

Commodore's Corner

Dear Members,
APRIL 2008

Who ever once said that "Time flies when your having fun" must have been a member of HBYC. The breakfasts on the beach, sailboat races, day sails, anchoring out, Caladesi state park outing and don't forget the meetings. What a venue! As you can imagine a great deal of work goes into every single one of these events. The members of this club make it happen and willingly give their best to insure that ALL members are accommodated and can share in the fun. We have a great team and please continue to give your support to these activities and help out wherever you can.

Well, we got through the "April Fools" meeting with some incredible presentations, a fantastic picture show and various props. I believe it is safe to say that you just never know what's coming next at the general meetings. ???Mystery ?? BOAT US membership for HBYC members is \$\$????

April is no exception for activities. We just finished the sailboat race and I don't believe you could have had a wilder ride at Disney Land. "Hold On" were the words for the day. I think my great crew will be complaining about sore body parts for about a week. Thanks so much to all the participants and especially to the great turnout of committee boats.

The next event will be Breakfast on the Beach on the 13th. How can you beat a \$3 breakfast with friends and a fantastic view?

The Blessing of the Fleet will be on Saturday the 19th at 12 noon. Location is the start of the HBYC race course. Try to catch a ride if you don't have a boat.

Get ready for buried pirate treasure and a island adventure with "Treasure Hunt" at Durney Key. Don't miss this fun activity for the whole family. April 26th.

Out of Sight but not out of Mind

Les and Judy Emery and Sandy & Jack Mooney are getting ready to take off adventuring again and will be leaving the HUD in the next few weeks. Sherri & Vince Risalvato have been a little under the weather and have not been able to get out much. Joyce Cockerham recently had a visit from her children who live out of state. Let's keep all these folks in our thoughts and hope they enjoy smooth sailing.

Enough for now, my wife says I have to do the laundry.

Gene

Cruise Director's Report



Several HBYC boats left for Caladesi Island on Thursday, March 27th. We anchored at *Three Rooker*, where we spent the night amid the chirping of the birds nesting on the island. *Lady in Red* left early on Friday morning to test the waters across the flats in Dunedin and to secure the boat slips for us. *Forever Young 2*, *Escape*, and *Callystos* followed a short while later. The bridge operator at the Dunedin Causeway was accommodating and had the bridge open by the time we got there. We had enough water to safely cross the flats on the prescribed 212 degree course, and we followed the channel markers into the Caladesi Island Marina, which was already bustling with boating traffic. Three large boat groups had selected that particular weekend to meet up at Caladesi, and space was at a premium. The Commodore's secret weapon (Chrissie) was able to charm the Park Ranger into giving us good slips, and we spent the rest of the afternoon and evening getting all the HBYC boats into slips, whereby many helpful suggestions were given to the boat captains from the crew on *Forever Young 2*. Lots of laughter, boat stories, and a good rum supply kept the group happy and enjoying the evening. On Saturday, March 29th, over 20 boats (power boats and sailboats) and almost 60 club members participated in the Caladesi Cruise and BBQ. The temperatures were in the low 80s with a nice, cool ocean breeze. We consumed almost 100 hamburgers and 60 hot dogs, aptly prepared by our cooks, Byron Pepler (*Bayou Girl*), Guy Colson (*Inspiration*), and John Cover (*Dunteri*). Our very special thanks here goes to Fred Dunlop and *Forever Young 2*, who carried all of our supplies to Caladesi!

At 3 p.m., we judged the entries of the seashell competition and the 2 winners are **Elizabeth Cover** and **Kathy Mather**. Only one entry was received for the fishing competition: **Gene Michaux** entered his trusted friend, the plastic fish, and won the prize! Congratulations go to all winners - Thanks for being good sports!

On Sunday morning, we went to a *Breakfast with the Ranger*, where we learned about the *stuff you find on the beach*. It was very enjoyable and informative - After the breakfast, most HBYC boats started the journey back to Hudson. At first, there was very little wind, but soon the wind filled our sails, and we all enjoyed a wonderful sail back to our homeports.

