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THE MONTHLY LOG OF THE HUDSON BEACH YACHT CLUB

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HBYC Club Officers Elected for 2007!

Welcome Aboard your new Officers for 2007!

- Commodore: Don Himes
- Vice Commodore: Jack Kuhlmann
- Purser: Mary Knowles
- Yeoman: Mary Delmar
- Finance Director: Frank Lomozik
- Publicity: Digna Kelly
- Social Director: Nancy Colson
- Cruise Director: Laurel Nash
- Race Director: Gene Michaux
- Marker 2 Editor / Publisher: Mary Reed
- Web Master: Dave Zimmer
- Membership Director: Madelaine Woodman

The next HBYC General Meeting on January 9th will be our official "Change of Watch" ceremony. It will be preceded by a **potluck dinner at 6:30**. Please bring your favorite dish and prepare your taste buds for a real treat!

AHOY WOMEN

Women's Sailing Course

Learn the proper terms, how to navigate, trim the sails, handle the helm, and much more. Laurel Nash, our new cruising director, has agreed to teach the course for women again. This class would be a great way to get prepared for the upcoming "Woman at the helm" race! Any woman interested please contact Laurel at: sobound2@yahoo.com or 727-845-9840. Don't miss out on learning from Laurel's years of experience and qualifications. This class will fill up fast!

From the Deck

Gene Michaux - Race Director 727-862-7799
Groundmanship Award 2006

There's times in your life when you have to do a job that your not really excited about. That's definitely not the case with the presentation of this award!

The Grounding Award has become a coveted, but maybe feared, token of recognition for the sailors that are out there but sometimes don't have a clue. These gallant voyagers have somehow misplaced their training and common sense, and fell prey to the shoal and anchor gods. Most insist it's bad luck but the true sailors know, in their hearts, that this type of event happens only to the captains that get their boat off the dock.

There are some captains that enjoy the battle with nature and are willing to defy the laws of physics. They constantly challenge Newton's law of gravity and definitely his law of matter. For you none scientific types, the law of matter refers to --- the matter of your keel crashing into the matter of the bottom of the water your trying to navigate! In boaters terms that's called going aground. In several Captains cases, it's called normal. Hence, there becomes several ways to accomplish this feat -- all of which we can not discuss at this venture.

This year the decision for the recipient of this award was a time consuming and overwhelming task. There were so many possibilities that the committee was in a quandary as to the winner.

There was the all time favorite of "Lagniappe", who's performance is legendary for getting on and off of sandbars. You had to check out his performance at Hooters AGAIN this year. What a demonstration of misguided navigation. "Forever Young" is also in the running. Her claim to fame does not discriminate between captains. Right Fast Freddy? We understand Jane's no slouch either! "Time 2 Cruise" has been stuffed in the mud at Sam's on her way to a race and dragged anchor in Clearwater. "Lady In Red" worked her way home in a minus one tide. She made it to within ten feet of her dock. She sat there and admired the full moon while neighbors sent out Bloody Mary's (alcoholic this time) for the three hour wait. Then there's the never ending performance of "Sandity Seaker". She dragged anchor in Clearwater and tried to cut a sixty foot catamaran in two. Her keel has crushed more crabs than "Heavy Duty" catches in one season. This boat has a most intimate relationship with Tow Boat US. For a while we thought "I'm Aground" was her new name.

All these great potential candidates cast a pale shadow to this years recipient. Here's why.

Start with a boat that's under water. Resurrect it from Davy Jones locker. Buy it with hard earned cash. See anything wrong with this picture? No? OK I'll continue.

Borrow a tiny outboard and jury rig it on the transom to power the boat across the state. (remember the real motor has been under water for a few months and doesn't run at all.) Only destroy one outboard when it falls off into the swamp due to a

passing boat.(and probably some poor engineering) Borrow another outboard from an unsuspecting club member for the remainder of the journey.

Bring that honker from Stuart to Hernando Beach and spend nine months on the hard putting her back together. Miss-size the rudder shaft so that it's so tight it takes two sumo wrestlers to move it. Run the brand new motor out of a five gallon can since there's no real fuel tank. Launch that puppy and go aground in the first fifteen minutes in the Hernando channel. (ed My son and I were on the boat for this voyage. My son asked me if I thought we would survive this journey from Hernando to Hudson. I told him I wasn't so sure)

This was only the beginning of the adventure and a sign of things to come. On an early voyage for the newly restored vessel, Egmont Key was the intended anchorage. The wind was howling and it was dark. One sail had already started it's shredding routine and the anchor, although properly deployed, did little more than skip across the bottom--- along with the keel. Drag and bump were the order of business for the sleepless night. The entire area was recharted for shallow spots that night. The captain reported only dragging and bumping twice but others believe it was considerably more eventful than that since we know he never got a wink of sleep. It was also rumored that he ran the engine all night to supplement the anchor. He wasn't sure how much fuel he had left since he had no idea of how much he started with.

