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THE MONTHLY LOG OF THE HUDSON BEACH YACHT CLUB



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We all tend to use humor to make people more comfortable or to get past an uneasy moment. We'll even use humor in unpleasant situations to try to get past the awkward moment. Heck, they are even making jokes about the oil spill in the Gulf (You know, the one about the wedding ring...) I have to confess that I've even used one or two jokes myself.

If you've been to a meeting in the past six months, you've see some a display of some of the finest puns that money can buy, ranging from arcane census counts in Scandinavia to Indian medicine men. Some of you have seen the witty edge to the jokes, and some have...not. I've even seen a rudimentary scoring system start to take hold thanks to Happ Harrison. I'm not one to be put off by a low score, but when folks start sending me material, I begin to take the hint.

I've gotten some old stuff and some not so old stuff from our membership. In fact, I've even gotten some that is quite good, which makes me believe that there might be some really good humor out there just waiting to be unleashed on the fun-loving folks in our club. With that in mind, here's what I'm going to do: start the meeting with open mike time.

Send me your favorite, non-X-rated joke and if yours is picked for a meeting, I'll hand you the mike to share it with the crowd. (If you'd rather not be the one to communicate the humor, I'll find someone else to take center stage, but you'll still get the credit and a chance at the 50/50 take for the evening.) Life is somber enough already, so let's see what we can do to liven it up a little! Send your contribution to jkuhlmann@verizon.net and help me raise my scoring average.

Jack Kuhlmann

Commodore

jkuhlmann@verizon.net or 727-376-2501





The Starting Line - July, 2010



Well the fourth annual "Women at the Helm" race has been run with eight eager captains trying their best to race the wind. Two first time racers graced the field on Whisper and Cat Can Do.

The start was quite interesting depending on your view point and your place in the field. Please remember—this is supposed to be safe and FUN!! Soiree was first to cross with a quick shot around the green starting buoy. This move we have witnessed many times before and it sure works. Lady In Red was over next since her crew was busy mixing up another batch of Bloody Mary's (non alcoholic) for the pending long run. Quick to follow was Sounds Good with her crew hiking out on the windward spreader in spectacular fashion. Cat Can Do was tracking clean air with great direction from her navigator and the captains' steady hand on the tiller.

The excitement was close behind as Callystos made a bonsai move to the line. Although she was on a starboard tack with rights, she was late to the line, was headed in the opposite direction of all the other boats and away from the first mark. This made for some tense moments with Sande Bell and Esperanza. I believe, and hope, it was a major learning experience for all involved. Remember, safe and FUN--- you have the right of way right up to the moment of impact!

In the meantime, Whisper was practicing her penalty turns (ed- I believe she made 5 or 6) trying to whip her crew into shape and giving all the other competitors a head start.

The race to the first mark was intense as LIR chased down Soiree like a hound dog after a rabbit. Sande Bell shook off the start and was gaining on the entire fleet like only a multi hull on steroids can do. Sounds Good and Callystos were in a fierce battle for position while Esperanza and Whisper chased down the field after banking mucho penalty turns for the future.

The wind was light and variable (what else is new?) which made the turn at the first mark difficult to judge. Soiree was forced to tack twice to round and LIR was able to claim the lead. Cat Can Do was still in clean air but traffic at the buoy would prove interesting.

The race was fierce between Sounds Good, Cat Can Do and Callystos with only seconds separating them at the finish.

LIR, Soiree and Sande Bell, never looked back and finished the down wind run in grand style.

Esperanza withdrew due to technical difficulties while Whisper sailed to a spectacular finish with cheers from the crowd acknowledging their first race finish.

Well done by all the Captains and crew. A special thanks to Papa Kilo for being a great committee boat and Dr. Yacht on Time 2 Cruise for all the great pictures.

3rd - Sande Bell, Deb Harrison

2nd - Lady In Red, Chris Michaux

1st - Soiree, Brenda Kuhlmann



NEXT RACE: RETURN OF THE FIGURE 8 (Or *Infinity Race* for you scientific types)

When: August 14, 2010.

Captains meeting 08:30 South Pavilion Hudson Beach (just before the BOB)

Coordinates to be determined. (*hopefully not DURING the race - Ed.*)

Start: 15:30

Great spectator event!! In fact, if you'd like to "spectate" in air-conditioned comfort you are cordially invited onboard Les & Judy Emery's Committee Boat, "Voyager II". Just call either Les (727-860-5696) or Gene (727-862-7799) to make arrangements.

