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THE MONTHLY LOG OF THE HUDSON BEACH YACHT CLUB

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The Story of Jonathan Ray

We've all heard of rules of the road
To remember them all is quite a load
This little jingle can help you recall
Which keeps going and which must stall

A close-hauled vessel you'll never see
Give way to one that's running free
To windward progress is slow, I fear
That's the reason the other keeps clear

Both close hauled or both running free
On different tacks we all agree
The vessel that has the wind to port
Must give way and be a good sport

Two vessels on the same tack will be
One to windward and one to the lee
The leeward vessel goes straight ahead
The other alters course instead

If it's not clear while sailing along
Which tack the other vessel is on
You shall assume you must give way
And you'll be around for another day

If from the other vessel you are to be seen
Two points aft, or more from his beam
Then you are overtaking and must give way
You now have enough to sail during the day

Which brings up sailing at night
If to starboard you spot a red light
That's all it takes, I'm sorry to say
It is you who has to give way

If to port a green light you see
You may sail on, your privileged to be

Looking ahead a white light you sight
It seems to be closing and not very bright
You can go either to the left or the right
It is for you to keep clear, you're overtaking tonight

To depart from the rules is your decision
But you should do it before a collision

Which brings up the story of Jonathan Ray
Who died defending his right of way

**He was dead right as he sailed along
But he's just as dead as if he'd been wrong**

Stolen from Latitudes & Attitudes magazine



Commodore's Corner

Dear Members,

After the bountiful potluck dinner and plethora of awards and caricatures presented by the past Commodore at the "Change of Watch" meeting, I was left letting my belt out a notch and somewhat in awe. How do you follow an act like that one! And what a great night for the club it was... over 80 members and guests attended and we signed up several new members, while certainly having our share of laughs. Thanks, Tom Sperry, for a really great job and all of your hard work last year. You leave a pretty big hole in the water to fill!

Over the past few years that I've been a member of the Club, many new events were added to our calendar. And I believe they went a long way toward "Walking the Talk" as far as the motto "Something for Everyone". For 2006, my objectives are to carry that same theme, ensuring that we continue to keep in focus "on the water" events, while also keeping in sight the fact that our total social calendar is designed to foster and facilitate new and old friendships alike.

My goals for the Club in 2006 are simple:

1. **Increase participation in club events.** Whether it's racing, cruising, or hunting for buried treasure, let's "GET OUT THERE"! And there is probably no better way to learn new skills, make new friendships, and get more out of the club than by being involved. Participating in races and cruises, or volunteering for committees for our functions are great ways to get started, and would surely be appreciated by our event directors.
2. **See how we can do better.** Perhaps there is education, local knowledge, etc. that we can provide at our General meetings or in special ad hoc meetings; similar to the so-well-received ladies sailing classes provided last year by Laurel Nash. So we'll be looking to do more this year, based upon your input. And there is always room for improvement; in fact it's the biggest room in our house!
3. **Draw upon ideas and suggestions from our members.** After all, it is YOUR club. Prior to the change of watch, I received several excellent suggestions, many of which are already being incorporated. So please, if you have thoughts on how to make our existing events better, or have new ones, let us know.
4. **Have Fun!**

To get off to an early start in meeting these goals, we included a survey in last month's Marker 2. If you've not filled it in and mailed it yet, please take a moment to do so. A few minutes of your time and a thirty-nine (now) cent stamp. The Directors and I really look forward to hearing your input, opinions, and ideas. (P.S. Read the whole Marker 2 and you may win an arm's length of 50/50 tickets)

Heaving to for now...

From the Deck

Gene Michaux - Race Director 727-862-7799

Welcome to a New Year and a new season of HBYC sailboat races and other boating events. The emphasis this year will be on safety, fun, education and participation. We would like to get more members involved and are willing to provide the knowledge to help you feel more comfortable on the water. Not only will there be some different twists on the races but with enough interest, we can hold refresher courses on anything from basic boating skills to celestial navigation. Courses on GPS, anchoring, cruising and just about anything you can think of, can be conducted, IF we have enough interest. The club is diverse and many talented and knowledgeable people are among us. I'm sure they would be more than happy to share their knowledge IF there is enough interest. Members need to contact me not only if they are interested in some of these programs, but also if there are any ideas out there we may be able to implement. 727-862-7799

As I mentioned at the meeting, there are crew looking for boats and captains looking for crew. We need a better way to connect these two groups. One suggestion was to have the "spare" crew persons show up at the captains meetings before the races and hopefully we can find them a ride. Remember, you don't have to be an experienced boater to crew, but please let your "adopted" captain know ahead of time.