The next stop was Belleview where anchorage with the newly arriving "Inspiration" was planned for that night. While visiting on the Commodores boat, it was determined that the fateful vessel in question had a mind of it's own and was headed south --- without it's captain. The sight of it's captain scurrying to his dingy and row, yes ROW, after his now wayward vessel brought tears to your eyes --- from laughter! Good thing its muddy and shallow 'cause that boat would have been in Cuba by now if it hadn't got stuck in the mud.

Later that same weekend, at Anclote Island, a steak dinner aboard "Lady In Red" was in the dessert stage when the wind Gods took over. Again the anchor dragged and the poor boat headed for the beach -- backwards. It made it in fine order. Again the captain, and his little dingy, were rowing after her and he ended up hanging on to her rail for dear life in the 50 MPH winds. Although efforts by several club members were made to free the stuck keel, this was an all-nighter.

Of course there are other adventures like the grounding of a delivery boat in the Hudson channel or the time when the sheet from the shredded sail got wrapped around the prop in the middle of the Gulf. How bout the main sail that has been patched so many times it's almost new. This is just a partial list if the incidents we know of. Just think of the other deep dark adventures that are still unknown.

Well anyway, time to present the Groundmanship award. Please remember you can't get your name on this this prestigious trophy if you're tied to the dock.

So this year, if you still haven't guessed, the award goes to Ilikai and Jim Kitzler. *Gene*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Fred Dunlop 12/3
 Edna Schwabe 12/3
 Minell Wilhelm 12/4
 Robert Kable 12/11
 Bill Roberts 12/15
 Sherrie Risalvato 12/15
 Guy Colson 12/16
 Vinny Risalvato 12/18
 Deb Harrison 12/20
 Roy Garcia 12/25
 Bart Kloeber 12/28
 Joyce Rossi 12/28
 Gail Martinsen 12/29
 Mark Gongre 1/1
 Sandy Mooney 1/5
 Mike Singleton 1/9
 Patrick Davis 1/15
 Stephen Domanski 1/19
 Barbara Friedmann 1/19

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

Robert & Norma Kable 12/1
 Sherrie & Vinny Risalvato 12/4
 AJ & Linda Seier 12/8
 Derek & Sheila Bennet 12/27
 Ron & Gail Martinsen 12/29
 Tony & Judi Antonietti 12/31
 Bill & Wanda Smith 1/17

FOR SAIL/WANTED

Yanmar raw water Impellers. Fit 3HM and some newer models. \$10 each Gene 862-7799

24 foot pontoon boat with 50 HP Mercury, on Brand new trailer \$4100.00 or trade for 44 Foot Sailing catamaran. (-) David Zimmer 856-0123

Inflatable Achilles 9 ft 2 in w/8 hp Evinrude. Good condition. \$400 obo 727-862-1048

O'Day Day Sailor 17 ft with two sets of sails needs paint and some tlc. Has trailer. \$800 obo. 727-862-1048

Drawtight Hitch for full size truck/van/SUV with receiver and lock \$75 obo. 727-862-1048

Shop Smith model 510 \$600. 727-862-1048

Anchorwindlass Manual \$275. 727-862-1048

WELCOME ABOARD

101 memberships and 172 members

No new members in December

NOTICE

NEW EMAIL

Marty & Rosalie Piter mpiter@tampabay.rr.com

Correction from November/Marker 2

Happ and Deb Harrison
 727-480-7091 happharrison@ij.net

PROPOSED BUDGET HBYC 2007 BASED ON 93 MEMBERSHIPS

INCOME

DUES	\$3255
50/50	400
Race Income	1200
Cruises	400
HBYC Items	700
M-2 ads	400
Special events	900
Gen Mtgs	500
Bkfst Mtgs	650
Xmas Party	1300
Misc.	100-
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	\$9805

EXPENSE

Rent	\$780
Postage	800
Print M-2	900
Races	1200
Cruises	400
Cost-HBYC Items	700
Ins. Corp. fees, and office supplies	575
Gen Mtgs	600
Bkfst Mtgs	700
Special Events	1000
Xmas Party	1300
Capital Expense	400
Web Site	150
Miscellaneous	300
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	\$9805

Mary Knowles Panser

11-29-2006

MINUTES HBYC--GENERAL MEETING December 5, 2006

Commodore Guy Colson called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. The Minutes of the November 14 General Meeting were approved as printed in the Marker 2 with no corrections.

Guy spoke about the **Anchorage Guide** that David & Carol Ergle have been working on. They would like more input on anchorages etc. They brought in a sample of the proposed cruising guide and it was passed around.