I want to, again, thank everyone who made the trip to Caladesi Island, whether by sailboat, power boat, or by ferry. I hope that this first cruise of 2008 was just the beginning of a wonderful year for Hudson Beach Yacht Club.

Your Cruising Director, Jim Glessner

Racing News March Race Report

Te calls started coming in on Friday, saying that race day wouldn't be fit for sailing. The wind was supposed to be up, along with the waves, and that's exactly the way it turned out. Racing for HBYC was postponed until Sunday, hoping for better weather and warmer temperatures. In weather observance, there is a breeze, and then there is a wind. Overnight, the wind kept blowing.

Showing up to race were *Callystos*, *Time 2 Cruise*, *Lady in Red*, *Grafx*, *Cat Can Do*, *No Name Watkins*, and *Soirée*. The captain's meeting was quick and to the point. Cool weather gear was mixed with shirt-sleeves, and opinions as to whether or not we should race were mixed as well. The race was scheduled to start 45 minutes late to accommodate the deep draft boats. While we waited, the wind kept blowing.

The first sign that we might be in for a tussle with this year's Spring Fling was when *Curious George* was forced to throw in the towel while still in the channel next to Sam's. Apparently George Martin had opted to save some money when he filled the fuel tank, substituting water for the ever higher priced gasoline that the motor was used to. That's when the Evinrude went on strike. *Lady in Red* was quick to turn back and pick up the turn markers and bring them to the course, where *Soirée* waited to help set them out. While they waited, the wind kept blowing.

Forever Young II posted on site to be the northern mark of the start gate. The racers didn't know that Tom Sperry had been to early services at church that morning, and heard about the Eye of the Needle in old Jerusalem, and consequently set the start opening at just that width. Since there were only seven boats signed up to race, the start was all or nothing, abandoning the staggered start in favor of a lemming-like run for the line. *LIR* was throwing her weight around and picking on *Grafx*, while *Callystos* and *Soirée* were dueling for rights at the line. Just then, *Cat Can Do* came on the VHF with the news that her mainsail had shredded and she was retiring. While we watched David reef the torn sail and try to get back in the running, the wind kept blowing.

The *No Name Watkins* was circling upwind from the start, keeping her distance and loading sandbags on the windward rail. About that time, Bill Piper changed her name to *No Radio Watkins*, as his handheld went on

the fritz. His plan was to simply wait until the other boats got done squeezing through the start gate and then he would know the race had started. All were accounted for...except *Time 2 Cruise*. Just as the horn sounded and the race commenced, *Time 2 Cruise* burst across the line with froth coming off her stern, headed for the first mark. We're not sure who was sailing her, but that boat was a picture to behold as she tore up the course, leaving the rest of the fleet in her wake. *LIR* took a penalty turn after edging *Grafx* too close to the committee boat, showing the fleet how to be competitive and fair at the same time. *Soirée* crossed next, and was in good position to admire the stern of *Time 2 Cruise* for the entire first leg. She was hauling the mail, because the wind was definitely still blowing.

A small wind shift just before the first turn made it interesting for the group. A tack was necessary, and *LIR* and *T2C* were in very close proximity after the turn, giving each other words of encouragement, I'm sure. *Callystos* was passing *Soirée* just prior to the tack when *Soirée*'s boom, carrying a double-reefed main, came into intimate contact with the side of the captain's head. (Note to self: the boom hangs lower when the main is reefed.) It wouldn't have hurt nearly as much if the wind hadn't still been blowing.

Grafx was gaining, *No Name Watkins* was gaining, *Soirée* was holding her own with *Callystos*, but *T2C* and *LIR* were running away with the race. Win or lose, the vision of big headsails trimmed just right and boats leaning with the wind was a sight to behold. No more blood was shed and all finished with smiles on their faces. Pizza and beer were the order of the day, along with sweatshirts and pants, and a great time was had by all. The rain waited until the race was over, but the wind was still blowing.

