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THE MONTHLY LOG OF THE HUDSON BEACH YACHT CLUB

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Hudson to Hooters Race 6/23 – 6/24

The Hudson to Hooters race will start with a Friday (June 23rd) evening CAPTAINS meeting at Hooters. The meeting will start at 1900 but get there early, (1800) and grab a bite to eat before the meeting. We have reserved the air-conditioned room for both days. The race will start at 0930 at our usual starting line on Saturday, June 24th, (tide willing) and end at a point just before the "Coty" channel. Entry is \$20 per boat and each boat entered will receive two shirts and two meal tickets (drinks not included) to the party after the race. All other tickets will be \$6 each. We need a head count for both days so if you didn't sign up at the general meeting, call me. 727-862-7799.

Gene



COMMODORE'S POKER RUN

SATURDAY, JULY 8TH, 2006

GUARANTEED WINNER \$100.00 – ENTRANCE FEE \$7.00 PER PLAYER

BASIC CONCEPT: TO HAVE A GREAT TIME AND BEST POKER HAND WINS!

SIGN UP WITH MARY @ 862-8289 OR Nancy Colson @ 868-9149

RESERVATION DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY JULY 5TH

IF TAKING A BOAT TO PICK UP CARDS, CALL Gene Michaux @ 862-7799 FOR GPS PTS.

You will draw one card at registration and one card, per person, somewhere past "Marker 2" at 3 different locations. Time 1000 -1200. The fifth card will be drawn during the party at Guy and Nancy Colson's house (6534 Driftwood Dr. Hudson). You do not have to bring your own boat, as any size or form of boat will do (sail, power, canoe, row, paddle etc.) OR you may ride with any member. This is not a race, but a Social Event. If you're land cruising, you'll receive all your cards at the Colson's Casino when the boats return. Hamburgers, hot dogs and brats will be grilled by our own "GRILL MASTERS". Please bring a dish to share and beverages will be provided. BYOB plus mix if needed. You'll also need to bring your own folding chairs if you have them.

BEST POKER HAND WINS: Royal Flush - Straight Flush - Four of a kind - Full House - Flush - Straight - 3 Of a kind - 2 Pair or 1 Pair, NO 5 of a kind - **WINNER TAKES ALL** (In case of a tie, the winners split). 5:00 Winner to be announced

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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| 10:00 – 12:00 | Boats go on poker run. Follow GPS points to pick up cards. Approach slowly! 3 cards will be "dealt" on the water. <u>Cards must remain in sealed envelopes!</u> |
| 14:00 – 16:00 | Poker Players assemble at Commodore Colson's to draw final card and "lay down" hands. <u>Cards NOT in sealed envelopes at "lay down" will disqualify that player.</u> If you did not go on a boat, you will draw your full hand. |
| 16:00 | Brats and dogs on the "Barbie" |
| 17:00 | Winning hand announced |
| 17:30 ++ | Party till the cops, neighborhood vigilantes or Commodore Colson throws us out! |

From the Deck

Gene Michaux - Race Director 727-862-7799

Don't ever say you don't get your money's worth when you enter a HBYC sailboat race. It took most of us over seven hours to complete the 19 mile course. If I figured that out correctly, some boats paid only 3 cents a minute to enjoy the camaraderie and excitement of this fun event to Saint Martins Light. You can't even make a decent long distance call for that much.

The Captains meeting signed up 11 boats for the race with some concern that the race would set new speed records. 10-15 knot winds were blowing and predicted for the remaining day. That belief was quickly dispelled when the boats lined up for the race start in 2-5 knot winds. A plea was heard over channel 72 for the race director to "turn on the wind".

The first group was led across the line by "Recluse Island" who had been practicing starts since the last race but this time followed the direction of their grandson. "No Name Irwin", "Grafx", and "The Wayward Wind" were trimming sails trying to stay with the leader. Windrider, the 17foot rocket ship catamaran, also started with the first group but could only hope for someone to take the lead since he had no compass, radio or idea where he was going.

The second group had a great start with "Lady In Red" leading the pack. (ed - This was easy this time since we gave all the *other* boats the Bloody Mary's (non-alcoholic) and LIR's crew drank spring water) YEA Right!

