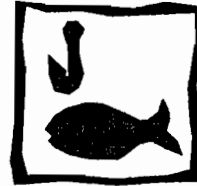
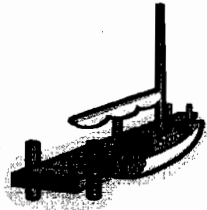


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THE MONTHLY LOG OF THE HUDSON BEACH YACHT CLUB

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HUDSON BEACH YACHT CLUB

FISHING TOURNAMENT AND SHRIMP BOIL

Date: Saturday, August 5, 2006

Time: 4:00 P.M.

Dinner: 6:00 P.M.

Registration Cost: \$8.00 Per Person
(Includes Shrimp Dinner)

Note: Family members and friends are invited
to join in for the Shrimp Boil even if they don't fish!

Prizes

- Most Fish Caught
- Smallest Fish (Length)
- Biggest Fish (Length)
- Ugliest Fish
(To be determined by the Judge)
- Total Length of Fish Caught

Schedule

7:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. Fishing Hours
4:00 P.M. – Fish Weigh In
6:00 P.M. – Awards Ceremony & Shrimp
Boil
Location – Signal Cove Club House
(Weigh In and Dinner)

The Judge – Jim Swinehart

From the Deck

Gene Michaux - Race Director 727-862-7799

Offer a deal with a reasonable price, some food, a drink or two and some eye candy for the old guys and what do you have?? The ninth annual Hudson to Hooters race. Schedule the Captains meeting for a Friday night at Hooters for a "sneak peak" and voila---- the beginning of an exciting event with over forty members and friends in attendance and that's just for the Captains meeting!

A HBYC record of nineteen boats signed up for the event. The coveted Hooters tee shirts were distributed. Some of the old guys asked if they could get the tight little shorts too. No luck.

Needless to say the race director was ecstatic with the turn out but also very worried. Seems the Admiral of LIR had issued a challenge to buy a drink, at Hooters, to anyone who could beat her on the water. (no handicaps) Others were concerned as to how we would fit twelve to fifteen boats on Hooters three little docks. No problem "mon".

The next morning the Hudson channel looked like the road to hell for power boaters. All those slow and wide sailboats headed out to the start line. It was a beautiful thing with gestures of friendship and love as the power boats snaked their way out the channel. The committee boat, "Miss Pie", was on station with the orange starting buoy about one hundred yards away. Fifteen sailboats practiced there maneuvers for the start as the clock ticked down.

The start was a vision reminiscent of the Americas Cup. From a distance, with all those white sails, it looked like 15 hungry seagulls swarming around a school of bait fish. *Czech Mate*, in their snappy matching uniforms, *Moon Dance* dead in the water in the center of the start line, *Recluse Island*, *Lady In Red* and *Sea Fever* all on a beam reach headed for *Moon Dance*. *Lagniappe*, *Berta's Boat*, *Grafx* and *Foxy* bearing down from the north. *Mr. Lucky* and *Jan's Song* making a charge up the middle and *Memory Maker* making a bid for closest to the committee boat. *Pure Joy* was hanging back since there sure wasn't any need to be caught in all this traffic. *Getaway* and *Why Knot* were just trying to catch the fleet due to their late departure from Hudson.

M² crossed the start line first. The only problem? She was 4 seconds early. Oh well! The other boats cleared the line and *LIR* jumped to an early lead so she could take photo's of the fleet --- behind her. There was radio silence for the first few minutes, for a change, as everyone tried to maximize their sail shape in the light air.

