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THE MONTHLY LOG OF THE HUDSON BEACH YACHT CLUB

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PLEASE JOIN US AT HUDSON BEACH YACHT CLUB
"ROCKIN AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE!"
Set DINNER/DANCE
DECEMBER 13, 2008
6:00 PM TO 11:00 PM

6 TO 7 SNACKS
7 TO 8 DINNER
8 TO 11 DANCING

MUSIC BY BIG JOHN

BYOB

RAFFLE AND DOOR PRIZES

SIGNAL COVE CLUB HOUSE

\$20.00 EACH

Fabulous Fifties
45 RPM
Favorite Songs of the 1950s
1954-1960



Commodore's Corner

Dear Members,

Well the year is winding down with HBYC plans already started for 2009. The days are cooler with wonderfully steady winds. Makes you wonder why we try to race during those god awful summer months with no wind. Oh well, this is the "Hud".

The racing season is officially over. If you missed the "Drag Race" your mind is probably still intact. It was truly a memorable event which was fun and entertaining for all. (It was a great race also).

Please don't forget to get your tickets for the **Christmas Party** on December 13th. It should be a "ram-a-lama-ding-dong" hoot.

Many thanks to Mike Clay from *Bay News Nine* for a fantastic presentation on hurricanes of the past at the November meeting. He is an excellent presenter with a remarkable memory for his passion, hurricane history. Thanks to the members who asked such great questions. Thanks to Vice Commodore Paul for setting it all up. Hopefully we can continue informative presentations in the future. If you have any suggestions, please let me know.

The 2009 board and officer slate is filled and will be voted on next meeting. I believe this group will provide a dynamic year of events and adventures.

Les and Judy are back in town after over 7,000+ miles. WOW. I'm sure they have many adventures to share. I also heard that Jack and Sandy are working their way back home after several months of their east coast travels. Laurel is headed down island. These are some of our cruisers that can fill you in if you're in doubt.

A big thank you to Laurel for putting on another sailing class for our lady members. Her dedication to the sailing community is overwhelming.

Please get involved in your club. Help out on committees that interest you. If you have some ideas, let us know. The more folks that get involved, the better. The team this year has done a fantastic job of keeping the club active and fun for everyone.

If you are interested in a 'Frost Bite Cruise' to the sandbar, let Paul know. (The club will provide FOOD!)

Please don't forget to bring some toys and /or a food donation to the December meeting. This is our annual drive to help the needy families in the area.

Enough for now, my wife says I need to apply for a "Federal Bail Out" so I can hire someone to do the housework.

Gene

Racing News

Holiday race

is

last scheduled for the year

Two days after Thanksgiving would be a great time to come out and run the Turkey Triangle on the HBYC racecourse. We'll start at 1300 with the smaller trailer-trash-type boats (i.e. Soirée), and let the more elegant models start 10 minutes later. The course will be 1-5-3-1, twice around. (Since it's old hat for this course, there won't be any captain's meeting.) It will be easy to follow the route because as one of the early starters, I plan on making jet-sam out of any giblets still left over from our holiday dinner. There could be a trail of mashed potatoes and gravy that looks like... never mind.

It's cooler, the breeze is more dependable, and the no-see-ums are in hibernation. I still have some trophies left over, too, so if you do poorly you may get one or two of those for your shelf back at the man-cave. Come enjoy the Gulf in its fall colors, and race with your friends at HBYC. It's the right thing to do!

Call me with questions at 376-2501 or email me at jkuhlmann@verizon.net.

Your Favorite Racing Director,

Jack

Members' News

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Edna Schwabe	12/3
Fred Dunlop	12/3
Donna Ainsley	12/4
Minell Wilhelm	12/4
Charlene Deitz	12/12
Kathy Mather	12/13
Bill Roberts	12/15
Bill Sloan	12/15
Sherrie Risalvato	12/15
Guy Colson	12/16
Vincent Risalvato	12/18
Deb Harrison	12/20
Paula Pepler	12/23
Roy Garcia	12/25
Sheila Bennett	12/27
Alice O'Connell	12/27
Joyce Rossi	12/28
Gail Martinsen	12/29

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Vince & Sherrie Risalvato	12/4
A.J. & Linda Seier	12/5
Gene & Chris Michaux	12/20
Ron & Gail Martinsen	12/29

WELCOME BACK

Charles & Charlene Deitz
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CHRISTMAS CHEER

We will be collecting non-perishable food items and new unwrapped toys at our December meeting. These will be taken to the Hudson Elementary School for distribution to needy families. This year more than ever before, they need our help.

