

March 2009



The Nauti News

Homestead Yacht Club

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Our 23rd Year of Boating Fun

Commodore's Comments

I hope everyone is ready for the Big Party (Steak Fry at the Pavilion) this weekend. It is shaping up nicely with over 70 reservations. We have a few former members stopping by as guests, which will make it like "old home week". Elsewhere in the Newsletter the Toga Party is listed for our April Event at Boca Chita. I hope we can get just as good of turn out for that. Bill and Linda Clemons are going all out for this one. If any of you can go out on Thursday night or early Friday morning before the event to save dockage please let me know.

I want to take this opportunity to wish our newsletter editor Bill Zinn good luck in his surgery this week.

I tried to go to the marina office to get a "Guest Pass" like the dock master told us at the last meeting that we could each do. No luck as no one seems to know what they are or how to issue them.

I was told that the Assistant Park Director wanted to come to speak at our next meeting. I have not been officially notified of this. I would like each of you, who are going to attend our next meeting, to write down any issues or concerns so, if he shows up, I can give them to him before the meeting starts. Hope to see you all this weekend.

See you on the water



Larry Roesch
Commodore

Meeting Reminder

[The April meeting will be held on April 6 at Redland Country Club](#)

Editor's Notes

The newsletter is a bit early this month. Normally I try to get it out the week before the monthly meeting, so that it can serve as a meeting reminder, and this month that would be next week. However, I have some minor surgery scheduled and wanted to get it published before that, so here it is.

For the above mentioned reason, I will not make it to the Streak Fry event and thus will not be able to take any photos. If anyone takes any, I would greatly appreciate it if you send me some copies so that I can include a few in the next newsletter.

Editor Bill Zinn, sunbil@aol.com

Minutes for Homestead Yacht Club Meeting March 2, 2009

Meeting called to order (well as much order as we ever achieve) by Cmdr. Larry at 7:30 p.m. We had a great turnout of 45 members.

First order of business was hearing from our dock master Mike. Mike opened with the hope that we all enjoyed the marina social. He advises that the guest parking passes are in. We are allotted one pass per marina patron and it is good for one year. The pass is good for one vehicle per day and the marina patron is responsible for giving and retrieving said pass. The guard's beeper is back in service with the same telephone number. Mike also reports that he will be surveying the channel around marker number nine, the rock ledge, taking measurements. Buz Strandhagen, park liaison, volunteered to work with him. We have a new full time guard, Jerome Bird. Mike says he is experienced, has worked at several Dade County Parks and we are delighted to have him on board.

Treasurer's report was given by treasurer Dee Riley (see newsletter). Accepted as read.

Jerry and Vicky Cline introduced their guests, Uncle Ray and Aunt Barbara from Missouri. Larry also mentioned it was great to see Derek and Ana Boos, Ed and Elly Prats and Bob and Lee Cowan.

We have two new members, John and Leslie Zeien and Lisa Vari. Cmdr. Larry presented them with burgees. Dwayne Powell, membership chairman, advises that we now have 39 members. If I have spelled names wrong incorrectly, it's his fault as his penmanship is terrible.

Minutes from last meeting were approved as written in the newsletter. Cmdr. Larry thanked Bill and Sandy Zinn for doing such a great job on the newsletter and for preparing and printing the member directory. Please let Sandy know if you make any changes in your information so that the roster can be kept updated. Sandy will send out any additions via e-mail so you can update your directory.

Sunshine Committee, Jan reports all is well.

Upcoming events:

1. Card Point has been changed to March 14th. Let Ken Johnson know if you plan to attend.

2. April 25th we're going to Boca Chita and need volunteers to go early to hold dock space. The theme is still Greek, (think toga party).
3. May: Memorial Day Weekend: George and Annie McDermott are hosting...think three day weekend and PUB CRAWL.
4. June: Something in the Keys, Sonia and Mario Espineira are hosting.
5. July: Bimini, Chub, Nassau....if you have never been, tag along with some members of the club who have.
6. Aug.: Naples...Ray Vega is putting together a pontoon trip up and down the intercoastal.
7. Sept. We had originally planned on Hawk's Cay but Ted and Dee explored several options. After comparing costs and availability at Plantation, Pilot House, Holiday Isle, and Marina del Mar, they recommended that the event be held at Marina del Mar. The club voted and concurred with their recommendation, so the Sept 4-7 event will be held at Marina del Mar. They will place an item in the newsletter with more details and numbers to call to make reservations.

Derek Boos spoke about the event planned for the end of March. It is an Argentine barbeque. They are planning karaoke, great steak and lots of fun. Those attending are asked to bring a side dish or dessert and sign up at this meeting. Cost is \$5.00 for members and \$10.00 for guests.

Assistant Park Director Jack Kardys will be at our next meeting to speak to us so if you have any questions for him let Cmdr. Larry know.

50/50 of \$53.00 was won by George McDermott and meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Secretary Claire Strandhagen

Welcome New Members



Lisa Vari, John and Leslie Zeien

TREASURER'S REPORT
HOMESTEAD Bay front YACHT CLUB

"MONTH ENDING FEBRUARY 2009"

BEGINNING BALANCE 6081.78

INCOME :

50/50	53.00
DUES	185.00
ROSTERS	4.00
STORE	50.00

Total 292.00

EXPENSES :

Meeting room fee	100.00
FL State Annual Filing	61.25

Total 161.25

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Note: The March Event will be included in the next Report

