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The Nauti News

Homestead Yacht Club

Our 16th Year of Boating Fun

Commodore's Letter

Kudos and Thank You's to Bill & Linda Clemons and George & Annabelle McDermot for making the arrangements at Hawk's Cay for Labor Day weekend. The weather was warm and reasonably dry, the Saturday supper was delicious, morning brunch (with champagne of course) was well attended. Everyone helped out and made the weekend a real success - so much so that Bill made reservations for Labor Day 2003. Thanks Again to everyone who made it happen!!

The next club function is Oktoberfest at the Homestead Park Pavilion - courtesy of Art & Maria Munia. The party starts at 3:00 pm on October 5th and lasts until either the beer or the sauerkraut runs out. Details regarding cost, etc. were in the last newsletter. In November, the club will once again visit the Pilot House in Key Largo and have some of George & Jan's famous deep fried turkeys.

We have appointed a nomination committee for the 2003 club officers - Commodore, Vice Commodore, Secretary, and Treasurer. If you would like to volunteer either your name or someone else's name for nomination to any of these offices, please contact any current club officer or the chairman of the nominating committee, Ted Newlan. We are also looking for volunteers for several of the supporting positions including, Ship's Store, Sunshine Committee, Calling Committee, Membership, and Park Liaison

A few months ago, we had the Dade County Marina manager and the manager of Homestead Bayfront Marina attend our meeting and provide us some information on Marina plans and operations. A Hurricane Hunter crew member and trained meteorologist will address our October meeting. If there is someone that you would like us to invite to address one of our meetings, please let me know and we will see what we can do.

Whatever you do on the water has to be fun! Until next time, keep the wind at your back.



Commodore Bob

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Editor's Note

In this Newsletter, I have included some Columbus Day Regatta information that I thought might be of interest/useful to club members. If you run across information in the newspaper, magazines, on the web, etc which you think may be of interest to other members, please send it to me and I will try to include it in the Newsletter.

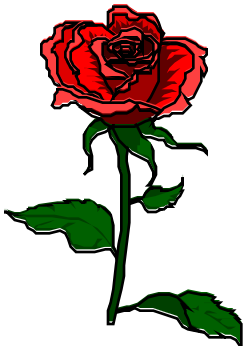
We still mail out about a dozen printed copies of the Newsletter every month. This costs the club money every month and it costs me time and effort. SO...if you no longer need a printed copy, please let me know.

Bill Zinn, sunbil@aol.com

Next Club Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Monday, October 7th, at the Redland Country Club. A Hurricane Hunter crew member who is also a trained meteorologist will be our guest and will give a short presentation on the Hurricane Hunters and marine weather. The menu for our meeting will be your choice of sliced London Broil with gravy or stuffed Cornish Game Hen. Make your reservations with Carol Timmons ASAP at 305-254-7663

Sunshine News



A flower arrangement was sent to Sonia Espineira wishing her a speedy recovery after her surgery.

Also, the following note was received from Lynn Sinnamon:

Dear HYC friends:

What a joy it was to receive your beautiful floral arrangement while I was in the hospital.

It truly brought cheer, and brightened my otherwise boring room in the ICU.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness, well wishes, cards and phone calls.

Hope to see you all soon!

Sincerely, Lynn

Columbus Day Regatta

For those who want to participate in what the organizers claim is "the Oldest Sporting Event Afloat" in Florida, the Columbus Day Regatta will be held on the weekend of October 11-13. The first Regatta was held on October 9, 1954 and involved 24 boats. It has been held every year since then except 1992 (Hurricane Andrew) and involved a record 550 boats in 1978. The Regatta also attracts an unbelievable large number of partying boaters to the Elliott Key area for what has got to be the largest clothing optional boating party in Florida.

In order to accomodate the partying crowd, the Park Service has established a restricted area west of Elliott Key. The restricted area extends from Elliott Key to the Intracoastal Waterway, from Boca Chita Key

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to Billys Point. In this area, no more than five vessels are permitted to raft together and there must be a minimum of 75' between rafts of vessels. Also, anchor lights are required from sunset to sunrise.

As usual, there will be a task force of federal, state and local agencies patrolling the area. Their emphasis will be on safety equipment and especially boating under the influence of alcohol or drugs (BUI). FYI: During previous Regatta weekends, 103 boaters have been arrested for BUI. This year the Park service will also have a Visitor Information Contact Barge anchored near Elliott Key. The barge will provide park information, first aid services, and a place for lost swimmers to gather. For more information go to: www.nps.gov/bisc/ColumbusDay.htm

Minutes of the September Meeting

Commodore Bob Timmons called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m. on Monday, September 9, 2002.

