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THE MONTHLY LOG OF THE HUDSON BEACH YACHT CLUB

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## Women at the Helm

Saturday August 22, 2009

Captains Meeting: 09:00

South Pavilion - Hudson Beach

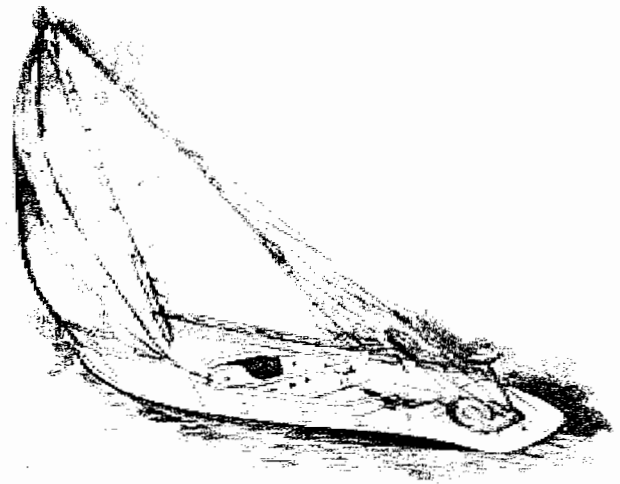
Race Start - All Boats: 12:00

Entry Fee: \$10.00

Tee Shirts - \$12.00

Course:

- \* HBYC - Start
- \* FR - 8
- \* FR - 10
- \*HBYC - Start



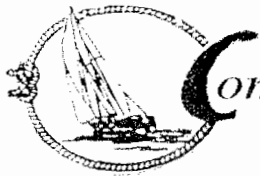
We will do two round trips for an 8.2nm total course length. There will be a cut off time TBA the Captains Meeting. The perpetual trophy will be the winning captain's to display at their home or on the dash of their car. There will also be plaques for 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Admirals, start gathering your crews. Remember, there must be a woman at the helm for the entire race. You can have male crew but they cannot take the tiller without DQ'ing the boat.

Tee shirts are available to all club members who want to spend the dough. We have ladies tank tops and standard tees available. You need to call me to order.

*Don Himes*

*Race Director*



## Commodore's Corner

August 2009

This month's report is going to be short. The reason?? I'm running out of steam. My mortgage is late, they're turning off my electric, my wife left me, and the dog is pregnant: what else can happen?

OK- so none of **that** is true but now I have your attention I can tell you about the great things that HBYC has planned for you.

August brings two sail boat races and a Breakfast at the Beach on the 15th.

I am assured that this **breakfast** will be so different that you will write your congressmen and demand that they put this on the White House breakfast menu. (Or at least on the menu of the 'Top of The Sixes" ) Be there or be square!!

When it comes to racing, the race director has guaranteed that the wind will be between ten to twelve knots for both races. If not, I think that an impeachment is in order! The Scandia Cup will be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> and the infamous "Woman at the Helm" race on the 22nd. Please call or E-mail the race director to enter the WATH race. We need your support for these fun times on the water. --- Just remember you can make up any story you want after the race.

Next month, that's September for you folks with dementia, brings a BOB on the 12<sup>th</sup> and the Coastal clean up on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

We also have a Fun Race on the 19<sup>th</sup> just to add some spice to your life.

Starkey Park Steak Fry (Or chicken fry) will be held on the 27<sup>th</sup> and we will have the pavilion all day. Please sign up with the social committee ASAP.

**The general meeting on September 1<sup>st</sup> will be a covered dish. It will start at 18:30 (6:30 pm) with the regular meeting starting at 19:30. We will have a guest speaker who will talk about man overboard drills. (You woman that have hubbies with good life insurance benefits need to hear this presentation).**

Enough for now, my wife says I have to get a life, be a productive citizen and stop fooling around. Boy is she in for a let down!

**Gene**

## Members' News

### September 2009 BIRTHDAYS

Bradfield	Ginny	9/5
Kuhlmann	Jack	9/7
Verbeke	Wendy	9/7
Ballard	Dennis	9/9
Zimmer	Dave	9/9
Musgrove	Ann	9/21
Kelly	Bill	9/23
Clark	Dave	9/24
Mather	Bill	9/24
Waterfield	Mary	9/24
Kormanyos	Tibor	9/27
Himes	Terri	9/29
DiVisconti	John	9/30

### September 2009 ANNIVERSARIES

Lerman	Jerry and Gladys	9/13
Mathes	Bob and Marie	9/23
Deitz	Charles and Charlene	9/29

**Welcome New Member!**

### Directory Updates

Any changes please contact Deb, Membership Director.

