

May 2003

The Nauti News



Homestead Yacht Club

Our 17th Year of Boating Fun

Commodore's Corner

Hi everyone. Time flies when you are having fun and boy are we having fun. If you didn't get a chance to go to Boca Chita, you really missed a great time. Bill and Sandy Zinn and Larry and Sharon Roesch really know how to throw an event. Of course Barry (Larry's alto ego) came out as Reggae Barry and Stan really knows how to cook a hot dog. Of course there are stories to be told (chasing stingrays and clean windows) and you will probably hear several different versions. All and all it was a really great event, with everyone having a good time.

On a sadder note, the trip to Tin City had to be postponed due to George McDermot's mother being ill. She is at home now under Hospice care and George and Annie are spending every minute with her. We will send our prayers to her.

On Memorial Day Weekend HYC will be traveling to the Coral Ridge Yacht Club in Ft Lauderdale. Charlie and Carole Sammarco have sent me the following tentative schedule of events:

Friday night...TGIF 2-4-1 cocktails and casual dinner planned inside at the Wheel Room.

Saturday.....Day..TBA. Night...CRYC party planned at the Pt Bar with live band. Dinner will probably be \$19.95 pp with barbeque pig or some other farm animal. Note this was planned around HYC.

Sunday...Morning Omelet breakfast planned at Pt Bar. Cost TBA Night... possible dinner trip, like last year, place TBD.

Monday...There's the annual Memorial Day event with kids bounce house, clowns, climbing wall, BBQ, etc. Everyone is invited to attend.

I will pass a sign up sheet around at the next meeting 5/5/03, Charlie is hoping to get 10 slips, and remember that you can always drive up if you don't want to take the boat.

That's all from me for now, so may your winds be light and your seas smooth.

Commodore Bill



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Editor's Note

First, on behalf of Sandy, Sharon, Larry, and myself, I would like to extend a special thanks to everyone who helped out with the Boca Chita event. With 18 boats and about 50 people, it was certainly one of our better attended events. A special thanks to Stan for helping with the cooking, to Ted for the photographs, and to everyone who helped haul the trash when we left. Rumor has it that since this event, a portion of the rear window on the Sharkay has not been cleaned, something about Suzie leaving such a lovely imprint on the window that Capt Larry wants to preserve it.

Beginning with this issue of the Newsletter, I will be using Microsoft Word to create it. Word has pretty much become the standard word processing program being used and this switch will make it easier for me to import items sent to me for inclusion in the Newsletter. Other than maybe some font changes, this switch should be pretty much invisible. Don't worry Claire, even though Word has a good spell checker, I will still leave one or two errors in each issue for you to find.

Our membership continues to grow, up to 51 members now. In the past we included the full membership information for new members in the Newsletter. This included home addresses, phone numbers, cell phone numbers, etc. Some members may not want some of this information made public. Since copies of the Newsletter are now posted on the club's web site, which is accessible to the public, we have decided to stop including this information in the Newsletter. We will continue to provide the membership information via email, but will provide only the names of new members in the Newsletter.

Bill Zinn, sunbil@aol.com

Next Club Meeting

The next monthly HYC meeting will be on May 4th at the Redland Country Club. Please confirm your reservations with Ely at Eddyely@aol.com or 305-270-1527

Boat US / Palm Sunday Miracle

On Palm Sunday weekend, "Cruzana" and "Sharkay" went out to University Dock for a raft up. The weather was wonderfully calm all day Saturday. About dark, the wind began to blow. We saw in excess of 20 kts and higher gusts later in the evening. We decided it was too dangerous to break the raft up, so Capt. Larry stood watch. About 3 AM it appeared as though the wind was subsiding, and the anchor was holding, so Capt Larry went to bed. At 3:45 we heard a noise and quickly went to the bridge to find both boats beached at the small sandy beach south of University Dock. We tried to get off the beach with "Cruzana", but with the wind and the weight of both boats, we couldn't budge them. At 4:30 we called Boat /US, and by 5:30 AM, Capt Bill Hicks had arrived and pulled us out to safety. Cruzana and Sharkay sustained no damage to the boats or to the beach at Elliot Key. The invoice for this little adventure: \$860.00. Cost to Sharkay: \$0.00 (Boat /US Unlimited Towing Coverage). Lessons to be learned: Never raft during Windy conditions such as we experienced. Pay the extra bucks to get Boat/US Unlimited Towing Coverage. Buy a better anchor! We were all very lucky that no one got hurt and that no boats were damaged.

