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THE MONTHLY LOG OF THE HUDSON BEACH YACHT CLUB
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Commodores Poker Picnic

WHEN: June 20th, 2009

TIME: 2PM

WHERE: Colson/Sperry Ranch (Driftwood Lane)

COST: \$7.50 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.

Bring your own adult beverage.

Prize for best poker hand to be \$100! (Or a cruise to Somalia)

*** LATEST SIGN UP JUNE 16TH. ***

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

The thing I like most about summer in Florida is the fact that you know it will be followed by absolutely perfect weather in a few months. Hail, micro burst, tornadoes, lightning and torrential rains are very hard on my tomato plants. The peppers seem to tolerate these acts of nature better.

May was busy as promised and any one that didn't have a good time obviously didn't attend the functions! Thanks to all who made these events a success.

June offers a BOB on the 13th, Fun Race on the 13th, and the Commodores Poker Picnic on the 20th. Don't forget the Firecracker Cruise July 3rd -6th, Explanations of these events can be found elsewhere in this publication or on our web site. If you're planning on attending and haven't signed up, please call the respective chair of the event.

The club is now 86 members strong. This is great considering the current state of the union. If you haven't attended a meeting for awhile, come on out. We do seem to have a fun time and have had some great speakers.

On that note a big thank you to Captain Red from Boat US. He not only gave us a very interactive and informative talk last meeting but contributed an **Unlimited Towing Insurance Certificatel** This very valuable commodity is good for one year and can be added to extend your existing policy. This is a must have if you own a boat. **It will be the door prize at our next meeting on July 7th.** (ed. If you doubt the usefulness of this insurance, ask some of our members. Right Bill and Joe?)

Welcome back to most of our cruisers. I believe some of their adventures you may have heard and many more will follow. "Long Voyagers" Less and Judy are way up in Annapolis Maryland per last conversation. Laurel is on her 39foot cat "Here Today" somewhere down in the Georgetown Bahamas area eating fresh caught Mahi-Mahi. Safe sailing to you all and please keep us posted with your progress.

Well enough for now, my wife says I have to prepare for hurricane season. (Is the liquor store open this early?)

Gene

Members' News

JULY 2009 BIRTHDAYS

Taylor C. Steve	7/1
Ohling Harry	7/2
Jones BessMae	7/2
Dunlop Nancy	7/3
Kitzler Jim	7/9
Deinema Bill	7/12
Grammer Linda	7/14
M. Vera	7/15
Cruz Rose Marie	7/18
Wierzbicki Sandi	7/19
Knowles Mary	7/23
Yates Stephanie	7/23
Glessner Jim	7/24
Sperry Jane	7/29
Levesque Annette	7/31

JULY 2009 ANNIVERSARIES

Doyle Dennis & Denise	7/1
Sperry Tom & Jane	7/2
Yates Robert & Stephanie	7/3
Colson Guy & Nancy	7/4
Cover John & Elizabeth	7/27
Pastor Eddie & Cindy	7/30

Welcome Aboard! New members:

MILLER, Ira & Donna 5915 Beverly Drive

Hudson, FL 34667

Cell Ira 803-360-8040

Cell Donna 803-609-0903

"SUNSET THRILLS" 25' Four Winns 1988

imiller@sc.rr.com

Directory Updates:

Jim Kitzler email: jimkitzler@yahoo.com

Mike & Donna Ainsley email: mwebsailin@aol.com

Captain Dave...

Arrgh! Me Bucko's HBYC is looking for extra booty to put in the treasure chest. Bing your contributions to the meetings and events. Lets make this a special treasure hunt. Treasures can be more than baubles, such as parts and pieces boaters would use. Gift certificates or new product donations would be nice too.

David Zimmer or Coconut Patty will be collecting your booty! And some of it will be used, I assure you, heheh!

Also we're looking for two corporate sponsors, or a few small business owners wanting everlasting notariety!

Social Committee

June's Breakfast will be held Saturday, June 13th 9AM, at the South pavilion at Hudson Beach prior to the Fun Race that day. So come one, come all and get your nourishment. This will be a HOT breakfast, and rumor has it that biscuits and sausage gravy will also be featured. If you haven't signed up yet, please contact Nancy Colson by phone or email; and if you already signed up but can't make it, please, PLEASE call to cancel.

See you there... Nancy



June Fun Race

Saturday June 13, 2009

Captains Meeting: 08:30

South Pavilion - Hudson Beach

Race Start - All Boats: 15:00

Entry Fee: None

Course:

* HBYC - Start

* FR - 10

* FR - 8

*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. Certificates will be awarded to the 1st 3 placing boats.

This race will be one of the six used for Boat of the Year, so please make every effort to participate.

