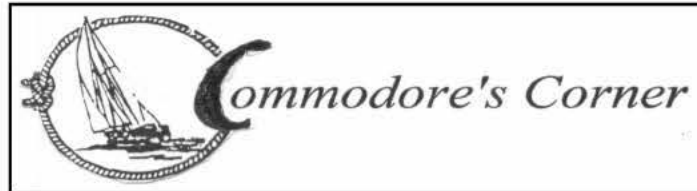




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THE MONTHLY LOG OF THE HUDSON BEACH YACHT CLUB

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This has been a very eventful and challenging year for me. It has been a wonderful year for me. It was an honor to serve you as the commodore.

We on the board wanted to give the club membership the kind of a club that you wanted. We brought back some of the activities that you wanted. We think that we were successful in that endeavor. There is still a lot of work to be done in how the meetings are run, and the new board will be working on that. The cruise program was greatly improved over the last two years, and that promises to be a program to be enjoyed in the coming year. Peter has good ideas for some new cruises. The race program has been revamped. The way that Paul and Gene retooled the handicap system, everybody has a chance to win. The incoming race director has a great program arranged for next year.

As we wrap up this old year, I am excited to get the next year started. Everybody have a happy Holiday season, and come back ready for another great year.

Jim Glessner

Commodore



Annual HBYC Christmas Drive for Hudson Elementary School

It was indeed heartwarming to evidence the generosity of our Club Members this year who opened their hearts, wallets, and cupboards to contribute to the Club's annual drive to help out the disadvantaged students at Hudson Elementary School. Your thoughtfulness and Christmas Spirit will go a long way toward making a much merrier Christmas for many children and their families this year.

So "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus" - thanks to you!!!



Thanks, and may God bless you and your loved ones this Christmas

The Editor



The Starting Line - December, 2011



2011 Race Season Recap

HBYC had a good sailboat-racing season during 2011. We planned on 11 races during the year, sure that the weather would take one of them away from us, it happened. We called another race for the Hudson Beach Boat parade. Last months race was called because too many boating activities were going on and it left us with too few boats for a race. Ok, so eight of the eleven worked out. That's 73%, a passing grade in this "no child left behind" world that we live in.

I'd like to do a quick race review of the year for you.

Artic Blast: Shadow, Soiree and Lady in Red. Shadow was new to the fleet and left the sandbags back at the house this race. This was Soiree's last run because she was sold, and the fleet breathed a collective sigh of relief.

Spring Fling: "Lady in Red", "Sounds Good" and "Shadow". Shadow found her sandbags, Sounds Good's first of three second places and Lady in Red's first of three first places finishes.

Saint Martians: "Cat Can Do", "Inspiration" and "Time to Cruise". This was a very windy day and Cat Can Do's hovercraft loves windy days. Inspiration's first of three wins for the year. Time to Cruise also places in three races this year.

Women at the Helm: Lady in Red, Sounds Good and Time to Cruise. This is a power shift in the Captain department; so all bets are off on this one. LIR and Sounds good showed why they do so well during the rest of the season. Time to Cruise brought in a ringer for this one.

Summer Fun run: Lady in Red, Sounds good and Bayou Girl. Bayou Girl's first of two races that she would place in.

Skandia Cup: Mahalo and Cat Can Do (tied), Bayou Girl and Callystos. This is the race where I borrowed some ringers of my own. It was Bayou Girls best race of the year, and was Callystos first and last time in the top three.

Three Piece Puzzle: Inspiration, Lady in Red and Enterprise. Inspiration's best race fighting with Lady In Red all the way saying, "...thank God for the Handicap system." This was Enterprise's fist time in the winner's circle.

Hudson to Hooters: Cat can do, Time to Cruise, and Inspiration. We know that winds always helps Cat Can Do, but apparently the thought of Chicken wings helped too. This was Time to Cruise's best race and Inspiration's third win for the year.

I'd like to thank all the Committee Boats that helped out this year. They did a great job, and we couldn't do it without you. Also, thanks to all the boats that raced with us during the year. I always announce the winners, but I've tried to mention all the boats that participated in my reports. So, The winner of this year's Racer of 2011, placing in the top 3 in of the 8 races, is our very own Lady In Red. Congratulations!

Paul

Race Director



December Membership Report

Total memberships: 100

Correction to Ray Torres (corrected phone #, added email):

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Hudson, FL 34667
Cell: 727-645-1334
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Don Himes
Membership Director

Social Directors Report



The last HBYC social event of the year will be our Annual Christmas Dinner Dance on Saturday, December 10th, at R-Beach Restaurant in Hernando Beach. The event is almost sold out, and we appreciate the support from our membership. The event will begin at 6 p.m. with a Cocktail Hour; we have the music booked until 11 p.m., so bring your dancing shoes and eat your Wheaties!!

