

June 2003

The Nauti News



Homestead Yacht Club

Our 17th Year of Boating Fun

COMMODORE'S CORNER

Hi everyone. Well here it is the end of May and it seems like everyone is getting ready for his or her summer vacation. The trip to Coral Ridge Yacht Club in Ft Lauderdale was great (if you left on Saturday) and Charlie and Carole Sammarco really did a great job of putting it all together. CRYC went all out on their Luau, we had roast pig, sweet & sour chicken, and grilled dolphin, plus peas and rice and a host of sides. We had cooks galore for the pig and even some famous ones not counting our own HYC member cooks. There was a two-man band with a steel drum and guitar that had everybody out on the dance floor, and thanks to the Mai Tai drinks, there was even a little water dancing in the pool. There was an omelet bar the next morning for the survivors, ham, onions, mushrooms, cheese omelets, home fries, bacon, sausage, French toast, and bagels, who could eat it all? Even with the little rain that we had, a good time was had by all, our thanks to Charlie, Carole, Vinnie, and all CRYC for everything.

Next month get your rods and reels out and catch some fish in the HYC fishing tournament and the fish fry the next weekend with all the fish that you caught, Also make sure you have made your reservations for Bimini in July and Sunset Harbor in August. I will be passing around a sign up sheet for the Labor Day Trip to Hawks Cay at our June meeting, anybody that is planning on going and is not at the meeting please call or email me so that I can add them to the list. I have 14 slips reserved at Hawks Cay but they must have a confirmed reservation with a Credit Card by the end of June. I will have more info on the trip later.



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

Commodore Bill

Next Monthly Club Meeting

The next HYC monthly meeting will be on Monday, June 2nd, at the Redland Country Club. Menu will be "Mexican Cuisine" (beef or chicken fajitas or tacos with beans and rice). Please confirm your reservations with Ely at: eddyely@aol.com or 305-270-1527.

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Editor's Note

Since I was unable to attend the Club's event at the Coral Ridge Yacht Club, I have no event photos for the Newsletter or to post to the Photo Island web site. Sorry.

I am again including in this issue, a brief recap of AP and Miami Herald reporting on the requirement to check in with INS when you return from a foreign port. If any Club members have first hand knowledge of dealing with this requirement, please provide me with details so the information can be shared with all club members.

After receiving several queries from members, the Club has decided to permit limited advertising in the Newsletter by members. Details of how this will work are in an article later in this Newsletter. Our members provide goods and services ranging from boat equipment, to electronics, to painting, to carpentry, to real estate, to printing, etc, etc. If you are a customer, here is a chance to give your business to someone you know, another club member, and if you are the provider of the goods or service, maybe you can help a fellow member with a price break or at least some personalized service.

Bill Zinn, sunbil@aol.com

Sunshine News

Carol Timmons reports that No News is GOOD News. Everyone seems to be doing fine. If you have any news regarding the health or welfare of any club member or their family, please let Carol know at 305-254-7663.



Homestead Yacht Club has again renewed its affiliation with BoatUS, the nation's largest Association of recreational boat owners. As a result of this arrangement, HYC members can join BoatUS for only half of the normal dues, \$9.50 rather than \$19.00. Your membership benefits include: Discounts on fuel, slips and repairs at more than 600 marinas, Low-cost boat insurance, a subscription to the Boat/US Magazine, and on-the-water towing by TowBoatUS, ranging from \$50 per incident (free with Membership) to Unlimited service. At least once a year, you will hear a Club member talking about how invaluable the Unlimited Towing Service was when they had problems, even just out on Biscayne Bay. To get your 50% discount when you join or renew your membership, give them the HYC Co-op Group number, GA824044. If you are not presently a member of BoatUS, you can join by calling their membership number, 1-800-395-2628.

Working Out

Rumor has it that two guys in the club (initials P and G) have been working out extensively. Their reason for this dedicated effort; so they can wear "thong" bathing suits on their next boating vacation. Most folks will probably be surprised to discover that these two own bathing suits, much less wear them.

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Member Ads

At the May meeting it was agreed that on a periodic basis, every three months or so, we will include in the Newsletter, business card size ads submitted by Club members. Our members either provide or have access to a wide variety of goods and services. This is sort of a members-helping-members effort to keep the business in the Club when possible. Each ad will be limited to business card size (approx two by three and a half inches). If you simply want to post your business card, you can scan it and send me the JPG file as an Email attachment or mail the card to me and I will scan it. If you prefer to enter a small text add rather than you card, Email or mail me the text and I will include it in the Newsletter (just remember, the text must fit in a business card size space). My address is: Bill Zinn, 16320 SW 293 St, Homestead, Fl 33033 or Email: sunbil@aol.com

Hurricane Season

Well it is that time of the year again, Hurricane season officially begins on June 1st, even though we have already had one named storm out in the Atlantic. Those of us who were here for Andrew in 1992 probably think of ourselves as sort of Hurricane experts; however, it is good for all of us to review the marine hurricane preparation suggestions every year. The Miami Herald, in conjunction with BoatUS, recently published some tips for mariners. Of course, their first suggestion was that if all possible you should move your boat out of harms way. If you plan to do this, remember that the drawbridges are locked down when a Hurricane watch is issued or if an evacuation is ordered. According to the Herald, "By state law, owners of nontrailerable boats can't be forced to vacate marinas when a hurricane is approaching. They should leave, but if there's no place to



Sunseeker on Aug 24, 1992

go, they might get by with an elaborate system of mooring or docking, using extra lines, chafe protectors and anchors." Anything that can catch the wind or be damaged by flying debris should be removed or lowered and secured, such as Bimini tops, antennas, outriggers, etc. All documents and expensive equipment should be removed from the boat. Use duct tape to cover instrument gauges and to secure hatches and ports. If you trailer your boat it is recommended that you lower the dolly jack, let half the air out of the trailer tires, and chock the wheels with cement blocks. For those who are new to the Homestead marine, in the past, during even minor hurricanes in the area, the water in the marina has risen to the top of the docks and the entry road has been covered by 2-3 feet of water.

Minutes of Last Club Meeting

The minutes of the May Homestead Yacht Club meeting were not available for inclusion in this issue of the Newsletter.

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Checking in with Immigration

According to an AP news item dated May 23rd and a subsequent Miami Herald item, the requirement for everyone to check in with Immigration, in person, when they return from a visit to a foreign port is being enforced. Both citizens and non-citizens must report to the nearest Immigration office within 24 hours of returning. Failure to do so can result in a fine of \$3000 per person. This requirement is in addition to the customary phone call to Customs. These news stories cast doubt on the report in the May issue of Southern Boating magazine which said that Customs could clear your immigration requirements for you when you call them. The AP news item quoted an Immigration representative as saying "Everyone must report in person." Club member first hand experiences at dealing with this new Immigration procedure will be provided if/when they become available.

Future Club Events

June

Fishing Tournament and Fish Fry

July

Trip to Bahamas, Bimini Beach Club

August

Sunset Harbor

September

Hawk's Cay