

March 2013

# The Nauti News



**Homestead Yacht Club**

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Our 28th Year of Boating Fun

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## **Afternoon at Gilberts**



## **Meeting Reminder**

**Our next monthly meeting will be on April 1<sup>st</sup>  
at the Capri restaurant**

## **Commodore's Comments**

To all HYC Members and Friends

WOW--the Gilberts event was a great time! Thanks to Bob and Lois Dean for that one---it will be a tough act to follow. And Special thanks to all who made the Commodarable's Birthday one she will remember for a long time. New and different events are wonderful, and we are into another year with good people sponsoring good times.

The next meeting will be April 1st (no fooling) at the Capri--please respond to Liz with your meal information. Dwayne and Charlene are organizing something at the "Blue Martini" for April and I'm sure we will get all the details at the meeting.

Stay safe, have fun, and I look forward to seeing all of you at the Capri.



Dave G.

## **Editor's Notes**

A special thanks to our new official photographer, Donna Pacheco, for the great photos from the event at Gilberts. Some of the photos are in this Newsletter and all of them will be posted on our web site.

Please remember that if you take photos at a Club event, please send them to me so that they can be shared with the membership. Also, if you see an item in the paper or a magazine that you think may be of interest to other members, please let me know so I can look at including it in the Newsletter.

Bill Zinn, Editor, [sunbil@bellsouth.net](mailto:sunbil@bellsouth.net)

## **Minutes of March Meeting**

Meeting called to order by Cmdr. Dave at 7:10 p.m. on March 4, 2013. He noted that we had a good turnout with 27 people in attendance.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Dee Riley...beginning balance of \$4,487.62, ending balance \$4,368.76. Full report in newsletter.

Membership: 32 members

Sunshine Committee: Joy reported that she sent a card to Martha Mesa and then let us know that she and Stan had sold their home and would be moving to the Palmetto area. Charlene Powell stepped up and said she would take over the sunshine committee.

Nothing to report from the web master or newsletter. Sandy Zinn gave out the directories to every member present.

Bill Zinn reported that the Park Service had set several meetings to discuss management plans for the Everglades. He cited March 9th at the Ag Center in Homestead for one meeting and April 10th for a meeting in Key Largo.

Cmdr. Dave introduced his guests....cousin John and his wife visiting from Wisconsin. We thanked them for our cold weather.

April 13th: Event planned at Blue Martini, Town and Country Mall, at 4:30 p.m. Details to follow.

Everyone thanked Dave and Anna and their support staff for the GREAT breakfast. Dave countered with "WHO'S GOING TO BE COMMODORE NEXT YEAR???"

50/50 of \$27.00 won by Dave's cousin John, who promptly donated it back to the club. Cmdr. Dave did not do well on this exchange as he purchased the original tickets for John and now has won the duty of selling tickets at next meeting.....

Last business...ship's store....Dave and Anna will bring the remaining items to next meeting and we'll discuss disposing of them.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Claire Strandhagen, Secretary

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

### **HOMESTEAD Bay front YACHT CLUB**

BEGINNING FEBRUARY 1, 2013: 4487.62

**INCOME:**

Event	155.00
50/50	23.00
Dues	80.00
Total	258.00

**EXPENSES:**

Event	207.73
Webmaster	107.88
2013 Annual Report	61.25
Total	376.86

ENDING BALANCE FEBRUARY 28, 2013: 4368.76

SUBMITTED BY Dee Riley, TREASURER

NOTE: The February event was attended by 23 members and 9 guests plus 2 children. The event cost the club \$52.73.

## **Everglades Management Plan**

A proposed Management Plan for the Everglades National Park has been put out for public review and comment. Among the proposals in the plan is the establishment of pole/troll only areas covering about 33% of the water in the Park. Motorized boats will not be permitted within these areas. Also proposed is a requirement for anyone wanting to operate a vessel within the Park to take and pass a special educational course and then obtain a boating permit from the Park. Air boat operations within the Park will be very restricted. The present tourist oriented air boat operators such as Coopertown and Everglades Safari will be permitted to continue to operate, but only as Park concessions. Another proposal is to initiate User Capacity Programs to prevent over crowding at the more popular locations within the Park.

While most HYC members probably do the majority of their boating in Biscayne National Park rather than the Everglades, we still need to be concerned about some of the proposals in this plan. Common sense says that if restrictions, such as User Capacity Programs, are successfully implemented at one National Park, it will not be long before they are implemented in the other Park.

Two public information/comment meetings have been held thus far, one in Homestead and another in Everglades City. According to local media, the major public concern thus far has been the large size of the pole/troll areas. Five more public meetings are planned for April, in Naples, Islamorada, Dania Beach, Key Largo and Miami. The Key Largo meeting will be on April 10 at the Monroe County Government Center and the Miami meeting will be on April 11 at the FIU Stadium Club. Both meetings will be 5:30 to 8:30 PM.

## **Sunshine News**

Charlene Powell has taken over responsibility for the Sunshine News. We certainly hate to see Joy leave, but feel sure that the program remains in good hands. Please call or email Charlene if you have any information regarding the health/welfare of members or their family members.

## **HYC Event at Gilberts**