I also believe there is a group out there that would enter their boat if they were more familiar with racing. I have had several experienced racers indicate they would be very happy to "crew" with this group and help guide them in the fundamentals. You can at least give it a go and get your boat wet for the new year.

The first fun race will be held on January 28th. Obviously weather permitting. Captains meeting will be at 0900 sharp at the South pavilion adjacent to Sam's. The boats under 27 feet will start at 1200 and the larger boats will start at 1210. High tide is at 1230 and is 2.9 feet. All boats should be out there well before noon. The course, at this point, will be a simple triangle with 1 mile legs. We will probably go around 2 times. We WILL NOT use marker 2 for the start and the course will attempt to stay in the deeper water to our west. (I go aground too!) If this works out, all boats should be able to see each other for the entire time. Your handicap will still be in effect but the smaller boats will get their own start. REMEMBER use common sense at all times and don't damage yourself, your crew or the boat! The fee for this event is zero. The much coveted 8.5X11 trophies will be embossed with the boat AND captains name!

Basic rules are pretty much the same as last year with a few changes. You will receive a copy of them at the captains meeting or before if you contact me. 727-862-7799

I need individuals, some who have a runabout or larger motor vessel, on my committee who are willing to put out and retrieve buoys on race day and also act as the committee boat to keep finish times and handle communication. No prior experience necessary. The job has long hours and lousy pay but it is very prestigious! You also get all the fresh air you can inhale and a great tan if the sun is shining. PLEASE call me as soon as possible, if you can help. 727-862-7799

Enough for now. My wife wants me to finish the dishes....

Cruise Director's Corner

By Bill Deinema

Hello, all you cruisers and potential cruisers. I was overwhelmed by the turn out at the pot luck and pleased to see so many new faces. At this time, I want to thank every one for giving me the opportunity to be the cruise director. I would like this year to be the best and most fun year and only with your participation will this be possible, so put it in cruising mode and let's go!

Now folks, I have to tell you that there is always has to be early birds and this year it is our very own race director Gene and his wife Cris. I didn't get to talk at length with Cris or Gene but I guess after several **groundings** they ended up at Boca Grand.

Also, Bill Piper and his wife Angie sailed to Clearwater for a long weekend, they went to a new anchorage discovered by John Cover and his wife Elizabeth when they were cruising last year.

That's all the news I have on cruising for now but next month I hope to have more news and plans of some members going on extended cruising and possibly sending them off going to a over night cruise to Caladesi Island .

If any one has any idea's, input or suggestions, please don't hold back. This is your club.

Let's have fun.

Bill Deinema.

(a.k.a. "Sandbar Bill") *Inserted by EDITOR*

Welcome Aboard

Les Emery and Judy Peluffo
13731 Michelle Avenue
Hudson, Fl. 34667 860-5696
lae1945@tampabay.rr.com
Voyager Columbia 30' 1974

John Tassinaro
6501 Lonnie Lee Lane
Hudson, Fl. 34667 515-8773
jtassinaro@tampabay.rr.com
Catalina 22' 1978

NEXT MEETINGS

Tuesday February 7th at 7:30PM is the next HBYC **General Meeting** at the Signal Cove Club House.

The next **board meeting** will be Tuesday, January 31st at Guy and Nancy Colson's. It will start at 7:30PM

Birthday/Anniversary Dinner

Celebration Sunday is Jan. 29th, 5:00 PM. at Hellas Restaurant 785 Dodecanese Blvd in Tarpon Springs. Come join us, as we celebrate with those having birthdays and anniversaries in January or February. CALL EVE AT 372-7103 before 1/28/06

1st BREAKFAST ON THE BEACH 2006

Will be Sunday, February 19th at 9:00 at the South Pavilion, Hudson Beach. Sign up will be at the next General Meeting. Late reservations will be honored until Friday, February 17th.

Good thoughts and prayers

Let's keep Vince Ermel and Evelyn Jones lifted up in prayer and good thoughts. Peggy Backes and Corol Ergle need uplifting while going through health challenges also. Wendy Verbeke has made a good recovery from her surgery and is looking at smooth sailing ahead.