"Pure Joy" put it in gear and was cranking hard in the 5 knot wind. "Time 2 Cruise" was on the other flank and trying to convince her guest that this was fun. "Good Ship Lolli" was running hard mostly powered by the Mint Juleps (non-alcoholic) and trying to overcome the terrible handicap that the Race Director gave them. "Lagniappe" was making noise about get out of his way and "Angela M" was quietly overhauling the whole group.

All the boats were on a reach headed toward the mark. (ed - and actually pointed in the right direction) Much chatter from the pack was heard on Channel 72. "Why don't you check out my stern", "wait till the wind picks up" and "this ain't no racing boat" were some of the less inciting comments.

"Lady In Red", barely holding the lead from "Pure Joy" and Good Ship Lolli", started to mysteriously slow down. She bare off the wind in an attempt to maintain speed and her position. There was no hope. She had fetched 100 feet of monofilament fishing net and was dragging it. Many of the other competitors offered *wonderful* suggestions on what to do as they slid by the now crippled "LIR". There was even one suggestion for a fresh fish diner after the race.

The fleet headed for the #10 buoy and much technical conversation was heard about the joys and tribulations of rounding the mark with so little wind. Many racers were convinced that the buoy kept moving as they approached. Others said their keel was too long. Some said their's was too short. Imagine that!

"Runaway", our very own chase boat, was anchored near the turn. They were happy to see the fleet approaching. At last, after all these hours, someone to wave to.

"Pure Joy" was first around the mark and with a sigh of relief headed toward the finish. Only nine and a half miles to go. Other boats were almost out of sight seeking wind and a way around the Saint Martins Buoy. LIR had freed her net and was pressing the crew hard for sail shape, speed, a ham sandwich and a cold drink. Beyond belief and thanks to the computer she caught the fleet (except "Pure Joy" of course) and made the mark second overall. She was closely followed by "No Name Irwin" and "Grafx". The wind was tortuous at 3-5 knots and the adult beverages were running low.

Wing on Wing was the venue for the return trip and everyone hoped they would be back before Hillary Clinton was elected president. There was a special interest and concern for the other committee boat. They were having so much fun waiting for us to return, they had miscalculated their libation factor. They weren't running low - they were plum out! This race was reaching a critical mass level.

First across the line, and to great relief of the committee boat was "Pure Joy". Second, over an hour latter, was the "No Name Irwin" followed by "Grafx" who both had spectacular down wind runs in the lite air. "Windrider" and "Lady In Red" were next followed closely by "Lagniappe". "Time 2 Cruise", "Angela M", "Recluse Island" and "Good Ship Lolli", who was issued a estimated finish time since there was hardly enough water for her to cross the finish line.

The event had taken so long that the Hudson area ran out of water and the tide was well below MLLW. Many had decided to anchor out for the evening and turn the event into a mini-cruise. This was probably the most sensible thing to do. Only a few shallow draft boats, "Pure Joy", "Windrider" and "LIR" headed for home.

"Lady In Red" received a standing ovation from the crowd as she worked her way through the grounded boats in front of "Sam's" restaurant. This was short lived as she spent the next two hours aground just 15 feet from her home dock. Tough day. The consolation prize was a beautiful moonlit night and a cold six pack rowed out by a neighbor.

Special thanks to:

"Sugar Jr" - Starting committee boat

"No Mo \$" - Finish committee boat

"Runaway" - Chase committee boat

And ALL the boaters who stuck it out and finished the race

1st Place, Rocket Class, "Pure Joy"

2ed Place, Rocket Class, "Windrider"

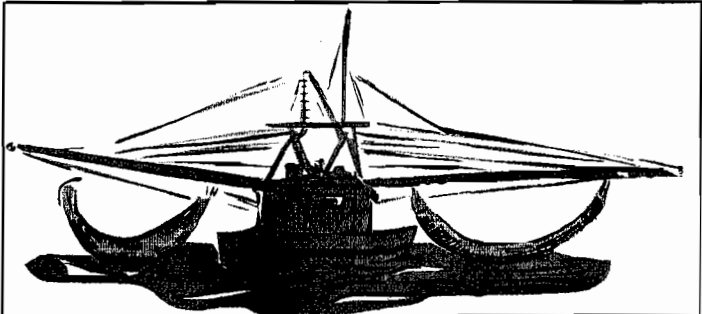
1st Place, Offshore Class, "No Name Irwin"

