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The Nauti News

Homestead Yacht Club

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Our 23rd Year of Boating Fun

Dee = Rain, Rain, Rain



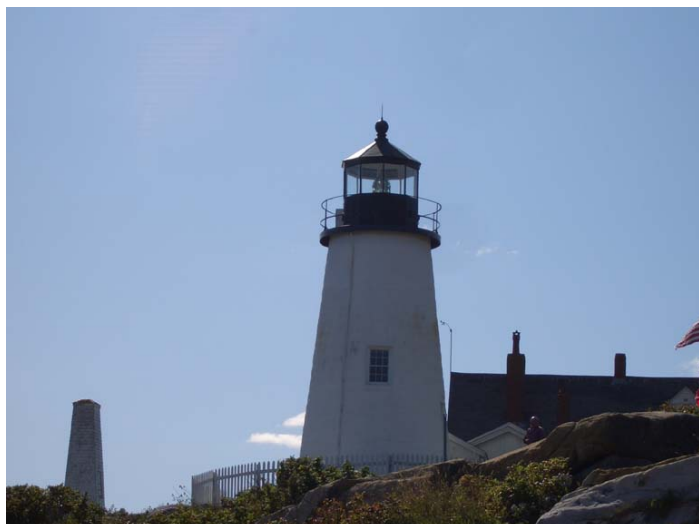
Yes, that is a much needed umbrella. In keeping with a long standing HYC tradition, it rained on a Dee Riley sponsored event, this time in Key Largo. Actually the rain ended just as the main outdoor activities began and everyone seemed to have a fun time.

Meeting Reminder

The next HYC meeting will be held on October 5th

Commodore's Comments

Hello Everyone from New England, on our extended car tour of the North East. Our travels have taken us from our cottage in Michigan to Niagara Falls, Toronto, 1000 Islands on the St Lawrence River, Lake George NY, Stowe VT, Bar Harbor Me, and now at Booth Bay Maine. We plan on going down the East Coast, slowly but surely heading back to Florida in time for our next meeting on October 5 at Redland Country Club.



I hope you will all talk to the members you are close to, and encourage them to show up for our next meeting. I would like to thank Dee Riley and Ted Newlan for putting on an outstanding event at Marina Del Mar. We had a good turn out, even with the rain, which conveniently stopped, just in time for our cocktail parties on the host boats. Special thanks to Bill and Linda Clemons, Ray and Issa Vega, Jerry and Vicky Cline, Dee and Ted and Us for hosting the roving cocktail party.

Even though the scenery on this trip has been wonderful, and the time on the different waters of the northeast has been enjoyable, we will be happy to get back to the warm water of South Florida.

We hope to see you all at the meeting or out on the water in the next few weeks.



Larry Roesch
Commodore

Editor's Notes

Earlier this month, I was one of approximately 100 people who attended the Park Service's Fishery Management Plan meeting in Florida City. The meeting lasted three hours and involved some rather heated exchanges between the public and the Park employees. It was certainly refreshing to see such a good turn out. Additional details are provided later in this Newsletter.

Please remember to let us know if you change your e-mail address so that we can update our mailing list.

Bill Zinn, Editor, sunbil@AOLcom

Minutes of September HYC Meeting

Meeting called to order by Cmdr. Larry at 7:30 p.m. on August 31, 2009. Minutes from last meeting approved as printed in the last newsletter.

First guest Mike McCrink, our dock master. He said he came just to say hello as nothing much is going on at the marina. They had three new annual patrons sign up in August. Also, they will have between 15 and 20 transient slips for Labor Day and Columbus Day. The pump out station is now working. The park swimming area will close on the Tuesday after Labor Day. He is working on the no fishing signs and the signs for the obstruction in the channel. They expect more layoffs in October. Cmdr. Larry reported that he saw three manatee alongside his boat earlier today. Rumor has it that a 12' crocodile was spotted on the bank between A and B docks but could not be verified. Mike says he has not seen it.

Treasurer's report given by Dee Riley. Beginning balance \$4,624.61. Ending balance \$4,581.49. See complete report in the newsletter.

Cmdr. Larry thanked Ray Vega for the Plantation outing. They had three boats and lots of cars in attendance and had fun.

Newsletter and Park Liaison: nothing to report.

Sunshine committee: Jan not in attendance. Charlene Powell had surgery but is doing fine.

Dwayne Powell, membership, reports 43 members. Guests: Millie and Owen Sullivan. Annie McDermot's parents

Dee Riley spoke about the next outing at Marina Del Mar. She has made arrangements for dinner at Sharky's Restaurant. The menu is hot dogs, hamburgers, barbequed chicken or sausage. Dress is casual. She has also planned a progressive cocktail party with three boats serving drinks and appetizers. The time for the cocktail party is 5:00 p.m. on the dock.

October event: Charlene Powell spoke about it. The date is Sunday, Oct. 25th from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the pavilion. The cost is \$5.00 for members and \$10.00 for guests. She asks that members with last names starting with A through L bring appetizers and M through Z side dishes. She is planning a Chinese Auction where you bring a "white elephant" gift, we draw a name and that person can choose a gift, the next person can either take that one or draw another. She'll have all the rules and regulations at the function. She is also planning a costume contest with a \$25.00 prize.

