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The Nauti News



Homestead Yacht Club

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Our 18th Year of Boating Fun

COMMODORE'S CORNER

Hi everyone,

It sure has been busy the last few weeks what with preparing our vessels and houses for the hurricanes that didn't come to see us. I am glad that it was all a drill for most of us, but we did have members that had a little damage in Broward County and some of our former members had damage from Charlie and Frances. Jack Judge said he moved to Daytona to avoid hurricanes and since he has been there he has had two hit him.

I am sorry that we didn't go to Hawk's Cay but there is always next year. Hawk's Cay did refund all of our deposits and made reservations for us next year.

Next month we will have the trip to Miami Bayside and the Oktoberfest celebration that Art is putting together for us.

I need your nominations for the HYC officers by the next meeting so that the new Bridge will be able to have a little time to prepare for next year. It would be nice to have some new members show their support of the club by volunteering for some of the offices or just sponsor some of the events for next year. Show your support, it is your club, volunteer. Remember that you will have plenty of help from the outgoing Bridge to make the transition as smooth as possible.

That's all from me for now, so may your winds be light and your seas smooth.

Commodore Bill



Editor's Note

As mentioned in the Commodore's item, it is time to think about the Bridge for next year, which means it is also time to think about the non-elected positions, which also have to be filled, such as Newsletter Editor (Hint Hint). I will be happy to help my replacement as much as I can, but I really would like someone else to have a chance at all this fun.

Since the hurricane cancelled our Hawk's Cay event, I don't have any event photos for this Newsletter. Lest we forget just how lucky we are that the storms missed us, I have included some photos taken by the BoatUs Marine Insurance Catastrophe Team of boat damage caused by Hurricanes Charley and Frances.

There is no member's profile this month. It seems like I spent the whole month tying down boats, putting bimini tops up and down, putting shutters up and down, etc, and thus never got around to completing an interview.

Bill Zinn, sunbil@aol.com

Next Club Meeting

The next monthly Club meeting will be on Monday, October 4th at the Redland Country Club. Menu will be "Italian Night" with Chicken Parmesan, Lasagna, and Spaghetti. Please confirm you reservations with Susan Coffey at 305-279-5393.

Cameras on 18-Mile Stretch

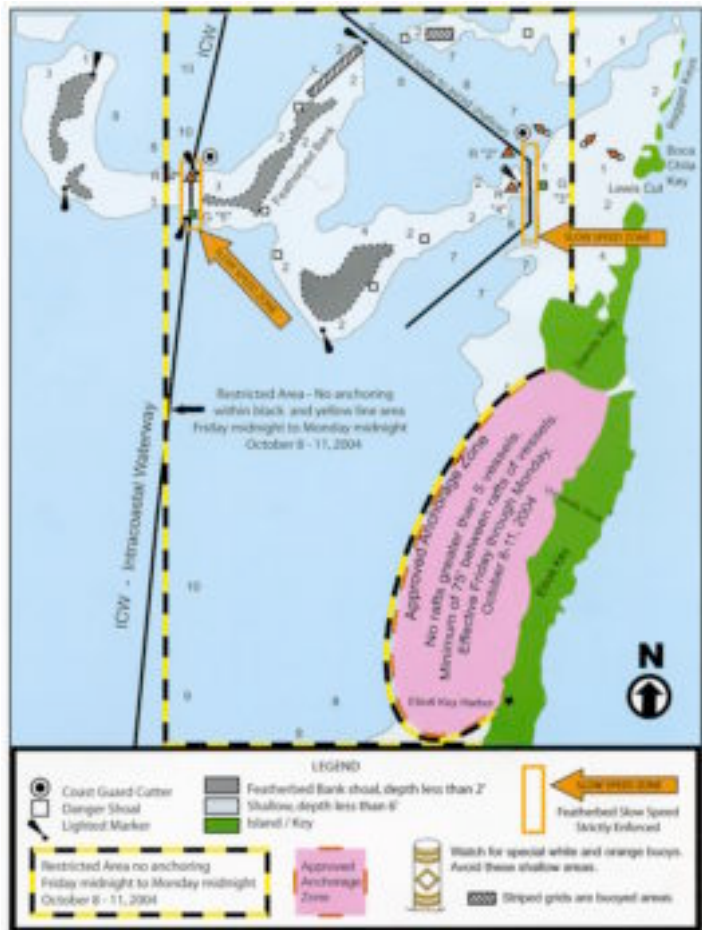
According to a Keys news source, the state DOT was supposed to begin installing cameras, road sensors and electronic message signs along the 18-mile stretch of US-1 between Florida City and Key Largo in late September. This equipment is part of the Intelligent Transportation System already in use on the Turnpike and other highways across the state. The eight cameras and four signs along the stretch will cost \$2 million. They are designed to let drivers know about traffic problems, to display Amber alert messages, and to monitor evacuation progress. Eventually the system will be extended the whole way to Key West. So the next time you drive to/from the Keys, smile, you will probably be on camera.

