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The Nauti News

Homestead Yacht Club

Our 16th Year of Boating Fun

Commodore's Letter

It's been a couple of different? strange? months for the Timmons clan. We went for a ride on one of the Volvo sailboats that are going around the world (unplanned), Carol's birthday was in April (planned), our 25th anniversary was in April (planned), and then my Mother passed away in April (unplanned). Now in May, we're taking a delayed honeymoon trip to San Francisco (planned) and then on Memorial Day weekend the HYC trip to Coral Ridge Yacht Club (planned). I guess all of life is a cycle with a beginning, a middle, and an end.

In April we were invited to take a cruise on the Assa Abloy which was docked down at Bayside in Miami. We had worked on a Habitat house at work and were asked to be the corporate reps from our company (Assurant Group) for a three hour tour. It was fun, not too windy but windy enough to drive the boat - which is what Carol had a chance to do. In a real breeze, the boat can do 38 knots! Accommodations are pretty spartan aboard, aluminum



frame beds with no mattress, just canvas. Mattress weighs too much, as would a/c, or a real stove. They were using a small single burner propane stove. Imagine being aboard with eleven of your closest friends for six weeks at a time and no place to get off. Six people work one watch, six hours on and six hours off. And if the going gets nasty, there's no off.

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We both decided that as fun as it was, the blue water racing was best left to someone else.

We couldn't make it to the Key Largo party at the Laughridge's but from all accounts it was a huge success. A Heartfelt THANK YOU to Ralph & Linda for hosting the event.

We hope that all who can will attend the monthly meeting on June 3rd at the Redlands Country Club. There will be a presentation by the Miami-Dade Marina Staff concerning pending changes to marina operations as well as proposed regulations for those that boat on Biscayne Bay - which includes just about everyone in our club. Should be very informative.

In June we visit Marina Del Mar in Key Largo, July the club is Bimini bound, and on August 10th we are having a dinghy race to Alabama Jack's for the afternoon. As long as it's on the water, it has to be fun!

Until next time, keep the wind at your back. Commodore Bob



Editor's Note

Since there were no complaints about the new single column format for the newsletter, I will continue to use this format. It makes it easier for members reading the internet version of the letter to read long articles without having to scroll up and down the page.

Don't forget that copies of this and previous newsletters are available on the Club's web site (www.homesteadyachtclub.com) along with information about future events, etc.

And finally, another reminder to please let us know when you change your email address. Every month we get one or two email rejections because the members changed their address and forgot to notify us.

Your comments, suggestions, and items for the newsletter are always welcome.
Bill Zinn sunbil@aol.com

New Members

Please welcome the following new members to our club and update your rosters with the following:

Eduardo & Elisa Prats, 11465 SW 101 Ter, Miami, Fl 33176
305-270-1527, Email: Eddyely@aol.com
Vessel: "Gear Up" 31' power in slip C-19 at Homestead

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Next Club Meeting

The next Club meeting will be on Monday, June 3rd at the Redland Country Club. Menu will be choice of Rib Eye Steak or Chicken Breast smothered with red peppers and onions. Make your reservations with Barb Kelly as soon as possible. Remember that a reservation made is a reservation paid unless canceled prior to 9 AM on the day of the event.

Special Guests: Janie Clark, Homestead Dock Master, and Cathy Haley, Dade County Marina Manager, will be our guests at this meeting. This is a chance to meet with marina management and discuss marina operations and future plans. Lets try to make this a positive meeting. Remember, they are our guests and lets give them a warm HYC welcome.

Club Rosters

Club Rosters/membership lists for 2002 have been mailed to all members who did not receive one at the Club meeting. If you have not received yours, contact Sandy Zinn or Bill Clemons.

Biscayne National Park Fisheries Management Plan Meeting

A small (four member) contingent represented the Club at the Fisheries Management Plan meeting on May 15th at the Keys Gate Golf Club. Presentations were given by both Biscayne National Park and the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission on the status of the fish population in and around the park and steps being considered to maintain/restore the population. Details of the discussions will be provided at our June meeting and postage free comment sheets will be available for you to express your concerns to the Park Service.

Minutes of the May Meeting

Unfortunately the minutes were not received in time to be included in this newsletter.

Memorial Day Weekend at Coral Ridge Yacht Club

Many Club members spent a very enjoyable Memorial Day weekend as guests of the Coral Ridge Yacht Club in Ft Lauderdale. Our hosts, Charlie & Carole Sammarco and Steve & Charlotte Bell did an outstanding job of making sure that everyone was well taken care of and had a good time. Despite the forecasts for a miserable rainy weekend, the weather was pretty cooperative, with lots of wind, but only a few passing showers.

Most members arrived on Friday after a slow ride up the intercoastal to avoid the rough waters outside. Friday night was 2 for 1 beverages at the Club's lounge where we met the Commodore of the Coral Ridge Club as well as many of their members. Everyone was very friendly and seemed genuinely

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happy to have us visiting their club. From the lounge we moved to their dining area for an excellent dinner. Saturday there was Bloody Marys and



snacks in the marina tiki hut, with the afternoon spent enjoying the pool, working on boats, telling fishing stories, etc. That evening the Bells and Sammarcos transported everyone by boat to Shirrtail Charlies for dinner overlooking the water. Sunday there was breakfast by the pool. In



the afternoon, the Bells lead us on a dink tour of the canal system where we marveled at the homes and boats of the super rich. After excellent refreshments at the Bell's canal side home, we returned to the Yacht Club for a pool side BBQ and an evening of dancing. Several Coral Ridge members joined us for the evening as did some HYC members who drove up from Homestead. Of course, as is the case with nearly all pool side parties, some Club members as well as some of the staff wound up in the pool. On Monday everyone packed up and headed back home, most on the inside, but a few brave soles ventured down the less than smooth outside route. The consensus seems to be that this was one of our more enjoyable outings. Our thanks to the Coral Ridge Yacht Club and to our hosts the Sammarcos and the Bells.

Our Next Club Event

June 7-9, Marina Del Mar in Key Largo
Contact Bob & Lee Cowan at 305-279-7442 for details