

May 2002



The Nauti News

Homestead Yacht Club

Our 16th Year of Boating Fun

Key Largo Event

The Club's first visit to the Pilot House Marina in Key Largo turned out to be a resounding success. Our hosts, Ralph and Linda Laughridge did an outstanding job. Most of us arrived on Friday and after navigating the canal into the marina and getting tied up, we were welcomed by the manager of the restaurant/bar. He presented each boat with a bottle of bubbly and two free drink tickets for the bar. Most of us relaxed on the dock, with a



drink or two, until it was time to travel to Ralph and Linda's lovely home on a canal not far from the Marina. Linda outdid herself with a seemingly never ending parade of outstanding food dishes. With more than enough food and drink, everyone had a great evening. The next morning there were the usual Bloody Marys and Mimosas on the dock, followed by a brunch cooked up by chef Chuck Burnitz. Of course, like every club event, there was the usual mechanical failure to deal with (after all, they are boats). This time it was Ted who had problems with an engine. Fortunately he was able to find the

required part and, with lots of technical advise but very little physical help from other Club members, he was able to return the engine to operation. Also on Saturday, the owner of the marina paid us a visit. He welcomed us, explained how he came to own the marina and what his plans were for the future. Of course he also urged us to return again, either as a club or individually. Saturday evening we enjoy a fine outdoor meal with drinks and dancing to live music at the Pilot House. So far as we know, everyone survived the evening and returned home on Sunday without problems. Again, our thanks to Ralph and Linda for putting together a truly great event.

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Editor's Note

Due to a family emergency, Commodore Bob has been out of town and was not able to submit an item for this newsletter. Our best wishes go out to Bob and Carol.

You will note a change in the newsletter's format with this issue. Dick Kline suggested that since most people now get an electronic version of the letter, that I switch from the two column to a single column format so that people will not have to scroll back to the top of the page to continue reading the newsletter. So...here is the first attempt at it.

Thanks to Steve Bell for providing me with some of the photos he took during our event in Key Largo. His photos have been included in this letter and on the PhotoIsland web site.

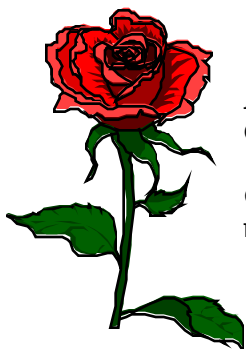
Don't forget about our Club web site (www.homesteadyachtclub.com) If you have any comments or suggestions, please provide them to web master Larry at KLR22@aol.com.

Bill Zinn, sunbil@aol.com

Next Club Meeting

The May HYC meeting will be on Monday, May 6th at the Redland Country Club. Menu will be chicken or beef fajitas with beans and rice. Please make your reservations with Barb Kelly, 305-230-0532 or bmissysissy@aol.com Remember that a reservation made is a reservation paid. Cancellations are accepted until 9 AM the day of the meeting.

Sunshine News



A card and wishes for a speedy recovery were sent to Charlie Gibbs after his surgery.

Condolences were sent to Lee Cowan on the passing of her mother.

If you know of any Sunshine News please let Monica know at 305-925-7328 or MADAMS@interval-intl.com

Ship's Store

The Ship's store is open before and after each club meeting. They have a wide variety of items bearing the club's logo, including: Caps for \$15, Tank Tops for \$12, Boat Bags for \$18, and Visors for \$10. Items can be personalized for an additional \$7 for the first line and \$4 for each additional line. A complete list of available items is on our Web site. Contact Chuck or Dodi at 305-230-0097 for additional information.

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Biscayne National Park
Fisheries Management Plan

In addition to the General Management Plan developed and discussed during 2001, the Park is now also developing a Fisheries Management Plan. They state that this is necessary due to the declining fish population in the Bay. They are now soliciting public comments on the actions which may be taken as a result of this plan. The possibilities include; closing some areas to all visitors, closing some areas to all fishing, establishing special size and bag limits for the Park, implementing catch and release only for all of the Park, and/or establishing special fishing permits for the Park. The Park management will be holding public meetings to explain the plan and to obtain public comment. The meetings will be on May 13 and 14 at the Crown Plaza Hotel on LeJeune Rd in Miami, on May 15 at Keys Gate Golf and Tennis Club in Homestead and on May 16 at the Westin Hotel in Key Largo. The meetings will be open from 2 to 8 PM with presentations given at 3:30 and 6:30 PM. As you can see, if you boat in the Park, this plan could have an impact on you, even if you never do any fishing there. Club members are encouraged to attend one of the meetings and let the Park management know how you feel about their plan.