Enough for now, my wife says I have to hang some more pictures.....

Gene



Don't Forget... Here's a quick snapshot of up-coming events:

- August 11th - Daysail
- August 14th:
 - ⇒ Breakfast on the Beach
 - ⇒ Fun Race
- August 25th - Daysail
- August 28-29 - Anchoring Angels
- September 2-5 - Labor Day Cruise

Welcome Aboard to our new members:

Art & Sharon Carico
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Lutz, FL 33558
Phone: (cell) 813-817-6196
Email: artshar@verizon.net
Boat: 1979 30' Hunter - "Freedom"

Ian Hodges
7925 Bell Dr
Port Richey, FL 34668
Phone: (home) 951-733-7885
Email: None

D.C. Vincent
7705 Whispering Wind Dr
Land O' Lakes, FL 34637
Phone: (cell) 813-523-3419
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Don Himes
Membership Director

Speaking of Women at the Helm...

**First Woman Takes Helm of Carrier Group
July 31, 2010**

Daily Press, Newport News, Va.

When Nora W. Tyson entered the Navy in 1979, women were not allowed to go to sea on aircraft carriers.

The idea of a woman commanding a mighty carrier strike group? That was certainly for another day.

That day arrived Thursday for Rear Adm. Tyson, who made history in assuming command of Carrier Strike Group Two in a ceremony on board the USS George H.W. Bush.

The strike group consists of the Bush, America's newest carrier, four guided-missile cruisers; Destroyer Squadron 22, which includes six guided-missile destroyers and two frigates, and Carrier Air Wing 8, with eight squadrons of aircraft.

July Birthdays:

- August 1st - Joe Murray
- August 3rd - Don Himes, Gene Michaux & Bill Murray
- August 6th - Ernie Schwabe
- August 7th - Nancy Jackson
- August 10th - A.J. Seier
- August 13th - Art Carico
- August 17th - David Iben
- August 24th - Madeleine Woodman
- August 25th - Karin Glessner
- August 28th - Pat Donohoo & Sandy Mooney



This Month's Health Tip

As we get older we sometimes begin to doubt our ability to "make a difference" in the world. It is at these times that our hopes are boosted by the remarkable achievements of other "seniors" who have found the courage to take on challenges that would make many of us wither. Harold Schlumberg is just such a person. He remarks...



"I've often been asked, 'What do you old folks do now that you're retired?' Well...I'm fortunate to have a chemical engineering background and one of the things I enjoy most is converting beer, wine and vodka into urine. I do it every day and I really enjoy it."

July Anniversaries:

- August 1st - Harry & Pauline Ohling
- August 11th - Rob & Ann Musgrove
- August 12th - John & Cheryl Dering
- August 12th - Tibor Kormanyos & Laura Murphy
- August 14th - Commodore Jack & Brenda Kuhlmann
- August 17th - Pete & Mary DelMar
- August 20th - Bill & Robbie Sloan
- August 28th - Jack & Sandy Mooney
- August 29th - Fred & Nancy Dunlop



In the beginning, God created earth and rested. Then God created man and rested. Then God created woman. Since then, neither God nor man has rested.



HBYC August Cruise Director's Report



July saw a number of boaters out enjoying the Gulf waters trying to beat the heat. I told a friend up north our weatherman wears a red suit, has horns and carries a trident! Time To Cruise and Northern Lights enjoyed the Daysail. Dunteri's crew got treated to a sail on Gunter'sville Lake, AL on a Pearson 365.

The Night Sail event was great! Four boats with ten crew joined in for a nice night of sailing. We departed Marker Two at 1800 hrs on an eight-knot northwest breeze and sailed into a half-moonlit night to vicinity of Clearwater where we tacked at midnight to return. The breeze turned into an eighteen-knot zephyr as the wind clocked to east/northeast. The only problem that presented was a possible early, before tide arrival at Hudson. Some had to shorten sail to slow down but by 0630 all four were safely back at the dock having gained from the experience. Bayou Girl, Czech Mate, Four To Go and Dunteri enjoyed the night together and all felt we should schedule another one. With a dozen sailing weekends between now and December 1, that may happen. Speaking of which, between July 24 and July 31, there were eight consecutive days of good mid-day tides. Did you "TAKE HER OUT"??

Ramada Rum Run on August 7-8 should be fun as we have eight boats and four cars signed up plus six folks from Gulf Winds Club. Swimming, Happy Hour around 1600, Group Dinner at 1830 and Lounge entertainment afterward proves to be a good time waiting to happen.