2ed Place, Offshore Class, "Grafx"

3rd Place, Offshore Class, "Angela M"

Enough for now, my wife says I have to dust the house,

Gene



June + Birthdays

Curtis H. Jones	6/1
Jack Mooney	6/9
Joy Henderson	6/13
Neva Goodman	6/14
Eva Gratton	6/15
Sim Deinema	6/17
Helen Yacht	6/18
Art Fedrigo	6/18
Karen Pryor	6/20
Joyce Cockerham	6/20
Nancy Colson	6/23
Jim Hookins	6/28
Bess-Mae Jones	7/2
Tillman Lance	7/2
Jim Kitzler	7/9
Joan Devlin	7/10
Bill Dalton	7/11
Bill Deinema	7/12
Janie Goodwin	7/17
Barbara Touponse	7/18
Mary Knowles	7/23

June + Anniversaries

Bill & Chris Murray	6/7
William & Digna Kelly	6/11
Marty & Rosalie Piter	6/29
Tom & Jane Sperry	7/2
Guy & Nancy Colson	7/4
George & Barbara Touponse	7/11
Bill & Sim Deinema	7/22

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

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: donhimes@tampabay.rr.com

Walker Bay 10 for Sale
Learn to Sail
Original Cost \$1,970 includes oars,
Performance Sail Kit, Cover, and
Bimini Top Asking \$875 Call Bob



Zodiac or dinghy needed. Please email Francenebarnett@hotmail.com

In need of sails for a 23' American, mainsail and jib. Call Deb Ferguson at 727 697 1377 or email moondancedeb@yahoo.com

Want to buy a OB 25 horse or less.
Please call Allen at 919-4433

Vice Commodore Mike Reed called the meeting to order at 1940 hrs. He said that the Commodore is heading south and was last heard from off the coast of North Carolina. He also said that the oarsman with the single fastest time in the Dinghy Race is Roy Garcia. We received a certificate from Hudson Elementary School in recognition of our support during the 2005 school year. Also Hudson Elementary School named our own Tom Knowles as Volunteer of the Year. Mike welcomed back Laurel who has been away. He spoke about the secret question, there was no fifth caller. But Digna and Bill Kelly all received one 50/50 ticket for calling with the correct answer.

Bill Deinema made a motion to accept the Minutes that were published in the Marker 2, Jim Kitzler seconded and the Minutes were approved.

Jane (standing in for the Commodore, Social Director and Past Commodore) said that the next Breakfast on the Beach will be on June 18th. The Poker Run is a BYOB, a dish to pass, and a chair to sit on. There will be surprise music.

Purser Mary Knowles gave her report.

Balance on April 25 \$3,759.35

Income \$706.25; Expenses \$1175.92

Balance on May 29, \$3,289.68

Mary also has hats for sale \$11.00 and Patches \$4.00. Light weight summer shirts are \$25. without a pocket but with navy blue trim, and \$22. for all white shirts with a pocket.

Mike thanked Madelaine for filling in for Karen Pryor while she is away.

Mary Reed, Publications Director, asked that you email her at hbycmarker2@earthlink.net if you have anything for the marker 2.

P.R. Director Tom Knowles had no report.

Rob Musgrove, Membership Director, introduced our one guest and new members Larry Thomas and William Piper (son of Bill Piper.) We have 93 memberships and 158 members.

He announced the birthdays and anniversaries for the month. Mike said we only need 7 more memberships to break Jim Kitzlers record. Rob added that anyone joining in or after September gets the following year free. Mike thanked Bob Justick for doing such a good job with the 50/50 while Frank is away.

Quartermaster Vince Ermel had no report.

Don Himes, Webmaster, said the patches are here. He wants to build photo albums on the web site. Also he is collecting information from our cruisers about good anchorages, restaurants and marinas that they have found. He will post these on the web site.

