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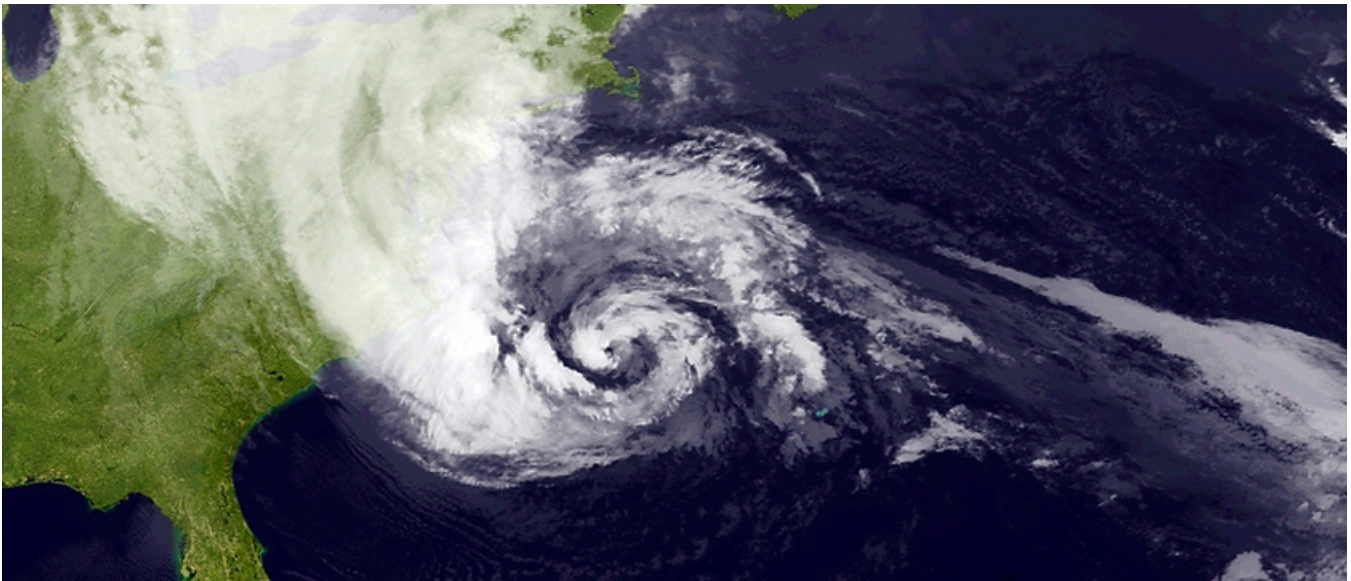
The Nauti News

Homestead Yacht Club

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Our 28th Year of Boating Fun

It is that Time Again
Hurricane season begins on June 1st



Hurricane Sandy prior to hitting the NY/NJ coast in Oct 2012

Meeting Reminder

**Our next monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, June 4th at
Redland Hotel in downtown Homestead**

Commodore's Comments

To all HYC Members and Friends---

I'm Back! Anna and I would like to thank all who sent condolences due to the recent loss of my Father. The cards and emails were welcome moments during stressful and trying times.

Thanks to Peter Dean for taking the helm at the May Meeting. New location, uncertainties, short notice, and all tell me that he handled it well. (He did call, and told me not to miss another meeting---or X@#~!)

The June event is on the 1st at Mario and Sonia's place-- if it will be anything like the last one they did---Don't Miss This One. Check your emails for details and directions. I hope to see you all there.

The June Meeting will be at the Whistle Stop on June 4th. I met with Mark yesterday and discussed the confusion over the charges at the last meeting. This is what I have agreed to--- The price for dinner, dessert, and coffee, including tax will be \$20.00. The gratuity will be separate, and is the responsibility of the individuals dining/drinking. Liz will be calling with the menu details, and your prompt response is always appreciated.

The only thing that stands between us and June is Memorial Day Weekend, and the (unofficial) beginning of "Boating Season". If your plan is to be at the park or marina---please get there early! Stay safe, and give your partner a big hug. Good to be Back.



Dave G.

Editor's Notes

On behalf of all members I would like to extend our condolences to Commodore Dave and Anna on the loss of Dave's father.

We were also saddened to hear of the passing of former HYC member Bob Harden. Many of us remember Bob and his wife Irma, and attending club events at their home in the Keys.

