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THE MONTHLY LOG OF THE HUDSON BEACH YACHT CLUB

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Look inside for details.

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As in previous years, the Hudson Beach Yacht Club will be collecting new, unwrapped toys and non-perishable food for the needy children attending Hudson Elementary School. This has been a very tough year financially for many families, so please open up your hearts and wallets for this very worthwhile cause.

Please bring your unwrapped toys and food to our December 1st meeting. If you can't attend the meeting but would like to contribute, please contact either Gene Michaux or Guy Colson prior to December 14th, and we will make arrangements for pickup with you.

Guy

Racing news HBYC Race Director Report
- November General Meeting

The excitement of Hooters to Hudson
race

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Social Committee

We are approaching the end of activities for HBYC for this year. We only have a few left...come on out and join us and have some fun.

1) November 19th, our last Social Committee Meeting will be at Jane's house at 7:00. We will be discussing the Christmas Party, generating ideas for next year, and having fun and goodies. Come and join us.

2) November 21st, our last Breakfast on the Beach will have Biscuits and Sausage Gravy and other breakfast goodies. Come and wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. If you haven't signed up, please call or email Mercie Lopez or Nancy Colson by November 18th. We are going to have an unusually large crowd...so it will be a joyous occasion.

3) December 1st, our last General Meeting for the year. This last year, we have shared many happy and memorable moments at the General Meetings. The Social Committee wishes to thank all of the HBYC members for their enthusiastic support and for also bringing in new members. We are growing. Don't miss the last one, it will be a good one.

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- 1) Shrimp and Scallops carbonara over linguine
- 2) 3 - 4 oz pork chops and veggies
- 3) 14 oz New York Strip Steak with Baked Potatoe
- 4) Grouper - grilled, blackened, or piccata

If you have any questions, call Mercie or Nancy.

Have a good week

Mercie and Nancy

General Meeting Minutes

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

The members approved the minutes of the previous meeting. Yeoman Bonnie Brown announced the following contributors to our Coastal Cleanup efforts:

Pelican Marine Center -- \$25 donation

Hooters Restaurant -- wings

Sweet Bay Supermarket -- drinking water

Walmart -- gloves

Publix -- \$60 gift certificate

Mary Knowles -- \$50 donation

The club has sent thank you letters to all the organizations. Bonnie also read a thank you note from Hope Lutheran Church for our members' food drive contributions.

Reports: Vice-Commodore: Paul Kendrick asked for 2010 board nominations from the floor. There were none. He then announced the nominations submitted by the committee (Paul, Tom Sperry, and Mike Reed) as follows:

Webmaster: Dave Zimmer

Commodore: Jack Kuhlmann

Vice-Commodore: Jim Glessner

Social Director: Jane Sperry

Race Director: Gene Michaux

Marker2: Guy Colson

Public Relations Director: Victor Tropiano

Membership Director: Don Himes

Finance Director: Frank Lomozik

Cruise Director: John Cover

Yeoman: Linda Baker

Purser: Mary Knowles

Purser: Mary Knowles reported our balance on hand 9/29/09 as \$4,748.84; income \$1,315.00; expenses \$1,327.04; leaving a balance on hand on 10/27/09 of \$4,736.80.

Membership: Deb Harrison introduced three guests. We have 90 memberships and 153 people.

Public Relations: Linda Baker announced our club photo of Patti Woja and the coastal cleanup crew in the 10/16/09 issue of the St. Pete Times.

Finance: Jane Sperry announced that the whistles with our club name will sell for \$2 or three for \$5. Hudson to Hooters shirts are \$8. Chris Michaux displayed a (really beautiful) nautical quilt made by Sandi Wierzbicki that will be auctioned off at the Christmas party.

Racing: Gene (for Don Himes) announced the Women at the Helm Race winners: 1st place: Chris Michaux; 2nd place: Brenda Kuhlmann; 3rd place: Elizabeth Cover. He thanked Paul for manning the committee boat.

Hudson to Hooters Race: 1st place: Dave Zimmer; 2nd place: Gene Michaux; 3rd place: Don Himes. Paul Kendrick and Mike Reed received certificates of appreciation for assisting.

Social: Mercie Lopez presented Eddie Pastor with a birthday cake. She thanked those who brought food and desserts. The next committee meeting is November 19 at Jane Sperry's at 7 p.m. The deadline for signing up for the Christmas party is November 27. The party is on 12/5 and will cost \$17.50 apiece for members. Mercie thanked the committee for its hard work this year and the members for their support during her difficult year.