## Racing news

### Fun Race July 11, 2009

It seems that 2009 is shaping up as the "No Wind" summer season, after 5 races only 2 have had any wind to speak of. All skippers came to the Captain's meeting hoping today would be a good wind day.

As race time approached, winds were waffling at 3-5 knots from the WNW. Oh no not again! Paul Kendrick on *Papa Kilo* was our only committee boat. The racers were: *Time 2 Cruise*, *Soiree*, *Bayou Girl*, *Sounds Good*, *Lady in Red*, *Mr. Lucky*, *Four to Go*, & *Ronsway*.

As the start approached the wind was really dropping and many were having a hard time getting in position at the start line. *Time 2 Cruise* and *Soiree* had managed to get in good position while *Lady in Red*, *Sounds Good*, *Bayou Girl*, *Mr. Lucky* and *Ronsway* were way out of position. *Four to Go* had come out late and was way back when the start signal was given.

*Time 2 Cruise* got a great start followed by *Soiree*. The rest of the fleet was looking for a way to just get to the start line. Finally after about 12 minutes *Lady in Red* crossed the start. Others followed over the next 40 minutes with *Four to Go* finally crossing the start.

The wind was almost non existent and coming almost on the line to the first mark (sound familiar) *Soiree* soon passed *Time 2 Cruise* - pointing almost dead on the mark and making good time. *Lady in Red* was coming on fast as Commodore Gene had stripped her bare of anything that would not make her go faster. The water tanks were empty and there was exactly enough fuel to get in and out of the channel. *LIR's* goal that day was to beat *Soiree* head up.

*Soiree* beat *Lady* around the first mark, however Commodore Gene through - what I'm sure he would tell you if you'd ask - a brilliant series of racing tactics flawlessly executed, managed to overtake *Soiree* and rounded the second mark first.

Meantime, as the progress of the race was so slow and the fleet was scattered all over the course, the race director decided there was no way we could complete the full course and announced to the fleet that the race would end at the 3<sup>rd</sup> of 5 marks.

*Lady in Red* took a tack downwind and all hands were on deck to maintain the lead over *Soiree* who was making a valiant effort to catch up. Anything not needed was jettisoned; Commodore Gene even considered chucking some crew overboard. It was a slow drag to the finish but *Lady in Red* crossed the line first and a joyous cheer could be heard all over the course!

*Soiree* crossed second with *Time 2 Cruise* coming on strong. The rest of the field was somewhere far, far behind.

All other boats except *Four to Go* finished the race. Now for the good stuff -

I have a Certificate of Appreciation to:

Paul Kendrick of *Papa Kilo* for Committee Boat

Race Results adjusted are:

Third Place - Time 2 Cruise - Captain Don Himes

Second Place - Lady in Red - Captain Gene Michaux

First Place - Soiree' - Captain Jack Kuhlmann

Submitted by:

*Don Himes*

*Race Director*

## Social Committee

*Thanks to all of the people who have brought the "goodies" to our General Meetings. The last few months, the goodies have been exceptional.*

**The General Meeting on September 1st at 6:30 pm is the Men's Choice pot luck. The men bring a dish... Come at socialize at 6:00. For more information, contact Guy Colson, Ron Alward, Tom Sperry, and Wayne Brown who are the lead team for this event. Come and join us...the food will be special.**

Breakfast on the Beach is on August 15th at 9:00. We will be serving a surprise hot breakfast.

Have a wonderful week and see you soon,

*Mercie and Nancy*

# General Meeting Minutes

August 4, 2009

## Opening:

Commodore Gene Michaux called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

## Approval of Minutes:

The members approved the minutes as distributed. Yeoman Bonnie Brown read the June 5, 2009 thank you letter to Capt. Red of Boat US for speaking to the club at the June meeting.

## Reports:

Vice Commodore Paul Kendrick reported that we had to cancel the scallop hunt due to poor turnout. He also reported on safety and the need for boat education, drowning being the number one cause of death. Boaters should have as many life preservers on board as possible.

No purser report.

