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THE MONTHLY LOG OF THE HUDSON BEACH YACHT CLUB

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Crystal River Cruise

Depart Feb 20th

Return 25th -26th

Well, this past week with its sub-freezing temperatures did little to inspire us to ready ourselves for the upcoming cruising season, that's for certain. But the tide (no pun intended) is certain to change very soon, when we can return to more normal temperatures!

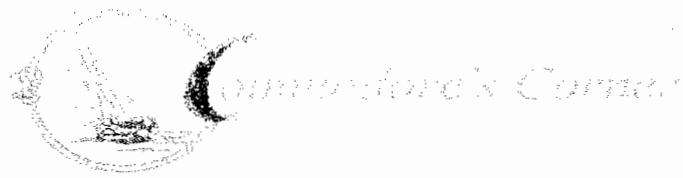
As previously announced, our first club cruise of the year will be Crystal River (King's Bay) from in February 20th to 26th. We have about six boats signed up and it should be a wonderful time kayaking, spotting manatees, and dingying about. **If you are interested in going (land cruisers are certainly welcome to come and meet us with your own or rented kayaks - they rent them there also) whether by land or by sea, please contact me at lesing@hudson.com or cell phone 203-586-9033 so that I can keep you posted on our activities and key dates - as well as invite you for the captain's meeting before the cruise.** Once again, Sandi and Peter Wierzbicki have been so cordial to invite any and all of us to their home in Hernando Sunday evening. Transportation to and from their home will be provided but I have to know if you plan on attending - so please let me know.

By the time you get this, Les and Judy will have departed yet again on the Great Circle Cruise. So if there is any doubt left in your minds - **CRUISING SEASON HAS OFFICIALLY STARTED!**

This month's meaningful cruising term is "*Piloting*", which means "*The art of getting lost in sight of land, as opposed to the distinct and far more complex science of navigation used to get lost if offshore waters*".

Now let's make sure our bottoms are clean and get ready to CRUISE!

What is the oldest man-made waterway in the intracoastal waterway system?



February 2009

Who turned off the heat? My old bones are yelling "move south, move south - why are you still in New Jersey?" This *global warming* is freezing me to death. Have you figured out that NOAA stands for "we have no-a-idea of what the weather will be? So much for the forecast.

The senate has just passed a law limiting the "executive pay" to \$500,000. When do I get my first check? Mary K. will have a heck of a pension plan with this executive package! She's not sure if she wants a golden parachute or just a nice rocking chair to retire on. Enough political talk.

What about the HBYC stimulus package? The social committee has people so fired up we have the desserts for general meetings covered through April. The Race Director tried to wind us up with a Super Bowl Dash race, but the wind gods were busy getting ready for the big game.

WHAT DOES THE AVERAGE ADULT MANATEE WEIGH (IN POUNDS) ?

The cruise director has us all set to sail on the 20th, to Crystal River, for some Manatee soup.*** (Jimmy says it tastes like chicken --how does he know?) Since Nancy's in Connecticut who's going to cook it? Chrissy says "*no way*" to this deal. Jane has merchandise selling like gangbusters (even the cookbooks). Marker 2 has some great reports and will contain 3 mystery questions this month. (you get a ticket but you need to answer ALL the questions) The webmaster is busy working on updates to the site and god only knows what Fast Freddy is up to.

Bonnie B. is going to be doing a column on various club members throughout the year. How well do we really know our members? I'm sure we'll find out new and interesting things about each other. For instance, did you know that Chrissy was born 6 foot tall and has been shrinking ever since?

Madeline has scheduled a "celebration" dinner for February 14th at Hella's in Tarpon Springs. Get in touch with her if you're interested. Great food, good friends!

Les & Judy are getting ready to take off on another loop. John & Elizabeth are going cruising in February & at the end of March. David and Carol E. have updated the cruising guide (thanks so much) and are also headed south. There's a cruise scheduled in April to the Dry Tortugas. Who says we don't know how to have fun?

The calendars were handed out to the members that came to Tuesday's meetings. Take a look! We have a lot of great events scheduled. Directories should be available at the March meeting. Hope to see you at the BOB### and race on the 28th.

Enough for now, my wife says I have to go find some wooden power boats to cut up for fire wood.