Strategies were playing out. *Pure Joy* headed to the east for a better angle on the wind and to get away from the maddening crowd. (no pun intended) *Recluse Island* tried to follow her but knew the water gets pretty skinny. *M²* and *Grafx* were working hard, and doing a fine job of closing the gap on *LIR* who was busy mixing up another batch of Bloody Mary's. (non alcoholic) *Sea Fever*, *Lagniappe*, *Czech Mate* and *Mr. Lucky* were stealing each others wind exchanging words and gestures of camaraderie as they went. We understood that the competition was so stressful for *Lagniappe's* crew, she decided to take a nap. We're not sure where to hell *Berta's Boat*, *Jan's Song*, *Moon Dance* and *Getaway* were. For sure we knew that *Why Knot* was back there somewhere since the Coast Guard had not yet reported her missing.

Miss Pie, the committee boat was fulfilling a dual purpose of both start and finish. She set her self up at the finish line after a brief tour of some local fishing spots. No need for her to hurry since those "racers" were barely making 3 knots.

Finally the finish was in site and it was time to pull out all the stops. The race would be decided by seconds in many cases and this was no time to have any problems. *M²*, *Grafx* and *LIR* were struggling for the lead. (we don't count *Pure Joy* as she was almost at the finish and wondering where those mono hulls were) *M²* was trying to distract *LIR*. (ed. trust me you don't need to know) *Grafx* was trimming her sails and gaining fast. *LIR* was slowing. She had just managed a complicated sail change which required letting one of her trusted crew, who smokes, helm the boat for a short period of time. (ed. There had been rumors ever since the captains meeting that there was a conspiracy in place to hinder the progress of *LIR* during the race) We are sad to say that one of our crew may have sold us out for a cigarette. For all you ex smokers you understand the need and what you're willing to do for a smoke.

The finish was great. Closest ever except for *Pure Joy* who was half way down the channel thirsting for the beverage that *LIR* promised. *M²* would be the second to finish followed by *Grafx* and *LIR* separated by two seconds. The next major finish was a five boat gaggle with *Czech Mate*, *Getaway*, *Lagniappe*, *Recluse Island* and *Sea Fever* within 60 seconds of each other. Too bad for these guys, *Mr. Lucky* had found some clean air and managed to finish two minutes earlier. *Foxy* was right behind. *Berta's Boat* and *Jan's Song* were over shortly after. We still didn't hear from the Coast Guard so we knew that *Moon Dance* and *Why Knot* were back there somewhere. The trip down the channel was somewhat uneventful and everyone prepared for the raft up at Hooters. Some boats even had their lines and fenders ready when they got there. Good thing there were plenty of HBYC dock hands when the boats arrived. Twelve boats were able to raft up with some anxious moments but no real problems. As the group swapped sea stories, 125 little chickens gave up there parts for the feast. (ed. two wings and two legs from each chicken) Over sixty members and friends attended. If you didn't have a good time or have enough to eat, you weren't there.

Thanks to:

Miss Pie for the fine job on the committee boat
HBYC dock crew at Hooters

Hooters for their hospitality and air conditioned room

LIR for paying off her drink debt

All the members who came by boat and auto who supported this event

Lagniappe for the fine demonstration on how to go aground at Hooters and then sail off.

and the Captain of *Angela M* for discovering the pin fish trap with a cinder block inside, snagged on LIR's Rudder. (ed sounds like the same old story from last race)

1st - Rocket Class - *Pure Joy*

2nd - Rocket Class - *Getaway*

1st - Offshore - *Berta's Boat*

2nd - *Memory Maker*

3rd - *Sea Fever*

Enough for now, my wife says I have to scrub the floors.

Gene

Gene

Bilge Dragons

The Sea Scouts Ship 456 crew called the "Bilge Dragons" are looking to raise funds for Scuba Certifications by cleaning boats. The two person cleaning squads will be available on a scheduled basis, on Saturdays until school starts. These crews will supply their own buckets, sponges, dish soap or light soap, and rags. Save some money, hire a "Bilge Dragon" to get to those hard to reach places. Call David Zimmer at 727-856-0123, leave a message, or call the Skipper of the Ship at 727-364-7480 for making an appointment.

Your support is appreciated.

