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THE MONTHLY LOG OF THE HUDSON BEACH YACHT CLUB

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The HBYC Great Scallop Hunt!

Saturday the 19th of JULY

NOT on Sunday the 20th of JULY!
as displayed in the HBYC Calendar

Gear up for a banner year of scallops starting July 1

By Janel Heflin

The early scouting scuttlebutt for scallop season opening July 1 is: Banner year! Bay Scallop season opens July 1 and runs through Sept. 10. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission had yet to release the official scouted counts when this article was written, shrimpers, crabbers, and charter boat captains have a pretty good idea of what the 2008 scallop season will prove to be another record year.

What you'll need:

(Besides a boat to take you to the numerous hot spots where the clicking, purple-eyed bivalves are just waiting to be caught, you'll also need some gear.)

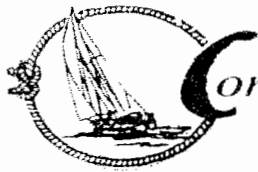
The most common gear used when scalloping are:

- A dive mask and snorkel,
- dive fins
- a catch bag
- a red and white striped diver down flag
- dip net
- a flotation device for your safety and when you need to rest.
- And let's not forget a saltwater fishing license, issued by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is also required. It may be purchased online at www.myfwc.com, or by visiting one of the numerous retail establishments that sell boating, hunting and fishing equipment.

So gather up your gear, renew your saltwater fishing license, and get ready to go for the gold!

For more info on this event or to *possibly* find a ride, contact me (or Gene, the Commodore)! For those of you who deal with computers, you can e-mail me at hbycpowerboats@yahoo.com or call me in the evening at the number listed in the membership guide.

Thanks,
Paul Kendrick
Vice Commodore



Commodore's Corner

JULY 2008

Well it looks like the unpredictable rain and lightning storms have kept many boaters tied to their docks. The ever increasing fuel prices are not helping encourage outings either. The holiday weekend was noticeably barren of boat traffic but several of our members made it to the Clearwater area to watch the fireworks and enjoy a weekend on the water.

Although the HBYC races were "weathered out" in June, several of the fleet went to Gulf Harbors Yacht Club for a race and fine dinner afterwards. HBYC did very well with their five entries taking a first, second, forth, fifth and seventh.

Thanks to Nancy and Fred Dunlap for organizing a well attended anniversary/birthday dinner at GHYC that same evening.

The Commodores Poker Picnic had 52 members in attendance. A big thank you to the Sperry's and the Colson's for all their help getting ready for the event and the use of their beautiful homes and grounds. The best news is we made over \$180 to put in the kitty. The dueling margarita machines and the "home made" ice cream helped make it a fun time. Thanks to Donna and Joe Murray, Jack and Brenda Kuhlmann and Donna and Mike Ansley for their "mix-a-collagist" services. Guy Colson did a fantastic job slaving over a hot grill and cooking the burgers, dogs and brats with a special flair. Mary and madelaine did a fine job taking in lots of money and keeping track of the cards. A special thanks to every one who pitched in and my wife for her support and hard work. The high hand was won by Tom Sperry. (again)

Check out the web site for info on Les and Judy Emery's Great-Great Circle trip. Last heard they are in Canada. Jack and Sandy Mooney are doing the Great Circle but have been delayed due to failed transmission. Check out Web for pics and news.

The line up for July includes the Great Scallop Hunt on the 19th and the longest race of the season, Saint Martins. Contact Paul Kendrick (or me) if you're planning on attending the hunt or need a ride. Our scouts tell us the scallop crop is awesome this year and everyone should get their limit. It's a 1030 tide so we will be headed to Hernando County early on that morning. See info in Marker 2 and web site.

Saint Martins Race (or the longest day) is a 20 mile race on the 26th. Let's hope for the Wind Gods will be kind.

On a sad note we have lost a wonderful member and avid sailor, Derek Bennett. We offer his wife, Sheila and his family our condolences during this difficult time.

