

October 2011



The Nauti News

Homestead Yacht Club

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Our 26th Year of Boating Fun

Spaghetti Dinner



HYC members enjoy drinks and spaghetti dinner on D dock

Monthly HYC Meeting Reminder

**Our next meeting will be on November 7th
at the Capri restaurant**

Commodore's Comments

HYC Members,

Thank you all for participating and attending the half-#@! Italian dock party. What a great day. I hope you had enough to eat and drink, and enjoyed it as much as I did. If you missed out-- too bad, because I'm not cooking for the rest of the year.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the November 7th meeting. We have lots of things to talk about, so the more that attend the better. The year is rapidly ending, and the Holidays are just around the corner. Stay safe and just hang-up and drive.



Dave G.

Editor's Notes

A special Thanks to Commodore Dave, his wife Anna, and their friends for the outstanding Italian dinner on D dock. The food, drinks, and company were all outstanding.

In case you missed the recent news item about the Park Service's plans for a Visitor's Center when it appeared in the Miami Herald, I have included a brief recap in this Newsletter. A three story building in Coconut Grove sounds like quite a Visitor's Center.

Minutes of October HYC meeting

Meeting called to order by Cmdr. Dave at 7:15 p.m. on October 3, 2011.

Membership chairman Dwayne reports that we still have 24 memberships. Suggestions were made as to ways of increasing our membership. An idea of lowering the dues for next year was briefly discussed as a means of attracting new members.

Cmdr. Dave mentioned thefts from boats at the marina, mostly of GPS units. The interest seems to be in new, shiny ones.

Treasurer's report presented by Dee Riley: Beginning balance \$4,861.34, ending balance \$4,884.34. Full report is elsewhere in newsletter.

Sunshine Committee: Everyone seems to be healthy. Charlene Powell mentioned that Mario and Sonia Espineira are proud new grandparents to a little boy, Alexander. Lisa and Dave are even prouder.

We thanked Bill Zinn, editor, for the interesting history he included in last month's newsletter.

October Event: Spaghetti dinner, hosted by Cmdr. Dave and wife Anna. Date is Oct. 22nd, around 3:00 p.m. on the dock. If the weather is poor, we have been assured that a pavilion is available.

November Event: Turkey at the Anchorage. Dwayne and Ted Newlan have offered to bring boats. More information to follow.

December Event: Nothing confirmed yet. We are thinking about something around the beginning of the month, hopefully in conjunction with the Key Largo Boat Parade.

Change of Watch, aka Commodore's Ball, as we don't intend it to be a "CHANGE" may be held on Friday rather than Saturday. We are still negotiating (or Larry is) with the restaurant. It was agreed that we would not have an open bar this year.

50/50 of \$28.00 won by Billy Phillips. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Claire Strandhagen, Secretary.

Park Service Visitor Center Plan

In the August Newsletter I reported that the Park Service was circulating the latest version of the Biscayne National Park general management plan. One item in the plan, creation of a Visitor's Center in the Dinner Key area of Miami, received very little attention. Recently the *Miami Herald* dug a bit deeper into this item and published a rather extensive article about it.

According to the *Herald*, the Park Service wants to build a 10,000 sq foot, three story building to serve as a "Visitor's Center" in Coconut Grove, about five miles outside the Park's boundary. The Center will include four docks for Park Tour boats, an education center and possibly an IMax type theater. The Park Service has also looked at a location next to the Seaquarium on Virginia Key, but decided that the Coconut Grove location is better because it is more centrally located and in a dense urban neighborhood. They estimate that the Visitor Center will bring over 100,000 visitors to Dinner Key and the waters of Biscayne National Park.

A major problem with the Park's plan for a Visitor's Center is that the City of Miami has spent about \$600,000 on a plan to create a park, with an open view of the Bay, in the same location. The Miami Mayor stated that he was contacted by the Park and advised that they had narrowed their search for "A New Home" to Coconut Grove.

The Park claims a new Center is needed to attract more visitors to the Park. This is the same Park that has been complaining about too many visitors on weekends and about not having enough money to hire a sufficient number of rangers for adequate law enforcement. For Biscayne National Park to build "A New Home" in Coconut Grove, about five miles outside the Park, would be like Everglades National Park moving their Headquarters to Doral.

Bill Zinn, Editor

TREASURER'S REPORT HOMESTEAD Bay front YACHT CLUB

BEGINNING BALANCE SEPTEMBER 1, 2011: 4861.34

INCOME:

50/50 23.00

Total: 23.00

EXPENSES:

Total \$0.00

ENDING BALANCE SEPTEMBER 30, 2011: 4884.34

SUBMITTED BY: Dee Riley, TREASURER

Please note, there was no event in September.

Italian Dinner Event