The first general meeting on January 3, 2012, when the new Board of Directors is installed, will feature our traditional potluck dinner. We'll begin at 6:30 p.m., and the meeting will begin at its usual time at 7:30 p.m. As always, the club will provide drinks and paper goods. We ask that everyone bring a dish to share, and we look forward to the delicious foods that our club members always seems to bring to these functions.

Finally, your Social Committee Co-Chairs would like to thank everyone who has helped this year with our many activities. The job is overwhelming for just one person, but with the help of the committee members and the folks who are always ready to lend a helping hand, it has been a pleasure to serve you! We hope that you will give the same help to Joanne Hughes, our incoming Social Director, who doesn't yet know what she has gotten herself into ;).

We wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays,

Karin and Chris





HBYC December Fleet Captain's Report



The November Marker 2 carried my report of the 25th American Championship Sand Sculpturing Contest. Don Himes posted some great photos and Elizabeth has sent a slide show to him to publish to the club. The only thing I want to add is we were fortunate enough to be back in Ft. Myers Beach the end of November for the World Championship Contest. The sculptures were awesome and, again, Elizabeth has sent a slide show to Don for publication.

This is the time of the year for Cruising and other awards. Unlike racing where there are scores, cruising is wide open for consideration. It has come to my attention over the last year or so that not everyone who cruises does slide shows, reports, etc. so the only way one finds out about such activities is in conversation directly. I have been keeping an "informal" log of one such crew and it is surprising how much time they spend on their boat up and down the Florida coast, Keys, etc. I choose to recognize them for their accomplishments and to point out their very active sailing adventures to the club. This Cruising Award goes to "The Good Ship Lollipop", Roy Garcia and Neva Goodman.

Earlier this year we had a first for HBYC when there was a tie for 1st place in a race. Such is the case for cruising as well. I have chosen to also recognize a crew for their new and enthusiastic participation in the club programs and some of their own. One moves to Florida, usually buys a boat, and sets out to enjoy our beautiful waters. We see them daysailing, entering some races, and starting to cruise. The problem is they didn't have a big enough boat to satisfy their goals, so, they applied the three foot rule and bought a larger boat. Now they can and do participate in almost every event we hold plus some time on their own. It's been great to have them along on the events and so the second Cruising Award goes to the crew of "Czech Mate", Peter and Sandi Wierzbicki.

Recently, Vice Commodore Donna told me if she had to carry their boat out to the Gulf, Sandity Seeker would be there for the Ft. Myers cruise. I told her if they actually got away from the dock I would give her the one T-Shirt I had left over from the 2011 program. Monday, Oct. 31, we received a text "left this am, hit a rock and then a rock ledge. Awaiting diver to assess damage. Technically, you owe me a T-Shirt". I agree and as such am pleased to present Donna her shirt. The story doesn't end here. Wed., Nov. 2, another text. "Left early, hit and grounded on a sandbar. Called Cpt. Red 0530 who towed us over two more sandbars and two big rocks. Got us to open water, untied, at which time the midship chainplate broke. On our way to Her-nando for repairs but running 2500 rpms, only doing 2 knots". Since no valiant effort such as this goes unnoticed, it is my duty and pleasure to present to the crew of "Sandity Seeker", Joe and Donna Murray, the 2011 "Groundsmanship Award".

It has been my pleasure to be your Fleet Captain the past two years. I sincerely thank the club for this opportunity and all who participated. I especially want to thank Byron Pepler for standing in for me and directing the program while we were off cruising.

I wish the club and next year's Fleet Captain every success.

Fair Winds to all!

John Cover, Fleet Captain

S/V Shadow



Bubba Claus ?

A new contract for Santa has finally been negotiated. Please read the following carefully.

I regret to inform you that, effective immediately, I will no longer be able to serve the southern United States on Christmas Eve. Due to the overwhelming current population of the Earth, my contract was renegotiated by North American Fairies and Elves Local 209. I now serve only certain areas of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Michigan. As part of the new and better contract I also get longer breaks for milk and cookies. However, I'm certain that your children will be in good hands with your local replacement who happens to be my third cousin, Bubba Claus. His side of the family is from the South Pole. He shares my goal of delivering toys to all the good boys and girls; however, there are a few differences between us.

