



The Nauti News

Homestead Yacht Club

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FROM YOUR COMMODORE George Mayer

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING
HOMESTEAD YACHT CLUB
General Meeting - July 2, 2006

- ▶ The meeting started at 7:30 p.m.
- ▶ The Minutes of the June 2007 meeting were accepted as written and published in the Newsletter.
- ▶ Park Report: Dock Master Steve advised that "E" dock would be done by the end of this week. The next step would be to move "D" dock to "E" and so forth. Regarding the gate, Steve informed that if HYC members had guests coming to the park they should advise him in advance by providing a list which he would leave in the Park office, and that way we avoid any problems. The Fishing tournament was successful and HYC made 3rd place. The Park was experiencing maintenance issues because of staffing, vacation schedules and every effort was being made to keep the level of support up. He asked members to inform him when they saw things happening. A Patron had tried to move a V8 engine on one of the dock carts and broke the cart, which now had to be replaced. This should have been done on the hoist. Steve wishes everyone who would be leaving on vacation to the Bahamas, smooth sailing and advised that if they needed anything to let him know how he could help. Steve will send float plans to Commodore George for use by members.
- ▶ Treasurer's Report: Sharon Roesch was out of town. Report will be given at the next meeting.

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- **Fishing Tournament:** Commodore George thanked Stan Scherer and Ken Johnson who put together a great event last week and thanks also went out to all the cooks. Ken went 35 miles off Pacific light and caught fish. Although the weather left much to be desired, 38 people showed up at the dock for the fish fry. Commodore George also thanked members for showing up and helping to make the event an enjoyable one. The event was under budget although the fish purchased was the biggest expense. The club did not use all the fish and the remainder was vacuum packed and frozen and could be used at the next club event. The winner of the fishing tournament won \$100.00 of supplies from the ship's store which they could use over time.
- **July event:** Two boats from HYC were going to Black Point Marina on July 4th and would be on "B" dock. Members wanting to join them to watch the fireworks should contact Commodore George. They planned to be there by 6:30 p.m. If there were any changes, Commodore George would send out an e-mail to everyone. Folks going should take something to snack on.
- **Membership:** Dwayne Powell informed the club had 55 memberships. Three new couples joining the club were introduced: Carlos and Sonia Wu, Rick and Fran Blake, and Thomas and Elaine Rhatigan. Annabelle McDermot introduced her guest, Analisa Rodriguez, wife of Kevin Rodriguez, her nephew, who spent some time in Miami three years ago.
- **August 19th event:** Dwayne Powell informed that the club did not have a host/hostess for an August function and members were asked to submit their ideas for consideration.
- **September 31 – October 3 event at Hawks Key:** Being hosted by Stan and Joy Scherer. Dockage was \$3.75 per foot and \$10.00 fee per night for electric. Only 15 slips were reserved for HYC. 8 boats were already signed up. The remainder of the marina slips were taken by Black Point. A sign up sheet was passed around. A show of hands indicated 9 boats interested and members were asked to call Hawks Key and provide them with their credit card number to hold their slip. A follow up would be done by e-mail. The hotel was closed but villas were available.
- **October Event:** Dwayne Powell asked for ideas for the October event. Thought was given to a raft up at Arsnicker Key, but that was considered a summer anchorage only. The last time the Club was there, a new drink was discovered and was named the "Arsnickers ass kicker". The club has not been back there since. A sailboat race was also considered but there is not much participation. Again, your great ideas will be welcome.
- **Roster:** Not everyone has provided updated information adjustments had to be made. Members are asked to provide their information to Sandy Zinn.
- **Park Liaison:** Buzz Strandhagen said the timeframe for "B" dock to move was November, as most of those boats cannot hold on the smaller docks. Art Thornton said he felt it was taking too long to do the docks.
- **Ship's Store:** Elizabeth was at the meeting. New items coming. The Club was having problems with the current vendor and was considering going back to the old vendor.

Newsletter: Anna received a round of applause for the newsletter which was short this time around due to “summer doldrums”.

