

May 2010



# The Nauti News

**Homestead Yacht Club**

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Our 25th Year of Boating Fun

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## **Italian Dinner Event**



**Club Members enjoy an Italian dinner at the pavilion**

## **Monthly Meeting Reminder**

**The next monthly meeting will be on Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup>  
NOTE: This meeting will begin at 7 PM**

## **Commodore's Comments**

Hello Everyone:

I hope everyone had a great Memorial Day weekend.

Please remember that our meeting on June 7 will start at **7PM**, so that we can hear from our guest speaker from Biscayne National Park. Please be prompt so we may begin on time. We expect to be able to eat around the same time, so no one gets too hungry!

I would like to thank Vicky and Jerry Cline for putting together an outstanding Italian Dinner for us. We are now planning our Tarpon Basin event on June 12 in Key Largo. ( I sent out an email earlier this week). I have heard from some of you. I hope to get a response from all members on this event, so we may plan accordingly. Details will be discussed at our next meeting.

Because many of our members will be heading out to the Bahamas in late June and July it has been decided not to have a meeting in July. Our next meeting after the June meeting, will be on August 2. I hope we can have a great turn out for the June meeting and our next event. I hope to see many of you on the water in the Bahamas this summer.



Larry Roesch

Calm Seas to Everyone for the Summer!

## **Editor's Notes**

I am sorry about the May Newsletter not being published until June. I normally try to get it out during the last week of the month, but due to some minor eye surgery and the holiday weekend things ran a bit late this month.

We all hate to think about it, but it is already Hurricane season again. The experts are predicting a busy season. Just as a reminder that it only takes one storm to make life miserable, at the end of the Newsletter I have inserted a post Andrew photo of the Zinn household.

Bill Zinn, sunbil@aol.com

## **Minutes of the May 2010 Meeting**

Meeting opened by Cmdr. Larry at 7:30 p.m. on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Commodore advised that Dockmaster Mike was unable to attend but had sent an e-mail advising that our marina had gained six new boats for wet slips and two for dry storage.

The hurricane seminar held annually is scheduled for Friday, May 28th at Black Point Grill. If you plan to attend, make reservations.

Minutes for April meeting were accepted as appearing in the newsletter.

Treasurer's report: Dee Riley reports an opening balance of \$6,020.29 and ending balance of \$5,385.29. Full report appears in newsletter.

Kudos to everyone for the GREAT pontoon adventure. Larry and Ted volunteered to drive....Sharon made her famous cookies and a bucket of mojitos. Mario and Sonia brought a bucket of margaritas. All in all we had a wonderful time.

Our next event is the Italian night. The pavilion has been reserved and Information is on tables to be read. You can sign up for an appetizer or dessert. Hosts are Jerry and Vicky Cline and Walter's Coffee Shop. Date May 16th, 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. E-mail will go out before the event to remind everyone. Cost to members, free.....guests \$5.00

Lisa Vari informed everyone that the Halloween Party she is hosting in October will be held on October 22nd so that it does not interfere with attending Fantasy Fest in Key West.

Redland Country Club is hosting a Mother's Day Brunch from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Liz Phillips, our telephone coordinator, volunteered to send an e-mail to members and make reservations for those who wish to attend.

Dwayne Powell, membership, reports that we still have 35 members.

Sunshine Committee: Jan Mayer reports no news is good news and we took the opportunity to sing happy birthday to her. The number is still a closely guarded secret....NOT.....

Bill Zinn has put together a special meeting next month starting at 7:00 p.m. with Biscayne National Park Superintendent attending. Cmdr. Larry and Bill will meet with him before the meeting to let him know what we wish to discuss. If you have any ideas or concerns, please let Larry or Bill know.

Liz Phillips reports that people have been responding to her calls and e-mails.

Plans for the June event are still being discussed. The original plan was a raft-up in Key Largo. Neil and Cindy Burell are assisting Mario and Sonia with details. The tentative dates are June 11, 12 and 13. They are checking with the Hampton Inn for members arriving via automobile, however, need a minimum of five people and a raft-up or anchor out at Tarpon Basin. Further information will be sent via e-mail.

July: nothing planned. August: raft up out by Elliott.

50/50 of \$36.00 won by Anna Giuliani. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Claire Strandhagen, Secretary

# **TREASURER'S REPORT**

## **HOMESTEAD Bayfront YACHT CLUB**

MONTH ENDING APRIL 30, 2010

BEGINNING BALANCE, April 1, 2010: 6020.29

INCOME :

50/50	33.00
DUES	80.00
Event	480.00

Total 593.00

EXPENSES :

Meeting room fee	100.00
Sunshine Expense	27.42
March Event	226.97
April Event	873.61

Total 1228.00

ENDING BALANCE APRIL 30, 2010: 5385.29

SUBMITTED BY Dee Riley, TREASURER

Note: The March event was attended by 24 members and 11 guests. The cost to the club was \$51.97.

The April event was attended by 19 members and 5 guests. The cost to the club was \$393.61.

## **Another Oil Spill**

The Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico has pretty much dominated the news for the past several weeks; however, most of us probably do not realize that this is not the first major spill in the Gulf. In fact, the largest accidental oil spill in the world occurred in the Gulf in 1979. On 3 June 1979, the Ixtoc I, drilling off the coast of Mexico in the Bay of Campeche, suffered a blowout. Like in the case of the Deepwater Horizon, the blowout preventer (BOP) failed to function properly, there was a fire on the platform and eventually the platform sank to the bottom. Even though the water was only 160 feet deep, they were not able to cap the well until 23 March 1980, nearly ten months later, when two relief wells were finally completed. During that ten month period, about three million barrels of crude oil leaked into the Gulf waters. The oil traveled up the coast of Mexico and eventually contaminated nearly 165 miles of the south Texas coastline. Comparing the Deepwater Horizon and Ixtoc I incidents brings to mind the old saying, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it".

Bill Zinn, Editor

## **Italian Dinner Photos**



## **Just a Reminder** **It is Hurricane Season Again**



**Post Andrew, August 1992, Homestead Fl**