August 11 and 25 are set as Wednesday Daysails with good, long tides both days. In addition, the ladies will be sailing off for the Anchoring Angels event August 28 and 29. No reservations needed for Anclote Key!

September's Labor Day Cruise on the 2nd thru the 5th will take place before the next meeting. We will gather in the Clearwater area where you have your choice of anchorages or the marina. Sunday nite a group dinner is being planned at "Cooters" located at 423 Poinsettia Ave. next to Frenchy's. This is easily accessed by dinghy using Frenchy's docks. Don't forget to tip the nice lady dockmaster. By auto, it's a right turn as you approach the roundabout. Five crews are already on board so PLEASE email or phone me no later than August 25 as reservations need to be made. More info will be distributed via email as the event gets closer.

In the Aug/Sep issue of Boat US magazine, there are three great articles on weather, reading the skies, etc. All boaters should read and digest this.

This year is cruising by (no pun intended) and before we know it, the tides will be slim and the heat index will be a wind chill factor. Remember this: "one today is worth two tomorrows", so "TAKE HER OUT".

John Cover, Cruise Director

s/v Dunteri

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General Meeting Minutes: August 3, 2010

Vice Commodore Jim Glessner called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Yeoman Baker (by B. Brown): By motion, members approved the minutes of the last meeting.

Membership-- Himes: Presently 91 memberships. He introduced two new memberships and two guests. He is looking for new people to be on the next Board.
Racing-- Michaux: Fun race scheduled for August 14. Report on Women at the Helm included first race certificates to Jane Sperry and Mercie Lopez. Trophies presented to winners: 1st place: Brenda Kuhlmann; 2nd place: Chris Michaux; 3rd place: Deb Harrison

Cover-- Cruising: July Night Sail was a success. Ramada Rum Run is August 7-8. Ladies Event August 28-29. Labor Day Cruise September 2-5. Come by boat or car. There will be a Sunday night group dinner in Clearwater at Cooter's Restaurant.

Website-- Zimmer: Pirate Treasure Hunt is September 18 at Durney Key and will be between \$8.50 and \$9.00 a head. Will need two powerboat volunteers to shuttle people from Hooters. Looking for cruising and boating articles for the website; send by e-mail.

Social-- Sperry: Thanks to Mercie Lopez for setting up the meeting. Next Breakfast on the Beach is August 14 at 9 a.m. Nancy Colson and Jane Sperry will make breakfast burritos.

There were no Public Relations or Pursor reports.

Guest Speaker: Kim Beaty from the Dunedin Boat Club spoke on the Dunedin Cup and Kiwanis Regatta on October 2.

Break for goodies.

New Business: Patti Woja needs volunteers for Coastal Cleanup on September 18. As this is the same day as the Treasure Hunt, we will need to discuss the logistics in the future.

Old Business: None

Marker2-- Colson: He needs used ink cartridges. Also, if you no longer need mailed copies of the Marker2, please let him know.

Bill Deinema: There is no Commodore's Poker Run this year, so he had the idea to utilize power boats, or even dinghies, and run the channels, picking up cards at various locations (like watering holes). A show of hands indicated great enthusiasm for the idea, which can be implemented some time in October-November.

Safety-- Glessner: Discussed water safety for children.

Finance-- Lomozik: 50/50 won by guest Ian Hodges.

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Bonnie Brown (for Yeoman Baker)

SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

BOB (aka Breakfast On the Beach)

SATURDAY, August 14th

9:00 am

Hudson Beach South Pavilion

Deadline to sign up is Thurs. Aug. 12. Call Jane Sperry @ (727)862-1661 or cell phone # (727)207-3243. All Captain and crews plan on staying for breakfast after your meeting. Where else can you get such a fabulous hot breakfast for \$3.00!!

Many thanks to Chris Michaux, Joanne Hughes and Paul Kendrick for the "Break time Goodies". Also to Mercie and Ron Alward for setting up the meeting. Without my "any time, any where, we're there for you" committee members I would be a lost soul.

Until the next "Eating BOB" on Sat. Sept. 11th.

Jane Sperry



If you have missed the often praised, Pulitzer nominated, (and sometimes actually read) "Meet our Members" column by Bonnie Brown which usually appears every month, I have great news! Bonnie's summer hiatus is coming to an end and the column will resume in next month's Marker 2.