SUBMITTED BY Treasurer Dee Riley

BUY AMERICAN

Article # 3-Dwayne Powell

At times our cruise through Georgia seemed like traveling in the Appalachian Mountains as the winding ICW often made you feel you were back where you just had come from. However, we saw some beautiful secluded anchorages and miles of undeveloped marsh and woodland. It is scenery like this that causes you to realize the ICW is a destination unto itself. We arrived at the Isle of Hope Marina near Savannah at sunset and were greeted with a bunch of irritating tiny see-ums called sand flies. Downtown Savannah is about 8 miles up the Savannah River from the ICW. The river is busy with commercial traffic and has some strong currents but it is wide and well marked. The riverfront area is worth a visit but the dockage historically has not been that good (rumor is improvements are being made). I recommend staying in Isle of Hope or Thunderbolt and taking a cab to downtown. In the spring Savannah is truly a beautiful place with its azaleas and dogwoods in full bloom beneath the huge oak trees filled with moss. Before going to Savannah a must read is the book *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* by John Berendt. The book is a page-turner with remarkable characters blended with an excellent portrait of Savannah. Over the years a lot of movies have been filmed in and around Savannah *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil (1997)* and *Forrest Gump (1994)* to name two. Numerous tours are available and will add to your enjoyment of this historical city. Our next stop was Hilton Head where we spent

several days with friends. The beach at Hilton Head offers very little, but building laws on the island has resulted in the buildings on the island being blended with the foliage and has preserved the island's charm. If you are a golfer, Hilton Head is for you. Twenty miles further up the intracoastal is a favorite of mine, Beaufort, South Carolina. The town has beautiful homes and a lot of history and is a good place to spend a day or two. We consider the Royal Palm Landing Marina to be one of the most friendly on the ICW. The movie *Big Chill* (1983) was filmed in Beaufort. Charleston is the next stop along the intracoastal and the Charleston City Marina is downtown and recommended. There is an anchorage just off the city marina but it can get rough due to boat traffic and strong current. Next month more about Charleston plus Georgetown and Myrtle Beach.

Below photos by Charlene Powell April 2006. Left sunken shrimp boat on the ICW in Georgia and right scenic photo in Beaufort, South Carolina.



Everglades National Park – General Management Plan

By Bill Zinn

The Park Service has recently issued their newsletter # 5, outlining the latest proposals for the new Everglades General Management Plan. This is the midway point in a process which began in 2007 and is supposed to be completed in 2011. The plan outlines how the park will be managed and operated in future years, with emphasis on protecting the Park's resources. A major part of this protection effort is the controlling of boat use within the park. If you enjoy fishing in Florida Bay, then their proposals are of special interest to you. Also, if you live in or visit the Keys and enjoy dinking around the area, it should be of interest to you, because all of the water west and north of the Intercoastal Waterway, from Jewfish Creek to south of Islamorada, is part of the National Park and is covered by this plan. There are four Plan alternatives, but number one is simply the present management plan and serves only as a baseline for their proposed changes. The other three alternatives propose varying degrees of change ranging from minor in alternative two to extensive in alternative four. The following elements are common to all of the alternatives:

Improve Park boundary markings, channel markings and navigational aids

Rebuild the facilities at Flamingo, including the lodge/motel

Continue to protect nesting and rookery areas in the Florida Bay keys

Require a permit to operate a vessel in the Park and establish an education program which must be completed in order to obtain the permit

Establish/improve boat launch ramps at Flamingo and on the 18 mile stretch.

Increase law enforcement within the Park

The Park Service will be holding public meetings to explain the alternatives and to accept public comments on them. The meetings will be from 5:30 to 8:30 PM, with a briefing at 6 PM followed by a public comment period. The next three meetings will be on April 1 at the South Dade Public Library, 10750 SE 211 St, on April 13 at the Key Largo Holiday Inn and on April 14 at the Campbell Agricultural Center, 18710 SW 288 St. Also, the April 13 meeting will be webcast at 6 PM on the Park Service web site. Go to www.nps.gov/ever and then click on the General Management Plan link. A copy of the newsletter can be obtained by calling the Park at 305-242-7700.

Future Club Events

Event: **Toga Party** Where: **Boca Chita** When: **April 25, 2009**

Required: Togas of course! For those of you who don't know what a Toga is, get on the web! A Prize will be given for the best Toga costume. Do not rent or buy a costume – no prizes for those! And be ready to immerse yourself in old Rome.

A real old fashioned Roman feast will be served for dinner on Saturday evening beginning at 6:00 p.m The Feast will include Chicken kabobs with cherry tomatoes, yellow and green squash, served with Crusty whole wheat bread dipped in olive oil and ground black pepper; salad of shredded carrots, cucumbers, radishes and beets in a Roman dressing.

We will need help with Dessert. In old Rome that was Fruit and Cheese, so bring some to share. Fruit included pears, apples, pomegranates, grapes, figs.

Wine was typically served at a Roman feast – so bring yours, or your favorite poison.

The cost will be \$5.00 per person, \$10.00 per couple. Guests are at \$10.00 per person, \$20.00 per couple. Sign-up at the April Club meeting or contact Bill/Linda Clemons. We need to know the number of people attending so that we can purchase enough food for this Roman feast.

LABOR DAY WEEKEND SEPTEMBER 4 THROUGH 7

We voted to change the Labor Day weekend event from Hawk's Cay (too expensive) to Marina Del Mar.

The slip rate is \$3.00 per foot plus \$9.00 per day. They will **NOT** take group reservations over a holiday weekend, as they are always full.

PLEASE call Candice **NOW** at 305-451-4107 to reserve your slip. You do not need to identify yourself as HYC.

As soon as you have a confirmed reservation, please email me at DEE11654@aol.com or call 305-598-4724.

I was unable to get a special rate for any of the hotels, since it is a holiday weekend. I suggest you try for a room at the Marina Del Mar (same telephone number) or the Holiday Inn next door.

More details later.....