- ☛ **Sunshine:** Jan advised Charlene Powell was to have outpatient eye surgery this Thursday. Past Commodore Jack Judge was also to have surgery and the Club would send him a card.
- ☛ **Phone Committee:** Susie was thanked for her meal suggestion for this month’s meeting.
- ☛ **Web Site:** Web Master Larry Roesch was not at the meeting. However, members were encouraged to visit the website to see pictures of members, events etc.
- ☛ Vicky Cline advised that she was still collecting stuff for her nephew who was in the military stationed in Iraq. If you have sent out a package, please let Vicky know so that she can share that information with her sister. She would try to take her sister to Black Point with her.
- ☛ 50/50 – was won by Ted Newlan.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made to close the meeting by Ken Johnson and seconded by Mario Espineira.

Respectfully
Annabelle McDermot
Secretary

Hawk Cay Aug. 31/Sept. 3. Cost is \$3.75 per ft. + tax + 10.00 per day resort fee. If you stay for a week it is \$18.00 per day. Cost of Villa is \$369.00 first day then \$289.00 per night. Arrive Friday. Play day- 6:00 pm happy hour. Bring hors d'oeuvres. Dinner is on your own. Saturday: Play, Dingy, Pool. Happy Hour is at 6:00 pm. Then Barbecue: Steaks, Corn, Salad .Bring hors d'oeuvres /desert. Cost is \$15.00 per person/ \$20.00for guests. Sunday: Brunch 9:30. Woman's miniature golf tournament (prizes). Monday: As of today we have 14 boats going. If interested, please call the marina by Aug 1st with credit card information. PS If not on the list call Stan or George to be put on the list.

The following numbers are provided for your future use.

Marina Tel: 305.230.3033

Pager: 305.881.6417

Analog Tel: 305.230.0291 (During power failures only!)

After hours security guard’s telephone number is 305.272.0800 and for the “Front gate” press 01#; For “A” Dock, press 11# ; For “B” Dock press 33#; For “C” dock press 44#, For “D” dock press 55# and for the Dry Storage area press 66# or for the Bait and Tackle Shop press 77#.

Remember that the HYC meets every first Monday of each Month at the Redland County Club from 6:30 PM until 9:00 PM. The Redland Country Club is located at 24451 Krome Avenue (177th Avenue) in Homestead, FL, Telephone: 305.247.8503.

You should meet and greet new members and speak to all members in a courteous manner. Please welcome everyone to be part of the club.

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## Why Men Wear Earrings....

A man is at work one day when he notices that his co-worker is wearing an earring. The man knows his co-worker to be a normally conservative fellow, and is curious about his sudden change in "fashion sense" The man walks up to him and says, "I didn't know you were into earrings." "Don't make such a big deal, it's only an earring," he replies sheepishly. His friend falls silent for a few minutes but then his curiosity prods him to ask, "So, how long have you been wearing one?" "Ever since my wife found it in my truck."

(I always wondered how this trend got started)

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You have to be old enough to remember Abbott and Costello, and too old to REALLY understand computers, to fully appreciate this. For those of us who sometimes get flustered by our computers, please read on...

If Bud Abbott and Lou Costello were alive today, their infamous sketch, "Who's on First?" might have turned out something like this:

### COSTELLO CALLS TO BUY A COMPUTER FROM ABBOTT

ABBOTT: Super Duper computer store. Can I help you?  
COSTELLO: Thanks. I'm setting up an office in my den and I'm thinking about buying a computer.  
ABBOTT: Mac?  
COSTELLO: No, the name's Lou.  
ABBOTT: Your computer?  
COSTELLO: I don't own a computer. I want to buy one.  
ABBOTT: Mac?  
COSTELLO: I told you, my name's Lou.  
ABBOTT: What about Windows?  
COSTELLO: Why? Will it get stuffy in here?  
ABBOTT: Do you want a computer with Windows?  
COSTELLO: I don't know. What will I see when I look at the windows?  
ABBOTT: Wallpaper.  
COSTELLO: Never mind the windows. I need a computer and software.  
ABBOTT: Software for Windows?  
COSTELLO: No. On the computer! I need something I can use to write proposals, track expenses and run my business. What do you have?  
ABBOTT: Office.  
COSTELLO: Yeah, for my office. Can you recommend anything?  
ABBOTT: I just did.  
COSTELLO: You just did what?  
ABBOTT: Recommend something.  
COSTELLO: You recommended something?  
ABBOTT: Yes.  
COSTELLO: For my office?  
ABBOTT: Yes.