David Zimmer
Sailing Parents Sea Scouts Ship 456
Committee Chairman



Get Well Soon

We are so glad to hear that Elizabeth Cover is making a good recovery. Keep Vince Ermel and Tom Knowles in your prayers while they are on the road to better health.

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:
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FOR SAIL/WANTED

BOAT FOR SALE

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 \$6,000 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: donthimes@tampabay.rr.com

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Joanne

MINUTES HBYC--GENERAL MEETING July 11, 2006

The Meeting opened at 1934 hours. **Commodore Guy Colson** thanked **Tom Sperry**, **Don Himes** and all who helped him bring his boat "Inspiration" home safely from Mystic, CT. The Minutes of the June meeting were approved.

Mary Knowles gave the Purser's report: Balance on hand on May 29, 2006, \$3,289.68. Income \$742.25, Expenses \$865.71, Balance on hand on June 30, 2006 \$3,166.22.

Rob Musgrove, Membership Director, said we have one guest, **John Monkrieff** who introduced himself. Rob also introduced new members **John & Cheryl Dering**. He then announced the birthdays and anniversaries for the coming month.

Our program was presented by **Dr. Marc Yacht, MD, MPH**, Director of the Pasco County Health Department and member of HBYC. He gave a very interesting, informative and humorous talk on Medical Issues at Sea. Thank you, Marc.

Guy then talked about the Poker Run. He thanked **Gene Michaux** who had arranged it in Guy's absence. He also thanked **Tom & Jane Sperry** for letting us use their home, and he thanked **Nancy Colson**, Social Director, for her hard work.

Nancy announced that there will be Breakfast on the Beach on July 16. If you sign up, please let **Nancy** know if you cannot attend. Otherwise we have too much food and it has to be thrown out. Our next event is our Fishing contest and Shrimp Boil.

Jim Swinehart spoke about the Fishing contest. See the Marker 2 for rules and times. There will be prizes and said this is a great time for the kids.

Mary Knowles gave a report for **Tom**, Public Information Director, who was recuperating from minor surgery today. The St. Pete Times publishes a page of Greater Tampa Bay Sailing Clubs. The phone number they have for us belongs to **Pat & LaVaughn Kellogg** who no longer belong to the Club. **Tom** will make sure they have Guy's number.

Mary Reed, Publications Director said that if you have anything for sale, or looking for something to buy, email her before Friday or give it to her tonight. She thanked everyone for their timely articles.

Vince Ermel, Quartermaster, explained what he does. He keeps a list of all the equipment that the Club owns and where it is. He said that we have 17 videos, many magazines and some very nice books on sailing. He will publish a list in the Marker 2. **Guy** said that the reason we do not have it available for the members is that we have no place to store it. If anyone is a member of Signal Cove H.A. we would like to be able to keep a locked book case here. **Joe Murray** said he would find out about it.

Don Himes, Webmaster, reported that he is going to put our HBYC merchandise on our web site. He is asking for input from members as to good anchorages, marinas, restaurants etc. and also if you want to crew or if you need crew, let **Don** know.

Guy thanked **Jack Kuhlmann** for the use of his Margarita machine at the Poker Run. It was a big hit!

Bill Deinema, Cruise Director, said that we have 2 long weekend cruises behind us. He will continue to have cruises after the race. In August we will have the **Scandia Cup** and there will be a cruise afterwards.

Jack Kuhlmann volunteered to run the Treasure Hunt which would be combined with an overnight cruise.

Gene Michaux, Racing Director, announced that the next Fun Race will be a Figure 8 on July 29.

He gave a report on the Hudson-Hooter's Race, (see Marker 2). **Gene** gave trophies to catamarans **Pure Joy** and **Geta-way** who were first and second in their class. And he gave out trophies for the winners in the cruising class: 1. **Berta S**, 2. **Memory Maker**, 3. **Sea Fever**.

Guy reminded us that there are **Southwinds** magazines on the back table.

The 50/50 was won by: 1. **Marc Yacht**, 2. **Jane Sperry**, 3. **Derek Bennett**.