Cruise Director Bill Deinema said that the last cruise was a success. He also said that Madelaine keeps the scrapbooks of club pictures, please send your club photos to her. The next cruise is July 4th weekend. This will be a 'Flag Cruise' In

addition to the American Flag, each boat should fly a foreign flag of their choice on the starboard guest halyard. He had considered going to Crystal River but decided that a sail to Egmont Key would be better. Many boats will be leaving Friday afternoon, returning Tuesday. He outlined the plans which will be published in this issue of the Marker 2.

Mike said that he went to Egmont Key and learned that, when crossing the shipping lanes, you must have your engine on. Those big commercial boats move fast!

Race Director Gene Michaux talked about the Hudson to Hooters Race, \$20. for each boat and they get two shirts and two meal tickets. Extra meal tickets are \$6. After the Hooters Race and meal at Hooters some boats will go to Anclote and stay overnight. On July 8th is the Commodores Poker Run. More info. in the Marker 2 and on the web site. Gene told us about the 7 hour St. Martins race in his own inimitable way. He awarded a trophy to Pure Joy for the small boat class. Trophies were also awarded to new member William Piper's "NO NAME Irwin" first, Skip & Francene's GRAPHX second and Bill Piper's ANGELA M third. 11 boats started, 10 finished.

Mike Reed saw a spectacular sailing video of Dame Ellen McCarthy sailing alone around the world.

Jack & Sandy Mooney are sailing off the coast of Savannah. Friday is Jack's birthday.

The 50/50 was won by Jane Sperry and Don Himes. Mike said we can stay until 10:00pm so stay and socialize. Refreshments are available.

At 2040hrs. motion was made to adjourn and approved.

Respectfully submitted

Madelaine Woodman sitting in for Karen Pryor

Get Well Soon

We are so glad to have Norma Kable, Mike Reed, Tom Knowles, and Vince Ermel making such good progress on their health challenges. As our good friend Jack Mooney told me at the Valentine's Day dinner dance, **"Sometimes life can beat the crap out of you, but you can still have fun."** ED

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,

The Commodore is in transit delivering his newly acquired Pearson 34 from the north east coast of the United States to Hudson Florida. Please wish "fair winds" to Guy & Tom Sperry on this 4+ week adventure!

ED

Welcome Aboard

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NEXT MEETINGS

The July General meeting will be July 11 at 7:30 at the Signal Cove Club House. Come and join us for a good time.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday June 27 at 7:30 at Tom and Jane Sperry's.

Cruise Director's Corner

By Bill Deinema 727 869-0277

Hello again all you cruisers, and want to be cruisers. Welcome to the world of adventure, excitement, and most of all relaxation. The world of cruising!

If you missed the last cruise to Clearwater, you missed one of the best coastal cruises so far this year! Sorry you could not make it, and we missed you. I don't want to tease you with too much, but ten boats & 3 cars (about 24 members) showed up at the Clearwater yacht club. All I can say is, I have not had a better welcome than we had from the members of the Clearwater yacht club! They even allowed the race director Gene (Mr. Personality) to fire their cannon.

Let's look at the next two event's coming up.

First is the Hooters race and the after Hooters cruise, on the June 24th. If you have never done a Hooters race and cruise over night to Anclote before, I urge you to be at the captains meeting on the 23rd at 18:00 at Hooters. If that is not possible, contact Gene or Bill.

Second is a cruise planned for the 4th of July weekend, which is the next weekend after the Hooter's race / cruise. The final destination will be Egmont Key. If you can set sail on Friday, join some of us that afternoon at Anclote, or, if you start Saturday morning, (high tide @ 1051 am) we will meet you in Clearwater by the yacht club anchorage on Saturday. From there on Sunday morning, we will sail or motor sail (maintaining 4 knots) to Egmont Key. We will anchor Sunday there, then on Monday we will sail back to either Clearwater or Dunedin to watch fire works. I hope to see all of you at both functions. If you plan on going on the cruises, please call me at 727- 869 - 0277.

Your cruise director & fellow Sailor

Bill