

The Nauti News



Homestead Yacht Club

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Our 21st Year of Boating Fun



FROM YOUR COMMODORE

George Mayer

HYC MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

October 1, 2007

The meeting was opened by Commodore George Mayer at 7:30 p.m.

🚤 **Park News:** Park Manager Steve gave an update on the park as follows: Marina patrons should make sure that they have the most current stickers on their cars for the Columbus Day regatta. Once the park is full, the gates will be closed and all entrance to the park will be managed by a Police Officer. Marina Patrons will be allowed access but they will not be given any special treatment.

🚤 **Effective October 1, 2007** there is a new Sheriff in town. Please continue to contact Steve directly with your complaints etc. and he will make best effort to get back to you within 72 hours.

🚤 **D Dock** is completed. The Park is waiting for FL&L to hook them up. When that is done, they can continue their work. The timer in the parking lot was out, but that has since been fixed.

🚤 There will be a Marina Social on February 13, 2008 as well as a repeat of the "Car Classic" which was a big hit this year. The park is working on getting bids for the catering and considering a Sea Food Feast as the theme.

🚤 Marina Patron contracts that expire will only be renewed if a certificate of insurance is provided. Marina patrons will pay \$1.25 per foot per day (transient rate) if they do not provide their insurance certificate. There is also a possibility of losing their slip and being placed on a waiting list.


🚤 **October Fest Outing to Key West.** Ken Johnson advised that 30 people had already signed up for this event. At the end of the meeting, the registration will be opened to guests so that they can fill the bus which seats at least 55, but a few of the front row seats will be taken up with good, prizes from the ship's


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store etc. Participating members are asked if they could provide 50 pieces of food to take on the bus, it would be welcome. A few people had already volunteered but no food will be rejected. Some people had donated drinks and Jell-O shots. Participants can take their own stuff. Parking is provided at Deco Truss. The bus will depart at 1:00 p.m. Directions can be obtained from Mario and Sonia Espineira.


 **November** – Mike Pinkerton and Peter Dean are expected to host an event (a pig roast at Bayfront Park) on Nov 10


December – Bill and Linda Clemons were coerced into possibly putting something together for December. Since Bill is now officially retired, he will work for Fuel. All depends on whether or not he is still retired or working.


 **New Business:** Commodore George informed that members should begin to give some thought to the 2008 Bridge and volunteers as well as nominations were needed. Ted Newland asked if a committee formed by at least 3 past commodores would be implemented to manage the 2008 Bridge selection process. Commodore George felt that members should actively participate in this process and Larry Roesch asked what was wrong with the current Bridge carrying over into 2008. Commodore George advised that the club needed some new and young blood with new ideas etc.

 **Membership:** Dwayne Powell informed that the club had 58 memberships. There were no visitors at the meeting.

 **Sunshine Committee:** Jan Mayer informed that everyone was well.

 **Roster:** Sandy Zinn reported that the club still had a few problems with e-mail addresses and one or two keep being returned rejected. She needs help from the members with keeping the e-mail address listing current.

 **Park Liaison:** Buzz Strandhagen advised there were no issues at the park that were still unresolved and that Steve was doing a very good job.

 **Ship's Store:** Linda Johnson reported that there were plenty of items available to the members for sale.

 **Newsletter:** Apologies went out for the lateness of the September newsletter.

 **Phone Committee:** Nothing new to report.

 **Website:** Nothing new to report. All is well with the Website.

 **50/50:** Was \$51.00

Columbus Day Regatta: Bill Zinn reported that there was a flyer available for the 2007 Columbus Day Regatta that can be obtained at the Marina and some boat stores. There is a change in this year's anchorage rules and stiff fines for not operating vessels within those rules.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning Balance at September 1, 2007 \$6,918.08
Ending Balance at September 31, 2007 \$7,366.39

The Club made \$72.81 at the last function attended by 22 members and 11 guests and all had a great time. Details of the Treasurer's report will be included in the October newsletter.

Commodore George asked about the flag for the Marina because someone was supposed to look into this. Sharon Roesch made the suggestion that the club contact the vendor in California where the club obtained their burgees as they already had the artwork.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Ted Newland and seconded by Buzz Strandhagen to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully
Annabelle McDermot
Secretary

FYBI by Captain David G. Giuliani
(For your Boating Information...)

Captain Dave and First Mate, Anna, have finished the living and dinning room tiling and grouting party. Dave asks that when he dies he wants to be cremated and mix with grout and tiled somewhere ELSE!

The following numbers are provided for your future use.

Marina Tel: 305.230.3033
305.881.6417

Pager:

Analog Tel: 305.230.0291 (During power failures only!)

After hours security guard's telephone number is 305.272.0800 and for the "Front gate" press 01#; For "A" Dock, press 11# ; For "B" Dock press 33#; For "C" dock press 44#, For "D" dock press 55# and for the Dry Storage area press 66# or for the Bait and Tackle Shop press 77#.