Don Himes

Race Director

Ladies/ (Admirals),

Per the discussion at the June meeting, I have consulted the tide tables vs. HBYC event schedule and here are the open days when there's enough tide to get in a race. I'd like to target the date when the most boats can participate and need your input.

Please look at the dates below and get back with me advising all the dates that will work.

Only lady captains who intend to race if possible should reply.

- 6/21 - Day after poker run
- 6/27
- 8/22 or 23

9/5 (Labor Day Weekend)

Needless to say I need your reply as soon as possible.

Thanks for your help

Fair Winds,

Don Himes

Race Director

General Meeting Minutes

June 2, 2009

Opening:

Commodore Gene Michaux called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. on June 2, 2009.

Minutes:

The members approved the minutes of the last meeting as distributed in Marker2.

Yeoman Bonnie Brown read a letter to the members from Mercie Lopez and Ron Alward. In it they thanked the club for its outreach of friendship and financial contributions during their family crisis.

Reports:

Vice-Commodore Paul Kendrick again reminded members to get their boats inspected, particularly with hurricane season starting. Paul introduced Captain George "Red" Ingram of TowBoatU.S., who spoke to the members on towing and salvaging issues. Capt. Red gifted the club with a one year free membership, which will be raffled off as a door prize. We gave him cozies and a cookbook.

Purser Mary Knowles reported this: Balance on hand as of April 28, 2009, \$5,252.84; income, \$554; expenses, \$747.11; balance on hand as of May 26, 2009, \$5059.73.

Membership Director Deb Harrison welcomed guests, who introduced themselves, and our new members, Ira and Donna Miller. We have 86 memberships and 147 individual members to date.

Social Director Nancy Colson announced that the next Breakfast on the Beach on June 13th will be a hot breakfast. Please let her know if you cannot come after signing up, because she plans food according to the numbers. The June 20th Commodore's Poker Run will feature hot dogs, burgers, and brats. Bring a covered dish or dessert to share. There will be soda, but bring your own adult drinks. The event starts at 2:00 p.m.

The cost is \$7.50 per person to cover the game itself. There is a pool, so bring swim suits. Children are welcome.

Gene explained the poker run: At the door you will reach in a box for a sealed envelope containing three cards. They are recorded next to your name. Two cards are pulled later, and the highest five cards win.

Jane Sperry reminded members to bring their own folding chairs to the Poker Run. Nancy reminded members to sign up to bring desserts to the next few meetings.

Cruising Director Guy Colson reported that 53 people attended the Hooters event. If you got the new cruising guide, pick up the correction sheet. Sixteen boats from our club went out distance cruising this year.

Guy presented an award to Ernie and Edna Schwabe for most boat repairs, calling it the first "HBYC Economic Stimulus Award." He also presented them with a check from the club in the amount of \$1.00 to help defray expenses.

There is a sign up sheet for the 4th of July Firecracker Cruise. Bring your dingy so that you can attend the picnic on Lone Pine Island.

Madelaine Woodman announced that she would continue to take photos of the members during the break.

Gene called a ten-minute break for refreshments.

Gene reported for absent Public Relations Director, Linda Baker. Our publicity for Breakfast on the Beach again appeared to encourage walk-ons from the general public. Gene noted that the reporter needed to be contacted about this continuing problem.

Communications Director Mary Reed announced a due date for all Marker2 submissions as Friday after the meeting. We have been successful in getting credit from Staples by returning empty ink cartridges. Members should please keep donating.

Website Director Dave Zimmer needs photos and content for the web site. Let him know if items posted on the site are sold so he can remove them. He asked members to bring in jewelry for the Treasure Hunt.

Racing Director Don Himes showed the t-shirts for the Spring Fling and St. Martin's races. He presented a Golden Cooler Award to Happ Harrison for running out of fuel in the Hudson Channel during the Caladesi Cruise. He then gave the second place Spring Fling Race award to John Cover, who had been absent for the awards.

Don stated that the captains' meeting for the Fun Race will be held at 8:30 a.m. at the next Breakfast on the Beach. The pursuit race begins at 3 p.m. Bring the children and grandchildren. Don needs a volunteer for the committee boat.

The women's race is not yet rescheduled. Available dates are June 21st or 27th, August 22nd or 23rd, and September 5th, Labor Day weekend. This will be in an e-mail. Call or e-mail Don with dates that DO NOT work for you only. Jim Kitzler is working on a tank top for the women, but anyone can order one.

Finance Director Jane Sperry announced that the new cruising guide has the corrections already in them. She noted that only 62 cookbooks are left.

Three people answered the mystery question correctly: Digna, Mary R., and Patti.

