

Highland Yacht Club, Inc.

Newsletter

November 2001

SOUNDINGS

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NO BUSINESS MEETING FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER.

HIGHLAND YACHT CLUB LOSES ANOTHER MEMBER: I regret to announce that HYC member, John Boyd, passed away on November 14 following an extended illness. Funeral services were on November 16, 2001, at the Moore-Cortner Funeral Home.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Don't miss the annual HYC **Christmas Party** on December 8 at 6 p.m. at Base Buschee. Bring a covered dish and a "white elephant" gift for the much awaited annual gift exchange. Past gifts have included such favorites as: a phoneless cord, very experienced PFDs, a box of wooden nickels, complete 8-track collections, and velvet paintings. However, an occasional nice bottle of liquor or bucket of margarita mix have been known to appear.

Another don't miss event is the **Annual New Year's Day Sail** (it's on January 1). Although, I could not help but notice that several less hardy folks missed last year's sail. Some people just don't enjoy a nice breeze, 27 degree temperatures, snow, and ice, but despite the less than inviting weather, it was still great fun.

SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS KETTLE DRIVE

The Salvation Army is kicking off the annual Christmas Kettle Drive and again the HYC has stepped forward to help our community by volunteering to ring bells on December 8 (before we head to the Buschee's for what is sure to be another great Christmas party). Because of your help, this last year 24 children ages 7-12 went to a week long camp on Dale Hollow Lake; burned-out families were helped with school supplies, clothing, food, hygiene and household items; the elderly received heaters, wood, prescriptions, eyeglasses and fans; and others received emergency food, housing and utility assistance. On a national level emergency response teams from around the country arrived in New York City, the Pentagon and Western Pennsylvania on September 11. In the first four weeks The Salvation Army served over 2 million meals, met physical, social and spiritual needs, prevented suicides, returned a found wedding ring, and provided phones for other rescue workers to call their own families. Closer to home, 800 meals and services were provided at the Greyhound bus crash in Manchester until I-24 was reopened.

These are just a few examples of services provided which could not have been possible without your help. Thank you for volunteering your time and efforts by representing the HYC, other clubs or your church and helping the children and families in our community and all those impacted by tragedies. If you would like to ring bells and have not signed up yet please call me at 393-3330 or 454-9540.

Sarah Hailey, Chairperson

DON JONES NEARLY ABDUCTED BY UFO? (i.e. the perils of drinking at 2:30 in the a.m.)

At 02:30 on a dark cold Sunday Nov 18, 2001 six souls (Don & Joy Jones, Max & Sarah Hailey, and Tim & Kim Dolan) braved the early hour and cold to watch the forecasted Leonides meteor shower at the HYC site and they were not disappointed. It was a perfectly clear night with an excellent view of the heavens, with the exception in the direction of the Gossick leadership center boat ramp because of the of the security light. The show began upon arrival at 02:30 and was continuous till dawn. The peak occurred at around 04:00 and was estimated by the souls to be probably better than 20 to 30 meteors per minute. The meteors came in from all directions, some flashing as old fashion light bulbs and others leaving trails that remained visible for several minutes as the residue settled towards earth. Don and Joy witnessed a UFO over Boy Scout area, which can be confirmed by Tim and Kim, but not by Max and Sarah. Tim and Kim left as dawn approached but others stayed to witness sunrise and again were not disappointed. The first light rays peaked over Sewanee Mtn and continued up into the sky until it was a full glowing orange disk over the moored HYC fleet. Hope others got to see the show, I have been to other such forecast events and been somewhat disappointed but not this time.

Don Jones

HALLOWEEN PARTY A GREAT SUCCESS:

Well, it's real hard to balance on a round pumpkin and hold up a sail without rolling over! (They do float quite well by the way). There were four entrants. Tom Gillard, Matt Crawford, Paul Stephens, and myself. The entire Stephens clan on the Hobie Cat were an inspiration to us all. They were also first to finish the course. Badam was second with Max at the helm, Matt and crew of pirates (Dixie and Jeff) third and Tom with a crew of non sailors came in for the fourth place position.