Special thanks to *Forever Young II* and *Curious George* for their tireless efforts to make this racing season the best ever.

Third place trophy- *Soirée*
Second place trophy- *Time 2 Cruise*
First place trophy- *Lady in Red*

Remember the next race on April 5th, the dreaded Arrowhead course of 1-6-4-2-1, twice around. I can almost guarantee it will be a hoot.

And that's how I saw it.

Racing Director,
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SOCIAL COMMITTEE

April 13th Breakfast on the Beach

The April 13th Breakfast on the Beach will be a continental breakfast featuring bagels, muffins, fruit, juices, and coffee. You can still join us by calling Donna or Cheryl by Thursday the 10th. Hope to see you there!

May 6th HBYC Cookbook potluck meeting

Our May 6th regular meeting will begin at 6pm with a potluck dinner. We are asking that you bring a dish from the HBYC cookbook, to share and we will supply the beverages- soda, water, coffee. Our potluck in January was fabulous- we are sure that this one will be too. Don't miss it!

May Breakfast on the Beach

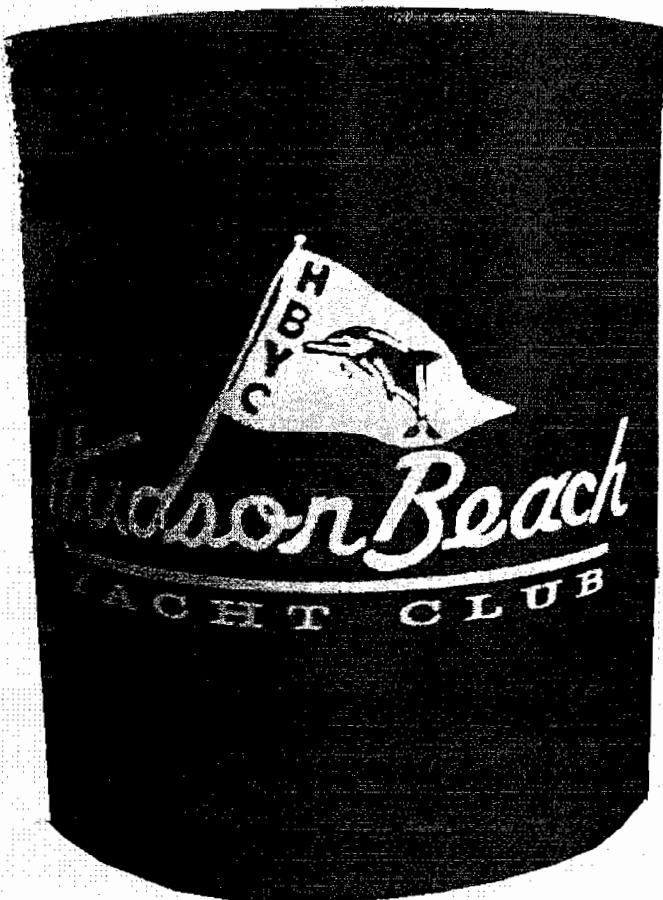
Our May Breakfast on the Beach will be May 18th and it will be a full breakfast- eggs, bacon, sausage, juices and coffee. Join us for good food and great fellowship. Donna and Cheryl

Cheryl and Donna

Finance News

HBYC Koozies!

The cost is \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Ralph & Donna



General Meeting Minutes

Opening

The regular meeting of the Hudson Beach Yacht Club was called to order at 7:30 on April 1, 2008 by Commodore Gene Michaux.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed. **Vice Commodore, Paul Kendrick**, spoke about the Blessing of the Fleet, to take place on April 19th.

Paul said we need some power boaters for the April race. Three power boaters volunteered.

There was one boat inspection done in the month of March and this person received 3 free 50/50 tickets.