Enough for now, my wife says if I don't cut the lawn soon I better buy a goat, *Gene*

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Donna and Cheryl are taking July off to rest up for the fabulous second half of 2008! Get ready for some serious fun! Get out you calendars and mark the following dates! The next Breakfast on the Beach is August 10th and will be our famous full breakfast- eggs, bacon, sausage, juice and coffee. The annual Shrimp Boil will be October 18th at Signal Cove and our Steak Fry will be at Starkey Park on November 16th. We will end the year with our Christmas Dinner Dance at Signal Cove on December 13th. As always, we are open to suggestions and any help that you are willing to give. Donna and Cheryl

It Worked For Me!

TERMITES!! ON A FIBERGLASS BOAT?

No one was more surprised than the crew of Dunteri to find we had termites. We noticed some material that resembled sawdust filings. On further inspection it turned out to be excretions from termites. They had infested the center core of the plywood in the panel separating the engine room from the cockpit lockers. Although the structural integrity of the panels had not yet been compromised, we were fortunate enough to detect the condition before more damage occurred or before they invaded the cabin and the nice wood! We arranged an inspection by the company that does our house. When they confirmed our fears, we cut the wood out of the area, then had them do a spray treatment to kill any survivors and prevent a recurrence (the work is guaranteed for a year). Now we are in the process of replacing the panels. Unfortunately, we have to use wood again but it will be treated in advance with a spray-on solution, then sealed with resin, then painted. A word to the wise, inspect carefully in any area where wood panels exist. Look for telltale signs of the excretions, tiny holes in the edges of the wood, sometimes wings that have been detached. The actual "workers" resemble a small, perhaps 1/4 to 1/2 inch white worm. These are "coastal" termites, common to our area. Although they are very slow workers, they still do damage and can exist for years before detected. Our termite extermination company told us this is a very common condition especially on older boats. Newer boats have more pvc foam and such type panels where older builders used plywood. This material is good where it can be fastened in place with screws but it doesn't allow for fiberglass bonding which, you guessed it, we have to do! If anyone has a question please feel free to call us. What are the "cardinal points" of the compass?

John & Elizabeth Cover
s/v Dunteri

Racing News

St. Martin's Race Update

It's July, it's hot, and it's time for the St. Martin's race on July 26th, starting at 0800.

With the race starting that early and the course being the same as every other St. Martin's race, there seems to be no need for a captain's meeting. Here are the particulars. Start will be at the normal location off Marker 2.

What was the first lighthouse in the United States to use electricity for its beacon?

All boats will start at the same time. Handicapping will be as with other HBYC races.

St. Martin's light must be rounded on the port side.

The finish will be in the opposite direction as the start at the committee boat.

The wind will cooperate, but if not the race may be called at the half-way point, at the committee boat's discretion.

Committee boat directions and announcements will take precedence on race day. Please call the race director with questions at 376-2501. All racers should let the director know of their desire to race prior to race weekend.

Mid-year Racing News

This club isn't just about racing...it's also about going as fast as you can in your sailboat, especially if there is some other boat going in somewhat the same direction as you are. It's about making friends...that you try to beat to wherever they are going. It's about building relationships...and finding out what other folks have on their boats that make them go fast.

If you are keeping track, we're halfway through the race year, but not nearly through with the fun. We've raced around triangles, arrowheads and trapezoids, but we still have races involving hooters, saints, video games, cross-dressing and Madonna's foundation garments. All we need is some wind.

The website is a good place to keep track of the upcoming events, as well as changes in the races or dates. Captain's meetings are always a good source of amusement, too, if you can get up that early. So come on out and join your club in some friendly competition, fun, and outdoor exercise. If you bring a cold drink, you can catch a ride on almost any boat in the club!

Your Favorite Racing Director,

Jack

In the Northern hemisphere, in which direction does a low pressure system (hurricane) spin?!???

Answer the Questions correctly and get tickets at the next General Meeting.