**Membership:** Deb Harrison reported 87 memberships, 148 individuals.

**Social:** Mercie Lopez thanked the women who brought the desserts and encouraged people to join the social committee. Next meeting: Sept. 15 at Jane Sperry's. Sept. pot luck is men's choice with the men bringing the food. Breakfast on the Beach will be featuring new hot items. There is a sign up sheet for the Steak Fry at Starkey Park on Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>. Price (for chicken or fish) unknown at this time; bring a dish.

**Cruising:** Guy Colson reported that you get a pirate shirt if you give blood at the blood services on Rt. 52. If you do, and bring the shirt to the Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> Treasure Hunt, the meal is free. Sign up for Labor Day cruise Sept 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>.

The Nov. cruise venue is undecided, but Ft. Myers is an option. Sept. Meeting will feature a guest speaker in man overboard techniques.

Eddie Pastor gave a talk and demonstration on putting together a ditch bag (water, sugar, whistle, fishing gear, flares, hats, etc.)

Gene gave a status report on our members who are out cruising.

No publicity report.

**Website:** Dave Zimmer asked for additions to the site.

He needs three volunteers for the Treasure Hunt team and input on the venue. Mike Reed volunteered. We need to arrange rides for people to get out to an island.

**Marker2:** Mary Reed needs used ink cartridges to take to Staples for credit. Please let her know when something is sold so she can remove it from the newsletter.

Bill Murray announced that on Sept.1<sup>st</sup> all boat fees go up 66%. Renew now for two years to avoid the increase. You need a salt water license to fish off a shore or dock. You can get a 65 yrs. and over license cheaper.

Joe Murray gave Mike Reed a yellow helmet head protector to use on his new boat—to avoid repeated head bonking.

**Patti Woja said coastal cleanup is Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 12 noon at the Hudson Beach public ramp; breakfast will be served.**

**Quartermaster:** Fred Dunlop resigned and turned the job over to Ernie Schwabe.

**Finance:** Jane Sperry said only 50 cookbooks are left; 12 pink hats are left. She needs a show of interest in other items to sell.

**Racing:** Don Himes needs committee boats for the Aug 8<sup>th</sup> Skandia race. Women at the Helm is August 22<sup>nd</sup>. T-shirts for these races are \$12. The last race results: 1st place: Jack Kuhlmann; 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Gene Michaux; 3rd place: Don Himes.

## Other Business:

Jim Kitzler said he knows a guy who is really good at aluminum work.

We need volunteers for the nominating committee for board members.

50/50 drawings: John Dering donated a knife won by Neva Goodman; Don Himes won \$40.

## Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Bonnie Brown, Yeoman

## CRUISING NEWS

It won't make you a better lover, racer, or cruiser; it won't even help increase your net financial worth. And in spite of your political bent, the government can't do it for you either. But in the Middle Ages, they claimed a similar practice could promote wellness and cure disease. What am I talking about? Giving Blood!

So here's the deal. As luck would have it, Florida Blood Services theme for August and September is "Blood Donors Share Precious Treasures". Right after this, on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, is our HBYC Pirate Treasure Hunt. Now normally, the club orders sandwiches, chips, etc. and the attendees pay for them, maybe something like \$7.00 or so. But, if you come to the Treasure Hunt wearing one of these FBS T-shirts, then your meal is free! What's better than that... free shirt, free meal, and knowing that you did some real good for somebody! Aargh!



So come on out to the Treasure Hunt wearing one of these proud beauties!

Back to cruising. Response to interest in a Labor Day Cruise was underwhelming - as in "nobody signed up ☹️". So I guess we'll scuttle that idea to Davy Jones' locker. But stay tuned for details on our November Sand Blast Cruise. Nothing else on the immediate horizon..

This time of year in Florida, it's important to keep your eye on the weather. A handy instrument for this, and this month's nautical definition, is "*Barometer*", which means "*Meteorological instrument which sailors often use to confirm the onset of bad weather. Its readings, together with heavy rain, severe rolling, high winds, dark skies, and a deep cloud cover, indicate the presence of a storm.*"

**IMPORTANT BREAKING NEWS:** Boat U.S. has just completed a great summary of the changes to Florida's Anchoring Laws. This is a **MUST READ** for cruisers and can be found at <https://www.boatus.com/gov/64005FLAnchoring.pdf>

Now let's have fun and **GET OUT THERE!**

*Guy*

## FOR SAIL/WANTED

Weslo pursuit 25 Exercise bike , the cat used it more than I do. \$37.00. New in January, rarely used. Patty 819 8125

### PASCO DISCOUNT MARINE

Moving soon to 15425 US 19 Hudson.