Motion to adjourn at 2116 hours was approved
Refreshments followed.

Respectfully submitted,

Madelaine Woodman for **Karen Pryor**.

Welcome Aboard

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E-Mail correction

Tom and Jane Sperry's email correct to tom7jane@yahoo.com

NEXT MEETINGS

The Next General meeting will be August 1st at 7:30 PM at the Signal Cove Club House. Come and join us for a good time.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday July 25 at 7:30.

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.



Commodore's Corner

Dear Members,

It's great to be back! As most of you know, I just returned (along with Tom Sperry) on July 2nd from a five week "cruise" ("delivery" might be a more appropriate term) of Nancy's (the crab catcher) and my sloop "Inspiration" down from Mystic, CT. We were truly blessed with exceptional weather and a minimum of problems. Don Himes joined us in Ft. Lauderdale for the journey around the keys and up the West Coast to our new berth here in Hudson at "Deinema's Resort and Marina Complex", where we received a great welcome by several of the club members. It was a wonderful trip and special thanks to my crew for their help and sage advice... especially on those grueling overnight sails. Speaking of blessings and sailing... the best pure sailing of the trip was right here from Clearwater to Hudson - sometimes it's easy to take for granted our own "backyard". Of course I will admit that we never saw any marked channels narrower than the Hudson Channel, nor over the 1,700 nm did I see one "Seagrass Area" sign until we got to Marker 2, but them's the breaks I guess!

What a great time I heard the Hudson to Hooters race was, though I never would have believed that many boats could have rafted up at Hooters... and I understand there was yet another live demonstration of ungrounding as well.

We had 63 participants in the Commodore's Poker Run and Picnic, and if you didn't have enough to eat you've only yourself to blame. Truth be told, of course, the SURPRISE HIT of the whole event was the "Frozen Margarita Machine" supplied by Jack and Brenda Kuhlmann. But listen... we need to stop allowing our shipmates at Bayonet Point Yacht Club to win these things... first the Dinghy Race, and now the Poker Run (Carrie Hiller, wife of Commodore Al Hiller of BPYC won the \$100). What next?

Be sure to mark your calendars for the next 30 days to include the July 29th Fun Race and the August 5th Fishing Tournament and Low Country Shrimp Boil (pronounced "Ball").

And a special note of thanks to Dr. Marc Yacht for his excellent and informative presentation at our July Meeting of "First Aid at Sea". The amount of time he spent in research and work in preparation was quite evident.

Heaving to for now....

Cruise Director's Corner

By Bill Deinema 727 869-0277

No report this Month.

Bill

Richey Boat and Motor A Good Neighbor

We would like to publicly acknowledge and thank the guys at **Richey Boat and Motor** for being such excellent neighbors in helping us to keep our channel clear of hazards. Our neighbor who is a single female, had a submerged dock and no way to get it out of the water. It always has been a problem trying to navigate around it. We asked Richey Boat and Motor that if we towed it over with our dinghy if they would pull it out with their lift and then we could take it to the dump. They said they would be happy to help. What started out to be a simple task turned ugly very quick. After we managed to get the dock in the middle of the channel, the pressure pulled the transom off our dinghy. Richey Boat and Motor were quick to help and with one of their boats pulled the dock over to their place. When they were trying to pull it out, the lift broke a hydraulic line spraying oil everywhere. Their boat lift was down for two days trying to get the new line. In the meantime the submerged dock was blocking their docks. After numerous attempts due to the poor stability of the dock from being underwater for so long, they finally were able to get it out of the water. Here it came, dripping slimy stinking mud, barnacles, crabs etc. all over the parking lot. Never once did we hear a mean word or look in our direction and always they maintained a sense of humor. They went way above and beyond the call of duty. It is so reassuring to live in a neighborhood with people helping people.

Thank you so much Richey Boat and Motor!!!

Sincerely,
Roy Garcia
Neva Goodman