Valentines Day Dinner Dance

Want to have a really good time, enjoy great food and celebrate Valentine's Day?? Plan on attending the Valentine's Day Dinner Dance with HBCY friends on Friday, February 10 at 6PM at the Signal Cove Clubhouse. The doors will open at 5:30PM. Music by "Live from Chicago". BYOB set ups provided. Raffle, Games, Surprises, and Lots of Fun. All this for ONLY \$12.50. HURRY!! CALL Carol Ergle for tickets 863-9678. The fifth member to call the Commodore's phone, 727-868-9149 (leave a msg if nobody picks up), and say they read this in Marker 2, will get a free arm's length of fifty fifty tickets at the next general meeting.

January + Birthdays

Mark Gongre	1/1
Bill Humphries	1/1
Chris Brantley	1/1
Pauline Ohling	1/3
Sandra Mooney	1/5
Mike Singleton	1/9
Stephen Domanski	1/19
Barbara Friedmann	1/19
Evelyn Jones	1/21
Jim Bradfield	1/31
Emerson Tiebor	2/1
Donna Murray	2/3
Carl Wilhelm	2/7
Marlene Tillman	2/10
Lila Hookins	2/12
Roberta Eagly	2/15
Frank Lomozik	2/18
Teresa Downing	2/20

January + Anniversaries

Monnie & Merrie Criss	1/1
John Burns & Abigail Hollis-Grey	1/9
Bill & Wanda Smith	1/17
Gene & Gail Prine	1/25
Evelyn & Fred Jones	1/29
Ike & Denise Isaacson	2/1
Mary & Tom Knowles	2/2
Dana & Janie Goodwin	2/4
Curtis & Bess-Mae Jones	2/11
Jim & Lila Hookins	2/12
Ernie & Edna Schwabe	2/14
Ron Alward Mercedes Lopez	2/14
Lance & Marlene Tillman	2/14
Albert & Barbara Friedman	2/19
Frank & Wendy Verbeke	2/22

Captains in search of a crew call:

Bill Dalton	372 - 3806
Art Fedrigo	372 - 3934
Bill Thompson call anytime in need	379 - 0453
Bob Cockerham	849 - 2890
Cathie	819 8797
Tom Patric	863 0838
John Tassinaro	515 8773
Jim Hookins	271-1155

CREW WANTED!

June Schlichting has a 26 MacGregor and is looking for crew. Call 863 7545 or email Solojune3@aol.com

Don Himes/ Webmaster

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

HBYC Website! <http://www.myhbyc.com>

Submissions to the "Marker 2" editor via e-mail :
hbycmarker2@earthlink.net

Dues 2006

\$35 Dues for 2006 need to be paid by February 28 in order to get your name in the new directory. If there are any questions call Mary Knowles 862-8289.

FOR SAIL/WANTED

1981 Balboa-27 with 1991 Evenrude 15hp electric start engine. All new rigging and new Harkin roller furling for jib as of Sept 2004. Marine toilet with holding tank and mascerator. Edson wheel steering new in March 2004. Shoal drafted - draws 4 feet. Sails great and is quite roomy [6' headroom in salon]. She has an 8' beam and displaces 4,900lbs. Main sail is 134 sq ft and 150% Genoa is 242 sq ft.

Asking \$7,000 but willing to talk if we can find her a good home. I am the original owner and am only selling due to purchase of new boat. Contact Don Himes at (727) 799-1714 [home] or (813) 760-2235 [cell] or by e-mail at: donhimes@tampabay.rr.com.

17' Watkins Sailboat w/trailer, new standing rig, two mains, one older jib, large open cock pit with dry storage.
\$800 Call Chris Stone 727 919 7508.