Phone still 869-6799 and 868-5380

### FOR SALE OR BEST OFFER

1995 Hurricane Deck Boat. 115 Yamaha Engine Needs reupholster. Wired w/Fish Finder \$4,900

Makai Kayak car rack \$100.00

Brass Ship's Bell \$30.00

897XT Hullivator Kayak Lift System \$399. New in the box. Retail \$499.

Canoe Motor Mount Double Block. New in the box \$65.00. Retail \$100

Minn Cotta Trolling Motor Power Center Megatrone Marine Deep Cycle. \$100. Retail for \$165. New.

Horizon Eclipse+1250A Radio \$65.00,

Large Print Waterproof Maps ( Homosassa, Gulf of Mexico, Clearwater to Crystal River. \$15.00 each

Icom IC2A VHF Hand Held Radio \$100.00 CALL 727-389-7483

## Notes

## All hands on deck !

**Publicity-anyone with a "Kodak Moment" especially of a group of HBYC"ers. Something civic minded that the club has done i.e.Safety Town.**

**If you would send it to me -**

**hudsun@verizon.net I will then submit it to either paper for a "hopeful" bit of publicity. The editors demand a lot of details,who took the picture,names of those(in order) pictured, date -all that info and any you deem interesting(other than how much wine they drank!)**

**Any help would be appreciated .**

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### Next Meeting Dates

- The next GENERAL Meeting will be **Tuesday, September 1st** at Signal Cove Club House. 7:30.
- **BOARD** Meeting will be 7PM Tuesday, August 29th at Nancy and Guy's.

### Marker 2 e-mail

**Submissions to the "Marker 2" editor via e-mail : [hbycmarker2@earthlink.net](mailto:hbycmarker2@earthlink.net)**

### Address Changes

If you change your address, email address or telephone number, please contact Deb Harrison [debharrison@ij.net](mailto:debharrison@ij.net) and Dave Zimmer see above Webmaster email.

### MYSTERY QUESTIONS !?!

**What is Nelson's blood?**

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

**Right answer = TICKETS**

## Meet our Members by: Bonnie Brown, Yeoman

Our members are the most important part of our club. Each month the Marker2 will feature one or two members, from "seasoned sailors" to those who have more recently "come aboard."



### Searchlight on Laura Murphy

Laura was born and raised in Boston, Mass. As a child, she always loved the beach and dreamed of having her own boat. Laura ran track in high school and worked summers as a lifeguard.

Laura earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from U. of Mass., but became a travel agent. This gave her numerous travel opportunities, like visiting the Caribbean and celebrating Oktoberfest in Munich, Germany. In her 20's, Laura also lived in London for a semester, Holland for six months, and Japan for one year.

In Japan, Laura taught English as a second language. She enjoyed it so much that she moved to San Francisco to get a master's degree in the field. There she met Tibor, whom she married in 2002.

The couple moved to Sacramento for two years where Laura taught English as a second language at a community college. Presently, Laura teaches the same subject at USF.

Laura's favorite club activities are the sailboat races and the informal get-togethers after the races. She shares Tibor's dream of one day sailing the Caribbean with their dogs, but not crossing any oceans!

Laura's favorite food is Italian vegetarian. She is learning to play the banjo alongside Tibor and would like to get into ceramics. In the future, she would also like to go backpacking throughout Asia, particularly China and Thailand.

Go for it, Laura!

### Searchlight on Tibor Kormanyos

Our resident master painter, Tibor was born in Szeged Hungary, where he grew up on his family's farm. They grew crops and raise pigs, chickens, ducks, turkeys, and rabbits. His only sibling, a sister, still lives there.

In Hungary, Tibor went to trade school for three years to learn painting, wallpapering, and other aspects of interior design. He was also an amateur boxer in Hungary and studied martial arts.

A need for adventure brought Tibor to the U.S. at age 26. He arrived in California in 1999 without yet knowing English. He lived in the San Francisco Bay area for five years, working in his trade.

Tibor met Laura Murphy in 2001 and they married a year later on a beach in Hawaii. In 2006, looking for a more affordable place to live than Northern California, they moved to Land 'O Lakes.

