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The Nauti News

Homestead Yacht Club

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Our 23rd Year of Boating Fun

Another HYC Fun Event



HYC members spent a fun, even though a little damp, Memorial Day weekend at Ft Lauderdale.

Commodore's Comments

Hello Everyone:

We just got back from a great Memorial Day Weekend in Ft Lauderdale. Although the weather wasn't too nice, the company was fantastic. We went on Friday and met up with some former members at Coral Ridge Yacht Club. Former members, Charlie and Carole Sammarco, and Steve and Charolette Bell were very gracious hosts. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Annabelle and George Mc Dermot for such a great outing. Even though their boat broke down, that didn't stop them from still putting on a great event. They drove to Bahia Mar and stayed in the hotel and brought all the goodies with them. That is dedication at its finest. She has sent letters to Coconuts Restaurant and Bahia Mar thanking them for such good service. Our group dinner was one of the nicest ever. The service was

quick and the food was great. We had six boats and 27 people attending. We welcome new members Juan and Laura Lermo who attended the event. The scavenger hunt and pub crawl was fun, even though our team got skunked!

I would like to remind our members about our upcoming event at **"The BIG CHILL in Key Largo" June 13**. Now that famous Jimmy Johnson, has become an owner, the place is really happening. Please come early and enjoy the pool area. We will be serving Barbequed Chicken and Ribs at 5 pm and then enjoy sunset in the Keys. We have about 24 members signed up. Price \$25 per person members and \$35 for guests.



See you on the Water soon!

Larry Roesch, Commodore

Editor's Note

Many thanks to Commodore Larry for providing some photos from the Ft Lauderdale event. Please remember that if you have HYC related photos that you would like to share with other members, please send them to me and I will include what I can in the newsletter and also forward them to our Web Master to be posted on our web site.

Also, thanks to everyone for keeping your e-mail address current. This is the only way we can get the newsletter to you and also let you know about the monthly meeting and other club events.

Bill Zinn, Editor, sunbil@aol.com

Minutes of the May 4, 2009 Meeting

The minutes from last month's meeting were accepted as appearing in the newsletter.

Meeting opened with our dock master Mike McCrink addressing several issues: first up the channel...Mike advises they are working on putting signs up advising boaters to stay away from the right side of the channel and also for small boats to give way to larger ones. Mike also spoke about the park being closed and the difficulty some of our members had in reaching their boats. In the future, police will be on hand to direct traffic and a marina attendant will be at the entrance to assist marina patrons. There were some concerns about marina patrons parking dinghy trailers in the marina parking lot. The guard and park security officers have been advised that this is permissible and will no longer bother us. Mike will send out an e-mail to us reference the hurricane preparedness meeting at Black Point Marina on May 29th. June 6th is a fishing tournament and information will be in the newsletter. We have been chosen as one of several marinas to take part in a garbage collection. The border patrol held a class and advised that their aim is to contain garbage, which comes from outside our country in an attempt to minimize harmful pests. If you travel to other countries, you are asked to double bag your garbage and leave it at the marina. It will be disposed of for you. Mike informed us that park watch numbers will be displayed in order for marina patrons to report any problems. Larry mentioned that he had occasion to call the guard to report people climbing around the fence to come onto the dock. He said that the guard responded promptly and

that the people on the dock were related to the boat owner. The last issue addressed by Mike was to inform us that people fishing in the marina would no longer be permitted to stay.

Sharon Roesch gave the treasurer's report as Dee Riley is out of town. It was accepted as read. Park liaison, Buz Strandhagen, had nothing to report other than the fact that Mike is doing a good job as dock master. Dwayne Powell, membership, reports no change...still 42 members. Our call girl reports that a few people still do not respond to her e-mails. She follows up with telephone calls but frequently does not get a return call. Please encourage members to let us know whether or not they are coming to the meetings.

Larry reports that the toga party was GREAT. Bill and Linda Clemons did a marvelous job and everyone did a lot of laughing.....Check out the pictures on our web page. Our next outing is planned for Memorial Day weekend at Bahia Mar in Ft. Lauderdale. George and Annabelle McDermot did a great job and managed to get a price of \$1.47 a foot, down from \$2.65. There are currently six boats signed up to go. You can arrive by 12 noon. The deadline for reservations is May 8th and the date of the event is May 22 thru 26. There is a 72 hour cancellation. Friday night George and Annie have arranged to seat 25 to 26 people at Coconuts and you can order from their menu. Sat. is a pub crawl and scavenger hunt and Sunday they plan hamburgers and hot dogs on the beach.

