the rain, everyone seemed to have a great time and as near as we can tell, only three people wound up in the pool. Thanks Jan for inviting the whole club and for putting on a great party. As is obvious in the picture (taken as the party was breaking up) George also had a great time.



Photos from Marina Del Mar Event



Enjoying the Pool



Dinner at Coconuts

Future Event

Hawks Cay **Labor day Weekend**

Aug. 30 thru Sept. 02

Call Hawk's Cay Marina 1(305)743-7000

Give them info and Credit Card

To reserve your slip

Only 15 slips available

July 2002

**BLACK POINT MARINA &
HOMESTEAD BAYFRONT MARINA**



Along with
BLACK POINT YACHT CLUB



Cordially invite you to attend a

***HURRICANE* Preparedness
Seminar at BLACK POINT**

Topics will include:

- *Current policies and preparation plans.*
- *Seamanship training & hurricane checklist.*
- *Exchange past hurricane experiences.*
- *Hands on demonstration from the*
- *Coast Guard Auxiliary.*
- *Channel 4 Meteorologist Personality.*

**Enjoy: .30 chicken wings and
\$5.00 Pitchers**

7:30pm / Weds. July 31st at
the Pirates Den Restaurant
24775 SW 87th Ave.
Miami, Florida