FEAR

UNTIL YOU HAVE THE COURAGE TO LOSE SIGHT OF THE SHORE,
YOU WILL NOT KNOW THE TERROR OF BEING FOREVER LOST AT SEA.

FOR SAIL/WANTED

Watkins 17 sail boat with trailer ,roller furling ,extra sails. Bottom has been done to barrier coat needs to be painted. trailer is in excellent shape.

\$1,400.00 Very nice day sailor. Bought a bigger boat. Hate to see her go to waste in the yard. Thanks Dave Clark 727-364-7480

Catch some big ones with this baby!

Minn-Kota Electric Trolling Motor, Long Shaft, 85 lb. thrust. Only \$75.

Please call Joann Bliss at 727-809-4803

1988 Catalina 30 tall rig, Shoal 3'10" draft

Lazy jacks with stack pack, 2 anchors on bow, (Bruce with 200 ft chain and line) (Fortress with 150 ft chain and line), Electric winch, All new stays and rigging since 2003 All lines lead to cockpit for single-handed sailing, Full lifelines, Stern davits, 8'6" Achilles with 3.3 Mariner motor, Full bimini and dodger with side curtains, LED mast light and some cabin lights, Garmin 398 GPS with built in charts, New Raymarine S-1 autopilot, 4 27series batteries (3house 1starting), Recently reupholstered interior cushions, Cockpit cushions, Dual sinks in U shaped galley, Pressure water system, Adler Barbour chest refrigerator/freezer, 2 burner propane stove and oven with back-up tank, 110 microwave, 110 two plug converter, 6 gal hot water heater, head with sink and shower (fresh or salt flush), 40 gal fresh water, 25 gal grey water holding tank, 110 volt 5000btu air conditioner, 4 florescent light in cabin, Universal Diesel (S-25) overhauled 2004, Racor 500 fuel filtering system with tank clean-out, New bottom paint March 2010. This is the nicest 30' Catalina on the market. It is ready to take to the Bahamas and beyond. Asking \$28,000.00 Tom Sperry (727)862-1661

Many sailboat blocks & rigging parts, Nissan & Tohatsu new outboard motor parts below wholesale prices Les Emery 727-992-6441

Need a big dinghy?

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. \$300 or make offer.

Also...2005 Tohatsu 6 HP 4-stroke engine (less than 100 hours on motor) and gas can (3 gal). Price: \$900.00 or make offer.

Contact Don Himes @ (813) 760-2235

For Sale

*Electric self cleaning oven, harvest gold color, has a few years on it but works fine- \$50 obo, Sliding glass doors(2), no frame no chips -\$40 obo, *Metal Garage door complete w/ rails, 9' x7' -\$80 obo, *3-0 metal front door w/ jam - \$35 obo, * screen door for above-\$15

Call Gene 727 862 7799

Dock for Lease

For lease dock space available. Floating dock in first canal in Sea ranch. No electricity or water available. Call John DiVisconte at 727-967-1526

This Month's Nautical Definition

"Solo Sailing" . The only situation in which the skipper does not immediately blame the crew for every single thing that goes wrong. (I can't help but wonder how many HBYC crew members (aka spouses) can relate to this one... I can think of a few—Ed.)

FOR SALE—Project boat

It's a 29 ft sailboat the hull is in good shape, it has a rebuilt Atomic 4 that needs a carburetor, it has a lot of hardware in decent shape, a 4ft. fixed keel. total price \$ 500.00 (CHEAP!) Good handy man starter boat.It's at my dock, come and take a look. 13838 Sommers Ave. Hudson FL., or contact Bill Deinema

or contact Bill Deinema I'm in the directory.

Printer and Toner Cartridges Wanted: Please bring to our next meeting old ink cartridges and give to Guy

MYSTERY QUESTION

There was once a recluse who never left his home. The only time anyone ever visited was when his food and supplies were delivered, but they never came inside. Then one stormy winter night, when an icy gale was blowing, he had a nervous breakdown. He went up-stairs, turned off all the lights, and went to bed. Before daybreak the following morning, he became responsible for the deaths of hundreds of people. How? Call Guy at 727-868-9149 and leave msg. if N/A.

Next Meeting Dates

September General Meeting will start at

7:30 Tuesday, Sept. 7th at:

Signal Cove Club House.

BOARD Meeting will be 7PM Tuesday, August 20th at Republic Bank (Jack K. as host)

Sink or Swim

For Sale. Stainless steel sink NEW. For a small boat. it measures 15 1/2 inches by 11 1/2 inches and 5 inches deep \$25.00 **OR BEST OFFER**. Forespar extension handle, 24" closed & 44" extended. for a tiller (NEW) only \$10. Call Frank at 727-372-7103

All Submissions to the "Marker 2" editor via e-mail :

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It Worked for Me!

