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THE MONTHLY LOG OF THE HUDSON BEACH YACHT CLUB

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Commodores Poker Picnic

WHEN: June 14th, 2008 **TIME:** 2PM

WHERE: Colson/Sperry Ranch (Driftwood Lane)

COST: \$7 each which includes one poker hand; kids are free

This is a **Covered Dish** event.

The club will provide Dogs, Burgers, Brats, all the fixings, soda, water, paper plates and utensils.

Chip in Margarita machine. Bring your own adult beverage.



Poker Fun

Prize for best poker hand to be \$100! (Or a gallon of gasoline-which ever is higher)

LATEST SIGN UP JUNE 10TH *

(but call ASAP if you miss the deadline)

Sign Up, Questions, call Gene 727 862 7799

Directions: from Hudson Ave & Old Dixie Hwy

North on Old Dixie .5mi

Turn left onto McCray Drive .1mi.

Turn left onto Colette Street .1mi

Turn right onto Driftwood Drive .2mi

Turn right to stay on Driftwood Drive .2mi

End at 6534 Driftwood Drive, Hudson



Commodore's Corner

JUNE 2008

Well here we are starting the hot months and the only thing that seems to grow is the weeds. Ever wonder why those pesky "no-see-ums" just don't burst into flames with the heat? They would be like little sparklers on the 4th of July! How cool would that be??

OK, now down to business. June is another event packed month starting with the **Anniversary/Birthday Dinner** at Gulf Harbors Club House on the 7th.

The **Commodores Poker Picnic** is on the 14th starting at 2pm. Please give me a call if you are going but have not signed up yet. 727 862 7799

There is a **Fun Race** on the 21st and a **Breakfast on the Beach** on the 29th.

Check out the details of these events on the Web or in Marker 2. If you need more info just call me BEFORE 9pm.

May was a great month for racing and sailing. We enjoyed several overnights and visited Marker 1 marina in Dunedin. It's under major construction but transients are welcome at \$1.50 a foot. It's just off the ICW at Dunedin Causeway Bridge. Very friendly staff with showers, fuel and ice.

The holiday weekend saw quite a bit of boat traffic but this just provides lots of entertainment for Chris and I. Can't believe how many "boaters" have very little clue about what they are doing. Please encourage all new boater "wan-ta-bees" to attend a Coast Guard boating class. The price is reasonable and it makes for better and safer boating for all of us.

A **thank you** to all the members who are helping out the different committees at our functions. From setting up chairs at the meeting, being a committee boat for a race or cooking at the breakfast on the beach.

What a pleasure to see everyone getting involved and making our club a success.

"GPS" stands for what?

Enough for now, my wife says I have to wash the windows.

Gene

Cruising

3 boats made the trip down to Marker 1 Marina in Dunedin. At 5 p.m., Commodore Gene and his mate, Chrissie, sent an invitation for cocktails and appetizers, which were served on the dock. A short panic broke out because Gene had run out of Scotch! Luckily, we were able to persuade him to drink another type of drink, and the night was saved!

At 7 p.m., we met up with other members of the **Hudson Beach Auto Club** at Leo's Italian Restaurant. A total of 31 members attended the dinner. The food was good, and we all had a great time dancing to the tunes of "Bo Santo and Pat Di-Roma's Rock-a-Tones."

The sailors had a good time at the marina, and we'll definitely add this to our list of possibly cruising destinations.

You can view pictures of the dinner by following the Internet link that is posted on HBYC's website.

For the 4th of July Cruise, we'll have a "Rendezvous" at the **Clearwater Bellaire** anchorage to watch the fireworks. No other formal activities are planned for that weekend. We hope to see many of you HBYC boaters out on the water!

Your Cruise Director,

Jim

Life Jackets save lives !



How many "miles per hour" is 10 knots equal to?

Racing News

Scandia Cup Race Report

There is only one Scandia Cup, but a lot of Scandia Cup races. The latest one was quite the test of men and machines. Here's what happened.