Minutes of April Meeting

Cmdr. Bob Timmons called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and the minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Jan Mayer reported a beginning balance of \$5,312.14. Expenses were Rosters \$ 124.92, Shrimp boil \$ 480.37 and postage \$ 6.80. Income: March 50/50 was \$ 55.00, Membership dues were \$ 400.00, Shrimp boil \$ 365.00 and the sale of two rosters \$ 4.00.

Newsletter- Bill Zinn asked everyone with internet access to look at the changes that Web master Larry has made to our new web site, www.homesteadyachtclub.com. We hope to be adding a "For Sale" section soon for everybody to place items at. If you change your email address, please advise Bill so that you will continue to receive your Newsletter and other club material.

Park Liaison- Buz Strandhagen was not able to attend

Ship's Store- Chuck Burnitz says let's support the Club and BUY! BUY! BUY!

Membership- Bill Clemens introduced new members, Charles & Mavis Adams and they received their burgee. We also had Kevin & Wendy McHale on "C" dock join. Welcome aboard new members!!!

Sunshine Committee- Monica Adams was not able to attend

Telephone Coordinator-Barb Kelly needs someone who speaks Spanish to help her with the calls to Spanish speaking households. Any volunteers?

New Business

Thanks were extended to George and Annabelle for ANOTHER job very well done at the event they sponsored.

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Dick Kline needed a head count for the next event which is in Key Largo. Fridays party will be at Ralph & Linda Laughridge home. Saturday will be dinner at the pilot house and it will be cash bar.

Memorial Day at Coral Ridge Yacht Club is being sponsored by Charlie & Carol Sammarco and Steve & Charlotte Bell. They will need a head count so let them know if you plan to attend.

Bob & Lee Cowan's event at Marina Del Mar is still on for June 7-9. Contact them if you are going.

Bill & Linda Clemon's Event at South Bimini for July 4th features all new facilities with a clubhouse. Water is free w/dockage at \$.70 per foot. There will be a bar-b-que with live entertainment. Let them know ASAP if you are going!

August ??? Maybe a run to Alabama jacks?? We'll see.....The band plays from 2-7 and NO dancing allowed!

There was no Old Business to discuss.

The 50-50 of \$ 55.00 was won by Sandy & Bill's Daughter and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

Retirement Luau Invitation



All Club members are invited to a Retirement Luau
for

George Mayer

on June 22nd

from 4 PM until ???

at

23405 SW 152 Court

RSVP by May 27th to 305-245-4904

Key Largo Event Photos



Additional photos are posted at the PhotoIsland Web Site.

www.photoisland.com Log-on: sunbil Password: hyc

Select the Pilot House album

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For Sale

2001 Caribe Light Model L9 Dingy, 9'1" LOA and 5'5" beam, with seat/paddles/airpump/bowbag/underseat storage bag/drink holders/flexible tiller arm extension/swim ladder/1997 9.9 Johnson outboard with 6 gal gas tank/trailer/Weaver davit pads on port side. Does about 17 MPH with two people and weighs 110 lbs. \$2500 Call Bob Timmons at 305-431-5479

Our next Club Event

CORAL RIDGE YACHT CLUB OUTING MAY 24-27

HOSTED BY SAMMARCO AND BELL

FRIDAY MAY 24: Arrive at Coral Ridge Yacht Club and receive temporary membership

HOTEL AVAILABLE NEARBY: Doubletree Suites
2670 E. Sunrise Blvd, Ft. Lauderdale
(954) 565-3800
Deluxe Suite (full kitchen) \$119 per night

FRIDAY PM: Cocktails (2 for 1) and dinner at the Club.
COST: Individual member's expenses

SATURDAY PM: Self-cook barbecue at Pointe Bar overlooking ICW. Members bring your own entree. Club will supply side dishes. Drinks will be purchased at the bar. Club will supply grills.

COST: Undetermined as of now. The usual good deal.

SUNDAY: Two or three boat cruise to restaurant on the ICW.
COST: Individual member's expenses for meal.

MONDAY: Sober up and cruise home.

As usual, there will be extemporaneous excursions and last-minute, on-the-fly activities.

We have the following boats listed as attendees:

Adams	LADY M	34'
Burnitz	FINAL APPROACH	46'
Clemons	LINDA C	47'
Cowan	KEYS DISEASE	34'
Mayer	INSTEDDA	48'
Newlan	CRUZANA	38'
Roesch	SHARKAY	56'

If you are bringing your boat and it is not listed above or if you are planning to come without your boat, please e-mail Steve Bell at bells3hyc@hotmail.com ASAP so that he can provide the Coral Ridge Club with an accurate count.