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, December 2nd, 7:30PM at Signal Cove Club House.
- BOARD Meeting will be Tuesday, November 25 7PM at Hudson I-HOP

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Address Changes

If you change your address, email address or telephone number, please let me know. 863-9097 or mwood-ma1@tampabay.rr.com Thank you, Madelaine

FOR SAIL/WANTED

Large White Microwave - works great. \$20
Twin Mattress, Boxspring and frame - good shape - \$45
Double (Full) sized mattress and boxpring, good quality - \$225
Double (Full) sized craftmatic bed, works great - \$125
Call Donna 860-5635

Electric (2) Davits by Davit Master.
Each holds 3,500 lbs. Pair for \$1,000.
Call Roy Garcia at 727 861-7453 or
727 207-1563.

Notes:

CATALINA 22 FOR SALE
NICE! \$3,000
CALL MIKE 727-967-3216

Social Director

Ahoy Mates!

Well, the year is winding down and the social committee is still making sure the club remains social. While our October Shrimp Boil didn't bring in what we had hoped for, we had a great but coool time at our Starkey Park Steak Fry. As always, our wonderful members brought some great potluck dishes. Thanks to everyone who participated and helped with this project..

OK EVERYBODY! Dig out your best 50's duds and get ready to dance the night away at our annual Christmas Dinner/ Dance, "ROCKIN AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE" Saturday, December 13, 2008, starting at 6:00pm

At the Signal Cove Clubhouse. We have a new caterer, who comes highly recommended.

Tickets are \$20.00 a person and everyone must pay by our December 2, 2008 General meeting. At press time we still had plenty of tickets. Remember, due to past experience, everyone must pay when they sign up. We will no longer put names down on the sign up sheet without first being paid.

January's general meeting will be January 6, 2009 and it is our CHANGING OF THE WATCH with our potluck dinner to kick off our new season of fun on the high seas of the Hud.

Cheryl and I would like to thank our wonderful committee of hard working ladies. We truly would not have been able to have the great year that we did without their ideas, and willingness to do all that they did. We love all of you and can't wait to work with all of you again. Remember everyone, the social committee is open to all and would love to have some new members to pick their brains for new projects for the club. So, come on out to one of our meetings.

Till next time. Later gator, after while crocodile!
Cheryl and Donna

Making Strides 2008

"Making Strides Against Breast Cancer," the 5th annual American Cancer Society's 5K walk held on October 25th, was a great success.

The State of Florida raised over 5.5 million dollars that day

Many thanks for your gracious and generous support. May God Bless,

Mary M Reed

MYSTERY QUESTION !?

According to Mike Clay, what month has historically been the worse hurricane threat for the west coast of Florida?

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

Right answer = TICKETS!!