November: Cmdr. Larry is planning an outing at the Anchorage for the weekend. This way members who want to spend Thanksgiving with family can do so and still attend the event. He is planning on deep frying a turkey.

Bill Clemons mentioned that he is willing to enter his boat in the Ft. Lauderdale parade on December 12th. Guests on the boat can dress up as divers or some sort of sea life. Buz

Strandhagen will check on the availability of motels in the area for those of us who want to drive up. We'll learn more about this event at the next meeting.

Cmdr. Larry asks that we start to think about who we want to run for office for next year as it's time to start recruiting.

50/50 of \$32.50 was won by Ted Ficken. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Claire Strandhagen, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT HOMESTEAD BAY FRONT YACHT CLUB

BEGINNING BALANCE AUGUST 1, 2009: 4624.61

INCOME :

50/50	43.00
Plantation Event	145.00
 Total	 188.00

EXPENSES :

Meeting room fee	100.00
Plantation Event	131.12
 Total	 231.12

ENDING BALANCE AUGUST 31, 2009: 4581.49

SUBMITTED BY: Dee Riley, TREASURER

Note: The August Plantation Yacht Harbor event was attended by 23 members and 6 guests. The income to the club was \$13.88.

Columbus Day Regatta

The weekend of October 10-11 is Columbus Day Regatta weekend, The Park Service has again issued special boating rules for that weekend. Anchoring is permitted only in the specially marked anchorage area which extends from Elliott Key Harbor to Sands Key and a maximum of five boats can raft together. A minimum distance of 100 ft must be maintained between rafts of vessels or between individual non-rafter vessels.

Driving to and from the Marina will be especially difficult on Saturday the 10th. In addition to the Regatta traffic, the Indy Car Championship race is being held at the Homestead track on that day. That means that special traffic controls will be in effect especially just before and after the race.

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Article # 9- Dwayne Powell

The week with Art and Leslie was very enjoyable and we were sad to see them go. Over the next couple of days we continued our journey but were seeing sites we had visited by car. My original plan was to get to the Chesapeake and Washington D. C and to be back in Miami before any July hurricanes. However, I had not expected the weeks stay in Fort Pierce due to weather, the extra nights in ports along the way and a weeks auto tour with Art and Leslie. We were at the River Forest Marina and shipyard in Belhaven, North Carolina when a look at the awful bridge times in Norfolk prompted me to make the decision to head south. Norfolk, Virginia is not on my list of favorite places. Belhaven is a small town with a lot of friendly people and its streets are lined with large shade trees and Victorian homes. Beaufort, North Carolina and Morehead, North Carolina are worth a look-see but I prefer beautiful Beaufort, South Carolina. Having said that many consider Beaufort, North Carolina to have a very good ICW waterfront. Below is a photo taken by Charlene of one of the Osprey bird families that make their home on the waterway.



Park Service Fishery Management Plan

Approximately 100 members of the public attended a Park Service meeting held in Florida City on September 15th to explain and receive comments on their Fishery Management Plan. The purpose of the Plan is increase the size and number of fish in Biscayne National Park. Their Plan contains five options ranging from doing nothing to greatly restricting line and spear fishing in the Park. Most of the options contain monetary fees ranging from special commercial fishing permits, special fishing license stamps to fish in the park, and the purchase of decals for all boats engaged in recreational activity in the Park. The majority of the public comments objected to restrictions on fishing and any new fees. A common theme was, more new rules and restrictions will not help because you are not able to enforce the ones you have now. Park Superintendant Mark Lewis acknowledged that the Park presently does not have enough rangers to properly enforce the rules. He

stated that the intent of the proposed new fees is to raise money to hire more rangers, but did acknowledge that he could not guarantee that the money would go for that purpose. It was also pointed out the any fishing restrictions proposed by the final plan could be implemented only if approved by the State (FWC) and that will take considerable time and involve public hearings held by the State. Superintendent Lewis also explained the difference between the proposed Marine Reserve Zones, discussed at recent meetings, and this Fishery Plan. The Marine Reserve Zones are intended to preserve/protect everything within an area (coral, fish, ship wrecks, etc) so that visitors to the park can observe a healthy marine environment. The Fishery Plan is concerned only with the fish population within the Park. The Marine Reserve Plan is part of the Park's General Management Plan while the Fishery Plan is completely independent of the Management Plan.

HYC Labor Day Event at Key Largo



Additional Photos of HYC events are posted on our web site.

Club Officers for 2010

It is that time of the year again, when we must select members of the Bridge (Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Treasurer, and Secretary) to manage HYC activities for the next year. If you would like to volunteer for one of the positions or you have someone in mind that you would like to see on the bridge, please let Commodore Larry know or speak up when we have open nominations at our monthly meeting. The 2010 Bridge will also need volunteers for the non-elected positions such as membership, roster, newsletter, sunshine, etc.