Marker2: Mary Reed asked that all articles, ads, etc. must get to her by the Friday after the general meeting. She thanked the members for donating ink cartridges. Gene noted that next year we will consider going paperless to save money and using only the website for the publication.

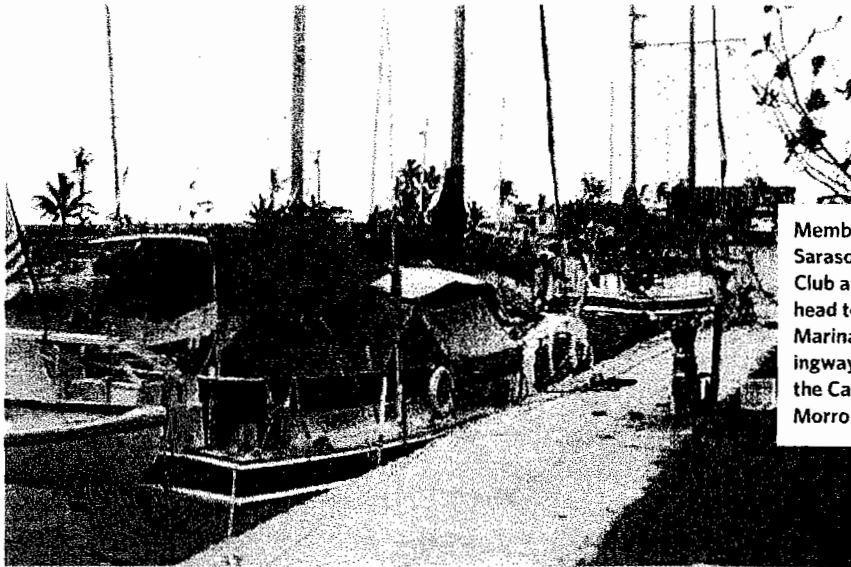
Cruising: Gene (for Guy Colson) said that 7 to 9 boats are on the way to Ft. Myers. He suggested going down by car to see the sandcastle display. The next race is cancelled because of the cruise.

Other Business:

Patti Woja answered the mystery question. At the next meeting, we will collect new, unwrapped toys and canned goods for our Christmas drive. The toys should suit 1st to 5th graders. The current Southwinds Magazine has an article by Jack Mooney.

50/50: Two drawings: Mary Knowles won \$35. Bill Sloan won an ice bucket.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



Members of the Sarasota Yacht Club are eager to head to Cuba's Marina Hemingway (left) in the Castillo del Morro regatta.

they'd be guests of the marina. During their stay, they'd participate in the sail from the marina to the port of Havana and back. The Sarasota club hasn't participated in the race for more than 15 years.

Sarasota fleet captain Don Payzant said the yacht club expects the participation of 100 sailboats ranging in size from 28 feet to 60 feet. A small contingent of powerboats will also make the trip and carry all donations, food, beverage, diesel, and all other supplies needed for the trip. More than 40 Florida yacht clubs and sailing organizations have been contacted by the Sarasota club and invited to participate. Payzant also expects entries from other parts of the United States.

CUBA: BACK IN THE U.S. REGATTA GAME?

AS A TROPICAL RAIN POUNDED THE SARASOTA Yacht Club's temporary clubhouse one spring night, a capacity crowd packed the tent to hear the evening's keynote speaker.

"This isn't just a regatta—this is a historic event," said Timothy Ashby. "After 50 years of antagonism toward one of our closest neighbors, Americans and Cubans now feel there is a potential for change."

Ashby, an attorney with Sonnenschein, Nath & Rosenthal in Miami and a national expert on Cuban-American trade issues, has worked pro bono on behalf of the yacht club to help it craft a permit application requesting permission from the U.S.

federal government to participate in a Cuban regatta.

The Castillo del Morro regatta, set for May 2010, is a 15-mile sail from Marina Hemingway, situated west of the port of Havana, and back. The race dates back to the 1930s. Commodore José Miguel Escrich of the Hemingway International Yacht Club in Havana invited S.Y.C. to participate in next year's event to re-establish a 70-year-old international tradition.

The permit, if granted, would also allow regatta participants to voyage from the west coast of Florida to Marina Hemingway, the Cuban yacht club's base, where

Several different regattas sailed from Florida to Cuba in the late 1990s and early 2000s. In 2001, more than 200 boats participated in a regatta from the Tampa Bay area to Marina Hemingway. But the number of regattas diminished in 2002, and they effectively came to a halt in 2004.