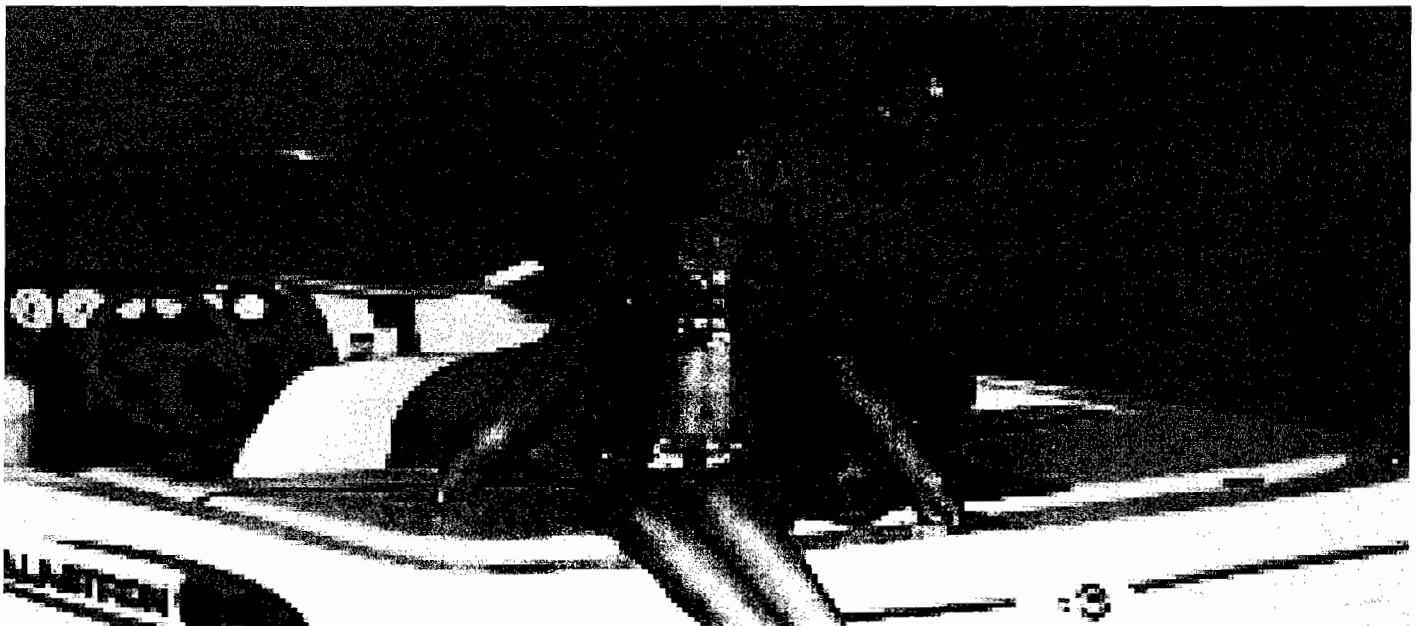
AIR'S WARM, WATER'S COLD

Every year there are preventable boating fatalities due to being unprepared for cold water. Cold water can be a real danger, particularly if we unexpectedly find ourselves in the water.

The first hazards of a plunge into cold water are panic and shock. Survivors of cold-water mishaps tell of having the breath driven from them on first contact with the water. Educating yourself on cold-water survival can make the difference. Should you be so unfortunate to find yourself in cold water, try not to panic. Think survival. Keep movement to a minimum, and if you do have to tread water, do it slowly.

A properly fitted life jacket will keep you afloat with little energy.

Effort should be given to whatever gets you out of the water fastest with the least amount of energy loss.



Power Boater's have more fun!

IT WORKED FOR ME

If you are at all handy working on your boat or around the home, odds are pretty good that you own at least one portable, battery-powered power tool. Older models were powered by NiCd batteries, then came NiMh, and now the newest models are using Lithium ion technology.

But most of us find little need to upgrade to the newest models, except for one **BIG PROBLEM!** Whether you use your battery-powered tool daily or only occasionally, over time (usually about six years) the batteries become weak and won't accept a full charge.

And when you explore buying new battery packs, you find that it will cost almost as much to replace the batteries as it would cost to buy a whole new tool. Additionally, if you own an older model, you might not even be able to find replacement batteries. Adding insult to injury, if you do find batteries for your older tool, chances are that they have been sitting on the shelf for a while, and you won't even get a full six years of use out of them.

There is a solution! Most battery-powered tools use standard 1.2 volt batteries in their battery packs, and these cells can be replaced, often with cells that have a higher capacity than those which were originally provided by the manufacturer. Changing the cells can be a little challenging, but there are several companies who will provide this service, and the cost is usually about half of what replacement battery packs would cost. Recently, after doing a considerable amount of research on vendors, I had a very positive experience having two battery packs rebuilt for my DeWalt drill. I used Walker's Battery Repair in Delaware (www.walkersbatteryrepair.com). I called them for information first (the owner Greg Walker answered the phone!), mailed my battery packs to them, and about a week later got them back. With no charge for return shipping! And my rebuilt battery packs now perform better than when they were new.