1. There is no danger of a Grinch stealing your presents from Bubba Claus. He has a gun rack on his sleigh and bumper sticker that reads: 'These toys insured by Smith and Wesson.'
2. Instead of milk and cookies, Bubba Claus prefers that children leave an RC Cola and pork rinds (or a moon pie) on the fireplace. And Bubba doesn't smoke a pipe. He dips a little snuff though, so please have an empty spit can handy.
3. Bubba Claus's sleigh is pulled by floppy-eared, flyin' coon dogs instead of reindeer. I made the mistake of loaning him a couple of my reindeer one time, and Blitzen's head now overlooks Bubba's fireplace.
4. You won't hear 'On Comet, on Cupid, on Donner and Blitzen...' when Bubba Claus arrives. Instead, you'll hear, 'On Earnhardt, on Wallace, on Martin, and Labonte, on Rudd, on Jarrett, on Elliott and Petty.'
5. 'Ho, ho, ho!' has been replaced by 'Yee Haw!' And you also are likely to hear Bubba's elves respond, 'I her'd dat!'
6. As required by Southern highway laws, Bubba Claus's sleigh does have a Yosemite Sam safety triangle on the back with the words 'Back Off!' The last I heard it also had other decorations on the sleigh back as well. One is Ford or Chevy logo with lights that race through the letters and the other is a caricature of me (Santa Claus) going wee on the Tooth Fairy.
7. The usual Christmas movie classics such as 'Miracle on 34th Street' and 'It's a Wonderful Life' will not be shown in your negotiated viewing area. Instead, you'll see 'Boss Hogg Saves Christmas' and 'Smokey and the Bandit IV' featuring Burt Reynolds as Bubba Claus and dozens of state patrol cars crashing into each other.
8. Bubba Claus doesn't wear a belt. If I were you, I'd make sure you, the wife, and the kids turn the other way when he bends over to put presents under the tree.
9. And finally, lovely Christmas songs have been sung about me like 'Rudolph The Red-nosed Reindeer' and Bing Crosby's 'Santa Claus is Coming to Town.' This year songs about Bubba Claus will be played on all the AM radio stations in the South. Those song titles will be: Mark Chesnutt's 'Bubba Claus Shot the Jukebox,' Cledus T. Judd's 'All I Want for Christmas Is My Woman and a Six Pack,' and Hank Williams Jr.'s 'If You Don't Like Bubba Claus, You Can Shove It.'

Sincerely Yours,

Santa Claus North American Fairies and Elves Local 209



December Birthdays

- Fred Dunlop - December 3rd
- Edna Schwabe - December 3rd
- Marcy Rossiter - December 3rd
- Donna Ainsley - December 4th
- Ron Ballentine - December 6th
- Bill Roberts - December 15th
- Guy Colson - December 16th
- Robert Cook - December 19th
- Deb Harrison - December 20th
- Roy Garcia - December 25th
- Gail Martinsen - December 29th



Editor's Note: I don't know about the rest of you with Birthdays in December, but I always wished mine was in the summer so that I didn't get those "combination" Birthday and Christmas presents!

December Anniversaries

- ♥ A.J. & Linda Seier - December 8th
- ♥ Gene & Chris Michaux - December 20th
- ♥ Ron & Gail Martinsen - December 29th
- ♥ Clark Parry & Lucinda Durkee - December 31st



General Meeting Minutes December 6, 2011

Yeoman-Baker/Minutes accepted as published in the Marker II, J.Dering, Judy Emory

Guy Colson; nominees from the field for Yeoman-Ginny Bradfield volunteers,

Slate of officers for the 2012 Board are as follows:

Commodore: Paul Kendrick, Vice Commodore: David Zimmer, Fleet Captain: Peter Wierzbicki, Racing Director: Mike Nunes, Membership: Nancy Colson, Publications: Guy Colson, Purser: Mary Knowles (Assisted by Chris Michaux), Finance: Jane Sperry, Social Director: Joanne Hughes, Web Master: Don Himes, Yeoman: Ginny Bradfield.

These candidates were presented to the membership and vote was taken and all officers were accepted and the motion carried.

Commodore J. Glessner gave certificates of appreciation to each board member along with a personal gift. A special award for the Covers for their extra efforts toward the club.

Fleet Captain-J.Cover - cruising awards went to Roy and Neva, Pete and Sandi Wierzbicki. Also presented to Donna and Joe Murray for an attempt to cruise.

Groundsmanship award to Joe and Donna Murray, Many Thanks to Byron Pepler for running the cruising in Covers absence

Racing Director; P Kendrick "Racing Boat of the Year" Lady in Red, Chris and Gene Michaux

Social director-K. Glessner/ 7 tickets left for the Christmas Dance this Sat the 10th. Pot Luck will be for the Jan change of Watch meeting please attend and bring a dish

Vice Commodore-D. Murray- no report

Membership-D. Himes we finished with 100 members this year.