It is Hurricane Season again and I have included some info about preparations for this season and the damage caused by Hurricane Sandy last year. Don't assume your boat is safe just because it is on a trailer in your back yard. Our 25' boat was tied down on a trailer in our back yard and was still destroyed during Hurricane Andrew.

Rumor has it that another HYC member has sold their boat. We have reached the point where our boat owners are outnumbered by those without boats. That is not a real problem as owners and nonowners are equally welcome to the club.

Bill Zinn, Editor, sunbil@bellsouth.net

Minutes of May 2013 Meeting

Meeting on 7 May 2013 called to order by Vice Commodore Peter Dean at 7:10 PM.

Kudos were given to Dwayne and Charlene Powell for a great afternoon at La Playa.

Membership: Dwayne Powell: We currently have 18 members

Sunshine: Our thoughts are with Dave and Anna and their families. Dave's Dad is very ill. Please let Charlene Powell know of any news about members or their families.

Treasurer: Dee Riley reported a beginning balance, 1 April 2013: \$4131.27. Ending balance, 30 April 2013: \$3980.15. Details appear separately in the Newsletter.

A reminder to all members: BoatUS gives Yacht Club members a 50% discount on their membership price when you give them our "HYC Membership Number" located on the inside back cover of our Club roster.

Club Event Costs: The member cost/fee applies to the member and spouse/significant other. In the case of a single member, the fee applies to them and one guest. All others will be charged the "guest" rate.

May event: Tentatively scheduled for a 3 hour fishing trip from Robbie's Marina, Islamorada (mm 77). Cost is \$25.00 per person and \$35.00 per guest. Boat will leave the dock at 2pm. Dinner afterwards at the Hungry Tarpon there at the marina. A discount will be given as long as we have at least 15 people eating. They will seat everyone together and each is responsible for their own check.

June event: Scheduled for Saturday, 1 June at Mario and Sonia Espineira's. Menu will include BBQ pork shoulder roast and rice accompanied by scrumptious appetizers, sides and desserts by members. And of course it is BYOB, bathing suit and towel. Meal to be served between 4 and 5. Cost for Members: \$5.00 each, Guests: \$10.00 each. An email will be sent with all the details.

50/50 of \$17.00 won by Billy Phillips. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Sandy Zinn, for Claire Strandhagen, Secretary

Biscayne National Park Plan Changed

According to *local news media*, Biscayne National Park has decided to drop their plan to ban fishing in a 16 square mile area of the Park. The decision was made after representatives of the Park and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) met to discuss the issue. The FWC has historically opposed no-fishing zones as an infringement on the rights of the public. The Park's no-fishing plan had previously been strongly opposed at a series of public hearings. Park Superintendent Brian Carlstrom said that a revised plan will be released in a few months. He added that the new plan will use such tools as restrictions on the catch of certain species and limits on the number of anglers rather than an outright fishing ban. Exactly how the "limits on the number of anglers" will be accomplished has not yet been revealed.

Treasurer's Report

HOMESTEAD Bay front YACHT CLUB

BEGINNING BALANCE APRIL 1, 2013: 4131.27

INCOME:

Ship's Store	58.00
50/50	23.00
Total	81.00

EXPENSES:

Event	188.12
Two Dinners	44.00
Total	232.12

ENDING BALANCE APRIL 30, 2013: 3980.15

SUBMITTED BY: Dee Riley, TREASURER

NOTE: The April event was attended by 16 members and 2 guests. The cost to the club was \$188.12.

Hurricane Season

June 1st marks the start of another Hurricane Season. All predictions are that this will be an active season. NOAA says that there is a 70% chance that this year will be an above average year, with up to 20 named storms, with up to 11 becoming hurricanes and up to six being major hurricanes. The names for 2013 begin with Andrea and Barry, and end with Van and Wendy.

Hurricane preparations are especially important for boat owners. Securing the boat is not as simple as putting up the storm shutters and bringing in the trash cans. Where and how you secure your boat is a big factor in whether or not the boat survives the storm. According to figures compiled by BoatUS, more than 65,000 boats were damaged by Hurricane Sandy last year. Most of the damage was apparently caused by the high surge levels. More than 32,000 boats were damaged in New York and more than 25,000 in New Jersey. Boat damage

was reported as far inland as the Great Lakes. The following photos are examples of the boat damage caused by Hurricane Sandy:



NEXT CLUB EVENT

**Our next event will be at the home of Mario & Sonia Espineira in the Keys
on Saturday, June 1st
Please contact them for info, directions, etc**

Hope to see you there!