Paul asked members to contact him with safety input items and conveyed a story about paying attention when dropping anchor.

Mary Knowles, Purser gave the Purser report, balance on hand February 25, 2008, \$4680.63; Income \$394.00; Expenses \$525.80; Balance on Hand, March 25, 2008 \$4548.83.

Madelaine Woodman, Membership, welcomed 7 visitors to the meeting. New member Morris Williams was introduced. She said that the directories could be picked up during the meeting or by contacting her.

Madelaine said there will be a 25 cents fine for not wearing your name tags to club functions.

Cheryl Dering, Social, reminded all that breakfast on the beach is April 13th, at 9:00 and the price is \$3.00 if you have signed up and \$4.00 if you just show up. She also asked members to call if they will not be attending the Breakfast and had signed up.

May 6th the General meeting will also be a pot luck night, beginning at 6:00. Try to cook something from the HBYC cook book. It was announced that the price of the HBYC cook book, this night only, would be \$5.00.

Dave Zimmer, Website, talked about the Treasure Hunt on April 26th. The price is \$8.00 per person, children under 12 free. There will be prizes for best costume and a treasure hunt for all.

Dave is working on the web site to allow a photo upload.

Mary Reed, Marker 2, asked if all members received their Marker 2 for March. If anyone has items to sell send your article to Mary and she will post it.

Linda Baker, Public Relation, talked about the article that appeared in the Woodsman newspaper about the last race, and is hoping to get an article into the St. Pete Times on the Caladesi cruise.

Ralph Ray, Finance and HBYC Products, talked about the cozies that have arrived for sale. They will cost \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. The new burgees will be in tomorrow and will cost \$22.00.

Commodore Gene called a 10 minute break for refreshments.

Jim Glessner, Cruising, talked about the March 29th cruise to Calladesi, there were 63 participants. His wife Karen put together a wonderful computer show of the fun event, and was enjoyed by all. Jim awarded certificates for the most unusual shell to Elizabeth Cover and Kathy Mather. Gene Michaux was the only entry for the largest fish and received a fish plaque (which looked more real than his catch).

Don Himes, Past Commodore, said he has created the "Golden Cooler" awards. 1st award went to John "Rumrunner" Cover, 2nd award went to Crissy "The Law" Michaux, and 3rd was presented to David "Mangrove" Zimmer, and to Guy Colson an award for his ability to dock at the slip.

Jack Kuhlmann, Racing, showed pictures of the February Fun Race and past out awards for 1st place, Gene & Crissy Michaux, 2nd place, Don & Terri Himes, and 3rd place, Jack & Brenda Kuhlmann. Bill Piper received recognition for his first race. Congratulations to all! The next race will be the Spring Fling Race April 8th.

Old Business

There was no secret question in March, but Digna Kelly and Patti Woja get a free 50/50 ticket for realizing that.

Laurel Nash has one last group from the sailing class to take out on the water and then graduation will commence.

Gene Michaux talked about his ongoing quest for more information about the Hudson Beach water closures. After much digging he has finally received a list of people not hooked up to the sewer system.

New Business:

The Commodore talked about the Initiation fee for new members. It was a Board decision to raise the initiation fee into HBYC from \$15.00 to \$40.00. This increase is to defray the cost of materials received by new members.

Time for the 50/50 drawing, one winner was drawn, receiving \$48.00.

Congratulations!