Dinghy Wanted. Looking for a used 2 person dinghy to tow behind my Catalina 27 on short cruises.
Call Peter Wierzbicki (Czech Mate) at (352) 206-7730 or pwierzbicki@netscape.com

Slip wanted

looking for a boat slip anywhere from Pasadena to Hudson, with deep water and easy access to gulf. 26ft macgregor sail. June Schlichting, 727 267 7009

FOR SALE: "SUNRISE" 1983 Hunter Cherubini, 30', Tall Rig, 4' Draft, 2GM Yanmar 850 hrs, RF Hdsl, Main, Standing Rigging new 2002, Bottom 2005, 2-Bank Battery (1 Start / 2 House), 1500w Inverter and Microwave, Depth, ST 4000 A/Pilot, VHF, Stereo/CD, G45 GPS, 2Br Alcohol Stove, Ice Box. Great Storage. Fast Racer, Good Daysailer and Comfortable Cruiser. Must Sell - Bought new boat. \$17,400. John and Elizabeth Cover, 727-856-6999

It's gonna happen, it's gonna happen...OUT THERE

Captain Ron

Snowbirds New Port Richey Home to share
Furnished room & board Female prefer same
Utilities included (except phone) \$550.00 mo.
Year around clubhouse & pool available but not included
Call Jo 727-207-0098 leave message References

MINUTES: HBYC- GENERAL MEETING
January 11, 2006

CALL TO ORDER; Meeting was called to order by Commodore Tom Sperry

Rob Musgrove introduced new members and welcomed guests including his mom Renee from England

Jim Hookins shared experience working for Disaster Relief and would like to do a slide presentation of what he experienced at a later date.

Tom Sperry reported on events and charitable contributions that took place during his watch He also handed out awards to many deserving individuals that worked with him throughout the year.

Gavel was then presented to new Commodore Guy Colson.

REPORTS:

VICE COMMODORE: Mike Reed stated that he is open to all suggestions to make his job exciting and fun. He stated that his motto this year is Lets'have fun!

PURSER: Mary Knowles reported the balance on hand on November 29,2005 were \$2479.69. Income last month was \$1391.00. Expenses were \$1849.53. The balance on hand December 31,2005 was \$2021.16. Checkbook to date is \$2005.16 and check to be deposited is \$16.00. Mary also reported that Boats U.S. application is in mail and it would be \$12.50 to members.

CRUISE DIRECTOR: Bill Deinema announced that there would be a cruise to Anchole following fun race February 28th. Bill Murray will take pictures of cruisers.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR: Rob Musgrove announced birthdays and anniversaries.

SOCIAL DIRECTOR: Nancy Colson explained

the breakfast on the beach to new comers and guests Also the breakfasts will no longer follow the races.

RACE DIRECTOR: Gene Michaux announced first fun race is February 28th.

PUBLICITY DIRECTOR: Tom Knowles would like you to contact him if you have articles of interest for the paper.

Carol Ergle extended an invitation to the Bayonet Point Valentine Dance on Feb. 10th There will be food, music, dancing and setups. Price is \$12.50 . You may contact Carol for tickets.

QUARTER MASTER: Vince Ermel had nothing to report.

Three 50/50 Drawings;

Darick Bennett
Renne (Rob Musgrove's Mom)
Jane Sperry

Guy Colson moved to adjourn and so seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:55PM

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Pryor, Yeoman

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.

Thank You

My heartfelt thanks to everyone for the lovely luncheon and gift from my sailing class. I cannot express how much it meant to me. Hopefully, I will be sailing again soon.
With Fondest Regards,
Laurel Nash

Abaco Summer to Fall

A full month passed in attempting to have our fridge repaired. Between waiting for a condenser to be shipped from the US and learning to adapt to Bahamian time, the weeks crawled by, punctuated by trips to shore to buy costly blocks of ice. It had been a long time since we've lived without the convenience of a freezer and refrigeration. When everything was finally fixed and in working order, many thanks were sent out to the person who invented our cooling system.

Most of the cruisers that were here in July left for either their home bases or the trek north to the Chesapeake. Four or five of us opted to stay in Abaco for the summer and our little core group would wander into one another at the various cays in the chain, always meeting up in Marsh Harbour for supplies. A party would occur on one of the boats or on land everytime we would congregate, which was a wonderful foil to the isolation we experienced when out on the Sea of Abaco.

Summer months were spent traveling back and forth between the outer cays, dodging the low pressure systems and tropical weather. This was not unusual for us, having spent several hurricane seasons in Florida. Hidey holes and safe places were eagerly shared by locals and cruisers alike. The many friends we made always showed their concern about us being out in the weather and gave offers of places to stay if storms were too bad.

Katrina was spent at Treasure Cay, surrounded by luxurious condos and homes. Unfortunately, at that time of the year, businesses were closed and boarded up, leaving the marina and resort looking like a ghost town. September brought Rita, which we rode out in Marsh Harbour. We rented a vehicle during that time and took several road trips on the main island of Great Abaco.