The captain's meeting was held on the driveway at the commodore's house because of the idiots watching the sunset at the pavilions. Don't they know that this sunset thing happens every single day? Seems to me that they could have watched some other day, or from their own yard, so that we could have had room for the serious business of sailboat racing. Most of the captains caught on to the rules and course layout, so we left it at that.

Two heavyweights came out to officiate and keep order amongst the fleet. Morris Williams and his son brought their cruiser, and Mike and Mary Reed brought *Eden* to be the start/stop/wait boat. (This part will make more sense in a minute.) No sooner did Morris get on site to place the buoys than he burnt a fuel line in two and had to stop. The fact that he burnt a fuel line in two and didn't ignite the entire vessel is food for thought. *Eden* and *Soirée* joined forces to place the markers, and the racers got ready to rumble.

Here's an excerpt from some radio traffic, to my best recollection:

Boat A: "Committee boat, committee boat, this is Boat A checking in."

Committee boat: "Please hold all checkins until the committee boat is ready."

Later.

Boat B: "Committee boat, committee boat, this is Boat B checking in."

Committee boat: "There are no checkins! There will be no checking in until the committee boat says there will be checking in. Is that clear?"

Much later.

Committee boat: "The committee boat is now ready to accept checkins. Would all racing boats starting with the letters A through M check in at this time. Boats starting with N through Z will check in next."

I've been racing here for three years, and this is the most orderly checkin process I have ever heard. The normally rowdy racers were all of a sudden the "Yes, sir" crowd, and it was something to behold. I'll have to remember that in the future.

After the brusque conversation about checking in, racers were not willing to ask many questions about the start. Normally, it goes something like "Racers, this is your five minute warning in 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, Mark." That day, here's what the fleet heard..."Racers.....uh, your five minute mark was a couple of seconds ago." While AJ starts boats with "The start is in 10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1, Start", this day the boats heard....."2,1,Go!" Nobody said a word.

The racers? Oh, I almost forgot. Eight racers signed up, and it would have been nine if T-Bone hadn't shelled out a wheel bearing on the trailer and couldn't get it fixed in time. Racing were *Cat-Can-Do*, *Dunteri*, *Froggy Too*, *Grafz*, *Lady in Red*, *Pure Joy*, *Soirée*, and *Time 2 Cruise*. A thirteen-knot wind out

of the south made for a course that could be run without a tack, and almost everyone was happy about that.

The small boat start was great with no bruises or bumps. Starts are getting to be more exciting as experience and trust become the norm, as shown by three of the big boats crossing the start line within five seconds elapsed time. Five of the eight starters were across the line within 18 seconds of their respective start times. That ain't bad. To top it off, of the eight boats starting, the average time lapse between the gun and their crossing the start line was 39 seconds. Compare that to the starts of a couple years ago. This club is stepping up, learning from the past, and striving to do better on the racecourse. It makes a race director proud. (Sniff.)

The course was a switchback involving all five buoys, liked by some and loathed by others. *Pure Joy* and *Froggy* had their irons in the fire, *Grafz* was on a search for Teflon coatings on leg two, *Lady in Red* was loaded for bare, *Dunteri* was defending her honor, *Cat Can Do* was cutting a wide swath after the first leg, *Time 2 Cruise* was hanging on and *Soirée* was using their new race motto. When the foam settled, so to speak, the results of the 2008 Scandia Cup were:

Third Place: *Grafz*

Second Place: *Lady in Red*

First Place: *Soirée*

Many thanks to Reeds' and Williams' for their valiant work corralling the fleet for this race. We couldn't do it without them, and they are appreciated more than they know. Tell them thanks when you have a chance!

And that's the way I saw it.

Your Favorite Racing Director,

Jack

Midyear Racing Update

It was the best of times, and it was the worst of times. We've had everything this year from shredded mainsails caused by too much wind, to races cancelled because the wind completely died. But through it all, the HBYC racing bunch keeps up the pressure and shows up to race.

We've completed the first four points races, with five more races to go. Still to run are the St. Martin's, Hudson to Hooters, two fun races, and the soon-to-be-infamous Women at the Helm race. There will be more information forthcoming at the meetings, but rest assured the format will be varied and challenging.