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55

Minutes submitted by: Mary Del Mar, Yeoman

NBYC FINANCIAL Report - JAN 1, 2008 through March 31, 2008
 Beginning Balance JANUARY 1, 2008 - \$3657.61

Income

2008 Budget

Dues	\$1750.00	\$3800
50/50	202.50	400
RARE INCOME	74.00	1500
NBYC ITEMS	271.00	500
SPECIAL EVENTS	—	3100
GENERAL MEETINGS	—	150
BKAST MEETINGS	376.00	700
XMAS PARTY	—	1100
CRUISES & GUIDES	—	150
Miscellaneous	50.00	100
	<u>\$2723.50</u>	<u>\$11,500</u>

Expense

RENT	\$225.00	\$900
POSTAGE	125.94	700
M-2 PRINTING	176.55	1100
RACES	30.60	1500
CRUISES & GUIDES	32.10	200
COST-NBYC ITEMS	—	300
INS CORP Fee, Office Supplies	546.35	900
GENERAL MEETINGS	121.82	550
BREAKFAST MEETINGS	141.16	600
XMAS PARTY	—	1300
CAPITAL EXPENSE	143.03	200
Miscellaneous & Web Site	289.73	300
SPECIAL EVENTS	—	2950
	<u>\$1832.28</u>	<u>\$11,500</u>

MARCH 31, 2008 - BALANCE ON HAND - \$4548.83
 Plus BUSINESS SAVINGS ACCOUNT - \$2531.81

Respectfully Submitted

Shary M. Knowles - Purser

Members' News

Welcome Back (not in 2008 Directory)

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WELCOME ABOARD

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Belleview, FL 34420
Cell 352-454-3271
"Bayou Girl" 27' Precision 1991
classicmfg1@cfl.rr.com

WILLIAMS, Morris

9741 Arrow Drive
New Port Richey, FL 34654
Cell 727-808-5555
"Dano II", 41' Morgan 1987 "Andy II" 30' Morgan 1985
morrisewilliams1949@yahoo.com

May Birthdays

Carol Ergle 5/5
Mary Reed 5/8
Dana Goodwin 5/9
Richard Hillman 5/11
Betty Candreva 5/12
Joyce Cockerham 5/12
Bonnie Brown 5/15
Mary Del Mar 5/16
Micheal Reed 5/16
Bob Levesque 5/17
Larry Candreva 5/19
Gail Prine 5/22
Tom Beck 5/27
Patti Woja 5/28

May Anniversaries

Bill & Betty Roberts 5/3
Bill & Angie Piper 5/6
Rick & Linda Grammer 5/8
Wayne & Bonnie Brown 5/10
Happ & Deb Harrison 5/11
Dennis & Ann Ballard 5/14
Joe & Donna Murray 5/16
Don & Terri Himes 5/29

CORRECTIONS TO 2008 DIRECTORY

727-810-2276 Jack Kuhlmann's new cel
Larry Thomas email larrydt@peoplepc.com
Bill & Robbie Sloan cell, 352-397-8760
George Martin cell, 457-3677
Happ Harrison cell, 727-480-7091

ANY other corrections? Please call 534-0386.

MEMBER REMINDER

Unbelievably, we have 23 members who have not been to a Meeting to pick up their 2008 Member Directory. I also offered to have them

available at Hudson Beach South Pavilion on Monday evening, one hour (more or less) (weather permitting)) before sunset. And if you think that's bad enough, wait until I tell you that 14 members have not yet picked up their 2008 Calendar /Tide Charts. I'm here to tell you that you are really missing out on the Fun (with a capital F.) and the social aspect - Caladesi was a ball - although some people don't remember too much and I hear there was a shortage of rum!! I can hardly wait to see what happens at the Treasure Hunt! *Madelaine*

Marker 2 e-mail

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

Next Meeting Dates

The next GENERAL Meeting will be Tuesday, May 6th 7:30PM at Signal Cove Club House.
The next board meeting will be Tuesday, April 29th at Mary Knowles 7PM.

www.myhbyc.com

David Zimmer is the 2007 webmaster.
Phone: 727-856-0123 (home) and 727-638-2346 (cell). Email: zimmerwd@yahoo.com

Address Changes

If you change your address, email address or telephone number, please let me know.
863-9097 or mwoodma1@tampabay.rr.com
Thank you, Madelaine

Boat US Group Program, Group benefits include:

Half-price Boat US Membership. HBYC members are entitled to a full Membership in Boat US for only \$12.50 - that's 50% off the regular \$25 annual dues! Boat US Member benefits include rebates at Boat US and West Marine stores, discounts at marinas nationwide on fuel, repairs, and overnight slips, on-the-water towing services, highly-respected marine insurance, and much more. Just mention our group ID number "GA-82061Y".