As long as you DO NOT CALL AFTER 9PM!
Call Gene at 862-7799.

In Memoriam

Sadly, our dear friend Derek Bennett passed away on Sunday, June 29, 2008 from complications of cancer. He is survived by his loving wife Sheila and three children, sons Chris and Steven and daughter Fiona, and seven grandchildren.

Derek was born on March 30, 1931 in Chippenham, England. He joined the Royal Navy at a very young age and spent a lot of his time with them on submarines in the days when submarines had no air conditioning or other modern conveniences. He spent 26 years in the Royal Navy as a Nuclear Engineer and in 1974 immigrated to the U.S.A. with his family. He was a pioneer in his field and started working in fossil fuels and waste management fuels. He retired in 1995 and he and Sheila eventually moved to Florida in 1997. Derek was an avid sailor and competed in many races with the Hudson Beach Yacht Club. He also leaves behind many family and friends all over the world.

He was a 10 year member of St. Martin's Episcopal Church, 15801 U.S. 19 in Hudson

Members' News

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Murray Joseph P.	8/1
Axsom Keith	8/2
Murray Bill	8/3
Himes Don	8/3
Michaux Gene	8/3
Schwabe Ernie	8/6
Seier A.J.	8/10
Iben David	8/17
Piper Ange	8/21
Woodman Madelaine	8/24
Smith Bill	8/25
Glessner Karin	8/25
Sandy Mooney	8/28

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Musgrove Rob & Ann	8/11
Dering John & Cheryl	8/12
Kormanyos/Murphy Tibor & Laura	8/12
Kuhlmann Jack & Breneda	8/14
Del Mar Pete & Mary	8/17
Yacht Marc & Helen	8/17
Stone Chris & Wendy	8/18
Sloan Bill & Robbie	8/20
Mooney Jack & Sandy	8/28
Dunlop Fred & Nancy	8/29

WELCOME ABOARD

PECORARO, Robert & Norma Jamie
1087 Muirfield Court
Tarpon Springs, FL 34688
27' Catalina 1974

Update your HBYC Directory

Gene Prine new email
eugene.prine@gmail.com

Ladies Day Out

At our meeting I spoke about us girls getting together once a month for a day out. Not just a lunch but maybe shopping or going to see something different. Several ladies indicated that they would be interested.

How about Tuesday July 15th to start with. We are planning to go to take the Dade City Trolley Tour, have lunch after and then go Antiquing. Who is interested? Call me ASAP so I can make the arrangements.

We can car pool and share gasoline cost. This is open to all lady members and friends. My number is

863-9097 or cell 534-0386.

My email is mwoodmal@tampabay.rr.com Madelaine.P.S. We have five people going so far.

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, August 5th 7:30PM at Signal Cove Club House.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, July 29th at Jim and Karin's 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

FOR SAIL/WANTED

1982 23' Grady-White Pacific Cuddy Cabin V-Berth Porta Potty Brand New GPS Hummingbird Fish Finder Outriggers Bimini Top Repowered with Mercury Vortex 305 Engine Only 100 Hrs. New Radio Raycor Fuel Filter 3 Bidge Pumps 250 Ft. Anchor Line Danforth Anchor 4 Life Preservers Plus many other items. Asking \$5500 or best offer. Call Marty Piter @727-860-4909

FOR RENT -- DIRECT GULF ACCESS

Mobile home 2BD/1.5BA with new carpet, new flooring, siding, deck & dock, partially furnished if desired. REAL CUTE and CLEAN place located at 13229 Jazz Lane, Hudson. Please call Roy Garcia 727 207 1563

Room For Rent Restful place to live! New Port Richey area. One bedroom in a private home. Includes: Private bath, walk-in closet, cable, fenced in yard, parking, landscaped, electric and water. Furnished! All you need is your suit case. \$450.00 per month Close to parks, beach, pier, and marina Call Joanne 727 207 0098 or 727 849 9948 References requested