If you own any kind of a boat, with the possible exceptions of rowboats, pedalboats, and kayaks, then you really need at least a bare minimum of **CHARTS!** Even if you have an expensive chartplotting GPS with built-in charts, it's important to have a backup in case the GPS fails, so paper charts (and knowing how to read them!) are a necessity. It's also very difficult plotting an extended cruise with only a chartplotter GPS. But have you priced hardcopy charts lately? They ain't cheap! An individual chart is \$20 or more, a complete Chartkit for our area is about \$130. What's worse, after a few years they become obsolete, as new charts with more recent information are published. And of course, there are large scale charts (cover a big area) and small scale charts (small area but more detail). So what's a poor girl to do?

The purist says have a chart for wherever you go. But if you are financially challenged, here's another approach. Buy the chart(s) for where you cruise frequently, and supplement them with FREE Electronic charts which you can download onto your computer. You can plan trips, set up waypoints you can then plug into your GPS, and even print out the portions of the charts you need. I use the MapTech viewer because it's free and I'm familiar with it. There are other solutions out there, but most of them will set you back a few pesos.

Of course, most things that are free aren't always easy to find, so if you aren't too technologically challenged, I've made it as easy as possible. Note that this solution is for a PC, I know of no similar solution for a Mac. First, you need to download and install the Free Software from Maptech, so follow the link below to download it. Link to download FREE Maptech Chart Viewer: <http://www.maptech.com/support/doc.cfm?docid=123&CFID=21552052&CFTOKEN=78503361>

Now follow the instructions carefully in the link below to install the software and also do what you need to do to use the charts you can download (again for free) from NOAA. As a point of reference, you will be downloading "RNC" (aka Raster) charts, not "Vector" charts. But if you follow my links they take you right to the Raster chart download page.

Link to Instructions for installing the Viewer and also how to use the viewer with FREE downloaded electronic charts from NOAA (**I strongly suggest printing these instructions out**): <http://www.maptechnavigation.com/support/doc.cfm?docid=412&CFID=2224706&CFTOKEN=53413506>

It's helpful to know what charts you want to download (**DON'T MAKE THE MISTAKE OF DOWNLOADING EVERYTHING UNLESS YOU ARE VERY YOUNG AND HAVE A LOT OF TIME ON YOUR HANDS**), so follow the link below to identify by number, (e.g. chart #11409 is our immediate area) or region the charts you want to download.

Here is a nifty list of NOAA charts by number and/or region: <http://ocsddata.ncd.noaa.gov/RNCSelect/Default.aspx>

Once you know the charts you want, follow the instructions you hopefully printed out earlier to download, unzip, and move the extracted chart files into the correct directory on your computer (read the instructions).

Link to NOAA to select and download charts: <http://www.charts.noaa.gov/RNCs/RNCs.shtml>

There is a user manual available for the Maptech viewer, located at: <http://www.maptechnavigation.com/support/doc.cfm?docid=343&plid=24>

One other thing. If you are severely technically challenged and can't download/install the package and charts yourself, I might be convinced to help if offered a 24 pack of my favorite malt beverage! Happy and Safe Navigating...



P.S. #1 . If the MapTech links above don't work for you something strange happens (it happened to me and even I can't explain why) on some computers, I have the files loaded on a thumb drive you can borrow from me to load into your computer. Call me at 727-868-9149 or email noslocg@yahoo.com and we can set it up.

P.S. #2 If all of this sounds like too much work or confusion, check out the following link for experimental NOAA booklet charts that you can just print out! <http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/staff/BookletChart.html>

BONUS FEATURE for Marker 2 Electronic copy

"Women at the Helm" photos courtesy of our own Dr. Marc Yacht !



Mercie Lopez - Cat Dan Do



Karin Glessner - Callystos



Digna Kelly - Esperanza



Chris Michaux - LIR



Deb Harrison - Sande Bell



Brenda Kuhlmann - Soiree'

For the complete collection of Dr. Yacht's
WATH photos, go to www.myhbyc.com
where you can download your favorites!

More "Women at the Helm" photos courtesy of Dr. Marc Yacht !



Jane Sperry - Whisper

Laura Murphy - Sounds Good



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Sailors and Powerboaters with or without boats
are welcome !