FOR SAIL/WANTED

Foxy is a well equipped Hunter 30', 1975 with a 4' draft. Great for cruising with a Yanmar diesel 3GM30F (450 hours approx), Mainsail, Jib and 150% Genoa (Roller furling). Living amenities include Hot/Cold Water to Sink and Shower, Refrigerator and more. Ample Storage Space. \$ 8,900 Call Derek Bennett at (727) 868 1378

Coleman Duracat catalytic heater. New in the box. \$29. Call Fred @ 868-7042

New hatch cover and air directional grill for Carry-on air conditioner \$30 OBO. Used electric windlass (12 v). Brand: Power Winch \$100 OBO. Call or e-mail Les Emery @ 727-992-6441, lae1945@tampabay.rr.com

FOR SALE: 27/2 ComPac 1988 sailboat, 3'5" draft. Great condition, Tambark Sails, (rf), 12 hp Universal diesel (less than 75 original hrs). New bimini, cushions, compass, radio. 2nd owner, MI +FL, slip available (Hudson) \$23,900 OBO, call Gene Prine at 727-773-1517

Bonus Mystery question

When the Coast Guard issues a "small craft warning", what size is the **largest** (in feet) boat they mean?

The first **five** callers with the correct answer will get **(5)** mystery tickets. Call Gene at 862-7799.

It Worked For Me!

The intent of this column is to provide a forum for members to share their successes (and failures) in maintaining, upgrading, modifying, or just plain sailing or piloting their boats.

If anyone would like to submit a column, just send it to Mary Reed, hbycmarker2@earthlink.net and she can include it, space permitting, in a future edition of Marker 2.

The topic for this month is "TV on your boat". While this only really applies to cruising-capable boats, there is a little info on digital TV that might clear up some other confusion. As most of you know, next year the switch is completed to digital TV broadcasting, and no longer will stations be broadcasting the old analog signals. Right now they are broadcasting BOTH analog as well as the new digital. But in 2009 analog goes away and it's all digital. In your home or on your boat, if you get your TV signals only from cable, FIOS, or satellite (maybe a marina hookup for the boat?) then you don't have to worry - the old analog TV will still work like it always did. But if you rely upon an antenna then you either need to get a new TV that is capable of receiving digital signals, or get a converter. You can get discount coupons for converters (which will save you lots of \$\$) by going to <https://www.dtv2009.gov/> and requesting them. Lead time is about 2 months so don't wait till the last minute. With the coupon you save about \$40 on a \$50 converter, so it's worth it! OK, now let's move on to the boat!

Choosing a TV. If you don't have one already, find a nice small panel LCD TV, digital ready. BUT, be selective. What you really want is a TV that has one of those external power supplies that most small electronics have these days. A few of these have external power supplies that provide a 12 volt DC output from the power supply to the TV. Some don't have external power supplies at all, and some are either 16 or 18 volt. What you want is one that is 12 VOLT. I found mine at Best-Buy, it was a 15" Insignia on sale for \$199.99! (If you can't find a 12v one, you can always power it from an Inverter, but a direct 12 volt hookup is more elegant and power-efficient).

Powering the TV. Assuming you have a 12 volt model (see above) the easiest thing is to splice a cigar lighter plug into the cable going from the power supply to the TV. Then hook up a cigar lighter receptacle from your boat's power panel to plug the TV into. (Advice: spend the extra \$ and get the Maringo cigar receptacles and plugs - they are worth the big bucks) You no longer need the external supply if you re using the TV just for the boat. But if you also want to use the TV for your house, or keep the option of running it from 115v. AC, then you might want to build a separate 12 volt cable by getting a barrel connector and making a separate one. (You also might be able to cannibalize the cable from an old extra power supply hanging around your house - I did). If you are worried about running down your batteries, the new flat panel LCD TV's consume very little power. Mine only consumes 3.5 amps at 12 VDC.