Winds were probably 10-12 with gusts to 16-18 or so from the dreaded North. The orange gourds were dropped off the end of the dock by boat approx. 100 yards and allowed to drift downwind. A course from that location to any buoy on the waterfowl line, back to the floating orbs, pick up a pumpkin, go back to the buoy line, round a buoy and return to the end of the boat dock.

The catamarans stayed close to the shore and demonstrated the superior speed of a boat under control. The "big boats" showed that rail in water is slow. Grabbing a 10-12" pumpkin over the side while moving at 3.2 kts. is an interesting scenario. I thought that I was going swimming as it jerked me harder than I had prepared myself for. Max assured me that he had anticipated this and was prepared to restrain me further should it be necessary (yeah right)

Great fun was had by all and most certainly this will be a continuing tradition.

The pumpkin carving proceeded and the works were judged as part of the meeting later that evening. The uncarved pumpkin won the most acclaim verbally but was unclaimed and thus Matt Crawford's patriotic rendering was declared the best of show.

The costumes throughout the day were horrific, with people coming and going all afternoon and evening. My favorite was George Wright arriving as a married person (ooooohhh), but this turned out not to be the nightmare as it seems since he and Stephanie tied the knot last Saturday for real. The Roger's clan Janet, Linda and Lloyd all dressed as ghouls were declared victors for best costume.

Did I say it was cold? It was very chilly for the day and evening and that is what was served in many different forms for the pot-luck dinner.

A bonfire was lit and lies were told by all. Happy Halloween HYC !!!

David Bergevin

Highland Yacht Club Meeting Minutes of October 27, 2001, HYC Site

ATTENDEES: Max & Sarah Hailey, Matt & Dixie Crawford, David & Beverlee Bergevin, Mike Wasner & Kathy Hornsby, Bob & Eldrie Paulk, Paul & Wendy Stevens, Linda, Lloyd, & Janet Rogers, Nancy & Carlos Buschee, Bob & Janie Turpin

- 1 Commodore Max Hailey opened the meeting at 7 pm
2. September minutes were approved
3. Janie Turpin provided the following treasurer's reports:

Building fund:	1,861.26
Dock fund:	- 947.90
Regular spending	<u>1,597.50</u>
Total funds in checking and savings:	2,510.86

	Spring Regatta 2001 Report	Fall Regatta 2001 Report
Report		
Regatta Receipts	2,425.00	2573.51
Expenses:		
Committee boat	106.80	127.40
Food	1,375.48	1,352.63
Giveaways	554.24	724.46
Supplies	31.00	74.61
Trophies, plates, etc.	<u>163.00</u>	<u>21.00</u>
Total Expenses	2,230.52	2300.10
Income minus Expenses	+194.48	+273.41

- Total membership count: 53 full - 6 associate
4. **AF Liaison Report** - Max reported that the AF must have instant access to HYC site in case of a fire, terrorist threat, etc. ; therefore the AF has added their lock to the chain at the entrance gate. **Members are reminded not to wrap the chain at the gate in such a way that the AF cannot gain entry.**

Jeff Utey is working on a new alternative to the underground power line project: ACS electricians are willing to work after hours or on weekends to move the transformer if HYC pays for their labor. HYC will buy conduit and the service cable. HYC has agreed to allocate up to \$1500 to pay for this project and will need volunteers to assist. This change is necessary due to safety issues associated with above ground power lines at HYC overflow boat storage area.

5. **Port Captain Report** - In Kevin Baker's absence, Max commented that at the September meeting, HYC approved the allocation of \$300 to pay for building a roof over the dinghy rack. Some of the materials are at the site. **Volunteers with power tools will be needed to complete this winter project. Also volunteers will be needed to gather additional materials and dig the post holes.**

A project suggested by David Bergevin and supported by the port captain and harbor master is to build a wooden launching ramp over the concrete curb at the beach. The ramp will provide a safer way to launch dinghies.

