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Letter from the Commodore

Thanks to Annie for organizing the HYC participation in the recent Bay cleanup program. This is probably the cleanest the Marina area has been in years. Also thanks to Dave and Anna for obtaining bracelets from the 4-OCEAN organization for the HYC members that participated in the cleanup.

The Marina Social event is scheduled for Friday evening, May 17th and HYC has been invited to set up a membership booth at the Social. Thus, our burgers & dogs membership event planned for the boat ramp area on May 18 is cancelled in favor of participation in the Social event. The Social starts at 6 PM and all HYC members are invited to attend, even if you don't have a vessel in the Marina. So, please plan to attend and also spend some time at our membership booth.

At our last meeting it was agreed that the Club would cover up to \$300 of the cost for appreciation gifts for the outgoing Bridge and support personnel. Traditionally, the incoming Commodore provides the outgoing Commodore with a plaque or other appreciation item. The Club will cover up to \$50 of the cost for this item. The outgoing Commodore will then have up to \$250 to cover gifts to the Bridge and support personnel. Hopefully this clarifies this item a bit more.

News from the other Park: As has been reported Everglades National Park Fees have been increased and will soon go up even more. Also, in the not too distant future, the Park will be implementing the Everglades Boater Education Program. This is a free online program which must be completed prior to operating a power boat within the park. This



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Web Master: Larry Roesch program is not yet required, but it is available online for anyone who wants to get a jump on the program. It is available at this link: http://provalenslearning.com/courses/everglades-boater-education-course

NOTE: This program applies only to Everglades National Park and not Biscayne.

Tentative plans are to have raft-ups in June and August. Details to be provided at the next meeting. If you would like to host an event or help someone else with an event, please don't hesitate to speak up.

Hope to see you at the June meeting,

Commodore Bill



Meeting Minutes

Meeting called order by Cmdr. Bill at 7:00 p.m. First order of business to accept the minutes from last month's meeting as appeared in the newsletter.

Vice cmdr. Dave introduced potential new members from B and C docks.

Committee Reports: Parks...Buz..nothing new., Roster...Sandy...everything fine....Sunshine...Claudia...reports that John Adams had surgery, a skin graft, with skin from his thigh used for the top of his foot....she reports that he is doing well even if he is not following all his doctor's orders with reference to staying off the boat while he heals.



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Web Master: Larry Roesch Linda Wood went to visit Ted Ficken at the Palace and said he's doing well. He asked her to tell everyone hello.

Treasurer's report: Linda reports a beginning balance of \$2,717.87 and ending balance of \$2,601.87. Full report elsewhere in newsletter.

Newsletter: Annie...everything going well. Website: Larry says "it's up".

Old business: Cmdr. Bill wished to address gifts for the outgoing bridge and how to pay for them.

After some discussion motion was made to allow the amount of \$300.00 to be allotted for such gifts, effective immediately. Motion passed.

Events: thank you to Annie Kokenge for organizing the bay clean-up. Anna Giuliani gave bracelets made from recycled material to members who participated in the event. She got them from an organization named 4-oceans, started by two young men from Miami which has gone world-wide and is cleaning up our waterways all over the globe. https://4ocean.com/

May event: We will be attending the marina social on Friday May 17th at 6:00 p.m. HYC will have a table with our banner and information about our club. We hope to attract more members and will have forms and giveaways with our logo.

June 15th and August 17th (third Saturday of the month) hopefully raft-ups.

New business: We will have a meeting in July.

Cmdr. Bill informed the members that Everglades National Park is working on a boater education program on-line. Anyone wishing to operate a boat in the park will be required to take this program.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



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50/50 of \$22.00 won by Dave Giuliani

Respectfully submitted by Claire Strandhagen, secretary

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Treasurer Report

BEGINNING BALANCE March 31, 2019

\$ 2,717.87

20.00

INCOME:

April 50/50

0/50 \$20.00

TOTAL INCOME

.