Gene

Foot notes :

*** Only kidding!

BOB=Breakfast on the Beach

Members' News

March 2009 BIRTHDAYS

Kendrick	Paul	3/6
Dering	John	3/11
Cover	Elizabeth	3/12
Waterfield	David	3/13
Emery	Judy	3/13
Martin	George	3/17
Kelly	Digna	3/18
Bridges	Skip	3/19
Ainsley	Mike	3/20
Alward	Ron	3/29
Cindy	Pastor	3/29
Jane	Brown	3/29
Nash	Laurel	3/30
Sperry	Tom	3/31

March 2009 ANNIVERSARIES

None

WELCOME ABOARD

C. Steve Taylor & Jane Brown

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35' Endeavour 1983 "Tranlyta"

Dennis & Denise Doyle

12444 Tansboro Street Spring Hill, FL 34608

Home: 352-666-5228

denisebear0803@comcast.net

22.5' Aquasport Explorer 2002 "DD Down"

Robert & Stephanie Yates

13419 Starfish Drive Hudson, FL 34667

Home: 727-869-1399 Cell: 727-457-6399

yates.sr@gmail.com

27' Proline 1998 "We-Go"

16' Carolina Skiff "We-Go II"

CORRECTION

Harry and Pauline Ohling

Email hohling@iglide.net



Racing News

FEBRUARY FUN RACE
Saturday February 28, 2009

Captains Meeting: 08:30 South Pavilion - Hudson Beach

Race Start: 12:30 All boats will start at 12:30.

Course will be announced at a later date. Keep an eye on the website and your email.

Don Himes

Race Director

Super Bowl Dash - January 31, 2009

Twos the night before the first big race and all through the Hud captains huddled in the cold blustery wind looking at the Gulf and wondering - "Is he crazy?" Winds were 15-20, temperature in the high 50's and seas 3-5 with small craft warnings. Surely, there will be a weather cancellation. None came.

By the time of the Captain's Meeting at 10:00am it was apparent that NOAA and other weather sources were again off the mark. The temperature was balmy, the winds light and not a whitecap was to be seen. Nine boats signed up to go. Captains were asked to don NFL gear to earn a special reward. Commodore Gene came in a "Hud" official NFL shirt with the "Infinity" symbol as his number. It was a commendable effort and consumed at least 4 Magic Markers but alas it was disallowed. Fortunately for the Commodore his crew showed with proper attire.

We were going to run an America's Cup type course with one turn through a chute. After an exhaustive explanation of going through a "chute" all captains agreed they understood Maybe! The race was to be one or two laps depending on the wind.

By 11:30 two things were obvious. 1) We had a tide problem - coming in late 2) The wind speed & direction were not going to work for the planned course.

The fleet was contacted and advised that we would be going ½ hour later, it would be one lap and that there was a new waypoint for the race. All captains indicated they copied the changes. When the fleet got on site and began to report in it was painfully apparent that we were definitely going to have light winds. Les & Judy Emery ably assisted by Ernie & Edna Schwabe were on Voyager II our Committee Boat. The roll was called, yellow flag raised and countdown begun. The 2009 HBYC Race Season is about to get under way! A call was received from **Knot a Clew** that they were stuck aground in the Signal Cove channel and would not make it to the race

Laura Murphy sent T-Bone to Seattle for a job - commandeered the boat, found new crew and renamed **Murph's Arc - Sounds Good**. They were looking good at the start and it was obvious that she has learned much from her past HBYC racing experience. **First time racer** Byron Pepler on **Bayou Girl** was single handed and doing a fine job of it. **Cat Can Do** was wondering deep in the chute and seemed to be having a good time. **Lagniappe** was coming into play and Captain Bill was wondering if we take the chute turn starboard or port!

The 27 & under start signal was given (way kewl buzzer Les) and the season was official. **Soiree**, **GRAFIX**, **Sounds Good** and **Bayou Girl** all got off to good starts in about 7kts of wind. Captain Dave and **Cat Can Do** seemed to think they were going to start with the over 27's and hung back.

Countdown came for the bigger boats and **Lady in Red** was first across the line, followed by **Cat Can Do**, **Lagniappe** and **T2C**. The second group started in winds gusting to 5kts! This was shaping up more as a "death march" than a dash. By the time the fleet reached the turn chute our fears were confirmed. Winds were hitting 2-4kts from no particular direction. **Soiree** made the turn first with the rest of the fleet getting further behind as the winds (believe it or not) continued to drop!

The downwind leg was more of a drifting contest than race. As T2C was making for the chute we drifted past boat after boat in a slow motion parade. Things were so slow that Pappa Kelo came out and circled T2C and Lagniappe in an attempt to give us some forward momentum off his wake. He even did a couple spins around Cat Can Do as he was stalled in the chute and going nowhere! It was so slow that Paul reported that he didn't even have to drop his anchor to stay on point with the buoys! Jim Kitzler on **Lady in Red** had Jack Kuhlmann's \$5.00 burning a hole in his pocket to slow down **Lady**. However, it was wasted money as LIR was drifting with the rest of the field far behind **Soiree**. Capt Gene and Pete DelMar were below creating new nautical martini's while Jim was on deck alone making sure they didn't drift into anyone.