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

1984, 33' Watkins Seawolf sailboat in excellent condition: 20hp Yanmar diesel, 4' draft, good sails w/roller furling, new electronics, extensive work done on interior including new galley and much more. Call Ken @ 727-207-3316 or 727-844-5515 for more details. Asking \$35K

Looking for a Catamaran, probably a Gemini. Any GOOD leads call Happ at 727 480 7091

Cruising People News

Mooneys on the Move

From Westport Ontario - We are in the Rideau canal. It has the original 1830s locks that are hand operated. The lock masters are very nice. The canal is a series of natural lakes that were connected by short canals. This was done to protect Canada from US. It is spectacularly beautiful with granite down to the water with lots of trees. We anchored last night in a super beautiful lake with only one other boat. we are in a marina now and I am at the library to check on the hurricane in the Atlantic, and to say hello to you.

In Canada - WE crossed Lake Ontario today. We did the Oswego canal in one day from Phoenix. It is a beautiful river. We got a rare nice day today and had a good passage. Tomorrow we start the Rideau canal on our way to Ottawa.

Phoenix NY - This will be a long one. We are no longer in the Erie Canal, but have entered the Oswego Canal. We got our new transmission in two days. The mechanic did a great job. The problem was the bum who put the engine in Ft. Lauderdale in 2004. He not only put a left handed prop on a right handed engine, and did not change the shaft coupler from Volvo to Universal as I have told you before. It also turns out that he installed the transmission control so that it could not go all the way in. So the clutch was ground away until it failed. The mechanic here explained it to me, and then built a new control system for the replacement transmission. When we left the dock and ran the engine up to cruising rpms it was able to do 6.5 knots rather than the 5.7 we used to get. After 4 years we finally have the engine we thought we bought.

I have finally found my ideal cruising boat, and it is a trawler. We have been seeing a beautiful boat, Emerald Lady, in many of the places we stayed at on the Erie Canal. The owners, Nancy and Dick White, were very friendly. Through the various conversations we learned that they had the boat built in Washington and then took it up the Inland Passage as far as Glacier Bay. They asked us to go to dinner with them at Sylvan Beach where we were waiting the weekend so we could get our transmission problem solved. After dinner we went back to their boat that is an American Tug of forty some feet. It is fabulous with two staterooms each with its own head with a glass enclosed shower. The helm station has ten inch screens on the radar display and chart plotter with a system analyzer between them that will tell all there is to know about the engine, even the manifold pressure. The wood work is the best I have ever seen. If we ever win the lottery, that is what I want. The top sailboats like the Island Packet can not compare.

They showed us their pictures from their Alaska trip. They had gone to many of the places we did in our van trip to Alaska. They ran across a most remarkable wildlife activity. There is a pod of humpback whales that has developed a fishing method. One whale swims in a circle around a school of herring blowing bubbles to form a sort of circular curtain which causes the fish to bunch up like they were in a net. The rest of the pod, having positioned themselves under the fish, simultaneously rises with their mouths open collecting dinner. They had pictures of this process including the ring and some six or so whales just at the

surface. I think they were within a hundred feet or so of this remarkable event. They said that this was unique to the one pod.

They shipped their boat on a freighter to Ft Lauderdale and have been cruising the east coast. They are on their way through the great loop. This is another occasion in our cruising life where we have met really nice people with great cruising tales to tell.

Derek Bennett died on Sunday. We met Derek when we joined the Hudson Beach Yacht Club. He was one of the kindest and gentlest men I have known. He had joined the British Navy in a boys program at 15 and retired after 25 years. He became an expert and instructor on nuclear engines for submarines. After retiring he came to the US to work on the Three Mile Island disaster. He remained and became a citizen. He had been battling Cancer since we met him, but he did not let it hold him back. In 2002 he crewed for Fred Dunlop on our HBYC cruise to the Bahamas. As we were about to leave Ft Meyers for the Okeechobee I was on the foredeck as he passed by on the dock he called out the command common to both of our navies, "Single up all lines fore and aft and make ready for sea." Today when I think of that old sailor I can say, "Single up all lines fore and aft and make ready for Heaven." I can't think of anyone better prepared for that voyage than Derek.