Two years ago, the couple met Brenda and Jack Kuhlmann while boating and joined our club. Tibor professes an addiction to racing his boat. His love of sailing is highly appropriate given that his name--Kormanyos--means "helmsman" in Hungarian.

Tibor's favorite food is (of course) seafood. He and Laura own two female mixed breed dogs, Gypsy and Coco. Someday he would like to take them all sailing around the Caribbean. In the meantime, Tibor is busy learning to play the banjo and making table tops. Check out his versatile work at

Good stuff!

[Westpac Home](#) | [On Board Equipment](#) | [On Shore Equipment](#) | [Signs](#) | [Books](#) | [Aviation](#) | [View Cart](#)

## Abandon Ship Bag Equipment

### Signaling

**EPIRB:** A 406MHz EPIRB is the most important item in your abandon ship bag. Remember to pack the EPIRB in such a way that it stays dry otherwise it might start transmitting since the newer units have a water activated switch. [Check out EPIRBs...](#)

**Flares:** USCG approved flares meeting SOLAS (Safety of Life at Sea) requirements are the most reliable and easiest to use. Carry both parachute flares for long range signaling and red hand flares for close in use. There is no reason the flares you are required to carry by the Coast Guard cannot be stowed in your abandon ship bag. This will help minimize your cost.

**Signal Mirror:** This is the one signaling device that you can keep on using. [Check out signal mirrors...](#)

**Hand Held VHF:** Either a waterproof model or stored in a waterproof bag a VHF is useful when other vessels are in sight. Remember it is easier for you to see a ship than it is for them to see you.

### Food & Water

**Extra Water:** Two to three quarts per day per person is suggested. Either carry water packets like what is packed in life rafts (5 year replacement life) or go to the grocery store and get bottled water which must be replaced much more frequently. [Check out survival water...](#)

**Reverse Osmosis Water Maker:** The second most important item you can put in your abandon ship bag. [Check out watermakers...](#)

**Emergency Rations:** Rations are bulky and heavy but the USCG approved types are designed to not increase your thirst. [Check out survival rations...](#)

**Fishing Kit:** If your rafts equipment pack does not include one, fishing can provide a ready source of food. [Check out fishing kits...](#)

### Medical Supplies

**Prescription Medicine:** Any medication that is required regularly by you or your crew.

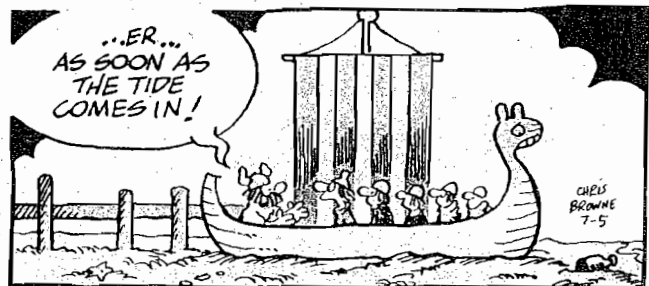
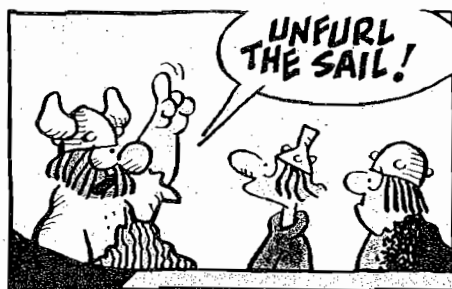
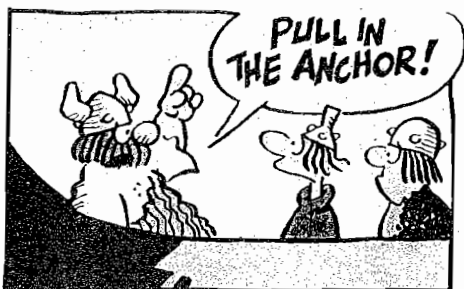
**Prescription Glasses:** A spare set can make life much more pleasant.

**Sun Screen:** This is almost never packed in a first aid kit, and do not forget your lips!

### Personal Supplies

**Large Garbage Bags:** These can be used as clothing or storage.





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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, Hudson, FL 34667*

*Sailors and powerboaters with or without boats are welcome!*