Oh well, at least we had a lovely day and it beats being on shore any day! At a quarter of five my GPS told me we were running out of both time and tide. I announced to the fleet that we would call the race at ten after five and all boats not crossing the line would get a DNF (Did Not Finish). The fleet then raced in to beat the tide. T2C had a cool 2" over Michaux rock. Unfortunately, a loud crunch was reported by LIR as Lagniappe crossed over "Volkswagen Rock".

Most of the fleet and committee boat crews headed to Sam's for some beverage, grub and tall tales. All have agreed - we'll do it again!!

Many thanks to our support folks: Les Emery of Voyager for Committee Boat and Paul Kendrick of Pappa Kilo for buoy boat

Race Results are:

First Place - Soiree - Captain Jack Kuhlmann

Second Place - Bayou Girl - Captain Byron Pepler

Third Place - GRAFIX - Captain Skip Beattie

Other Finishers

4th - Sounds Good (formerly Murph's Arc) - Captain Laura Murphy

5th - Lady in Red - Captain Gene Michaux

Participated but did not finish - 6 points awarded
Cat Can Do; Time 2Cruise; Lagniappe; Knot a Clew.

Don Himes - Race Director

Social Directors

Breakfast on the Beach..Hot Breakfast...

at Hudson Beach South Pavilion

February. 28, Saturday, 9AM ..it is a race day.

Just \$3.00 if you signed up or call before Wednesday February 25

\$4.00 for walk ups

Nancy Colson and Mercie Lopez

Meet the 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." Because of her long and devoted service to the club, the "maiden voyage" of this article invites you to:

Searchlight on: Mary Knowles

Mary hails from the state of Maine, where she was born in her grandmother's 100-year-old home. She attended a two-room school in West Forks Plantation, where she was class valedictorian. She remembers riding on homemade bobsleds during her childhood winters.

Mary met her future husband, Thomas, while she was in nursing school in Lewiston, Maine. He was a student at a nearby college, working in the hospital kitchen. Once married, they lived in Boston, Valley Forge, and Stratford, Connecticut. Mary raised two children and worked as a cardiology nurse until the couple retired to Florida in 1987.

Mary began sailing with her husband in 1972 in Connecticut. Thomas' family grew up in Nova Scotia, where they were all sailors. Her favorite boating memories are sailing with her grandchildren off Long Island Sound.

Mary and Thomas joined our club in 1995, and he eventually became commodore. Mary became finance director in 1999 and has been purser since 2000. She credits the club for its congeniality. She was touched by the outpouring of love and support from the members when her husband of 65 years passed away in 2006. The club is "like family" to her.

Mary's own family recently expanded. She is now a great-grandmother to boy and girl twins. Mary will be 89 on July 23rd, and (hint, hint) she loves anything chocolate.

MYSTERY QUESTION !?!

How many zeros in 1 trillion dollars?

As long as you DO NOT CALL

AFTER 9PM! Call Gene at 862-7799

Right answer = TICKETS!!

General Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2009

Opening:

Commodore Gene Michaux called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. on February 3, 2009.

Approval of Minutes:

The members approved the minutes of the previous meeting as distributed.

Reports:

Bonnie Brown, Yeoman, announced that she will be writing a new article for the Marker2 each month, called "Meet the Members." It will feature biographical and nautical facts on one or two members.

Paul Kendrick, Vice-Commodore, again reminded members to get their 2009 safety inspection stickers. The inspectors are willing to go right to your boat. He also announced an open board position for NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) for Hernando County, in which he is active.

Mary Knowles, Purser, asked paid members to pick up their membership cards from her. She reported the following: \$3,076.29 balance on hand January 1, 2009; \$2,921.75 income; \$302.20 expenses; \$5,695.84 balance on hand January 31, 2009.

Deb Harrison, Membership Director, welcomed our visitors, who introduced themselves. There have been 69 renewals and six new memberships to date for an all-time record of 75 memberships. Calendars are now available.

Mercie Lopez, Co-Social Director, thanked the people who made desserts for the meeting. Donna Murray received a mini-cake and song for spending her birthday night with the club.

Patti Woja and Vera Martin will handle the Chili Cook-Off with help from the social committee. The "Motley Crew" will also assist with the Treasure Hunt and Caladesi Trip. We will have potluck dinners every quarter at the general meetings. One will be "Men's Choice," meaning that only men will bring food.