COSTELLO: OK, what did you recommend for my office?  
 ABBOTT: Office.  
 COSTELLO: Yes, for my office!  
 ABBOTT: I recommend Office with Windows.  
 COSTELLO: I already have an office with windows! OK, let's just say I'm sitting at my computer and I want to type a proposal. What do I need?  
 ABBOTT: Word.  
 COSTELLO: What word?  
 ABBOTT: Word in Office.  
 COSTELLO: The only word in office is office.  
 ABBOTT: The Word in Office for Windows.  
 COSTELLO: Which word in office for windows?  
 ABBOTT: The Word you get when you click the blue "W".  
 COSTELLO: I'm going to click your blue "w" if you don't start with some straight answers. What about financial bookkeeping? You have anything I can track my money with?  
 ABBOTT: Money.  
 COSTELLO: That's right. What do you have?  
 ABBOTT: Money.  
 COSTELLO: I need money to track my money?  
 ABBOTT: It comes bundled with your computer.  
 COSTELLO: What's bundled with my computer?  
 ABBOTT: Money.  
 COSTELLO: Money comes with my computer?  
 ABBOTT: Yes. No extra charge.  
 COSTELLO: I get a bundle of money with my computer? How much?  
 ABBOTT: One copy.  
 COSTELLO: Isn't it illegal to copy money?  
 ABBOTT: Microsoft gave us a license to copy Money.  
 COSTELLO: They can give you a license to copy money?  
 ABBOTT: Why not? THEY OWN IT!  
 (A few days later)  
 ABBOTT: Super Duper computer store. Can I help you?  
 COSTELLO: How do I turn my computer off?  
 ABBOTT: Click on "START" .....

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- 2 Penn Int. 80's "W" with custom rods.**
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- 1 Flying Gaff 9".**
- 1 Flying Gaff 7".**
- 1 Bucket harness.**
- 2 wirelines custom rods.**

**Call Stan at 305-235-7600**

**Your HYC membership card is now a multi-discount Card too!**

**Patronize the following stores to obtain discounts on your favorite fishing and boating needs. Be sure to keep checking the newsletter and the HYC website for more participating merchants in the very near future!**

**The Complete Angular~ 5% to 10% discounts on rods and reels, 10% to 15% on parts and supplies.**

**B& F Marine ~ 10% to 15% discount.**

**El Capitan's Marine and Fishing Center~ 25% to 50% discount.**

**Prestige Boat Tops ~ 15% discount.**

**Remember to present your membership card with a picture ID to qualify for this HYC benefits.**



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(For your Boating Information...)

## Protecting Your Boat in a Hurricane

Hurricanes are enormous cyclonic storm systems covering thousands of square miles which usually develop in the tropical or subtropical latitudes during the summer and fall. To be a hurricane, the system must be producing winds of 64 knots or more. Less intense storms are designated tropical depressions or tropical storms. Tropical storms and hurricanes are named to aid in identifying them. Each hurricane is, essentially, an organized system made up of hundreds of individual thunderstorms. The core of the hurricane is called the eye, an area of relatively benign weather several miles across surrounded by turmoil. All of the severe weather conditions produced by individual thunderstorms (heavy rain, hail, lightning, tornadoes, downbursts, etc.) are produced and magnified within the hurricane. Working together, such storms generate tremendous tidal surges which can decimate coastal areas.



Historically, individual hurricanes have caused the loss of thousands of lives and billions of dollars in damage as they ran their course over populated areas. If you know that a hurricane is approaching your area, prepare for the worst. The important point is, **GET OFF THE OPEN WATER AS FAR AWAY FROM THE STORM AS POSSIBLE!** If this is impossible, keep in mind that the right front quadrant of a hurricane usually, but not always, produces the most violent weather.



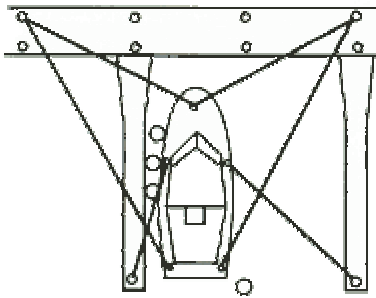
With today's modern communication net to warn them, people have a better chance to reach safety before a hurricane hits their area. Even so, you may have little more than 24 hours advance notice to get your boat secured against the storm's full force. Check the weather often. The link below will give you up-to-the minute weather information including satellite imaging. Don't forget to hit your back button to come back to this article.