Other Business:

Gene announced that Jack Mariano was at Skinny's Bar discussing new development in the area, if anyone was interested.

The 50/50 prizes were \$30 apiece. Winners: Happ Harrison and Robbie Sloane.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Bonnie Brown, Yeoman

CRUISING NEWS

COMING UP- July 3rd to the 5th we have our annual "Firecracker Cruise" to the Belleair anchorage to watch Clearwater's fireworks the evening of the 4th. During the day of the 4th we'll have a little barbecue of dogs and brats on "One Tree Island" - a little spoil island not far from the anchorage. Food is FREE, repeat - FREE, but bring your own cold drinks. If you didn't sign up at our last meeting call or email your friendly Cruise Director (that would be me) so that we can ensure we have enough food.

Incidentally, we had a super turnout at Hooter's for our first spring "Cruise to Hooter's" event. And I believe everyone had a great time exchanging sea stories and scuttlebutt!

By my count, we had about 16 boats out actually cruising this spring - that is fantastic. Of course trouble seemed to find just about everybody, but the important thing is nobody suffered any serious personal injuries (pride doesn't count) and our boats weren't sitting on the dock collecting barnacles. And congratulations once again to Ernie and Edna Schwabe in being awarded the highly sought after "**HBYC Economic Stimulus Award**" for their significant financial contribution during their cruise to our West coast marine economy!

They say that a day without learning something is a wasted day - and I think I learned at least one thing every day we were out there this spring. I won't bore you with them all, but here is the most important thing I learned. When you are entering a marked channel and the markers don't start with a "1" or "2", but maybe something like a "26" or "57", then you are probably entering the channel at the **end** rather than the **beginning**. What's the significance of that? Well, it means that you are **NOT returning** (remember... "red, right, return") so in this case you should keep the green markers off your starboard and the reds off your port. This happened to me twice - when entering the Big Marco River and also when entering the Spanish Key / Harbor Key Bight anchorage. It's important to keep track of channel numbering schemes, especially when cruising in unfamiliar waters, so study your charts well in advance and stay out of trouble!

With all of the careful navigation practiced this spring avoiding the gazillions of crab pots out there, I thought this month's nautical definition particularly appropriate...

"Propeller" which means *"underwater winch designed to wind up at high speed crab pot lines or any lines or painters left hanging over the stern"*. **Editors Note:** I might add, in the case of the Sperrys and their boat "Whisper", this definition also includes winding up king-size plastic mattress covers that some nitwit had evidently dumped into the waterway.

As always, let's have fun and plan on **GETTING OUT THERE!**

Cruising Guide Updates /Corrections:

Indian Key / 10,000 Islands - Change 309°M to 129°M on course from Coon Key light to boundary marker at Indian Key

Spanish Key / Harbor Key Bight - make a note that as you enter the channel at Marker Green 57 keep green markers on your starboard (this is the END of a channel starting in the Atlantic going into Florida Bay)



FOR SAIL/WANTED

FOR RENT

2 Bedroom, 1 1/2 Bath Mobile home for rent. Has direct Gulf access with deck & dock. \$450.00 per moth. Please call Roy Garcia 727 207-1563.

Honda EV2000I generator for \$800 and the boat A.C. still in box for \$400 Call Karen 727 868 5444

FOR SALE 2004, 20ft, T-top Caravelle, 150HP Yamaha 4 stroke. Call 727 505 5542 Make offerfer A. J.Seier

I need to find a trailer that will accommodate a 26 foot Chris Craft Corinthian (8,500 Lbs.) to use for a week or so in order to clean bottom and props as well as align rudders, I may want to paint the bottom also while it is out of the water, any help will be appreciated.

Victor Tropiano 813-968-3838

MacGregor 26x

Set up as power boat

Rigging available

Full nav and safety equipment

Call Jerry at 727-849-0074 for list of many extras. \$3500

For Sale Sieman 75w solar panel \$199.99

ICOM SSB M700UK with AT120 tuner \$750.00

100' Furano cable \$45.00

Skipper Chair with bracket \$65.00

Carolina Skiff 16' 30hp Yamaha 4 stroke, center consol, trailer, new bimini \$6,500

1986 Herreshoff cat ketch, carbon fiber masts, all around canvas, electric windlass, vhf, davits, 10' Avon dinghy, 3.5 Tahatsu ob, autohelm. wind, speed, depth \$35,000

Laurel 727 264 6514 or 727 277 9110

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@verizion.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 .

Linda Baker

Publicity Director

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Next Meeting Dates

- The next GENERAL Meeting will be Tuesday, July 7th at Signal Cove Club House. 7:30.
- BOARD Meeting will be 7PM Tuesday, June 30th at Guy and Nancy's.