So if you are thinking of tossing that old battery-powered drill, for a reasonable charge you can bring it back to life for another six years or so!

Guy

General Meeting Minutes

Opening

The regular meeting of the Hudson Beach Yacht Club was called to order at 7:30 on November 11, 2008 by Commodore Gene Michaux.

Approval of Minutes

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

Reports

Paul Kendrick, Vice Commodore, talked about a Sandbar outing, since we have hot dogs and buns left over from past events. If you have suggestions on times for this event contact Paul.

Paul introduced the guest speaker, Mike Clay. Mike presented a wonderful talk on weather in our area over the last 100 years or so. His main focus was hurricanes in and around this area. He then answered questions from the members.

Commodore Gene called for a break! Members brought wonderful desserts for the November Meeting.

Madelaine Woodman, Membership, welcomed all guests to the meeting and said we have 97 memberships.

Madelaine talked about HBYC renewal forms, if there is no change to your form, simply bring the form back to the next meeting with "no change" written on it.

She asked members to please bring unwrapped toys or canned goods the next meeting, or a monetary donation for Christmas.

Jane Sperry for Mary Knowles, Purser gave the report, balance on hand September 30, 2008, \$3040.38; Income \$1412.65; Expenses \$1070.57; Balance on hand October 28, 2008 \$3382.46.

Mary Reed, Communications Director, called for a deadline of November 14th for the Marker 2.

Mary also thanked members who provided donations for the October 25th Breast Cancer Run.

Donna Murray and Cheryl Dering, Social Directors, talked about the Shrimp Boil and the number of people who signed up, didn't pay and didn't show up. Payment for events will have to be made in advance to prevent this from happening again. A great thanks to all that helped with that event.

Tickets for the Christmas Party are still available, sign up by the next general meeting.

The Starky Park Steak Fry is coming up November 16th, signup sheets were available. This is the last chance for payment and signup. Please bring a dish to share.

Jane Sperry, Finance and HBYC Products, displayed HBYC license plates for sale at \$10 each; visors, caps, and cook-

books.

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

Jim Glessner, Cruising Director, talked about HBYC members that were out cruising and where they were.

Don Himes, Past Commodore, presented the "Golden Coolie" awards. There were several deserving members from

Jack Kuhlmann, Racing, talked about the Drag Race on October 25th. Pictures of all those who participated were displayed for the meeting and enjoyed by all. He presented several lovely awards to the winners.

Jack talked about an after Thanksgiving Fun Race.

Business

Commodore Gene Michaux asked for nominations from the floor for each of the Board and Director positions. There were no nominations for any of the positions. Gene then read the proposed list of volunteers, as follows:

Commodore	Gene Michaux
Vice Commodore	Paul Kendrick
Purser	Mary Knowles
Yeoman	Bonnie Brown
Cruise Director	Guy Colson
Finance Director	Jane Sperry
Membership Director	Debbie Harrison
P.R. Director	Linda Baker
Publications Director	Mary Reed
Social Director	Social Committee
Web Master	Dave Zimmer

A vote on these positions was unanimously passed. All nominations are closed except for Social Director.

Time for the 50/50 drawing, one ticket was drawn, winner receiving \$55. Congratulations!

Meeting was adjourned at 9:35. Minutes submitted by:
Mary Del Mar, Yeoman

On a sad note we have lost Gary Lovell, a fun loving member and good friend.

We, the members of HBYC offer his wife, Karen White and his family our condolences during this difficult time.

IF YOU MISSED MIKE, YOU MISSED
A GREAT WEATHER LESSON!

Mike Clay - Chief Meteorologist, to be guest speaker for HBYC on Nov 11th. General Meeting.

In 1997, Mike helped launch Bay News 9 as the original meteorologist on Your Morning News. Mike says his most memorable moment at Bay News 9 was the morning of Aug. 13, 2004 when Bay News 9 successfully forecast Hurricane Charley to stay south of the Tampa Bay area.

Please plan on being at this meeting. We would like to have a good attendance for two reasons, Mike very knowledgeable on local weather patterns and the history of our local weather with a lot of good information for us, and it is a good opportunity to get our HBYC name out in the local news.



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Gene Michaux, Commodore

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

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