Next Guy announced that **Nancy Dunlop** had graciously agreed to take over the organization of the Birthday & Anniversary Dinners. Nancy announced that they will be held every three months and the first one will be for November, December and January and will be on January 14th at 4:30pm at Raymonds Restaurant at SR 52 and US 19. Let Nancy know if you plan to attend.

Guy then said that as there were no nominations from the floor for any of the Officers and Directors of the Board for 2007, according to our By Laws, we may vote by a show of hands for the slate of Officers presented by the Nominating Committee. Guy then asked for a show of hands which proved to be unanimous and the Yeoman cast a single vote of AYE.

Rob Musgrove, Membership Director, introduced our guests, **Vera Moraes** and **Todd Dunlop**. Then he read the Birthdays and Anniversaries. We now have 101 memberships, 170 members.

Frank Lomozik, Finance Director explained how the raffle tickets will be sold at the Dinner Dance.

Guy said there were a lot of winners of the Secret Question and they will all get an arms length of raffle tickets for the 50/50 tonight.

Mary Knowles Purser, announced that the Board has agreed to the proposed Budget for 2007. She will put the Annual Financial Report in the January Marker 2. She reported that the balance on hand on October 26, 2006 was \$2,159.76. Income was \$1,638., Expenses were \$894.07, the balance on November 29, 2006 was \$2903.69.

Mary also announced that there will be a memorial service for Tom on March 2nd. at Dobie's Funeral Home on Hudson Avenue and Hicks Road in Hudson. Afterward there will be a collation at the Beacon Woods Auditorium.

Nancy Colson, Social Director said that they had 47 people for the Breakfast on the Beach. Because of the cold weather there will be no Brkfst On Beach during January or February. She asked the members if they would rather have the BOB on the Sunday after the race or on a different weekend. The members were pretty much split on this. Nancy will try to do some of both next year and see which works out best. It is important that if you sign up and cannot be there you let Nancy know. Christmas Party will be a sit down dinner, not buffet and the dress code, jacket and tie please. The ladies like to dress up so do this for them!

The January meeting is the **Change of Watch** and it will be a pot luck dinner on January 9th. (not 2nd.) at 6:30pm.

The old Board and the new Board will meet on January 4th.

Mary Reed, Publications Director said if you have anything to buy or sell, email her at HBYCmarker2@earthlink.net

Don Himes Web Master said that the web site has been updated. He also announced that there will be an open cruise on December 18 to 21 or 22 to the Vinoy Basin. Call Don if you plan to go.

Vice Commodore Mike Reed emphasized that we need to be aware of boating safety and continue our boating knowledge. He also said that he knows that everyone cannot attend every Club event. Don't feel guilty if you can't. Come when you can and Have Fun.

Our Immediate Past Commodore Tom Sperry said that he is enjoying retirement and he knows that Guy will enjoy it too.

Gene Michaux, Racing Director gave his racing report. For next

year he is going to try different things, he needs input from the members. He would like to try one long race and a cruise after. Also he has ideas for a "Women at the Helm" race. The 1st race of 2007 will be on January 20, weather and water permitting. Some boating awards will be made at the Christmas Dinner.

Jim Kitzler asked that if anyone wants a winter jacket let him know now.

Guy said that copies of the new **Anchorage Guide** can be bought for \$5. or you can download it from the web site.

Guy also announced that **Les & Judy Emery** are back from cruising. Also, our dues are going up by \$5. and now will be \$40. in part because the Signal Cove Home Owners Assoc. have raised our rent. **Ernie Schwab** announced that the **Coast Guard Auxilliary** have a course for a Class Certificate.

Nancy Colson will be offering a **CPR Course** perhaps on the night of the meeting. The course is different now and will be certified. It will take 12 hours total.

Frank Lomozik did the 50/50 1st **Marty Piter**, 2nd. **Laurel Nash**, 3rd. **Elizabeth Cover**.

Motion to adjourn was approved at 8:40pm.

Yeoman Madelaine Woodman

Willing to crew

David Waterfield is willing to crew. 352 382 7510

SAFEGUARD YOUR WELL-BEING! As winter gears up, the joys of the season can be short lived by colds and flu. Safeguard your well being during the cooler months. First and most important tip is to wash your hands frequently, especially before eating. Also hand washing can help fend off the norovirus.

NEXT MEETINGS

Next General Meeting will be on Tuesday, January 9, at 7:30PM. The next board meeting will be Tuesday January 4, at 7:30PM

Dry Sailors

We have been having between 10 and 20 club members come down to the Hudson Beach South Pavilion on a Monday night. There is plenty of parking, lots of people to watch, guessing if a boat is going to go aground, watching out for dolphin, and of course good company. The piece de resistance is a glorious sunset. But even if the clouds get in the way, we have spent an hour or so with our friends. What could be better? Join us, one hour before sunset.