Marker 2 e-mail

Submissions to the "Marker 2" editor via e-mail : hbycmarker2@earthlink.net

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.

MYSTERY QUESTIONS !?!

How much did Captain Red spend on fuel last year ?

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 Tom Sperry

Tom's story began in Sioux City, Iowa, but he moved to L.A. at age two. He recalls that he "always" worked, starting with a paper route at age nine. At age 14, Tom lied about his age to get a job driving a dry cleaning truck.

At age 16, Tom became a structural steeplejack, connecting steel to build TV towers. He remembers helping to construct the first TV tower in Las Vegas. He also helped build one of the first UCLA medical buildings.

One day Jane was at a jobsite with Tom and saw him almost fall. She told him that if he wanted to marry her, he had to quit that profession. Her ultimatum led to a much safer job selling advertising for the L.A. Mirror newspaper. After marrying Jane, Tom was drafted and stationed for 18 months in Germany. There the couple adopted their first son.

After the service, Tom and a friend started a yacht maintenance business called Ship Shape. The company cleaned, stocked, and maintained other people's boats. Tom also ran charter and sold hydraulics. After several moves, the couple finally settled in Kansas City, where Tom started Sperry Marketing, a sales rep company.

After 25 years in Kansas City, the couple moved to Florida, met the Mooneys, and joined our club. Tom served as Commodore in 2005 and Race Director for two years. He describes our club as "like a family" that may squabble a bit, but is full of love, friendship, and fellowship. Well said, Tom.

Searchlight on Jane Sperry

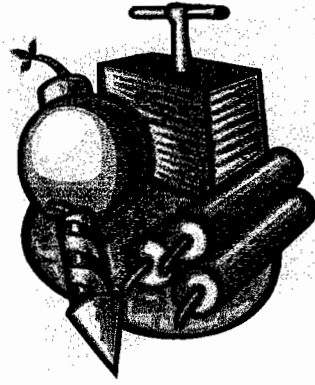
Jane was born and raised in Manhattan Beach, California, near L.A., when it was still a small town. A self-described female jock, she played tennis, field hockey, volleyball, and other sports, and spent her summers body surfing at the beach.

In her senior year in high school, Jane's friend set her up on blind date with Tom Sperry. He showed up for their Fourth of July date driving his 1941 Ford convertible and sporting a leopard-skin jacket, dark glasses, and a Presley-style pompadour with ducktail and long sideburns. Tom's persona did not frighten Jane—as it did her parents—and fireworks ignited during their second year of dating.

Jane attended a junior college in El Camino, but left to marry Tom. Although she worked in Tom's businesses and at her brother's dental office, Jane's main focus was raising her children, two sons and a daughter. She became very involved as president of the P.T.A. and as a den mother.

Jane began boating in 1970 in Michigan when she and Tom lived on a 38 ft. houseboat. They once took their houseboat from Detroit to Lake Huron to Canada and back with three children and her in-laws on board! In 2000, the couple moved to Florida and joined our club in 2001. Jane has served four years as Social Director (with Sandy Mooney as her right hand) and is presently Finance Director.

Jane and Tom now have 11 grandchildren with whom to share their boat—a 30 ft. Catalina named "Whisper"—during visits. Jane describes herself as still a "white knuckle" sailor. Her favorite activity is cooking, even though she exploded an egg as a newlywed. She and Tom will be married 55 years in July. Happy Anniversary, dear friends.



Firecracker Cruise

Depart Hudson Friday July 3rd: (High-Tide [3.2'] at 10:30 AM)

Arrive Belleair Anchorage (Clearwater ICW) mid-afternoon

Saturday Day: Dinghy to Spoil Island for club supplied (free) wieners and brats (BYO liquid refreshments)

Saturday Eve: Watch the fireworks, cocktails

Sunday or Monday: Return to the Hud (or wherever you wish)

Sign-ups: Tuesday Meeting June 2nd, or call/email your humble cruise director, Guy Colson



It's time to make your Hurricane preparation plans.

Hurricane predictions, 2009 storm names, and weather glossary.

Colorado State/Bill Gray: 14 named storms, 7 hurricanes, 3 major hurricanes

Weather Research Center: 7 named storms, 4 hurricanes, 0 major hurricanes

Weather Services Inc.: 13 named storms, 7 hurricanes, 3 major hurricanes

Accuweather: 13 named storms, 8 hurricanes, 2 major hurricanes

2009 Hurricane Names

Ana | Bill | Claudette | Danny | Erika | Fred | Grace | Henri | Ida | Joaguin | Kate |
Larry | Mindy | Nicholas | Odette | Peter | Rose | Sam | Teresa | Victor | Wanda



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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,
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Sailors and powerboaters with or without boats are welcome!