Abaco Highway runs south from Marsh Harbour, with miles of pine barrens on both sides, very similar to interior Florida. Brief glimpses of the water broke up the 52 mile trip to the fishing village of Sandy Point, where we had excellent lobster and fish lunches at Nancy's Seaside Inn. The trip back to Marsh Harbour took us past small seaside towns; Crossing Rocks, Cherokee, Little Harbour, the ruins of Snake Cay and it's once prosperous papermill.

Scherlin Bootle Highway took us north towards Leisure Lee, Treasure Cay and the small settlements of Blackwood, Fire Road and Coopers Town. The road turns sharply to the west towards Little Abaco Island and the causeway between the two islands known as "The Bridge". Past that lies Cedar Harbour, scenic Fox Town and at the very end, 116 miles from Marsh Harbour, Crown Haven and the ferry to Grand Bahama.

Wilma in October gave us the worst weather we experienced during the hurricane season. Little Harbor provided full protection from the fierce winds with its steep cliffs, but several cold fronts following Wilma kept us pinned in the anchorage. We passed the time with several boaters, who were staying there, doing potluck dinners, music jams, lobster nights and fishing trips.

By the time the winds and cold fronts moderated and allowed us safe passage back to Marsh Harbour, November was well underway. We celebrated a traditional Thanksgiving aboard CYRANO with guests, turkey and all the trimmings.

Now it is December and winter is almost here. Holiday festivals abound in Abaco, with tinsel, decorations and Santas everywhere. The Bahamian tradition of junkanoo, with wild costumes and dancing, winds its parade through the streets in the evenings. Christmas carols are unique here, although there are some songs that really shouldn't be done to a calypso beat!

The Christmas holiday will be spent stateside with family and friends, a very special present to Cindy from Eddie.

Our holiday wish to all of you is for health, happiness, love and laughter in your lives always.

Cindy & Eddie on CYRANO

HUDSON BEACH YACHT CLUB ANNUAL REPORT

01/01/05 - 12/31/05

Starting Balance 01/01/2005	\$1,899.19		BUDGET
INCOME- Actual			
Dues	\$3,625.00	(includes \$235. escrow)	\$2,400.00
50/50	\$793.75		\$450.00
Race Income	\$1,072.00		\$1,200.00
Sale-HBYC Items	\$1,172.50		\$400.00
Marker 2 Ads.	\$383.00		\$350.00
Special Events	\$3,869.00		\$500.00
General Meetings	\$378.00		\$450.00
Breakfast Meetings	\$955.00		\$500.00
Xmas Party	\$1,607.00		\$1,400.00
Miscellaneous	\$316.99		\$100.00
TOTAL	\$14,172.24		\$7,750.00
EXPENSE			
Rent	\$765.00		\$720.00
Postage	\$565.25		\$500.00
Marker 2 Printing	\$938.83		\$900.00
Race Expense	\$1,026.47		\$1,200.00
Cost-HBYC Items	\$1,223.42		\$400.00
Insurance & Corp. Fee	\$177.25		\$180.00
Office Supplies	\$337.01		\$300.00
Special Events	\$2,680.31		\$600.00
Community Relations	\$1,604.93		\$300.00
General Meetings	\$448.38		\$600.00
Breakfast Meetings	\$967.72		\$550.00
Xmas Party	\$1,632.28		\$1,400.00
Miscellaneous	\$506.32		\$100.00
Sub Total	\$12,873.17		
Bank Charges	\$77.10		
TOTAL	\$12,950.27		\$7,750.00
Income less Expenses	\$1,221.97		
Plus Starting Balance	\$1,899.19		
TOTAL	\$3,121.16		
Minus Deposit in Savings Acc	\$1,100.00		
Balance at 12/31/05	\$2,021.16		
Cert. of Deposit	\$1,373.51		

Mary M. Knowles - Purser

Tides-Hudson, Hudson Creek

based on St. Marks River Ent., Florida (NOAA)
28° 21.70 N 82° 42.60 W

Average Tides
Mean Range: 2.5 ft
MHHW: 3.5 ft
Mean Tide: 1.8 ft

Monthly High & Low
High February 28, 00:14 3.6 ft
Low February 26, 05:41 -1.0 ft

February 2006