That was when the Bush administration banned almost all travel to Cuba, and punishment was aimed at vessels and operators charged with violating trade, diplomatic, and travel restrictions that had been in place for more than 40 years.

Some of the travel restrictions put in place during the Bush administration were lifted by the Obama administration earlier this year. Cuban-Americans are now allowed to visit family members in Cuba as often as they like. Other Americans are allowed to travel to Cuba but only if they qualify through certain cultural, educational, and other programs.

Bills in Congress aim to lift the 47-year-old U.S. travel ban, allowing unrestricted travel to Cuba for all Americans.

Attorney Ashby believes that if the bills are voted on in the coming months, the travel ban may be lifted for all Americans before the start of the Castillo del Morro regatta. In that case, the permit issue would be moot, and cruisers would be free to set sail for Havana.

Until then, yacht club members and other cruisers intent on getting there will stick with the permitting route, and hope for more.

Theresa Nicholson

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Accident Reporting Requirements

The operator of a vessel involved in a boating accident where there is personal injury beyond immediate first-aid, death, disappearance of any person under circumstances which indicate death or injury, or if there is damage to the vessel(s) and/or personal property of at least \$2000, must, by the quickest means possible, give notice to one of the following: the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the sheriff of the county in which the accident occurred, or the police chief of the municipality in which the accident occurred, if applicable.

It is unlawful for any person operating a vessel involved in a boating accident to leave the scene without giving all possible aid to the involved persons and without reporting the accident to the proper authorities.



Paul Kendrick, Vice Commodore



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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!



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CRUISING NEWS

Those who travelled to Ft Meyers for the Sand Blast cruise on Callystos were Jim and Karin Glessner, on Dunteri were John and Elizabeth Cover, on Inspiration were Guy and Nancy Colson,

On Angela M were Bill and Angie Piper , on Lagniappe were Bill and Sim Deinema, and Utopia Too with Jack and Sandy Mooney.

Land cruisers who joined in the fun were Tom and Jane Sperry and Ernie and Edna Schwabe.

Look for more information in December Marker 2.

Guy

FOR SAIL/WANTED

For Sale: 2005 Baltik Boats 11 foot inflatable dinghy. PVC Hull with air floor and inflatable beam bladder for better movement in the water. Big tubes, 3 seats. Can handle 5-6 adults with ease. Comes with 2005 Tohatsu 6 HP 4-stroke engine (less than 100 hours on both dink & motor) and gas can (3 gal). Price: \$999.00

Also, have a brand new Weston Gear Model 31-0102-W heavy duty (315 lb.) wheeled motor caddy still in the box. Original cost \$120.00 - yours for \$75.00 Contact Don Himes @ (813) 760-2235

WANTED: Used hospital bed or twin bed in good condition.. Will pick up. 727-389-7483.

I need a hospital or twin bed for mom when I visit as the ins. co. will not pay for a bed in Hudson and one in Jax. Thanks.

OLD DIXIE RV & BOAT STORAGE
CALL KAREN WHITE
Off: 904-230-7483

THANK YOU!!

American Cancer Society's 6th annual "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer," was a great success. In state of Florida raised over 6 million dollars that day.

Many thanks for your generous support. May God bless,

Mary M Reed

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 -
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Any help would be appreciated .

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Next Meeting Dates

- The next GENERAL Meeting will be Tuesday, December 1st at Signal Cove Club House. 7:30PM.
- BOARD Meeting will be 7PM Tuesday, November 24th at Paul's.

All

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 !?!

As long as you DO NOT CALL AFTER 9PM!
Call Gene at 862-7799 Right answer = TICKETS

Meet our Members by: *Bonnie Brown, Yeoman*



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Searchlight on Donna Murray

Donna majored in early childhood education at Radford College in Virginia, but left school to marry and raise two sons. She held a variety of jobs, including working on a land survey crew and a construction crew, before answering her call to nursing school.

Age 30 was a good year for Donna. She graduated as an LPN and met her future husband Joseph at a block party in Fredericksburg, VA. It was "almost" love at first sight when she looked into his "Paul Newman blue eyes." They married the following year and had a son together.

In 1993 the couple left Virginia and lived in New Jersey, Florida, Indiana, and Phoenix, Arizona before retiring to Florida permanently. Donna knows no fear. Once she single-handedly stopped five girls from beating up a young female at a mall. Presently, she works as a nurse at the Hernando County jail.

