

July 2003

The Nauti News



Homestead Yacht Club

Our 17th Year of Boating Fun

COMMODOR'S CORNER

Hi everyone. Summer is here and boy is it hot!!! With the summer heat comes the monsoons and for a couple of days I thought Noah was coming with the Ark. Well you know what the rain brings? That's right, mosquitoes and some are as big as vultures. I have seen several people running from their cars screaming with their arms waving and they were not trying to get someone's attention.

The HYC fishing tournament was a big success, as all the boats that went out caught fish. I think that is a record for the HYC tournament. The weather was nice and the seas were 2 to 3, but Mario swears that he is only two feet tall. There were several nice fish caught; Geronimo caught the largest at 12.3 lbs, Tim Kressly's largest was 10 lbs, and mine was 9.8 lbs. The crew of Wave Tamer (Mario, Hugo and me) had the heaviest catch with 28 fish that weighed between 2 to 4 lbs each, plus the one at 9.8 lbs.

I am sorry that there was so much confusion with the Fish Fry but with the new addition at the Hernandez house (football player in training) Chichi had his hands full and was not able to do the Fish Fry. We were trying to still do it but the weather and the mosquitoes precluded a successful outing so we are going to postpone the Fish Fry until a later date that we will decide on at the next meeting.

For the trip to Bimini in July, Adia has arranged for Immigration to meet us at the dock in Homestead so that all that go can clear here instead of going to Miami. If you haven't signed up for Sunset Harbor in August be sure to contact Bob Cowan to get your name on the list. I have 18 boats signed up for the Labor Day Trip to Hawks Cay and have faxed the list to them. I only had 15 slips reserved but they said they would make room for all 18. Anybody else that is planning on going will have to anchor out or get a room and hope that a slip becomes available.

That's all from me for now, so may your winds be light and your seas smooth.

Commodore Bill



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Editors Note

In the past I have tried to add some humor to the Newsletter by adding little tidbits of information, mostly provided to me by other members, about things that they or other club members have done or were involved in (Rumor Has It, Would You Believe, Did You Hear About, etc). Last month it was made very, very clear to me that not everyone has taken these items in the humorous manner in which they were intended. My sincere apologies to anyone who has been offended by these items. Rest assured that I will do my best to ensure that you are not referred to in any future Newsletter items. I would like to thank everyone who has provided me with this lighthearted info in the past. Please continue to provide it and, whenever possible, I will continue to include it in the Newsletter. I will, however; put more effort into protecting the identity of those who are the subject of the item. Again, I apologize to anyone who was offended by these attempts at humor.

Sandy and I will be visiting relatives and friends up north over the July 4th holiday and thus will not be at the Club event in Bimini. If anyone takes any photos during the event and would be kind enough to share them with the rest of the members, please forward them to me. I will post them to the Photo Island web site and include some in the Newsletter. Bill Zinn, sunbil@aol.com

Next Club Meeting

The next HYC monthly meeting will be held on July 7th at the Redland County Club. Please confirm your intent to attend or not attend with Ely at Eddyely@aol.com or 305-270-1527

Sunshine News

Aida Geronimo had surgery last month and the club sent her wishes for a speedy recovery.

Congratulations to Monica and Nestor Hernandez on the birth of their son, Michael J. He as born on May 29th, weighed 9 lbs and was 20 inches long.

Please contact me at 305-254-7663 or Carols_Crew@adelphia.net with any Club member news.

Keep the Sun Shining! Carol Timmons

Minutes of June Club Meeting

Commodore Bill Clemons called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM on Monday, June 2, 2003.

The minutes were read and amended to indicate that Nestor Hernandez is the sole coordinator of the annual fishing tournament and that the fish fry will be held on June 22nd.

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Charlene Powell presented the treasurer's report for the month of May 2003; it showed an ending balance of \$6408.49. She reported the following income for May: membership dues \$130.00; Ship's Store \$512.50; 50/50 \$48.00, for a total income of \$690.50. There were no expenses for May.

Bill Zinn, newsletter Editor, had nothing new to report on the newsletter or the website.

Park Liaison Buz Strandhagen reported that the Homestead Bayfront Marina will be putting a chain across the access road between the docks and the marina to restrict unauthorized access. Also, Janie, the Dock Master, had a heart problem last week but is doing okay.

Membership Committee Chairperson George Mayer reported that we have a total of fifty-two members, maybe fifty-three. New members Ralph and Julie Steel received a burgee and were welcomed by club members.

Sunshine Committee member Carol Timmons was not in attendance. Commodore Clemons reported that Aida Geronimo had surgery and is at home recovering. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

Linda Clemons was present with lots of merchandise to sell at the Ship's Store.

Telephone coordinator Elisa Prats asked members to please call her to make reservations if you do not have e-mail. Cancellations must be made no later than Friday or the club will be charged.

New Business:

A round of applause was given for Charlie and Carole Sammarco for hosting another great club event at Bahia Mar.

The annual fishing tournament was discussed, and event coordinator Nestor Hernandez briefly reviewed the rules. Please monitor channel 72 if you are participating in the tournament. The date of the fish fry and the awards presentation is Sunday, June 22nd, at the area between C + D docks.

The September Hawk's Cay event was also mentioned with more details to follow. Presently, there are fourteen slips available on a first-come basis. The same great restaurant service will be available with daytime events planned on Big Pine Key.

Bob Cowan stated that ten boats have signed up for Sunset Harbor; he needs to have a final head count this evening. He is working out details; contact him, not the dock master.

Bob Cowan won the 50-50 of \$ 52.00 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Teresa Dean, Secretary

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Club Fishing Tournament



Mario with smallest fish



Wave Tamer's winning catch



Geronimo with biggest fish



Measuring the catch

Welcome New Members



New members Ralph and Julie Steele