Recognition was given to Bill and Linda Clemons for their efforts to make Hawk's Cay a super event. They have already arranged for our return in 2003 when the full day spa will be available!

The minutes from last month's meeting were accepted as printed in the newsletter.

Jan Mayer presented the treasurer's report for September, which showed an ending balance of \$5422.28. She reported the following income for September: August 50/50 \$47.00; Hawk's Cay outing \$1080.00; new membership \$30.00; ship's store \$35.00. Expenses for September were as follows: Waterside Restaurant (Hawk's Cay) \$1130.00; Linda Clemons \$180.50 brunch, Henri's Wayside Gardens \$50.59 Sunshine Committee.

Bill Zinn, newsletter Editor, advised members to please send an e-mail if their e-mail address has been changed. He reported several members were unable to receive the newsletter or be notified for dinner reservations. Unfortunately, Bill's friend with the "Hurricane Hunters" could not attend due to work schedule; maybe next meeting.

Park Liaison Buzz reported that he spoke to the Dock Master and suggested that the gate be moved to accommodate marina tenants. This would give us more access to the marina and fewer delays. Alex Cann is the new Park Manager.

Bill Clemens acknowledged new members Bill and Kathy Winn. They are not only new club members but also first time boat owners. They have a 31-foot Tiara, Winnsome, docked at Homestead Bayfront Park, slip B-28. Welcome aboard!

Sunshine Committee member Monica Adams reported that she had no news. No news is good news! Please call or e-mail Monica with any news.

Ship's Store Manager's Sale! Sale! Sale! Chuck Burnitz reported we have a lot of inventory and encouraged members to buy, buy, and buy! Many items were on sale for 20% off regular price. Let's keep moving our inventory.

The club desperately needs a new phone coordinator to contact members for the meetings. Bill Clemons suggested the 50/50 winner sell dinner tickets and collect payments. George Mayer suggested new members should fill the position. The issue was left open for discussion at the next meeting. Please see or contact Cmdr. Timmons if you can help out. Please volunteer!

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Ted Newlan reported that nominations for next year's Bridge will be accepted this month. If you would like to make a nomination, please contact Ted or the Commodore before the next meeting.

Art Muina offered new details regarding the Oktoberfest celebration to be held at Homestead Bayfront Park's pavilion. Music will be provided by Herman Schultz between 3-5 p.m. Please contact Art or Jan Mayer before Friday, September 27th to confirm a dinner reservation.

Jan Mayer advised the club of the change of venue for the upcoming Thanksgiving event. Because of the unavailability of slips at Plantation Yacht Harbor the Thanksgiving Turkey Fry has been moved to the Pilot House in Key Largo. Dockage will be assessed at \$1.85 per foot (details to be worked out). The turkeys will be served on Friday so that members can enjoy Thanksgiving Day with their families.

The Change of Watch will be held at the Redland Country Club on January 18, 2003.

Claire Strandhagen won the 50-50 of \$45.00. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Teresa Dean, Secretary

Photos from Labor Day Event



Ready for Dinner



Decorated dessert plates



Brunch



Enjoying the pool

Additional Photos are posted at the PhotoIsland web site. Go to:
www.photoisland.com, use guest ID: sunbil and password: hyc
select album: Labor Day

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New Members

Please add the following new members to your rosters:

Bill & Kathy Winn, 5866 SW 107 St, Miami, Fl 33156, 305-667-2119
email: kbwinn@bellsouth.net
Vessel: Winnsome in slip B28 at Homestead

Kenneth & Susan Coffey, 8871 SW 54 St, Miami, Fl 33165, 305-279-5393
email: coffeysite@aol.com
Vessel: Quayna in slip B37 at Homestead

Wanted

Small (2.5-5 HP) outboard
Contact Bill or Sandy at 305-247-8782

Future Events

October

Oktoberfest at Homestead Marina Pavilion
Saturday October 5th, starting at 3 PM
Reservations were due by Sept 27th, hope you didn't miss out.

November

Thanksgiving Turkey Fry at Pilot House Marina in Key Largo
Thanksgiving weekend, with the Turkey fry on Friday
Contact Jan Mayer at 305-245-4904 for additional info and reservations

December

Christmas Boat Parade in Key Largo
Additional details to be provided later.

January 2003

Change of watch dinner and dance
Redland Country Club
January 18, 2003
Details to be provided later.