

# The Nauti News



## Homestead Yacht Club

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Our 21st Year of Boating Fun



### FROM YOUR COMMODORE

George Mayer

HOMESTEAD YACHT CLUB

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

March 5, 2007

*Commodore George Mayer called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. A motion made by Dwayne, seconded by Peter to accept the minutes of last month's meeting as they appeared in the newsletter.*

*Our Dock-Master, Steve, was present and reported on the following items:*

*He has pictures of the new pedestal to be placed on the docks. They will be delayed as the covers for electoral fittings did not fit tightly enough. It has been corrected. The new lighting system for each dock should provide us with more light than we currently have.*

*The deadline for the insurance issue is April 1<sup>st</sup>. At that time, the county will expect to be notified that you have insurance. Cmdr. George can show you the acceptable form, which must designate that Miami Dade County Parks and Recreation be notified. If you have not already dealt with this issue, see Steve or George.*

*Thursday of this week, March 8<sup>th</sup>, we will be undergoing our final inspection for a "Clean Marina" certificate. Please remember to remove any bumpers hanging from the ladder to your slip. Steve also advises that any items, which need to go to a recycling center, such as batteries, etc. be handled by the Marina staff if you let him know it needs to be done. Simply call his office and he will arrange to have it picked up and hauled away.*

*Steve let us know that the plans for redoing the marina office include showers, restrooms, a room suitable for meetings and a new office. There are also plans to redo the park.*

*Dwayne raised the question of whether or not the contract we sign with Miami-Dade County contradicts the issue of liability with our insurance. Steve said he was sure that Dwayne was more knowledgeable about insurance but he would check it out and if necessary call on Dwayne's expertise to explain any problem.*

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*April 21<sup>st</sup> is the marina's social between the hours of 2:00 pm and 5:00 pm. Please plan to attend. April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 11:00 am until 4:00 pm, the park is hosting the Classic Cars by the Bay. It was a great event last year and we are invited to attend again this year,*

*Some of the pylons will be replaced. Steve has already had them marked. Sharon thanked Steve for his help with the meet and greet event. Steve had copies of the newspaper article telling the story of the young child badly burned when his father's boat exploded and burned at the marina. With no further guest ions, we thanked Steve for coming and let him go home.*

*Treasurer's Report: Presented by Sharon Roesch: Beginning balance \$6,898.32. Income: Meet and Greet \$265.00, Dues: \$830.00, 50/50 (Meeting) \$62.00, (event) \$54.00, Ship Store \$78.50 for a total of \$1,289.50. Expenses: State of FL annual report \$61.25, Meet and Greet, \$234.28. Ending balance\$7,892.29. Note from Sharon, the February event made HYC \$30.72 with fifty-seven members attending.*

*We were visited by representatives from Biscayne Bay Boaters Association. They have gotten together with the Department of Homeland Security in order to arrange a meeting place at Black Point Marina for boaters wishing to register themselves and their boats for a custom clearance number. If I understood the conversation customs is requiring 100 people be willing to apply for a registration number in order to schedule meetings at Black Point Marina. Cmdr. George has the forms if you are interested and he will arrange to forward them to the necessary people. If they have 100 candidates by March 15<sup>th</sup>, they will call each person and arrange appointments at Black Point Marina.*

*Sharon Roesch (master cookie baker and chef) thanked everyone who helped at the meet and greet; the cooks, the deejay, the 50/50 person and ticket takers. It was a huge success.*

*Dwayne Powell sang Happy Birthday to Mike Tingley (age is a mystery) and presented burgees to new members Harry and Liz Grafe and Billy and Betty Phillips. As of this date, we have 50 paid members.*

*Bill Zinn had new roster for members. Thank you Sandy for all your hard work. Cmdr. George found membership cards hidden somewhere and handed them out. He is working on arranging discounts for our members with various businesses. More to follow...*

*Park News: Buzz had nothing to report as Steve covered everything going on.*

*Ship Store: New items have been ordered.*

*Newsletter: Hope everyone is receiving it. We thanked Anna Perez-Giuliani for a great job.*

*Sunshine: Jan complained that people are not telling her what's gong on but did report that Ted Newlan, Buz Strandhagen, and George McDermot are fine. We decided it was a conspiracy but we would let her know in the future when one o f us needs some "sunshine".*

*Telephone/Meeting Committee: Susie Snipes advised she has finally gotten her e-mail and telephone list completed. YAYYYYYY Susie. We discussed the food combination being good but strange and Susie agreed to speak with the club with reference to the menus.*

*Web Master: Larry Roesch: They have worked very hard to be sure that everyone is getting the e-mails. If you change your e-mail address, please let him know but according to Larry, everyone even me, should be able to get a newsletter through e-mail. We'll see...*