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The Great Stingray Chase

During the Club event at Boca Chita, several members, including Jan and Dodi, ventured over to the Sands Key sand bar to play in the water. While relaxing at the sand bar, Jan and Dodi spotted a stingray and began to frantically chase it. They frequently got close to it, but could not seem to catch it. This went on for several minutes before it was discovered that what they were actually chasing was the shadow of a kite that someone was flying. Needless to say, the women took considerable teasing about not being able to tell the difference between a kite and a ray. However, in fairness to Jan and Dodi, as you can see in these photos, a kite can be



shaped somewhat like a ray and besides, both the kite and the ray have tails. What we never did figure out, was what they intended to do with the “ray” once they caught it.

Biscayne Bay Fishery Plan

On April 9th, Ted Newlan, Sandy and I attended a meeting hosted by the National Park Service. The purpose of the meeting was to provide an update on their Fishery Management Plan for Biscayne National Park and to solicit public comment. Their presentation was similar to the one at last year’s meeting and involved suggestions to impose bag and season limits on certain fish, limit commercial fishing in the Park, close portions of the park to public access, etc. It was pointed out by Florida government representatives at the meeting that the wording in the agreement turning the land over to the Park Service specifies that Florida fishing regulations will apply inside the Park. The Park cannot impose rules that conflict with the Florida regulations. The Park Service can however, impose access restrictions as they see fit. Following the meeting we spent some time talking with one of the Park employees who informed us that since the Park Service is a Federal agency they are on a higher level than the Florida government and thus, it is their job to guide the State, that the Park Service didn’t ban jet skis from the Parks but rather the public voted and decided they didn’t want them in the Parks, that Jet skis cause far more damage than do propellers, and that most of the scars seen in the grass beds in the Park were caused by jet skis and not by propellers. After that bit of enlightening information, we left and went to dinner, which turned out to be the highlight of the evening. Bill Zinn

Sunshine News

Flowers were sent to Ceci Rimland. Ceci is battling cancer and our thoughts are with her and Mike during this difficult time. If you have any Sunshine News about club members, please let me know at 305-254-7663 or carols_crew@adelphia.net. Keep the Sun Shining - Carol Timmons

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Welcome New Members



Wanda & Joe Rohrer receive their burgee



“Doc” Moreau receives burgee for his brother Jim

Since the 2003 Club rosters were published, the following members have joined the club:

Jerry & Vickie Cline - Prop Job (new)
Vinnie & Sandy Puccinelli - Nikimar II (new)
Joe & Wanda Rohrer - Kismet (new)

Hal & Lisa Eisenacher - High Jinks (renewal)
Mike & Ceci Rimland - MiCeci (renewal)
Ralph & Julie Steele - Steelayway (new)

Seasonal Closures in Biscayne National Park

The seasonal closures of areas within Biscayne National Park to protect nesting wildlife will extend from May 1 to Sept 15. Areas that will be closed include:

- Portions of Boca Chita Key to protect Killdeer nests in open, grassy areas.
- All access to the island's beaches, land and water, to protect Loggerhead and Hawksbill sea turtle nests.
- Ragged Key No 1 to protect Least Tert nests.

Minutes of April Club Meeting

Commodore Bill Clemons called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. on April 7, 2003.

The minutes from last month's meeting were amended to show that Kathy North was the winner of the 50/50 at the last meeting.