Donna and Joe learned of our club through neighbors and "fell in love" with the members after joining. Donna has served as our club's social director. Her favorite club activity is "all of it." Besides boating, she enjoys crocheting and Joe's homemade soup. She dreams of traveling to Australia one day. Presently, the couple has four grandchildren, ages 13, 11, 9, and 6.

Donna's favorite boating memory took place in 1995 when she and Joe were sailing off Hudson Beach toward Tarpon Springs in their first sailboat, a 21-footer. They were closed in by sea fog and had Beethoven playing on their portable radio. A group of Dolphins, drawn to the music, played alongside the boat. "Like a dream," Donna recalls. Beautiful.

Searchlight on Joe Murray

Joe was born in a farmhouse in Nashville, Arkansas. His family grew peaches and raised Black Angus cattle. Having a strong work ethic from an early age, he recalls cutting sprouts and putting up hay on the farm before he was six years old. At age 13, he got work at a machine shop and bought his first Harley. He has had five.

When he was 15, Joe moved to West Texas, took a full-time job at an oil pumping station, and lived in a desert trailer with no running water or electricity. He also attended high school, setting a school record for touchdowns his senior year and a world record in the 100 yard dash of 9.1 seconds (breaking 9.3) in 1958.

Joe returned to Arkansas and started college before leaving for two tours of duty in Vietnam. There, he flew a twin engine Cessna for recon and forward air control. He was shot down twice and once spent 11 days as a POW before escaping. Back in Arkansas, he worked in a sawmill while completing his degree from Henderson State College. He then attended Ohio U. on a full scholarship, earning a master's degree in sociology, with a psychology minor.

Joe worked 20 years for the federal government as a correctional treatment specialist for inmates and as a parole officer. Before retiring, he worked 10 more years in the private sector as a mental health care therapist and a regional health care administrator for 17 prisons.

Joe's life as been full of boys. He has one son from a previous marriage, one with Donna, and Donna's two. Now his life is full of boats--three presently. He also loves photography, his own vegetable beef soup, and his two-year-old springer spaniel "Beauregard," which (he claims) Donna has spoiled rotten.

The monthly meetings are Joe's favorite club activity. He makes claim to the "indisputable club record" for having a boat "on the hard"--17 months. He is looking forward to a May, 2010 sailing trip to Cuba with the Sarasota Yacht Club for the annual regatta. Sail away, Superman!



Commodore's Corner

November 2009

What do you mean only 48 shopping days till Christmas?? What happened to the Fourth of July?? Where has the year gone?? Why is the sky blue??? Things just haven't been the same since those "Ruskies" launched that "Sputnik" satellite!

So by now you may have realized that the year is winding down and our group has filled this year with many great activities. They have extended themselves and a fantastic effort has spawned some great events. I encourage every member to get involved next year. There's an opportunity for everyone.

Breakfast on the Beach (BoB) is scheduled for the 21st and features world famous sausage and gravy. The weather will be great (I can predict as well as NOAA) and the view is the greatest.

The Sand Blast Cruise is underway with seven or eight of our cruisers off the dock and out enjoying our fantastic playground.

The Hudson to Hooter race/ chicken fest was well attended and enjoyed by all in attendance. The race back to the Hud was QUICK and puffy to say the least. More on that somewhere else under cover of this fantastic publication.

PLEASE don't forget to bring a toy or two or some non perishable food donation to the next meeting. As for many years gone by, we are again collecting for the Hudson Elementary School. These children are grades one to five. The school distributes our donations to the local needy families during the Christmas season.

The HBYC Christmas party will be held on the 5th of December at Fatty and Mabel's.

Please sign up ASAP so we can give a headcount to the restaurant. The social committee has set up a menu and night to remember.

Enough for now, my wife says I need to stop fooling around and get those Christmas decorations ready.

Gene

Members' News

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Dunlop	Fred	12/3
Schwabe	Edna	12/3
Ainsley	Donna	12/4
Wilhelm	Minell	12/4
Deitz	Charlene	12/12
Mather	Kathy	12/13
Roberts	Bill	12/15
Sloan	Bill	12/15
Colson	Guy	12/16
Harrison	Deb	12/20
Peppler	Paula	12/23
Garcia	Roy	12/25
O'Connell	Alice	12/27
Martinsen	Gail	12/29

DECEMBER 2009 ANNIVERSARIES

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

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