What about an antenna? If you have a fixed mount antenna for your marine VHF radio, this will make an EXCELLENT antenna for the TV. Marine VHF is in the same frequency range as VHF TV signals. But when you detach the antenna

cable from your radio you will find it doesn't have a connector to mate to your TV. So go to Radio Shack and get a "PL 258 coupler" (Radio Shack P/N 278-1369A) and also an "F to SO239" adapter (Radio Shack P/N 278-258C). About \$7.00 plus tax for the pair. Just screw these two little dudes together and now you can attach to your antenna lead on one end, and then just use a piece of coax jumper (like you use in your house to hookup your home TV) to go from the other end of the adapter to the antenna input on the TV. Granted, you now don't have an antenna for the radio while you are watching TV, but if you are "on the hook" or docked you can always use a handheld for that purpose.

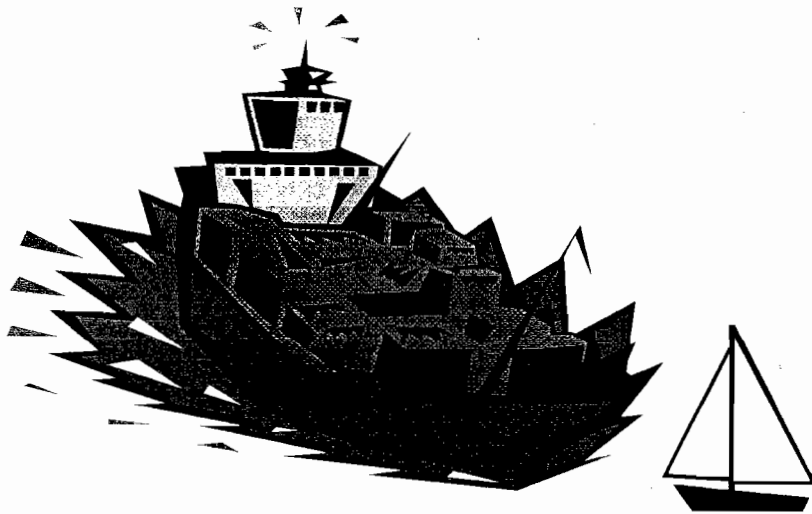
Mounting the TV. You don't need any more "missile hazards" on your boat, so I strongly suggest a good, sturdy, wall mount for the TV. These can be almost as costly as the TV itself! I used an articulating mount from Best Buy so that we could watch TV from the salon or from the V-berth. It was \$150 (Yikes), but I managed to negotiate them down to \$130 (still real pricey). You don't want to skimp here so get yourself a good solid, seaworthy mount.

Words to the Wise: Don't try to transmit on your marine VHF radio without the antenna hooked up to it. Results could be "unpredictable"!

The beauty of this whole arrangement, using a digital ready TV, is that you really don't need a directional antenna (pointed at the signal source) to get a great picture on digital stations. The omni-directional VHF marine radio antenna works just fine for a nice clear picture (especially if it's at the top of a mast!). And it's amazing how much clearer and sharper the digital is than the old analog.

If you have any questions let me know.
Guy Colson

NOTES



A pilot's "blind spot" can extend for hundreds of feet in front of deep-draft ships, tugboats and towboats pushing barges. Exercise caution when operating recreational vehicles near the path of any commercial ships or barges.



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Gene Michaux, Commodore

*Meets the first Tuesday of each
month at 7:30 pm at the
Signal Cove Clubhouse,
13139 Tiller Drive,
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Sailors and powerboaters with or without boats are welcome!