*March 17<sup>th</sup> event: Dee Riley says it's going to be Irish-Mexican Fiesta. There were sign-up sheets at each table and we are asked to bring an appetizer or dessert. Five boats are going to Boca Chita on Thursday in an attempt to hold spaces. They plan appetizers and margaritas (compliments of Mario and Sonia) at 3:30 pm. Dee says expect to make your own tacos and maybe a piñata. Larry is planning to deejay so if you have some Mexican music get it to him. Ken Johnson will be going back and forth all weekend and is happy to shuttle anyone who needs a ride. Dee reminded everyone that there is a \$15.00 a night fee to stay and that no pets are allowed, even on your boat*

*The April event sponsored b Bob and Lois Deane has been changed from April 21<sup>st</sup> to April 28<sup>th</sup> so as not to interfere with the Marina Social. They had sign-up sheet at each table if you are interested in going, please contact them.*

*Bill Zinn reports that he has a letter from the National Parks Service outlining plans to raise the priced for admission to the Dry Tortugas and Everglades National Park from \$10.00 to \$20.00 per vehicle. They also plan to implement an automatic cost of living increase. If you are interest in speaking on these; proposed changes the next meeting is April 10<sup>th</sup> at the South Dade Regional Library between 5:30 pm and 8:15 pm. Bill will send out an e-mail to remind us of the date. Bill will send you a copy of the letter if you wish to appear an d/or speak.*

*50/50: George Dowdell won \$56.00... Congratulations!*

*Memorial Day Weekend. 10 slips were reserved at Bimini. Reservations were needed early. The new Marina site on North Bimini had new docks, restaurant, pool, and the club would be visiting for the first time.*

*There being no other business to discuss, meet adjourned at 9:00pm.*

*Respectfully submitted by Clair Standhagen for  
Annabelle McDermot*

### **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% to15% 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.**

<b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b>		
<b>HOMESTEAD BAYFRONT YACHT CLUB</b>		
<b>MONTH ENDING FEBRUARY 2007</b>		
<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>		<b><u>\$6,898.32</u></b>
<b>INCOME :</b>		
Meet & Greet	\$ 265.00	
Dues	830.00	
50/50 Meeting	62.00	
Event	54.00	
Store	78.50	
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$1,289.50</u></b>	
<b>EXPENSES :</b>		
State of FL annual report	61.25	
Meet and Greet	234.28	
	<b><u>\$ 295.53</u></b>	
<b>ENDING BALANCE February 28, 2007</b>		<b><u>\$7,892.29</u></b>
<b>SUBMITTED BY</b>		
Sharon Roesch TREASURER		
<b>Note: The February Event made HYC 30.72 with 57 members attending</b>		

***Boaters can now Cruise through Customs!***

*Under a new government program, boaters will be allowed to return from a foreign country without having to submit to interviews by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection.*

*The Local Boater Option Program allows boaters in Miami, Tampa, Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands areas to register with the boarder protection agency. Boaters will provide information about themselves, their vessel and receive a personal registration number.*

*When returning from a foreign port, the registered boater simply has to notify the customs office and inmost cases can bypass a face-to-face interview. All passengers on the vessel must also register.*



*"This is going to be primarily for the real frequent travelers," agency spokesperson, Zachary Mann said. "They'll be able to call in. It'll make it easier and more convenient."*

*Previously, recreational boaters or fishermen returning from the Bahamas or other foreign countries had to call the customs office upon their return and present themselves and their crew and passengers for an interview within 24 hours.*

*Besides easing travel for boaters, the program frees officers for more important duties.*

*"It allows us more manpower to focus on targeting people who may be involved in criminal activity," Mann said.*

*Boaters may make an appointment to register for the program by calling 800-432-1216 or 800-451-0393.*

*\*\*\*Bring with you your Boat's registration, pertinent documents and passports. \*\*\**

### Happy Belated Saint Patrick's Day!



Two men were sitting next to each other at a bar. After awhile, one guy looks at the other and says, "I can't help but think, from listening to you, that you're from Ireland." The other guy responds proudly, "Yes, that I am." The first guy says, "So am I." And where about from Ireland might you be?"

The other guy answers, "I'm from Dublin, I am."

The first guy responds, "Sure and begorra, and so am I.

And what street did you live on in Dublin?"

The other guy says, "A lovely little area it was, I lived on McCleary Street in the old central part of town."

The first guy says, "Faith & it's a small world, so did I! So did I.

And to what school would you have been going?"

The other guy answers, "Well now, I went to St. Mary's of course."

The first guy gets really excited and says, "And so did I. Tell me, what year did you graduate?"

The other guy answers, "Well, now, let's see, I graduated in 1964."