EXPENSES:

Pens and Can huggers 136.00

TOTAL EXPENSES:

\$ 136.00

\$

Ending Balance April 30, 2019

\$ 2,601,87

SUBMITTED BY: Linda Wood, Treasurer



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Photos



Relaxing after the cleanup at Homestead Bayfront Park



Our trash



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2019 Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	Sponsor	<u>Location</u>	
January 19	Change of Watch	Members	Capri Rest	
February 4	Dinner Meeting		Capri Rest	
February 17	Membership Drive	Dave G	Homestead	
			Bayfro	ont Park
March 4	Dinner Meeting		Capri Rest	
March 16	Tour Fruit & Spice	Linda W	Fruit & Spice	
April 1	Dinner Meeting		Capri Rest	
April 13	Baynanza Cleanup	Annie K	Biscayne Natl Park	
May 6	Dinner Meeting		Capri Rest	
May 17	Marina Social	Dave G	Homestead Marina	
June 3	Dinner Meeting		Capri Rest	
June 15	Raft-up	Adams, Casanave, Billy's Poir		
		Kokenge, D	Kokenge, Dean	
July 1	Dinner Meeting	Capri Rest		
August 5	Dinner Meeting	Capri Rest		
August 17	Raft-up	Adams, Casanave, Billy's Poi		Billy's Poin
		Kokenge, D	, Dean	
Sept 9	Dinner Meeting	Capri Rest		
October 7	Dinner Meeting	Capri Rest		
November 4	Dinner Meeting	Capri Rest		
December 2	Dinner Meeting	Capri Rest		
This is the preliminar	ry calendar. As new eve	ents are adde	d it will b	e amended.
Club meetings are h	eld each month on the	•		

Restaurant, 935 N Krome Avenue, Homestead, FL. There is a social time and dinner



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Web Master: Larry Roesch (6:00 pm) prior to the meeting which begins promptly at 7:00 pm. Members are notified of the meeting location and any changes via email and/or phone.



Florida History

The Cape Florida Lighthouse at Key Biscayne in Miami

Standing tall and majestically along the south end of the Key Biscayne shoreline, the **Cape Florida lighthouse** is a staggering sight.

It's not hard to imagine the towering structure once guiding mariners and fisherman in the 1800s, back before LED navigation lights and other standard lighting fixtures found on modern-day boats.

It's a beautiful piece of history, left over from a not-so-kind history of Indian attacks, Civil War battles, hurricanes and other harrowing and heroic times in Florida history, and it's a treasure that has withstood more than its share of wear and tear over the decades.

In fact, the Cape Florida Light – which sits as a stately landmark within **Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park** – remains the oldest standing structure in Miami-Dade

County, though it has been reinforced and refurbished several times since its original build in 1825.

Fascinating Florida history told through the eyes of a tower

Initially built as a 65-foot lighthouse with wooden stairs, the Cape Florida Light was initially build to guide sailors and serve as a lookout to protect the area from the pirates, Indians and other invaders that had been posing dangers to Florida throughout the 1700s and early 1800s. The first keeper and his family moved into



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Newsletter: Annie Kokenge Web Master: Larry Roesch the lighthouse's cottage, becoming the first American family to reside in Key Biscayne.

Eleven years after opening, while the keeper and his family were away, a band of Seminole Indians attacked the tower, burning all of the wood structure inside and pillaging the cottage. It would be several years – well after the threat of Indians had subsided – before the lighthouse was rebuilt and operating again.

After Florida seceded from the Union in the 1860s, it was again damaged by southern sympathizers, and then went in and out of service several times over the next 100 years for various reasons ranging from tropical storm damage to lack of funding to operate the tower. It was restored and reopened in time for Miami's Centennial Celebration in 1996, and the lighthouse now sits on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places.

Visitors can hear about the area's history in more detail when they visit the lighthouse and tour the keeper's cottage. It's a replica, of course, as are the antiques and artifacts inside, which give a glimpse of life as a secluded keeper's family before Indians chased them away.

A serene setting for a day-long stay

The lighthouse is surrounded by the Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park, a gem in its own right, as it is lush with palm trees and other tropical vegetation and has a lovely beach that overlooks the calm Atlantic Ocean waters.

It's also very safe, Dr. Beach pointed out, as an offshore reef keeps waves low and gentle and rip currents weak. The Lighthouse Café serves fresh seafood and overlooks the ocean, and the beach is popular among locals who travel there by boat.

If you're planning to climb the stairs of the lighthouse, bring comfortable shoes and plan on spending about 10 minutes stair-stepping, said Dodson. The trek can seem long with only one lookout window on the way up, she said, but the effort is well worth it.

Adapted from an article by Emily Nipps