The first Breakfast on the Beach will be at 9 a.m., Saturday, February 28th, the same day as the sailboat race (as a pilot test of the logistics). It will feature the famous sausage gravy! Call Mary Knowles or Mercie by the Wednesday before to sign up. Sign-ups pay \$3.00, while walk-ons pay \$4.00 for the meal.

Jane Sperry, Finance Director, reported that the cookbooks (less than 100 now) are still two for \$7.00. They make great gifts for other sailors you meet while cruising. The license plates and burgees sold out, but have been reordered. We still have hats and cozies. The members suggested decals with our logo and floating key chains as new products.

Les and Judy Emery reported on their AGLCA (American Great Loop Cruising Assoc.) sailing trip. They cruised up the inter-coastal waterway and back down through the midwestern rivers to the Gulf, a trip of 7,551 miles taken in 12 months over two years.

The club congratulated Rob and Ann Musgrove on recently becoming U.S. citizens and presented them with a celebration cake.

After a break, Guy Colson, Cruising Director, reminded members to sign up for the Crystal River Cruise, February 20th to the 25th or 26th. There will be a separate captains' meeting prior to the trip.

He told the members to contact Jim Kissler if interested in an April 18th trip to the Dry Tortugas.

Guy also announced that the HBYC Cruising Guides were on sale for \$20, or \$5 for updating an old one.

John Cover reported on pending legislation on anchorage legislation. The proposed bill would permit every jurisdiction to make its own anchorage rules, as opposed to the present statewide uniformity. Members are encouraged to protest by letter or e-mail. The members passed a motion to take a club stance against the pending bill. The good news is that a new marina opened up at the far end of Boot Key, with a nearby Publix.

Dan McCann of the Hernando Beach Yacht Club spoke about forming a closer association with our club in an effort to improve its own.

Linda Baker, Publicity Director, reported that The Woodsman will publicize our Crystal River Cruise and Breakfast on the Beach.

Dave Zimmer, Website Director, reported that he is establishing a photo page on the web and asked for photos. Eventually the members will be able to upload their own shots.

Madeline Woodman, Librarian/Archivist, thanked Nancy Dunlop for her hard work on the birthday/anniversary dinners. Madeline will take over, with the first celebration dinner on Saturday, February 14th at Hella's on the sponge docks in Tarpon Springs. Time will be 4 or 5 o'clock, TBD.

Mary Reed, Communications Director, reported that there will be one to six mystery questions in the next Marker2. Please send her notice of any items you wish to sell.

Quartermaster, Fred Dunlop, reported that our inventory is safe. However, someone stole his personal tools from his boat recently. Dave Zimmer added that two of his kayaks were recently stolen—a light blue Acadia and a dark blue wide-mouth Pango. (Keep an eye out!) Members discussed a recent rash of thefts.

Don Himes, Racing Director, reported on the first sailboat race on January 31st. He thanked Les Emery and Paul Kendrick for assisting with the race and announced the winners:

First Place:	Jack Kuhlmann
Second Place:	Byron Pepler
Third Place:	Skip Beattie

The next race is on February 28th. Check e-mails and the website for details.

Other Business:

Gene needs volunteers to help spruce up our marina display at Safety Town. He asked members to call him with ideas for guest speakers.

Mary Knowles won the 50/50 (her second time in 10 years), with a prize of \$56.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Bonnie Brown, Yeoman

Cruising Clips by

Guy

With the winter solstice behind us, it's time, at least here in Florida, to start thinking about and planning for the cruising season. But before getting into that, I'd like to thank this year's Racing Director, Don Himes, for filling in on my behalf at the January "Change of Watch" meeting. I was away doing a different sort of cruising (or would it better be termed "careening"?) down the side of some mountains in southern VT with a couple of boards strapped to my feet. And I only experienced one "grounding" if you get my drift. Enough of that!

For 2009, my objectives as Cruise Director are threefold:

1. To capitalize on some of the past successful cruises we've done as a club, but also...
2. To encourage communication between club members regarding their own individual cruising plans, thereby hopefully offering even more cruising opportunities to our members than just what the club is proposing.

To continue with the concept of "something for everyone", by planning club sponsored cruises of both short and longer durations. And did I mention to "HAVE FUN"?

Our first club cruise of the year will be Crystal River (King's Bay) in February. If you didn't hear about it at the January meeting, you should find a flyer for it elsewhere in this edition of Marker 2. More information and flyers will be available at our next meeting on February 3rd. It has been a really fun cruise in the past, and this year it will be in the peak of the manatee season, so bring your cameras!

