

June 2012



The Nauti News

Homestead Yacht Club

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Our 27th Year of Boating Fun

HYC Miami River Cruise



Club members on narrated cruise on the Miami River

Club Meeting Reminder

**In keeping with a long standing tradition, there will not be a July meeting.
Our next monthly meeting will be August 6th**

Commodore's Comments

HYC Members and Friends----

There is no meeting scheduled for July, but there are some things happening---so here they are, straight-up no chaser. The Capri wanted to meet with Bill and I to discuss the Club's arrangement for future meetings at their facility. They were initially attempting to increase our price for dinner to \$25.00. We found that to be a little on the "high" side. Though we have been happy with the room, and the majority of the meals have been good, we discussed that some things were not in line with our original agreement, and some improvements could be made. The out come of the meeting was that the price will be \$22.00 for the meal, and we will continue to refine the procedures for the bar and service. We as a Club need to decide if we want to continue with the Capri, or seek alternatives. This will be an item of "new" business at the AUGUST 6th meeting.

There is no scheduled event for July, and that's Ok---because most of us are just hot, miserable and tired of bugs. But most of us are just hot, miserable and tired of bugs all the time. So---- I am cooking "ribs" on JULY 14th---that's a Saturday and you all are invited to this non-event. If you have had my ribs before, than you know---if you have not---well it's your fault if you don't show up. I will be on a US Government paid vacation to beautiful Plattsburgh NY until July 6th so please RSVP to Anna, the Commodorable, at pere522@bellsouth.net or (305) 793-8549 no later than the 10th if you are going to show so we can plan accordingly. We will provide ribs and beans, Liz and Billy will provide "sweet" corn, and there will probably be some tequila. If you feel up to it bring something to share, or just bring your hot, miserable, and bug tired butts and enjoy. We plan to start eating around 5:00 pm. Rain or shine. Bring your swim suits---so we don't gross anybody out.



Dave G.

Editor's Notes

Thanks to Karen Sutton for sending me the photos she took during the Club's Miami River cruise. It certainly looks like everyone had a good time.

As mentioned by Commodore Dave, we met with the management of the Capri Restaurant to discuss a proposed increase in the cost of the meals on our meeting nights. While I was opposed to any increase, I also understand that the Capri is in business to make money. Several alternatives were discussed such as elimination of dessert, elimination of tea or coffee, change in happy hour drinks, etc. It was finally tentatively agreed that a \$2.00 per person increase, to \$22.00, would be reasonable compromise. So, when you are considering how you feel about this increase, please keep the following in mind: 1. There is no charge for use of the room. We were paying \$100 a month at our previous location. 2. The price that you pay for the meal includes tax and tip. So if you start comparing our price to their menu price for a similar meal, don't forget to add in tea/coffee, dessert, tax and tip. 3. We receive Happy Hour drink prices for the entire evening, well beyond their normal Happy Hour period.

Bill Zinn, Editor, sunbil@bellsouth.net

Minutes of June 2012 Meeting

Meeting called to order by Cmdr. Dave at 7:10 p.m. on June 4th. Guests introduced were Karen Sutton's brother Bill, visiting from Nashville and Ron and Ceci, neighbors of Cmdr. Dave and Anna.

Treasurer's report: Presented by Sharon Roesch, standing in for Dee Riley. Beginning balance \$5048.44, ending balance of \$4,598.14. Full report appears elsewhere in the newsletter.

Sunshine Committee: Joy Scherer reports everyone is well.

Membership Committee: No change, Dwayne unable to attend.

Cmdr. Dave mentioned that he had been approached by Capri staff to discuss raising the price of our meal. No decision as yet. He further stated that he had been asked by Hector from Toro Taco Restaurant if he could bid on having our meetings in the new place to be opened at Homestead Bayfront.

July: No meeting is planned. Cmdr. Dave suggested making July a membership drive/awareness month. It was decided that flyers would be printed up and given out to boaters at the marina.

August: Something to be planned by Bill and Sandy Zinn.

The Cinco de Mayo event in May was a huge success. Big thanks to Bob and Lucia Larson. Cmdr. Dave was especially complimentary about the pitchers of his favorite beverage.

50/50 of \$27.00 won by Bob Larson.

Sharon Roesch spoke briefly about her daughter Lori being robbed near Staples on U.S. #1. She was stopped by what she thought was an unmarked police vehicle with flashing red lights, offered her driver's license as requested and then robbed. It was suggested that you call 911 from inside your vehicle before stopping for an unmarked vehicle.

Reminder: August meeting is Monday, August 6th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Claire Strandhagen, Secretary

Help Wanted

In response to increased Crocodile sightings in the Key Largo area, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is looking to hire two or three part time Crocodile Response Agents. Experience handling crocodiles preferred, but not necessary as the agency will train you. The job pays \$25 per hour on an as-needed basis. At present there is only one Response Agent for all of the Keys. Just a reminder for anyone considering this job, earlier this month *AP* reported that an alligator bit off the hand of an air boat captain/tour guide in the Everglades City area.

TREASURER'S REPORT

HOMESTEAD Bay front YACHT CLUB

BEGINNING MAY 1, 2012: 5048.44

INCOME:

Event	350.00
50/50	25.00
Postage	10.00
Total:	385.00

EXPENSES:

Event	835.30
Total:	835.30

ENDING BALANCE MAY 31, 2012: 4598.14

SUBMITTED BY Dee Riley, TREASURER

NOTE: The May Event was attended by 19 members and 8 guests. The cost to the club was \$485.30

Finally Open !!!

On Saturday, June 9th, La Playa, the new restaurant at the Homestead marina, finally opened for business. This unofficial/soft opening is intended to work out the bugs and get things ready for the official opening on July 4th, complete with a VIP ribbon cutting, etc. At present they have only a limited menu, burgers, chicken fingers, hot dogs, fries, etc. They are still waiting for their beer and wine license and their final menu and operating hours have not yet been decided upon. Also not yet resolved is entry through the park gate. At present if you tell the gate attendant that you are going to the restaurant, there is no charge; however, that is just a temporary agreement.



Miami River Cruise