Don Himes/ Webmaster

Don has accepted the position as Webmaster of our great web site. Visit www.myhbyc.com !!

Submissions to the "Marker 2" editor via e-mail :
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HBYC Website! <http://www.myhbyc.com>

SEEKING DONATIONS

Sailing Parents Ship 456 -the non-profit charter organization for sea Scouts Ship 456, is seeking donations to help us build two finger piers for the Sea Scouts to use at the BERTHA park. These Piers will be the permanent kind, not floating docks. Materials donations, such as 2x8's or 12's, spikes, 2x6's (pressure treated) etc, please contact David Zimmer to arrange pickup or meeting at location. Please send monetary donations to:

Sailing Parents Ship 456
14529 Peace Blvd
Springhill, FL 34610



Commodore's Corner

Dear Members,

As I prepare to "cast off all lines" as Commodore of this most remarkable club, I find myself already reminiscing about the proceedings of this past year. My priorities going in were to have fun and increase member participation, and I believe we did well in those areas. There was certainly enough poking fun at ourselves, participation in our racing and special events were at an all-time high; and we managed to attract quite a few new members. Further, I believe there was at least one record set for the club... to the best of my knowledge there were more groundings this year than ever before! (Something we need to work on for 2007, I guess)

We also carried forward on the theme from last year... "Something for Everyone". I certainly hope that every member found that something this past year. And if you didn't... please let us know. On more than one occasion this year, members have publicly praised other members of our club for their help and assistance. Truth be told, while we are a "cheap" club in terms of monies, we are indeed rich in energy, experience, skills, and a willingness to help whenever and wherever. So it's not the club itself that is so wonderful, it's THE PEOPLE in it.

But no organization can rest on its laurels and that is true with HBYC as well. We still have lots of opportunities to improve and grow. As just one example, we need to improve our dinghy racing skills and win that darn trophy back from BPYC. (Maybe Roy Garcia and Mike Reed can give us some tips). Thomas Edison once remarked "Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work". But I'm confident that the fine slate of Officers and Directors we have for 2007 will be wearing their overalls a lot next year, and bring to the board a great mix of knowledge, enthusiasm, experience, and, most importantly - FUN!

A few parting shots words. I would like to thank ALL of the HBYC members for the cooperation, support and encouragement I received this past year. And I would like to especially thank all of those who extended themselves so often during the year in support of the club. And this support surfaced in so many ways... whether it was helping out at the social events, placing the buoy markers for our racing corners, laboring for hours planning and reporting upon our races and cruises, scouring the community to recruit "qualified" new members (yes, George, that would be you), maintaining our web site, planning cruises, treasure hunts, keeping track of our finances and assets, publishing Marker 2, and our member roster, calendar etc., participating in coastal cleanup (I could go on and on, but I think you get the idea). Heck, I'm getting tired just thinking of all the work that goes in to making this club the real success that it is. And I thank and applaud all of you for your contributions.

In closing, I have been truly honored to be your Commodore this past year, and look forward to watching the club grow and prosper in the future. I only have one question that remains unanswered... what is a "past commodore" supposed to do anyway?

Best wishes for a wonderful holiday to all....

Cruise Director's Corner

By Bill Deinema 727 869-0277

HBYC Cruiser of the Year Award

Congratulations to Carol and David Ergle for being this year's recipients of the "HBYC Cruiser of the Year" award. In addition to being venerable cruisers in their own right, David and Carol put in countless hours this year to layout, assemble, and complete Hudson Beach Yacht Club's first "Members Cruising Guide to Favorite Anchorages".

Drawing on their own experiences as well as input from many of our more accomplished cruisers in the club, David and Carol's work will go a long way toward significantly enhancing the future cruising experiences for most of the cruisers in the club. An outstanding piece of work!

Your cruise director,

Bill

HBYC 2007 Tentative Race Schedule As of 12-10-2006

1. January 20	2.8@1415
2. February 17	2.9@1310
3. March 3	2.9@1248
4. April 21	3.7@1524
5. May 5	3.7@1422
6. June 2	3.9@1330
7. July 14	4.1@1242
8. August 11	4.0@1155
9. September 15	3.1@1545
10. October 13	3.1@1455
11. November	no race
12. December	no race

Notes:

Longer races will be April thru August due to better tides

**All races will count toward year end trophy
Must run 60% of races to qualify for year end trophy**

Annual Overall Race Award

1st Place- Multihull- George Martin "Pure Joy"

1st Place- Monohull- Jack Kuhlman "Memory Maker"

2nd Place Gene Michaux "Lady In Red"

3rd Place Bill Kelly "Recluse Island"