Homestead Yacht Club October Field Trip Fantasy Fest Key West Oct. 27

Itinerary:

1:00 P. M. Meet to board bus at Deco Truss

1:30 Bus departs

4:30 Arrive in Key West

Dinner on own

Parade

12:00 A. M. Depart Key West

4:00 Arrive at Deco Truss

Planned Activities:

Gift pack upon entry to bus

Food and Drinks provided. BYOB. Adult Drink Prizes throughout Trip!
(provided by anonymous donor)

Prizes awarded to "best" jokes, talent, riddles, and trivia.

Grand Prize on way home to best body paint!! Any body paint is eligible!!

Sign up and Costs

Checks for early sign up are due by Oct. 1 (meeting night)

Members Cost \$20

Non Members \$50

Cost after Oct. 3 \$30

Cost at last minute (Space available) \$40

Cancellation fee \$40 after Oct. 7 (total)



There is a dangerous virus being passed around electronically, orally, and by hand. This virus is called Worm-Overload-Recreational-Killer (WORK). If you receive WORK from any of your colleagues, your boss, or anyone else via any means DO NOT TOUCH IT.

This virus will wipe out your private life completely. If you should come into contact with WORK, put your jacket on and take two good friends to the nearest grocery store. Purchase the antidote known as Work-Isolating-Neutralizer-Extract (WINE) or Bothersome-Employer-Elimination-Rebooter (BEER).

Take the antidote repeatedly until WORK has been completely eliminated from your system. You should forward this warning to five friends. If you do not have five friends, you have already been infected and WORK is controlling your life.

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**Q: Where can women over the age of 60 find young, sexy men, who are interested in them?**

**A: Try a bookstore under fiction.**

**Q: What can a man do while his wife is going through menopause?**

**A: Keep busy. If you're handy with tools, you can finish the basement. When you are done, you will have a place to live.**

**Q: How can you increase the heart rate of your 60+ year old husband?**

**A: Tell him you're pregnant.**

**Q: How can you avoid spotting a wrinkle every time you walk by a mirror?**

**A: The next time you're in front of a mirror, take off your glasses.**

**Q: Why should 60+ year old people use valet parking?**

**A: Valets don't forget where they park your car.**

**Q: Is it common for 60+ year olds to have problems with short term memory storage?**

**A: Storing memory is not a problem, retrieving it is the problem.**

**Q: As people age, do they sleep more soundly?**

**A: Yes, but usually in the afternoon.**

**Q: Where do 60+ year olds look for fashionable glasses?**

**A: Their foreheads.**

**Q: What is the most common remark made by 60+ year olds when they enter antique stores?**

**A: "I remember these."**

**FYBI** by Captain David G. Giuliani  
(For your Boating Information...)



### **Boating Etiquette**

Boating, as a recreational sport, has been around for over 300 years. During this time many customs and traditions have been developed in order to help relieve the natural stress that comes with dealing with the elements. No matter how long you have been boating there is always that tense feeling when you are out there on your own. If this feeling ever goes away, you should probably take up golf. Whether underway, anchoring, mooring, docking at a marina or cruising with friends, don't add to the stress of your boating neighbor by ignoring custom and tradition.

#### **Underway**

Obviously, the rules of the road are going to dictate how you operate your vessel underway in order to prevent collision. But what if no risk of collision exists, are you then free to do whatever you want when operating in the vicinity of other vessels? Above all, remember that you are responsible for you own wake and any damage done by it.

When overtaking a slower vessel in open water, do so with as much room as depth conditions allow and slow your speed, if necessary, to avoid rocking the other vessel. There is nothing worse than being below in a slow trawler or sail boat, cooking breakfast, and being suddenly overtaken in close quarters by a loud, wake-throwing, go-fast boater. Especially if the wake causes the hot bacon grease and coffee to be thrown around the galley.

It should be remembered that sometimes the boat being overtaken may need to slow its speed to accommodate the overtaking vessel. If you are proceeding at 8 knots, the passing boat can only slow to about 10 knots to still have enough speed difference to pass successfully. However, at that speed the overtaking vessel still throws an uncomfortable wake. You may need to slow to 4 knots to



**allow the overtaking vessel to pass at 6 knots which allows**

**for a much smaller wake.**

**If you are overtaking a vessel under sail, if possible, overtake them well to leeward or pass astern in a crossing situation, so as not to block their wind.**

### **Anchoring and Mooring**

**Be sure to enter an anchorage or mooring area at a slow speed. This is like moving into a new neighborhood. You want your neighbors to like you. Again, you don't want to create a wake that would upset someone's dinner or drink.**

**Remember that the first person in the anchorage has the right to determine the swing radius. Don't get too close to other anchored boats. The wind can change and in a matter of minutes you can have fouled and tangled anchor lines, and hulls and dinghies banging against each other. I'll never forget the commotion caused one night off the Bitter End in the BVI when a late-arriving boat anchored too close to another. The shifting wind at 0300 caused them to tangle with one another and soon there were two angry and burly boaters on deck, sans clothing, but armed with spotlights, shouting and cursing while blinding each other with the lights. Not a pretty sight! Speaking of spotlights, if you need to use one, make sure you don't inadvertently blind your neighbor.**