Publicity- E. Cover/ Article has been, sent to regular sources about the Sand Cruise

Marker II- G. Colson/8 folks answered the Mystery Question this month, At the St Pete Boat Show, Latitudes and Attitudes Party Dave Clark won the sailing trip to BVI -Yeah!!! - and David Zimmer also won some goodies!

Purser-M. Knowles/ Balance on hand Nov 1st \$3220.44, Income \$30.00, Expense \$817.46, Balance on hand Dec 1st \$2432.98, Club Net Worth \$5223.19.

Bill Deinema announced that Jack Mariano, County Commissioner will be at Inn on the Gulf Friday between 5-7 to ask for support against the \$2.00 parking fee at Hudson Beach

Ed Pastor spoke regarding the starting event of the spring fling in 1990's and his mooning experience

Les Emery has a discount at West Marine and shares it with Club members; it helps everyone keep their discount by using it.

Motions to adjourn 20:45 Gene Michaux and Jim Kitzler second the motion

Respectfully submitted,

Linda P. Baker

Yeoman



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Have you ever wondered why we put an angel on top of the Christmas tree each Christmas? Well here's the story of how it all began...

When four of Santa's elves got sick, the trainee elves did not produce toys as fast as the regular ones, and Santa began to feel the Pre-Christmas pressure.

Then Mrs Claus told Santa her Mother was coming to visit, which stressed Santa even more.

When he went to harness the reindeer, he found that three of them were about to give birth and two others had jumped the fence and were out, Heaven knows where.

Then when he began to load the sleigh, one of the floorboards cracked, the toy bag fell to the ground and all the toys were scattered.

Frustrated, Santa went in the house for a cup of apple cider and a shot of rum. When he went to the cupboard, he discovered the elves had drank all the cider and hidden the liquor. In his frustration, he accidentally dropped the cider jug, and it broke into hundreds of little glass pieces all over the kitchen floor.

He went to get the broom and found the mice had eaten all the straw off the end of the broom.

Just then the doorbell rang, and a very irritated Santa marched to the door, yanked it open, and there stood a little angel with a great big Christmas tree.

The angel said very cheerfully, "Merry Christmas, Santa. Isn't this a lovely day? I have a beautiful tree for you. What should I do with it?"



This Month's Nautical Definition

Flood: Sudden rising of water onshore during which "landlubbers" are introduced to the pleasures of boating.

MYSTERY QUESTION

(for a free 50/50 ticket)

The twelve days of Christmas are the days between Christmas Day and Epiphany (the 6th of January). What length of time do they represent?

Email or call Guy, noslogc@yahoo.com, with the answer for a free 50/50 ticket,



This Month's Health Tip

Santa ran afoul of the bottle for a bit, Mrs. Claus, a classic enabler, took over. The Jolly One hit bottom when, after a binge lasting weeks, he began screaming and demanding to go to a detox. When Mrs. Claus asked him why, Santa confessed he was hallucinating creepy little men in pointy hats, swinging hammers and arguing in bizarre high-pitched voices. He calmed down after Mrs. Claus explained that the scene, while weird, was real, and not a hallucination. So this year, if Santa is a little late, or brings you something other than what you asked for, be indulgent - remember the "Insanity Clause"



Need a Jib?

I have a vector jib measures 21' 9" x 9' 4" if anyone is interested. used very little. Call Fred Nagele 727-8691537

Help!

Please help me get my USGC Approved Days on either Sail or Motor Boat to qualify for my 6 Pack Captain's License by asking me to join you on your boat for a minimum of 4 hours in 24 hours to complete my Sea Service Requirement. Debbie McCray 352-257-9000 Cell or mccrayda@yahoo.com

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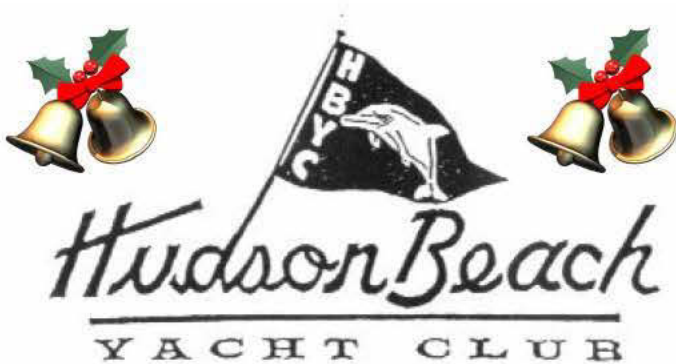
Next Meeting Dates

January General Meeting:

7:30 Tuesday, January 3rd at:

Signal Cove Club House.

Next Board Meeting 7:00 PM Tuesday on December 13th at Republic Bank. Old and New Board Members to attend, everybody bring a little snack or treat



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Jim Glessner, Commodore

**Meets the first Tuesday of each month at the
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