On a lighter note, we have stopped at Phoenix which is the village at the point where the Oswego Canal leaves the Erie. They have free docking at a canal side park with free power and water. There is a group of teenagers that call themselves the Bridge House Brats. They came down in the rain to catch our lines and welcome us. They also offer services to support their club like boat washing and running errands. They are sponsored by the Phoenix Community and Youth Council and Advancement Association. Their motto is, "Support Small Businesses and Small Communities. They are the building blocks of America. It is raining so we have not had a chance to walk the town, but we are thinking of staying for the Fourth to enjoy the place.

More fixit for UtopiaToo - We are in Brewerton on the Erie Canal. This is on the west side of lake Oneida. We have been having about two weeks of a slipping transmission. It didn't want to go into forward. Jack fixed and fixed it and than it just didn't want to obey! So we put the dink motor down on the transom and decided to get it to a boat yard that could get us another one. Well It had a mind of it's own and slipped into gear and we got across lake Oneida with no problem. Go figure! Our transmission should be installed this afternoon.

We had a great time on the Eastern shore in a little town called Sylvan Beach. We have been traveling with cruisers that are on the same water path and have met them a few places along the way. Both boats are power boats. We see very few sail boats up here. Most of the boats are mega yachts. they have the money to cruise. Anyway they have pity on our little minimum existence level in UtopiaToo and have befriended us. So we are meeting loopers and having so old time cruiser fun now. It took us this far to meet anyone.

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General Meeting Minutes

HUDSON BEACH YACHT CLUB

General Meeting Minutes

July 1, 2008

Opening

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

Gene asked for a moment of silence for HBYC member Derek Bennett, who passed away.

Gene thanked members for their help with the Commodore Poker Run.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

Reports

Vice Commodore, Paul Kendrick, spoke about the upcoming scallop hunt coming up Saturday July 19th. This should be a good scallop year.

There was one boat inspection done for the month, Jim Kitzler's boat. He received 3 free tickets for the 50/50 drawing.

Paul said there is boat safety information on the HBYC website.

Paul has arranged for a speaker for the August General Meeting. The topic will be "Hurricane Preparedness".

Mary Knowles, Purser gave the Purser report, balance on hand May 27, 2008, \$4256.71; Income \$926.27; Expenses \$1395.81; Balance on Hand, June 24, 2008 \$3844.51.

Madelaine Woodman, Membership, said we have two new members, for a total of 95 members. New members are Robert Peconaro and Norma Jean. Madelaine said we have 24 single memberships, 7 have no e-mail addresses, 53 sail boats and 9 power boats.

Ladies Day out will be on Tuesdays, with the first being July 15th.

Cheryl Dering/Donna Murray, Social, talked about the June breakfast on the beach, and reminded members there is no BOB in July, but will resume August 10th.

The latest update on the Christmas Party was given. The caterers are asking from \$10 to \$15 per person. More updates in August.

Mary Reed, Marker 2, said she would like to receive all articles by July 3rd.

Ralph Ray, Finance and HBYC Products, said we still have HBYC license plates for sale at \$10 each;

visors, caps, and cookbooks are also available.

The Secret Questions were answered correctly by nine members. All received a free 50/50 ticket.

Commodore Gene called a 10 minute break for refreshments.

Cruising, Gene talked the Fourth of July Cruise to Bel Aire anchorage.

Jack Kuhlmann, Racing, talked about rescheduling the June Relay Race for later this year. He then showed members the trophy for the Women at the Helm Race.

Jack showed the courses for all the 2008 racing events for HBYC. He talked about the next race the "Saint Martins Race" coming in July.

Old Business

None.

New Business:

None.

Time for the 50/50 drawing, one ticket was drawn, winner receiving \$45.00.

Congratulations!

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40.