The course layout of seven waypoints that do not change seems to be gaining favor among the racers at HBYC. Everyone seems to be comfortable with the locations of the turns, and the variety of courses that can be laid out so that they don't have to race the same course all the time. I'll continue to make the courses 'interesting' as we get more comfortable racing in close quarters.

If you haven't signed up to race because you don't think your boat is fast, remember that the races are all handicapped to allow for differences in vessel age, design, hull speed, etc. Come on out and have some fun with the club and see what you are missing. We continue to have great support from the powerboat crew as they time starts and finishes, lay out courses and generally keep the racers in line.

If you have questions, give me a call at 376-2501 and we'll get you out for some fun racing with the HBYC group!

Your favorite racing director,

Jack Kuhlmann

Members' News

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Jones BessMae 7/2
Kitzler Jim 7/9
Dalton Bill 7/11
Kull Jo Anne 7/11
Deinema Bill 7/12
Grammer Linda 7/14
Goodwin Janie 7/17
Touponse Barbara 7/18
Wierzbicki Sandi 7/19
Knowles Mary 7/23
Glessner Jim 7/24
Zimmer Marge 7/25
Hatch Bob 7/29
Sperry Jane 7/29
Levesque Annette 7/31
Trantina John 7/31

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Sperry, Tom & Jane 7/2
Colson, Guy & Nancy 7/4
Touponse,
George&Barbara 7/11
Cover, John & Elizabeth 7/27
Pastor, Eddie & Cindy 7/30

WELCOME ABOARD

GOLDSBOROUGH, Randal
9221 Foremast Avenue, Apt. 4714
Port Richey, FL 34668
842-6070, cell 727-457-2559
"Tempo" 17'3" Com Pac Sun Cat 2008
rgldsborgj@aol.com

SPRIMONT, Jonnie
6535 Driftwood Drive
Hudson, FL 34667
868-4939
jsprimont@verizon.net

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS
Gene & Gail Prine
salorgirl@charter.net

Girls 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.

Also there were suggestions to have it on a Monday but that is flexible, we will try to accommodate everyone, but not every time. How about July 14th to start with. How many are interested? and give me some ideas as to what you would like to do or where you would like to go. 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 mwoodma1@tampabay.rr.com
Call me soon!

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, July 1st
7:30PM at Signal Cove Club House.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday,
June 29th at Donna and Joe's 7PM.

www.nyhbyc.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 Pre-
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tioner \$30 OBO. Used electric windlass (12 v). Brand: Power
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lae1945@tampabay.rr.com**

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5515 for more details. Asking \$35K

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

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

BREAKFAST ON THE BEACH

OUR NEXT BREAKFAST IS JUNE 29TH. IT WILL BE A CONTINENTAL WITH BAGELS, MUFFINS, FRUIT, JUICE, YOGURT AND COFFEE.

Hope to see you there!

Call Donna or Cheryl to get the best bang for your buck BY WEDNESDAY JUNE 26.

Finance News

HBYC BOOTY

Listed are HBYC Items that are available to purchase at the General Meetings.

HBYC Patches	\$4.00 each
HBYC License Plates	\$10.00 each
HBYC Burgees	\$22.00 each
HBYC Caps	\$15.00 each
HBYC Visors	\$12.00 each
HBYC BEAUTIFUL CAN COOLIES	\$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00
HBYC Calendars	\$4.00 each
HBYC Cookbooks	\$7.00 each
Hudson Tide Charts	\$2.00 each

The items listed below have to be ordered from Purser Mary Knowles.

HBYC Club shirts	White with navy trim, no pocket, 100% cotton	
Men's w/ 3 buttons, Woman's- V neck		\$27.00
With embroidered boat name		\$30.00

AVAILABLE IN OTHER COLORS

Cruising People News

Mooneys on the Move

Dear Family and Friends

After we got away from Worton Point Marina, we parked a mile away and straightened out the boat. It is great to be in the cruising mode again. We then headed north to the C&D Canal that joins the Delaware Bay and the Chesapeake Bay. It was built in the early 1800s to shorten the water route between Philadelphia and Baltimore. We had a nice couple of days seeing the town that was started in 1830. Most of the houses on the main streets are dated from 1850s and are in great condition. Then with Gene Michaux's help (The Commodore of the Hudson Beach Yacht Club) we timed the tides and motored through the canal and up the Delaware River to Camden NJ. We visited the Faraday Club where Gene and Chris are still members. They had told the club we were coming so they were on the dock to greet us. We had a good time visiting with new friends.