June 13th Mario and Sonia Espineira are sponsoring an outing at the Big Chill in Key Largo. It's the site of the old Italian Fisherman. It will be a chicken and ribs barbeque at 5:00 p.m.but we can hang out at the pool all afternoon. They have entertainment there in the afternoon. The club will pay \$150.00 for the use of the facility and it will be \$25.00 per person for members and \$35.00 for guests. Please let us know by next meeting if you plan to attend.

The Labor Day outing is at Marina del Mar. If you plan to go, you need to make reservations now. NO MEETING IN JULY. Motion made and passed to cancel July meeting due to so many members out of town.

Larry mentioned that the trip this summer to the islands is shaping up. He plans to leave on Friday July 10th. Tony Muina is planning something in Bimini. There are a lot of good deals with air fares and hotel rooms. Larry and Sharon's family is meeting them in Atlantis on July 12th and 13th. Someone mentioned that Southern Magazine had a good article on Exuma. Larry mentioned that you can fly to Stanley and rent small boats to get around. Sharon mentioned that the web site ROYAL PLANTATION at Fowl Cay has a lot of good information.

August outing is a trip to the west coast of Florida sponsored by our Vice Commodore Ray Vega. He'll have more information at our next meeting.

50/50 won by Ted Ficken.....drawn by Angie Ficken.....in the amount of \$28.00.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Claire Strandhagen, Secretary.

REMINDER: The next Club meeting will be on Monday, June 1st

TREASURER'S REPORT

HOMESTEAD Bay front YACHT CLUB

"BEGINNING BALANCE APRIL, 2009"

6212.53

INCOME:

50/50 (steak fry)	87.00
DUES	356.00
Event Steak Fry	605.00
50/50 (April Meeting)	46.00
Store	92.00
Burgee	30.00
Event Toga Party	145.00
 Total	 1361.00

EXPENSES:

Event Toga Party	486.54
Event (Steak Fry)	890.29
Website	148.00
Burgees	693.50
Newsletter 2008	111.39
Room Fee	100.00
 Total	 2429.72

"ENDING BALANCE APRIL 30, 2009"

5143.81

SUBMITTED BY Dee Riley, TREASURER

Note: The March Steak Fry event was attended by 47 members and 36 guests. The cost to the club was \$285.29.

The April Toga Party was attended by 20 members and 4 guests. The cost to the club was \$341.54.

BUY AMERICAN

Article # 5- Dwayne Powell

The closer you get to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina the more you hear about the stretch of intracoastal known simple as *The Rockpile*. In fact, we spoke to several cruisers who had the misfortune to have met *The Rockpile* up close and personal. *The Rockpile*, a land cut where the Army Corp of Engineers about 60 years ago had a lot of difficulty blasting through rock and with budgets getting low, left treacherous rock ledges on the sides of the waterway. The most dangerous section is the 3 miles section from MM 350- 353 but caution is advised from MM 347- 365 also called Pine Island Cut. Traversing the Pine Island Cut you should stay close to the mid section of the channel and before entering the most dangerous section MM 350- 353, I recommend you call on channel 13/16 and check for approaching barge or tug traffic. Unless your boat can backup in a straight line for a couple of miles you do not want to meet a big barge or tug headed in the opposite direction. The below photo toward the north shows the beginning of the infamous worst section of *The Rockpile*. The gondolas are for a golf course that abuts the ICW.



If you make it through *The Rockpile* plan to stay at the Barefoot Landing Marina at MM 354. Barefoot Landing is centrally located in the Myrtle Beach area, has 1200' of floating docks, 100 unique shops, 14 restaurants and live entertainment. Next month ICW to Southport and Cape Fear.

Bahamas Trip Schedule for Sharkay

This is for all members in case someone wants to fly over for a few days. Here's basically where we'll be! There are some great airline deals right now to Nassau. Daily flights to Bimini, and Staniel Cay too.

- July 10: Bimini Beach Club 242-347-4002
- July 11: Chub Cay 242-325-1490
- July 12: Atlantis 242 363 6068
- July 13: Atlantis
- July 14: Highbourne Cay 242 3551008
- July 15: Highbourne Cay
- July 16: Shroud Cay
- July 17: Exuma Land Sea Park
- July 18: Exuma Land Sea Park
- July 19: Sampson Cay 242-355-2034
- July 20: Sampson Cay
- July 21: Staniel Cay 242 355-2024
- July 22: Compass Cay 242 355-2137
- July 23: Compass Cay
- July 24: Nassau
- July 25: Cat Cay
- July 26: Head Home

Larry Roesch, Sharkay

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