If your boat is easily trailerable, store it ashore, far from the danger of high water.

Follow these tips:

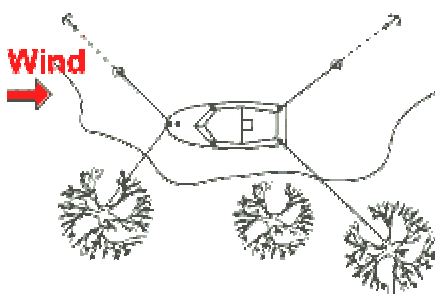
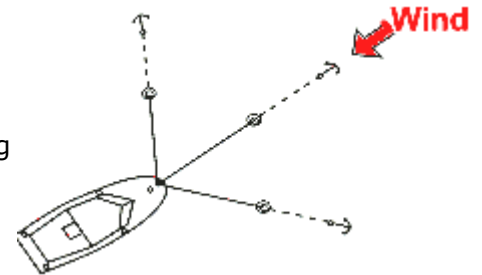
- If you must move your boat, first inspect the trailer to ensure that it is in proper operating condition. Check tires (including spare), wheel bearings, tow hitch and lights.
- If you can, put your boat and trailer in a garage. If they must be left out, secure them to strong trees or a "deadman" anchor. Strip off every thing that could be torn loose by a strong wind.
- Increase the weight of your trailered outboard boat by filling it with fresh water and leaving in the drainplug (inboard boats must be drained to avoid motor damage). Insert wood blocks between the trailer frame and the springs for extra support with the added weight.

If your boat must stay in the water you have three options:



**BERTH** at a dock which has sturdy pilings and offers reasonable shelter from open water and storm surge. Double up all mooring lines but provide enough slack so your boat can rise with the higher tides. Cover all lines with chafe protectors (double neoprene garden hose cut along the side) at points where the line is likely to wear and put out extra fenders and fenderboards (the more the better).

**ANCHOR** your boat in a protected harbor where the bottom can allow a good anchor hold. An advantage to anchoring is that the boat can more easily respond to wind and water changes without striking docks or other boats than when moored. Heavy and extra anchors are needed for this option and enough line should be on hand to allow a scope of at least 10:1 for each anchor.



**HURRICANE HOLES** are ideal locations to moor your boat during a hurricane. These are deep, narrow coves or inlets that are surrounded by a number of sturdy trees which block the wind and provide a tie-off for anchor lines. The best location for a hurricane hole is one far enough inland to avoid the most severe winds and tides, yet close enough to reach under short notice. You may want to scout out a satisfactory hurricane hole ahead of time!

**Remember:**

- Never stay with your boat.
- Your boat should be stripped of anything that can become loose during the storm. This would include unstepping the mast in sailboats.
- Boat documents, radios and other valuables should be removed from the vessel prior to the storm, since you never know how long it will take for you to get back to your boat once the storm passes.
- Hurricanes are among the most destructive phenomena of nature, their appearance is not to be taken lightly.
- Advance planning cannot guarantee that your boat will survive a hurricane safely or even survive at all.
- Planning can, however, improve survivability and is therefore certainly worth the time and money to do so.

**General Weather Tips**

**Before Setting Out:**

Obtain the latest available weather forecast for the boating area. Where they can be received, the NOAA Weather Radio continuous broadcasts (VHF-FM) are the best way to keep informed of expected weather and sea conditions. If you hear on the radio that warnings are in effect, don't venture out on the water unless confident your boat can be navigated safely under forecast conditions of wind and sea. This link will take you to [up-to-date marine weather information](http://www.noaa.gov/education/outreach/boating/boating_weather.html).



**While afloat:**

- Keep an eye out for the approach of dark, threatening clouds which may foretell a squall or thunderstorm.
- Check radio weather broadcasts periodically for latest forecasts and warnings.
- Heavy static on your AM radio may be an indication of nearby thunderstorm activity.
- If a thunderstorm catches you afloat:
  - Put on a Personal Flotation Device. (if not already wearing one)
  - Stay below deck if possible.
  - Keep away from metal objects that are not grounded to the boat's protection system.

*Some information from the U.S. Coast Guard Boating Education Branch*

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