**Before anchoring evaluate your intended behavior; the more music, people on board, children, pets and smoke from your barbecue that you intend to create, the further downwind you should be from your neighbors. Sound carries exceptionally well over water and many boaters retire early for an early departure. Respect their right to sleep in peace. Also, remember that any comment you make may be heard.**

**If you are using your dinghy at night to go to shore or visit others in the anchorage, do so using oars and not your outboard. How far could the shore be if you're anchored in ten feet of water? Some boaters are friendly and like to socialize, while others are reflective and just want to be**



**left alone. If you are rowing around the anchorage and see people on deck, you should be friendly but not intrusive unless, of course, encouraged. Tradition dictates that if you approach another vessel you should do so on the starboard side six to ten feet away. If you strike up a conversation and you recognize by the tenor of the strangers that they really**

**aren't interested, just move on out of their space.**

**Make sure you get permission before picking up a guest mooring. It may be reserved for another boater arriving later on or it may be unsuitable for your vessel.**

### **Marina Manners**

**When you stop for fuel, keep in mind that other boats may be waiting to get to the fuel dock. Do not leave your boat to pick up groceries or hang out in the bait shop. Tie up securely, follow proper fueling procedures, pay the bill and move away to another docking area or guest slip if you need to do other business ashore.**

**If you are already safely docked in the marina and there is no dockmaster or helper around to assist boaters as they dock and undock, it is courteous to assist other in your vicinity with their lines. This may sound like an oxymoron, but boating is like a fraternity of individuals. Everyone has a right to their space but everyone provides assistance whenever necessary.**

**Make sure to keep the area around your slip clear. Roll up and stow hoses, place power cords in such a manner as to not trip a passerby who is looking up at your new radar**



**reflector. Keep buckets, mops, tackle, docking lines and other items stowed in their proper place, not strewn around on the dock. When finished with carts or other equipment at the marina intended for common use, be sure to put it back where it belongs so others have access.**

### **Tips For On Board Guests**

**Whenever you invite guests aboard for the day, a weekend or an extended cruise, you should explain to them in advance what is expected of them, especially if they are not experienced boaters. If they are expected to perform duties onboard make sure they know this (and how to do it) before you give the order to swab the deck or handle**



**lines. If you have special "rules" regarding behavior on your boat (smoking, drinking, etc.), let them know before they arrive.**

**Instruct your guests to bring a minimum of clothing appropriate for the climate in which you will be operating as well as your final destination. Make sure each guest has a good pair of non-skid deck shoes. If your plans are to go ashore for activities other than lying on the beach, make sure they bring something more appropriate than a swimsuit and thongs. Explain the problem of limited space on your boat and ask them to pack their gear in a duffel bag or other soft-sided and collapsible luggage.**

**If you are planning to visit foreign ports, be sure to let your guests know in advance what documents and ID they need to bring and make them aware of any local customs they should know about.**

**When guests arrive, assign a locker to each where they may stow their gear and make clear that everything should be kept in its assigned place. It could be dangerous or impair the operation of your boat to have clothing and other gear floating around loose.**

**Make sure your guests know that your times of departure are based on tide, current, weather conditions and time to make the next destination. You should explain that they should be onboard, have gear stowed and be ready to leave well before the departure time you have set.**

**Explain also that the time to rise and shine is based on the convenience of everyone aboard and the cruising plans for the day. You, as skipper, should be the first to rise and the others should follow shortly after. Make guests aware of the limited washing and toilet facilities on the boat and instruct them to be time considerate to others. Also instruct them thoroughly on the use of the marine head and the importance of water conservation when cruising between destinations. Make clear, also, when you announce in the evenings that it is time to retire everyone should do so.**

**Familiarize your guests with safety and emergency procedures before leaving the dock. Explain fueling procedures, docking and undocking plans, etc. Make sure someone onboard is able to take over for you and operate the VHF radio to ask for help should you become disabled.**

**By being up front, honest and direct with your guests everyone onboard will have a safe and more pleasurable trip.**

**BoatSafe.com**



*Remember that the HYC meets every first Monday of each Month at the Redland County Club from 6:30 PM until 9:00 PM. The Redland Country Club is located at 24451 Krome Avenue (177<sup>th</sup> Avenue) in Homestead, FL, Telephone: 305.247.8503.  
You should meet and greet new members and speak to all members in a courteous manner.  
Please welcome everyone to be part of the club.*

### *Notary Public/Signing Agent Services\**

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*If your boat has not come in...  
Maybe you should swim out to it!*

**Your HYC membership card is now a multi-discount Card too!**

**Patronize the following stores to obtain discounts on your favorite fishing and boating needs. Be sure to keep checking the newsletter and the HYC website for more participating merchants in the very near future!**

**The Complete Angular~ 5% to 10% discounts on rods and reels, 10% to 15% on parts and supplies.**

**B& F Marine ~ 10% to 15% discount.**

**El Capitan's Marine and Fishing Center~ 25% to 50% discount.**

**Prestige Boat Tops ~ 15% discount.**

**Remember to present your membership card with a picture ID to qualify for this HYC benefits.**



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