

September 2013



The Nauti News

Homestead Yacht Club

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Our 28th Year of Boating Fun

HYC Poker Run Event



Members feasting at the Pilot House during Poker Run event

Meeting Reminder

**Our next monthly meeting will be on October 1st
at the Redland Hotel in Homestead**

Commodore's Comments

To all HYC Members and Friends----

The September "Poker Run" event was a pretty good time---good food, good drinks, and good company. Thanks to Dee and Sharon for putting that one together for us.

We are getting to the end of 2013, and the next three months should be fun for all of us. The "Halloween Party" on Nov.02, "Turkey Dinner" on Nov.23, and the "Boat Parade" Dec. 14, are ahead of us, so mark your calendars.

With that said, please ponder some replacement personnel for some bridge and committee positions. We need some one to step-up for the newsletter, Bill has done a great job, and we all appreciate his efforts, but let's give him a break. We are also going to need a "New" Commodore---so don't be shy. We will discuss this and other matters at the next meeting--- on October 1st at the Whistle Stop restaurant in the Redland Hotel. I look forward to seeing you there.



Thanks,

Commodore Dave.

Editor's Notes

I recently had contact with two former HYC members. George and Annabelle McDermot, who now live in the New Orleans area, sent me a note expressing how much they enjoy seeing the event photos which we post on the web site. They hope to return to our area for a visit some time in the future and look forward to again seeing all their HYC friends. Jerry and Vicky Cline, who now live in Panama City, recently visited our area to celebrate Vicky's birthday. They got to see many of their HYC friends and hope to visit more in the future.

Speaking of former members, please extend a warm welcome back to Mike and Carol Pinkerton who recently rejoined the club.

Bill Zinn, Editor, sunbil@bellsouth.net

National Park Management Plan

Biscayne National Park has announced that they will soon be releasing proposed changes to their General Management Plan. Once the revisions are published, a 90 day public review and comment period will be scheduled. These revisions are in response to over 18,000 public comments they received after the original version of the Plan was released in 2011. Most of the comments concerned protection of the reef and fishing/boating restrictions within the Park.

Minutes of September 2013 Meeting

Meeting called to order by Cmdr. Dave at 7:00 p.m. on September 3, 2013.

First order of business: Treasurer's Report presented by Dee Riley. Beginning balance \$4003.03, ending balance \$3,828.03. Full report appears elsewhere in newsletter.

Last function was the Shipwreck party sponsored by Liz and Billy Phillips at their home. IT WAS GREAT and everyone had a wonderful time. The food was outstanding and the games fun. Thanks to you both.

September event: Poker run in the Keys, starting at Shipwreck's, then on to Big Kenny's Barbecue, then to Pilot House and ending up at Sharon and Larry's home for drinks and dessert. The cost is \$5.00 a head for members and \$10.00 for guests.

October event is a Halloween party hosted by Peter and Teresa Dean. Due to late date of Halloween, it will actually be held on November 2nd. Looking forward to another great event and Teresa says YOU WILL WEAR A COSTUME!!!!

November event will be fried turkeys at Larry and Sharon's home (as usual) and will be held on the Saturday before Thanksgiving, November 23rd.

Last order of business....minutes from last meeting accepted as they appeared in the newsletter and acknowledging the fact that the food tonight was GREAT.

50/50 of \$20.00 won by Bill Zinn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Columbus Day Regatta

The 2013 Columbus Day Regatta will be held on the weekend of 11-14 October. Historically, in conjunction with the Regatta, large numbers of boaters have congregated in the Bay, off of northern Elliott Key, to party. As has become normal, Biscayne National Park has imposed restrictions on where you can anchor, how many boats can be in a raft-up, distance required between boats, etc. While these rules are imposed under the guise of safety and protection of Park resources, they appear to be designed mainly to discourage people from gathering and partying in the Park. A recent Park news release carried the following headline; "Biscayne National Park discourages boaters from congregating in the Park over Columbus Day weekend" Their efforts have obviously been successful as the event, which was once considered the largest clothing optional boating event in the country with partying boaters as far as the eye could see, is now essentially a relatively quiet peaceful raft-up. If you do plan to participate this year, please remember that there will be law enforcement personnel from every local, state and federal agency in the area on patrol in the anchorage area. They have stated that there will be a zero tolerance for drinking while boating and that everyone should remember "Park at Dark". In other words, anyone caught boating in the anchorage area after dark will probably be stopped, even if properly lighted. Pamphlets detailing all the Regatta restrictions are being distributed at local bait and tackle and marine equipment stores as well on the Park's web site.

TREASURER'S REPORT

HOMESTEAD Bay front YACHT CLUB

BEGINNING BALANCE AUGUST 1, 2013: \$4,003.03

INCOME:

50/50 \$25.00

Total: \$25.00

EXPENSES:

Event \$200.00

Total: \$200.00

ENDING BALANCE AUGUST 31, 2013: \$3,828.03

SUBMITTED BY Dee Riley, TREASURER

NOTE: There were 14 members and 15 guests at the August event. The cost to the club was \$200.00.

Square Groupers

In past years, the discovery of square Groupers (bales of marijuana) in the waters or on the beaches of south Florida were fairly common. However, in recent years such discoveries have become fairly rare. That is why the recent discovery of two bales on the shore within Biscayne National Park is noteworthy. On September 19th a Homestead woman, walking her dog within the Park, discovered a curious bundle on the edge of the water. The bundle turned out to be two bales of marijuana which she subsequently turned over to Park Rangers.

Poker Run Event Photos