On Thursday we left to catch the ebb. It worked as we had a good ride half the way to Cape May. We anchored for the night at Cohancy river and finished the next day. The ride was rough as we had an ebb with a south (opposing) wind. This small boat really pounds in a short chop of a couple of feet. Eventually the tide changed and we were more comfortable.

WE anchored in Sunset lake about four miles north of the Cape May Canal for two days. We did some shopping and laundry. We met some nice people. One boat renter allowed us to tie up to his dock. The next day we were trying to dock at the wall and a man next door invited us to use his dock which was easier. You meet nice people everywhere.

Today, we will move north through the NJ intracoastal waterway to near Atlantic city. This is my (Jack) birthday, and what better way to celebrate 82 years than cruising.

We are well and happy, except the depth sounder is busted. Here we go again.

Love
J&S

MV Utopia Too

General Meeting Minutes

HUDSON BEACH YACHT CLUB

General Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2008

Opening

The regular meeting of the Hudson Beach Yacht Club was called to order at 7:30 on June 3, 2008 by Commodore Gene Michaux.

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. There was one boat inspection done for the month, Dave Zimmers boat. He received 3 free tickets for the 50/50 drawing. Paul said there would be a power boat meeting this month, and thanked all the power boaters who have helped out with the races.

Mary Knowles, Purser gave the Purser report, balance on hand April 28, 2008, \$3386.37; Income \$1393.00; Expenses \$522.66; Balance on Hand, May 27, 2008 \$4256.71.

Madelaine Woodman, Membership, welcomed guests and new members to the meeting. New members were introduced.

Madelaine said Marty & Rosalie Piter were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. Congratulations!

Donna Murray, Social, reminded all that breakfast on the beach is June 29th, at 9:00 and the price is \$3.00 if you have signed up and \$4.00 if you just show up.

Donna reminded members of the Poker Run June 14th. Bring a dish to share and sign up and pay at the General Meeting tonight. Price is \$7.00 per person, kids free.

Mary Reed, Marker 2, asked if all members received their Marker 2 for May. If anyone has items to sell send your article to Mary and she will post it. She wants to receive all articles by June 5th.

Linda Baker, Public Relation, talked about the article that appeared in the Woodsman newspaper about the Poker Run and other club events

Donna Ray, Finance and HBYC Products, said we still have burgees for sale at \$22 each, visors, caps, and cookbooks are also available.

Commodore Gene called a 10 minute break for refreshments.

Quartermaster, Fred Dunlop, modeled the latest club donated boating equipment, all weather pants,

one size fits all.

Nancy talked about the Birthday and Anniversary dinner at Gulf Harbors this Saturday.

Cruising, Gene talked the Memorial Day Cruise. The next scheduled event will be the Fourth of July Cruise to Bel Aire anchorage.

Don Himes, Past Commodore, who has created the "Golden Cooler" award, presented them. 1st award went to Peter & Sandi Wierzbicki, 2nd award went to Jim Kitzler, and 3rd was presented to Don Himes
Jack Kuhlmann, Racing, talked about the June 1st fun relay race. He then presented awards for the Scandia Cup Race, 1st place, Jack & Brenda Kuhlmann, 2nd place, Gene & Crissy Michaux, and 3rd place, Skip Beatty.

Old Business

The secret question in May was actually three hidden questions, AJ, Patti, Digna, Donna and Bill Mather answered correctly.

Laurel Nash asked Gene to present the coastal cruising sailing class their certificates of completion.

Gene Michaux talked about the Gulf Harbors Race and dinner Saturday June 7th.

New Business:

The Commodore talked about the firearms training available to members this Fall.

Time for the 50/50 drawing, two winners were drawn, receiving \$20.00.

