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# The Nauti News



**Homestead Yacht Club**

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Our 25th Year of Boating Fun

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## **Commodore's Comments**

Hello Everyone:

Almost everyone, with the exception of one member, has made it back to USA as of this writing. Our trip was fantastic, as always. The water in the Exumas is still as pristine as ever. I hope everyone who went had a good ride to and from, without too many difficulties. I think we all had a few minor problems from time to time. Bonnie wasn't too much of a hindrance. It was our first tropical storm to be on board while it was happening. We were in a pretty safe marina, so the blow wasn't much to talk about. The only negative was too much wind about half of the trip, which kept our fishing expeditions to a minimum. Our group still had plenty of Dinkin and Drinkin each day! I hope to see as many of you as possible at our next meeting, on August 2.



Larry Roesch

## **Editor's Notes**

This will be a very abbreviated edition of the Newsletter. Since there was no Club meeting or event during July, there are no minutes, Treasurer's report, or event photos.

TS Bonnie turned out to be nothing much, even though it went right across the Homestead area. However, how quickly it formed and the route it took should serve as a reminder that we still have the height of Hurricane season ahead of us. If you are going to be out of town for an extended period, secure your boat as if a storm is coming. Storms can have a strange impact on the water in the Bay. We have seen the water over top of the docks in the marina and we have also seen all of the water blown out of the marina, with the boats resting on the bottom, so plan accordingly.

Bill Zinn, [sunbil@aol.com](mailto:sunbil@aol.com)

## **Meeting Reminder**

**Our next monthly meeting will be on August 2<sup>nd</sup>**

## **Park Service Meetings**

The National Park Service has two public meetings scheduled during August to discuss their Mooring Buoy and Marker Plan for Biscayne National Park. They describe the purpose of this plan as “to reduce damage to post resources, enhance visitor opportunities, increase safety of navigation in the park, and improve the effectiveness of park operations.” This plan has the potential to impact everyone that goes boating in the Park. A portion of their plan reads as follows: “One action is to test shallow water mooring fields to determine if they can take the place of beaching and anchoring in crowded areas such as Biscayne Channel and Sands Cut.” The purpose of the meeting is to explain the plan and receive public comment. The meeting will be from 6 to 8 PM, with a brief Park Service presentation at 6:30 PM. Meeting dates and locations as following:

Tuesday, August 3 at Florida City Commission Chambers, 404 W Palm Drive

Wednesday, August 4 at Crowne Plaza Miami International Airport, 950 NW LeJeune Rd

## **Next Club Event**

**Labor Day Week End HYC Bash!!**

September 3-5

OK... we're all set. We have up to 15 slips available at Sunset Harbor YC.

They have offered a special deal for us: \$ 2.75 per foot with a 40' minimum and a stay 2 nights and get the third night free. Activities are presently planned for Friday and Saturday; however, you can go earlier and/or stay later.

We'll have full use of the marina pool. There is no on-property restaurant but there are a few restaurants right across the street. There's a casual Italian Bistro and the best burger joint I've ever been to, called 'B&B Burger', plus Chef Allens. Also, Lincoln Road stores and restaurants are within walking distance and South Beach is a cab ride away or the beach bus.

Friday night; 6:30 to 8 PM Cocktails on the dock behind Ups and Downs- Lite munchies provided. BYOB. Dinner afterwards OYO.

Saturday night; Club dinner at the 'covered patio' by the pool. 6:30 cocktails. Bring your own meat or fish to grill. A-L, bring a salad or a veggie dish, M-Z bring a dessert. A-Z; BYOB.

Sunday; no plan yet.

Call Dockmaster, Doug Mason, at 305-398-6800 to make your slip reservations, mention Homestead Yacht Club. Please e mail Charlie at csammarco@gmail.com or call him at 954-592-1108 to let him know you're coming, so he can get a count. Please copy Larry at klr22@aol.com so he can keep track of who is coming.