Minutes submitted by:

Mary Del Mar, Yeoman

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The locks (22) so far have been easy for us. So far we have had no problems navigating them. Jack and I have a system that seems to work and our boat is small enough that we can handle the transit. That is if the trannie will engage when it is time to go forward. If it rebels it still goes forward but only at a snails pace.

On the Sad side besides the fixit problems we have had, We lost two very good friends this past week. Both men will be sorely missed. Our prayers will be with Sheila and Sally for their losses.

Both Jack and I are well and healthy. Cruising is a good way to get our exercise. We walk to the little towns and investigate our world when we stop and that is the best part.

The wild life on the canal is mostly birds (ducks and geese). But it is fun to see all the little bird families. Our cat has tried to jump ship only twice. She must be getting old and doesn't want to venture as often.

Our next stop will be at the Three Rivers Junction on the Oswago canal. So Everyone stay well and we will email you then.

Love to all,
Sandy and Jack
UtopiaToo

HBYC Quarterly Financial Statment

BEGINNING BALANCE 01/01/08	\$3,657.61	
Income		Budget
Dues	\$2,325.00	\$3,800.00
50/50	\$368.50	\$400.00
Race Income	\$396.00	\$1,500.00
HBYC Items	\$1,152.00	\$500.00
Social Events	\$770.27	\$3,100.00
General Meetings	\$0.00	\$150.00
Breakfast Meetings	\$652.00	\$700.00
Xmas Party	\$0.00	\$1,100.00
Cruises & Guides	\$15.00	\$150.00
Miscellaneous/Web Site	\$61.75	\$100.00
Total Income	\$5,740.52	\$11,500.00
Expenses		
Rent	\$450.00	\$900.00
Postage	\$254.19	\$700.00
Marker 2 Printing	\$290.80	\$1,100.00
Races Expense	\$435.16	\$1,500.00
Cruises & Guides	\$219.79	\$200.00
Cost HBYC Items	\$1,988.83	\$300.00
Insurance, Corp, Fee, Office Supplies	\$588.35	\$900.00
General Meetings	\$250.13	\$550.00
Breakfast Meetings	\$232.91	\$600.00
Xmas Party	\$0.00	\$1,300.00
Capital Expense	\$143.03	\$200.00
Miscellaneous & Web Site	\$339.73	\$300.00
Special Events	\$360.70	\$2,950.00
Total Expense	\$5,553.62	\$11,500.00
June 25, 2008 Balance on hand	\$3,844.51	
Plus Business Savings Account	\$2,531.81	

Respectfully Submitted

Mary M. Knowles, Purser

Notation: \$3657.61 includes \$1720. Dues Paid in
2007 Held in Escrow

TAKING ACTION is as easy as 1-2-3:

1 BEFORE	WATCH	3
<p>Before Hurricane Season Starts YOU SHOULD:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Assemble your Disaster Supply Kit. These items are often scattered around your home and simply need to be brought together into one location. ▶ Write out your Family Disaster Plan. Discuss the possible hazards with your family. Determine if you are in an evacuation area. Identify an out-of-town family contact. 	<p>When a Hurricane Watch is issued YOU SHOULD:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Check your Disaster Supply Kit. Make sure nothing is missing. Determine if there is anything you need to supplement your kit. Replenish your water. ▶ Activate your Family Disaster Plan. Protective measures should be initiated, especially those actions that require extra time (for example, securing a boat or leaving a barrier island). 	<p>When a Hurricane Warning is issued YOU SHOULD:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Ready your Disaster Supply Kit for use. If you need to evacuate, you should bring your Supply Kit with you. ▶ Use your Family Disaster Plan. Your family should be in the process of completing protective actions and deciding the safest location to be during the storm.



FIRST CLASS

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Hudson, FL. 34674-6152

Gene Michaux, Commodore

Meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Signal Cove Clubhouse, 13139 Tiller Drive, Hudson, FL 34667

Sailors and powerboaters with or without boats are welcome!