The first guy exclaims, "The Good Lord must be smiling down upon us! I can hardly believe our good luck at winding up in the same bar tonight. Can you believe it; I graduated from St. Mary's in 1964 my own self."

About this time, Ricky walks into the bar, sits down, and orders a beer.

Brian, the bartender, walks over to Ricky, shaking his head & mutters, "It's going to be a long night tonight."

Vicky asks, "Why do you say that, Brian?"

"The Murphy twins are drunk again."

Isn't it great to be a TWIN? I know all about this being a twin myself! Anna

### **BIOLOGY FINAL EXAM**

Students in Biology class were taking their final exam. The last question was, "Name seven advantages of Mothers Milk," and included the warning that the answer was worth 70 points if correct, or none at all.

One student (named BLE) was hard put to think of seven advantages. He wrote:

1. it is the perfect formula for the child.
2. It provides immunity against several diseases.
3. It is always at the right temperature.
4. It is inexpensive.
5. it bonds the child to mother, and vice versa.
6. It is always available as needed.

And then, the student was stuck. Finally, just before the bell, indicating the end of the test rang, he wrote:

7. it comes in such cute containers.

He got an "A"

~~~~~Moment of the day~~~~~

They walk among us...

I walked into a Blimpie's with a buy-one-get-one-free coupon for a sandwich. I handed it to the girl and she looked over at a little chalkboard that said, "Buy one-get one free". "They're already buy-one-get-one-free", she said, "So I guess they're both free". She handed me my free sandwiches and I walked out the door.

They walk among us and many work retail.

One day I was walking down the beach with some friends when one of them shouted, "Look at that dead bird! "Someone looked up at the sky and said, "Where?"

They walk among us!

While looking at a house, my brother asked the real estate agent, which direction was north because, he explained, he didn't want the sun waking him up every morning. She asked, "Does the sun rise in the north?" When my brother explained that the sun rises in the east, and has for sometime, she shook her head and said, "Oh, I don't keep up with that stuff."

They Walk Among Us!

I used to work in technical support for a 24/7 call center. One day I got a call from an individual who asked what hours the call center was open. I told him, "The number you dialed is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week." He responded, "Is that Eastern or Pacific time?" Wanting to end the call quickly, I said, "Uh, Pacific."

They Walk Among Us!

My sister has a lifesaving tool in her car designed to cut through a seat belt if she is trapped. She keeps it in the trunk.

They Walk Among Us!

My friends and I were on a beer run and noticed that the cases were discounted 10%. Since it was a big party, we bought two cases. The cashier multiplied 2 times 10% and gave us a 20% discount.

They Walk Among Us!

I couldn't find my luggage at the airport baggage area, so I went to the lost luggage office and told the woman there that my bags never showed up. She smiled and told me not to worry because she was a trained professional and I was in good hands. "Now," she asked me, "has your plane arrived yet?"

They Walk Among Us!

While working at a pizza parlor I observed a man ordering a small pizza to go. He appeared to be alone and the cook asked him if he would like it cut into 4 pieces or 6. He thought about it for some time before responding. "Just cut it into 4 pieces; I don't think I'm hungry enough to eat 6 pieces."

Yep, They Walk Among Us!

AND... they reproduce!



In a tiny village on the Irish coast lived an old lady, a virgin, and very proud of it. Sensing that her final days were rapidly approaching, and desiring to make sure everything was in proper order when she dies, she went to the town's undertaker (who also happened to be the local postal clerk) to make proper "final" arrangements. As a last wish, she informed the undertaker that she wanted the following inscription engraved on her tombstone:

"BORN A VIRGIN, LIVED AS A VIRGIN, DIED A VIRGIN".

Not too long after, the old maid died peacefully. A few days after the funeral, as the undertaker-postal clerk went to prepare the tombstone that the lady had requested, it became quite apparent that the tombstone that she had selected was much too small for the wording that she had chosen. He thought long and hard about how he could fulfill the old maid's final request, considering the very limited space available on the small piece of stone. For days, he agonized over the dilemma. Finally, his experience as a postal worker allowed him to come up with what he thought was the appropriate solution to the problem.

The virgin's tombstone was finally completed and duly engraved, and it read as follows:



"RETURNED UNOPENED"

### What starts with 'F' and ends with 'K'

A first-grade teacher, Ms. Brooks, was having trouble with one of her students. The teacher asked, "Harry, what's your problem?"

Harry answered, "I'm too smart for the 1st grade. My sister is in the 3rd grade and I'm smarter than she is! I think I should be in the 3rd grade too!"

Ms. Brooks had had enough. She took Harry to the principal's office. While Harry waited in the outer office, the teacher explained to the principal what the situation was.

The principal told Ms. Brooks he would give the boy a test. If he failed to answer any of his questions, he was to go back to the 1st grade and behave. She agreed. Harry was brought in and the conditions were explained to him and he agreed to take the test.