Congratulations!

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45

Minutes submitted by:
Mar, Yeoman

Mary Del

MYSTERY QUESTION!!

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.

If there are 5,280 feet in one statute mile, how many feet in a one nautical mile?

BOAT NAME	CAPTAIN	January		February		Spring		April		Scandia		June		St.		Women/Hudson/October		# Races	Total
		Fun		Fun		Fling	Fun	Cup	Fun	Martins	Hooters	Fun	6 or more						
Soiree	Jack Kuhlmann	2	0.75	3				0.75									4	6.5	
Lady In Red	Gene Michaux	3	2	0.75				2									4	7.75	
Grafz	Skip Beattie	4	4	5				3									4	16	
Time 2 Cruise	Don Himes	6	6	2				6									4	20	
Cat-Can-Do	Dave Zimmer	7	3	7				4									3	21	
Murph's Ark	Tibor Kormanyos	0.75	10	8				9									1	27.75	
Foxy	Derek Bennett	5	7	8				9									2	29	
Callystos	Jim Glessner	8	9	4				9									2	30	
Voyager III	Les Emery	8	5	8				9									1	30	
Pure Joy	George Martin	8	10	8				5									1	31	
Dunteri	John Cover	8	10	8				7									1	33	
Inspiration	Guy Colson	8	8	8				9									1	33	
Watkins No Name	Bill Piper	8	10	6				9									1	33	
Esperanza	Bill Kelly	7	10	8				9									1	34	
Froggy Too	Pete DelMar	8	10	8				8									1	34	
Lagniappe	Bill Deinema	7	10	8				9									1	34	
Mr. Lucky	Frank Lomozik	7	10	8				9									1	34	

Boat U.S. Foundation Tests 11 Boarding Ladders for Small Boats

ALEXANDRIA, VA, April 9, 2008 - For recreational boaters, a simple fall overboard is the number one boating accident "event" that leads to the most fatalities. The U.S. Coast Guard reports that in 2006, 275 persons died in 721 boating accidents that began with or involved a fall overboard. While some of these accidents involved other factors, being able to quickly get back in the boat - without help - isn't easy as a Boat U.S. Foundation test of 11 portable boarding ladders recently found.

"A fall into the water can turn into a life-threatening situation very quickly," said Boat U.S. Foundation President Ruth Wood, "It doesn't take long for exhaustion or hypothermia to drain the life out of you. Boaters and anglers need to be prepared, especially if you are alone. It can happen to you."

Be Safe,
Paul Kendrick

MOB WITH AN ENGINE

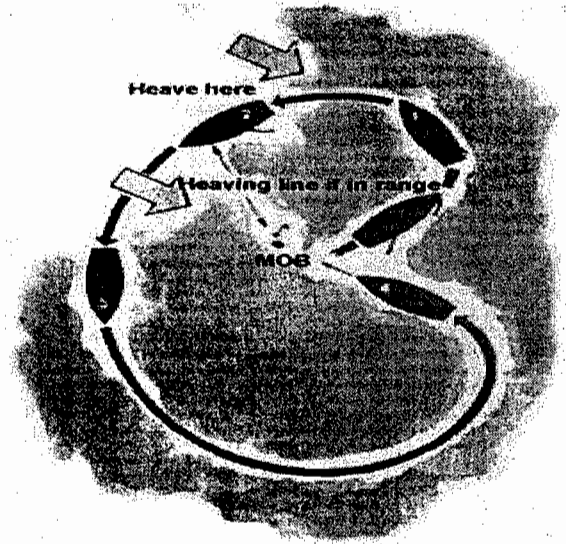
To stay as close to the person in the water as possible:

1. Come up to wind and tack, leaving headsail cleated so that boat stops hove to.
2. Throw a heaving line to the person in the water, if in range and haul alongside.
3. If not within heaving line range:

- start the engine
- lower or furl the headsail
- sheet the main sail amidships.

Ensure there are no lines or sheets lying loose on deck or overside that could foul the propeller.

4. Motor to leeward of the person in the water and approach him/her head to wind.



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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!