Again, I would encourage anyone who has cruises planned to consider opening them up to other club members. And I would certainly be willing to be the focal point for communicating them to the club. Further, I would appreciate any and all ideas or suggestions you might have for cruises in the coming year.

Each month in this column I will also include a meaningful definition of a cruising term. This month the word is "Current", which means "a tidal flow that carries a boat away from its desired destination or toward a hazard".

Now let's plan on "Getting Out There" this year!

It Worked for Me....

A couple of years back when I got my new Garmin GPS, the package included a few really nifty 3M connectors, called a UR2 connector, specifically designed for the small (usually 22 gauge) wiring used for all the signal wires for things like the NEMA interface used to connect your GPS to your autohelm and/or to your VHF radio DSC feature (you all know what that is, right?). They are gel-filled (moisture resistant), go together with just a squeeze of a plier, and are just the ticket for joining the smaller gauge wires (19-26) commonly found on your marine electronics. Recently, however, I discovered it to be a real challenge finding a merchant locally to buy them. A little internet searching turned them up online at ACE Electronics.

The URL is

http://www.ace4parts.com/Products/3M-19-26-AWG-Butt-Connector-UR-50-pack_UR2-PK50.aspx

Just a hint to perhaps make your next marine electronics installation project go a little easier.

Picture of 3M UR2 connector



Guy

FOR SAIL/WANTED

FOR RENT : Studio apt own bath and entrance ,fully furnished in New Port Richey home. \$110. week Call Joanne Hughes 727 207 0098 HOME or 727 849 9948 CELL

Catalina 22 for sale. NICE! \$3000
Call Mike 727-967-3216

KAREN WHITE
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Phone 727-869-7483
Fax : 727-868-5444

FOR SALE OR BEST OFFER

2. 1995 HURRICANE DECK BOAT 22 ft- no trailer Seats need redoing. 115 HP Yamaha motor \$4,500
3. House Generator \$400.00
4. Washer and Dryer - Very little use - like new \$400
6. Brand new air compressor \$200
11. Floating Dock - good condition \$1,000 Game Fischer boat no motor w/trailer \$ 200
12. Kyak Lift still in the box new.

A Garmin GPS 120XL, for sale. It has the receiver, antenna with cable, power cord and owners manual.

No maps, uses only GPS way points. \$50. Call Bill Mather at home number.

All hands on deck !

Come to our CELEBRATION!

We are going to Celebrate Birthdays, Anniversaries, Becoming a Citizen, and just being ALIVE.

We are going to go to Hellas Restaurant on Dodecanese Blvd. in Tarpon Springs on Saturday, February 14, Yes it is Valentines Day. Treat your Sweetheart to a great meal, surrounded by the best friends you will ever have. Join us for an afternoon of FUN.

5:00pm on Saturday, February 14 , mark the date down and call me to let me know you are coming, and how many.

Weednesday, February 11 at 12 noon is the "drop dead deadline" as we have to give the restaurant a number by then.

Madelaine 863-9097 or 534-0386

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Next Meeting Dates

- The next GENERAL Meeting will be Tuesday, March 3rd, 7:30PM at Signal Cove Club House.
- BOARD Meeting will be Tuesday, February 17th 7PM at Mercie and Ron's.

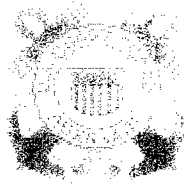
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Address Changes

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

My Notes:



Vessel Safety Checks

The U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary offers free vessel safety checks to boaters who wish to promote their own boating safety. If you are interested in a Vessel Safety Check you can schedule an individual date and time for an inspection with our very own Ernie and Edna Schwabe at 727-861-3341 or e-mail them at eeschwabe@yahoo.com . They will schedule you in as soon as possible.

The Vessel Examiners who perform these checks are specially trained Auxiliarists who are kept informed on the latest legal requirements for boaters. They have no legal authority - their goal is to prevent boaters from getting equipment-related citations and to prevent safety-related accidents.

These safety checks are meant to be an educational experience. The Vessel Examiners will check for all required items on board your boat and if everything is present and in good working order, they will award you with a spiffy decal to affix to your boat AND club members get 3 FREE 50/50 tickets at the next meeting. (And a cook book at ½ price) The Vessel Examiners will gladly explain the reason for the various safety equipment requirements and explain how safety equipment works. Let's all work to make 2009 a Safe and enjoyable boating year.

Paul Kendrick, Vice Commodore



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Gene Michaux, Commodore

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



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