Principal: "What is 3 x 3?"

Harry: "9."

Principal: "What is 6 x 6?"

Harry: "36."

And so it went with every question the principal thought a 3rd grader should know. The principal looks at Ms. Brooks and tells her, "I think Harry can go to the 3rd grade." Ms. Brooks says to the principal, "Let me ask him some questions. The principal and Harry both agreed.

Ms. Brooks asks, "What does a cow have four of that I have only two of?"

Harry, after a moment says "Legs."

Ms. Brooks: "What is in your pants that you have but I do not have?"

The principal wondered why she would ask such a question!

Harry replied "Pockets."

Ms. Brooks: "What does a dog do that a man steps into?"

Harry: "Pants."

Ms. Brooks: "What starts with a C, ends with a T, is hairy, oval, delicious, and contains thin, whitish liquid?"

Harry: "Coconut."

The principal sat forward with his mouth hanging open.

Ms. Brooks: "What goes in hard and pink then comes out soft and sticky?"

The principal's eyes opened really wide and before he could stop the answer, Harry replied, "Bubble gum."

Ms. Brooks: "What does a man do standing up, a woman does sitting down, and a dog does on three legs?"

Harry: "Shake hands."

The principal was trembling.

Ms. Brooks: "What word starts with an 'F' and ends in 'K' that means a lot of heat and excitement?"

Harry: "Fire truck."

The principal breathed a sigh of relief and told the teacher, "Put Harry in the fifth-grade, I got the last seven questions wrong..... "

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#.



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**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 (177<sup>th</sup> 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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(For your Boating Information...)

## **Flying a National Ensign Correctly**

### **Boating flag, burgee and pennant etiquette**

I have received several requests for information on the proper display of flags aboard a boat. First of all, the word "flag" refers to any type of flag being flown. There are, however, several types of "flags". Along with your country's national ensign, there are all manner of courtesy, warning and signal flags in the boating world, as well as a multitude of burgees and pennants.

#### **1. The National Ensign** is the most important flag aboard your boat!



It ranks above **all** others. Pictured here is the U.S. national ensign, modeled after the American flag. In American waters, you can choose to fly the Yacht ensign with the circle of stars surrounding a fouled anchor, rather than the National ensign. In foreign waters, however, the national ensign is the *only* proper flag to fly.

The ensign is always rectangular in shape, with the length being called the "**fly**" and the height called the "**hoist**". A properly sized ensign will equal one (1) inch of fly for each foot of boat length. For example, a 24' boat should fly an ensign that is 24 inches at the fly (long). If the flag sizes available do not exactly match the length of your boat, select the next **bigger** size, not the smaller one.

The U.S. ensign is always flown at the stern of your boat. NEVER display the national ensign on your bow staff. Flying the ensign anywhere but at the stern of your boat is considered disrespectful of your country's flag. The ensign is hoisted at 0800 (8 AM) and lowered at sunset. Leaving your ensign up all night is also considered disrespectful. By following the correct procedures, we demonstrate just how proud we are of the nation in which we live.

**2. Burgees and Pennants:** Burgees and pennants are generally triangular in shape and, on most powerboats, are flown from the bow staff (pole). Burgees can represent your boat manufacturer's name, your initials, your yacht club or local Power Squadron affiliation. I have also seen fish, cocktails, skunks, near-naked ladies and all manner of fantastic other things emblazoned on pennants. (In other words, go for it!) Burgees and pennants can be flown both day and night.

**3. Foreign Flags or Courtesy Flags:** When entering a foreign port, you must hoist the code flag "**Quebec**" (solid yellow) from the starboard spreader if you have a signal mast or, if not, then from your radio antenna. This means you are requesting "**pratique**" or permission to use the port.



Once you pass through customs and quarantine, you then replace the "Q" flag with a miniature version of the host country's national ensign, which is called a "courtesy" flag. Remember, you still display your own country's ensign at the stern.

**4. International Distress Flag:** The International distress flag is a square-shaped, bright orange flag with a black ball and a black square. When this flag is displayed, **ALL** other vessels are required by law to come to the aid of the boat in distress. If you do not have a distress flag aboard, flying the National Ensign upside down is also regarded as a signal of distress.

**5. Diver Down Flag:** The diver down flag is a square-shaped, bright red colored flag with a diagonal white stripe.



This flag indicates a diver in the water. In most cases, the rule states that the diver must stay within 100' of the flag and that all other boats must stay at least 200' away from the flag. A nice, sensible arrangement, in my opinion.

A final word of advice on flying flags aboard your boat. If you aren't sure where the flag should be displayed, and have no way of finding out, **don't fly it at all!**

**Keep boating ... it better than working any day!**

**Captain Dave**