Columbus Day Regatta

The Columbus Day Regatta for 2004 will be held on the weekend of October 9th and 10th. If you are not familiar with the Regatta, the sailboats race south from the Miami area to the Elliott Key area on Saturday, spend the night near Elliott Key, and then race back north on Sunday. However, the big attraction is actually the partying in the anchorage area by Elliott Key on Saturday night. It is billed as the largest clothing

optional boating event in the country, so if nudity offends you, then this is not the event for you. This brochure, published by the National Park Service, was obtained at West Marine. In the past, the Park has posted

this information on their web site but as of Sept 27th it is not yet available there. As in the past, raft-ups are limited to a maximum of five vessels with at least 75 feet required between raft-ups. There is one significant change this year, and that is that anchoring is only permitted in the designated area west of Elliott Key. In the past, there has always been a designated anchorage area, however, vessels were permitted to anchor pretty much anywhere they wanted west of Elliott. This year anchoring will not be permitted between the Intracoastal Waterway and the designated anchorage zone, which is west of Elliott, from Sands Cut to Elliott Key Harbor. The Park management has repeatedly said that while they do not like having the big Regatta anchorage party in the Bay, they do not intend to try to ban it. Instead, they apparently are attempting to limit the size by restricting anchoring to an area too small to accommodate the normal



number of vessels that attend. As in the past, there will be a large contingent of Rangers, Coast Guard, Marine Patrol, and local police on patrol, with boating under the influence and safety equipment being their main concerns. The Park brochure also advises that the fine for boating under the influence starts at \$750, for boating/equipment violations starts at \$50, and for more than five boats in a raft-up starts at \$100.

Minutes of September Club Meeting

Meeting called to order by Cmdr. Clemons at 7:30 PM on August 30, 2004 (meeting moved to August due to Labor Day Holiday in September). The Cmdr. also gave a report on the raft-up held the previous weekend. There were only a few boats present but everyone had a great time. Bill and Linda provided food in the form of hamburgers and hot dogs. The leftover food will be taken to Hawk's Cay and served if the hurricane doesn't run us off. The good news is that our Commodore has spoken to the folks at Hawk's Cay and they are trying to get us refunds or rain checks on advance payment if we have to cancel.

Motion made and seconded to accept the minutes from last meeting as shown in the last Newsletter. Cmdr. Clemons read the Treasurer's report, as our Treasurer was unable to attend. We started with a balance of

\$5,513.01, added \$63.00 from 50/50, expenses of the raft-up of \$104.94 for an ending balance of \$5,471.07. It was accepted as read.

Bill Zinn our Newsletter Editor asks that anyone having trouble with getting the newsletter via e-mail to let him know. Bill further advises that the weekend of Sept. 11th and 12th there will be a sports car race at the track. Be prepared for more traffic than usual.

Sunshine Committee: Kathy North reports that Andrea Bieger had shoulder surgery but is recovering. She also mentioned that Lynn Sinnamon really enjoys the cards she has received from members. If you are thinking of sending one, do so in care of Peter and Teresa Dean as Lynn's address may change.

Park Liaison: Buz Strandhagen reports that the oil storage area is being renovated. No one seems to have a schedule for completion soooo hold your oil. Buz also mentioned paperwork that was recently sent to marina patrons referring to vendors. He advises everyone to read it carefully as it may affect your ability to have someone work on your boat while it is at the marina. Janie is on a leave of absence for two months in case you have missed seeing her smiling face.

Oktoberfest....Art Muina was unable to attend the meeting but has ten slips reserved at Bayside and is arranging for transportation from the marina to the restaurant. You should be able to sign up at the next meeting.

Ship's Store: Lots of new merchandise..... BUY BUY..... BUY

Cmdr. Clemons requests that all of us start to think about a new Bridge. If you are interested in any office, including Commodore and Vice-Commodore, please let him know. If you would like to nominate anyone for any office, please let him know.....All positions are currently open. George Mayer was nominated for Commodore and Ken Coffey for Vice-Commodore.

Cmdr. Clemons gave a brief overview of the events planned for Hawk's Cay.... Friday night on your own, Saturday lunch hamburgers and hot dogs on Linda C Too, Saturday evening dinner at the restaurant and Sunday morning breakfast on the dock. The Ladies Miniature Golf Tournament was also mentioned. We also have a dock party scheduled for November and boat parade for December.

Dwayne Powell reports we have one new member, which brings our total up to 65.

Ted Ficken won the 50/50.

Motion made and accepted to adjourn at 8:30 PM. Submitted by Claire Strandhagen for Annabelle McDermot.

TREASURER'S REPORT for the Month ending August 2004

Beginning Balance		5513.01
Income:	50/50 August	63.00
	Total	63.00
Expenses:	August Raft-up	104.94
	Total	104.94
Ending Balance August 31, 2004		5471.07

Note: The August Event cost HYC 104.94

Submitted by Sharon Roesch, Treasurer

Hurricane Boat Damage

Hurricane Charley



Hurricane Frances



The above photos were taken by the BoatUS Marine Insurance Catastrophe Team following Hurricanes Charley and Frances. Additional photos are posted in the Hurricane portion of the BoatUS web site (www.boatus.com) Photos from Ivan and Jeanne are not yet available. Also on their web site is a link to the Hurricane Charley Salvage Sale site where you can bid on salvaged boats that are being offered for sale.



NEXT CLUB EVENT

Oktoberfest

**October 16th, 5 PM until ??
Edellweisse Bavarian Restaurant
2655 Biscayne Blvd in Miami**

Authentic German dishes, German wine and German tap beers

Those who are planning to make a weekend out of this year's Oktoberfest please contact me ASAP with boat name, size, and beam, if you are checking in on Friday, October 15th or Saturday, October 16th. Bayside Marina wants to have this information by October 8th as they have another boating function October 15th-17th. They have reserved 10 slips for us on a first come first serve basis. I can be reached by e-mail at asmuina@msn.com or you can call me at 786-200-5255. Thanks, Art