HYC approved the allocation of \$250 to pay for this project which must be completed while the water is down.

- 6. Harbor Master Report** - In Don Jones' absence Max mentioned that the shoreline docks need to be installed while the water is down. No money is involved as materials have been donated. **Volunteer work parties needed!**

Max also mentioned that an extensive inspection of all parts of the dock including chains, shackles, and buoys needs to be done before winter sets in. **Volunteers needed.**

- 7. Communications** - Newsletter, photos, classifieds, etc. can be found on the HYC web page: www.highlandyachtclub.org
<<http://www.highlandyachtclub.org>> Call a fellow HYC'er to see if they're getting a newsletter.

NOTICE: Annual HYC fees are due January 1. Please send your check along with a completed 2002 HYC application (to include your physical mailing address and email address) to HYC, P.O. Box 1764, Tullahoma, TN 37388. Application is located on HYC web site. Unpaid dues become delinquent on April 1.

Early bird award goes to Harrison Shoulders who has already paid his 2002 dues (\$200)!

8. CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- Time change for Saturday impromptu sailboat races at HYC from 2 pm to 1 pm. If there are two or more boats on water, there will be races and a winner!
- There will be no business meeting during the months of November and December
- **Saturday, December 8, HYC rings bells for the Salvation Army at Kmart in Tullahoma.** See Sarah Hailey for schedule
- **Saturday, December 8 at 6 pm, HYC Christmas Party at Base Buschee.** HYC furnishes meat. Bring a covered dish and a gift to exchange (each attendee should bring a gift and you must take the gift you receive home with you)
- **January 1, 2002, Sail at high noon on New Year's Day - bring food**
- **Monday, January 14, 2002, HYC Meeting,** Nancy Buschee to check on arrangements at a local restaurant and will announce at Christmas party
- **February Spring Banquet** (possibly at High Point, Monteagle): Wendy to check on arrangements and will announce at January meeting

- 9. Old Business** - Shed is getting a little cluttered. Please take your stuff laying around pavilion and in shed

- 10. New Business** - Sarah Hailey has requested HYC's support to ring bells for the Salvation Army on December 8 (same day as HYC Christmas Party). This is an annual civic project to which HYC can give back to the community. A sign near the kettle will indicate that the bell ringers represent HYC. See Sarah for schedule.

- HYC members voted **not to renew** annual magazine subscription "Sail" (\$12/12 issues)
- Stewart's Portable Toilets canceled their charge of \$139 for the cost of two porti potties for the month of September because Max Hailey had called them on two occasions and complained that the porti potties had not been serviced and were unfit to use
- Bob Paulk announced that there will be a keelboat sailing school near Panama City. If interested, see Bob for additional info
- HYC has received a personal note from Cliff Wurst's mother thanking HYC for their friendship
- Based upon a suggestion by Matt Crawford, HYC has established an ad hoc committee (consisting of Wendy, Dixie, and Sarah) to look into the rules and regulations of establishing a HYC scholarship fund for fallen sailors. Committee has been tasked to propose an appropriate name for the fund
- Lucian Caycee has volunteered to be the race director for the spring regatta 2002
- New HYC officers will be nominated at Spring Banquet in February and will begin a two-year term in April 2002. If you are interested in becoming a new officer, contact a current officer. In the meantime, Max has requested that the active and former commodores form a committee to nominate the new officers

11. Winners of HYC Halloween Events of 10/27:

Pumpkin races: The Paul Stevens family (all five) won while sailing on their Hobie 16!

Pumpkin carving: Matt Crawford won with his carved patriotic pumpkin!

Best costume: The Ghost Family (Lloyd, Linda, and Janet Rogers)!

CONGRATULATIONS WINNERS! See photos on HYC web page

Adjournment 8:00 pm

Janie Turpin, Recorder