Charlene Powell presented the treasurer's report for March 2003, which showed an ending balance of \$6793.50. She reported the following income for February: 50/50 \$50.00; membership dues \$595.00; Ship's Store \$125.00; event collections \$372.00, for a total income of \$1142.00. Expenses for March were \$235.67 for the March dock party; \$567.29 for the No Name Harbor outing; \$106.11 for the newsletter; \$30.10 for the new roster, and Sunshine Committee expenses of \$55.11, for a total of \$994.28.

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Bill Zinn, newsletter Editor, thanked all that participated in the Boca Chita event. He said that he got a lot of good photos for the newsletter and website. He also mentioned that the Biscayne National Park management plan will hold a meeting April 9th at the Keys Gate golf course clubhouse; please try to attend. Please contact Bill or Sandy if your e-mail address changes or you have anything to add to the newsletter.

Park Liaison Buz Strandhagen reported that the Homestead Bayfront Marina is readying to begin installation of new pilings.

Sunshine Committee chair Carol Timmons reported flowers were sent to Kathy North, who had shoulder surgery. Kathy was present at the meeting and thanked the club for the plant that was sent. Please call or e-mail Carol with any news.

Ship's Store: Linda Clemons is temporarily taking over the Ship's Store and asked club members for suggestions for new merchandise to be offered for sale.

Membership Committee chairman George Mayer presented a burgee to Francis "Doc" Moreau on behalf of co-owners Jim and Deborah Moreau. Joe and Wanda Rohrer were also present to receive their burgee. Welcome aboard!

New Business:

Events:

Tin City, April 19 chaired by George & Annabelle McDermot: George and Annabelle were unable to attend the meeting due to an illness in the family. Watch for an e-mail to be sent regarding this event. The date has been changed to April 26. Hotel rates for Saturday and Sunday range from \$55-65. Bring dinghies or rent deck boats or pontoon boats. A public park is close by for launching.

Bahia Mar, May 24 chaired by Charlie and Carole Sammarco: Please e-mail Charlie Sammarco for details on Coral Ridge Yacht Club in Ft. Lauderdale. Club members will receive a guest card to use at the restaurant and bar. (Cash is not accepted.) George Mayer mentioned that an exchange had been brought up last year between the clubs and perhaps this idea could be investigated. Directions were given for those attending.

Sunset Harbor, August 8,9,10 chaired by Bob and Lee Cowan: Please sign up ASAP; you are on your own to make your slip reservation. Rates will be \$ 2.00 per foot or \$1.75 per foot if over twelve boats sign up. Please call the marina manager to make reservations.

The annual fishing tournament was also discussed. Nestor Hernandez spoke to Janie at Homestead Bayfront Park. She suggested we open the event to the public or compete with Black Point Marina. If the park is involved, the tournament will have to be open to the general public. Mario Espineira stated the tournament has traditionally been a fun tournament meant for club members. A motion was raised and seconded to keep it a club function. The date of the tournament will be announced.

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Aida Geronimo has necessary forms for those attending the 4th of July Blast at the Bimini Beach Club.

Old Business

Bill and Sandy Zinn and Larry and Sharon Roesch hosted a wonderful event at Boca Chita. There was plenty of food, music and drinks for those in attendance. There was also a report that the Roesch's observed a moon that resulted in a dirty window on their boat.

Bill Zinn advised club members to familiarize themselves with new INS rules regarding checking in when returning from foreign ports. Please see last month's newsletter for information on complying and avoiding a heavy fine.

Ted Fickens won the 50-50 of \$ 54.00.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Teresa Dean, Secretary

Photos from Boca Chita Event



A sing-a-long



HYC on the Boca Chita wall



Cook Reggae Larry



Enjoying BBQ

Additional Photographs of the event have been posted on the Photo Island web site. To view them, go to: www.photoisland.com Use Visitor ID: sunbil and Password: hyc Select the Boca Chita album.