

Highland Yacht Club, Inc.

Newsletter

April 2001

SOUNDINGS

Commodore: Max Hailey

Vice Commodore: Lucian Cayce

Secretary/Treasurer: Janie Turpin

Harbor Master: Don Jones

Port Captain: Kevin Baker

Newsletter Editors: Andy Myrick and Hayley Rogers

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APRIL MEETING: April 13 at the H.Y.C. site: dinner at six; meeting at seven. Theme: potluck.

NEWS:

NEW DOCK SECTIONS: We've made great progress on the new dock sections: new flotation added, concrete anchors molded, planking added, and new hardware installed. All this has been accomplished without any injuries requiring major medical attention and the base has not lost any vital utilities during the process. Thanks to Kevin Baker, David Bergevin, Matt and Dixie Crawford, Phil Farrington, Don Jones, Frank Steinle, Bob Turpin, and Jeff Utley. I'm sure I've forgotten someone. Sorry.

SPRING REGATTA: Thank you Lucian Cayce for volunteering to serve as regatta chair for the annual spring regatta set for May 19th and 20th. We still need a race director. Anyone interested should contact Lucian.

George Wright has suggested that we do a brunch on the 19th rather than the traditional breakfast and lunch. This would allow us to race longer by starting after brunch and continuing until whenever. There is a ballot attached to the minutes regarding whether to continue with the breakfast and lunch or to do the brunch. Please vote carefully. There will be no re-counts. Anyone from Florida (David Bergevin) who needs assistance with the ballot, please contact an officer.

OFFICERS ELECTED: Congrats to Commodore Max Hailey, Vice-Commodore Donna Cayce, Secretary/Treasurer-Janie Turpin, Port Captain-Kevin Baker, and Harbor Master-Don Jones.

KEYS TRIP. We made it, although not without incident. This was my first charter trip after taking the ASA class last year. I will not bore you with all details, but here are some of the more memorable events:

Our trip was scheduled to begin March 3 at Ft. Lauderdale. We were excited to leave the cold weather of Tennessee for the warm and inviting climate of the Florida Keys. However, as it often is with trips I plan, the weather was not normal. A cold front arrived at the same time we did. The temperature dropped ten degrees below normal, and the winds the first day were predicted at 20-25 knots with gust up to 30 and 7-8 foot seas. Dramamine anyone?

We left Port Everglades in Ft Lauderdale, entered the Atlantic Ocean and headed south. The wind was as strong as predicted and blowing directly from the south, so we decided to motor. About half way to Miami we realized that we would not make it by dark. Time to violate charter rule number one: no sailing at night, but we had no choice. Our destination was Crandon Park Marina on Biscayne Key, and although we never made it to the marina, we did make it in to Biscayne Bay where we anchored for the night happy that we had found our way in the dark.

The next learning experience was our first attempt to raise anchor the following morning. I'd passed this part of the ASA test so this should not be that hard. Wrong. As Scott (Scott is one of the five friends I talked in to this trip) motored toward the anchor, I pulled in the line. Oops going too fast. Ran over the anchor. Anchor line goes back out and under the boat. Finally the boat stops, and we wait for it to spin on the anchor before attempting this procedure again. We wait and wait, but the boat never spins and seems to be anchored from the stern. Uh oh: time to snorkel. I went under the boat and found the anchor line running on one side of the keel, through the prop blades, and around the other side of the rudder. Boy we're having fun now.

The next interesting experience was trying to get in to the marina at Islamorada. The boats draft was 5'10. The channel entrance was about 5'11 inches at high tide. We were not really scheduled to be at this marina but we lost our reservation at Marina Del Mar so here we go. I radioed the harbor master who told me I might have "some trouble" due to the depth and that I should try at high tide only. So we waited till 4 pm and only ran aground twice before making it in. But the excitement was not over yet. Still had to get the 43 foot boat in the slip with a strong breeze. We were looking pretty good - heading right for the slip, but the wind picks up and we're blown sideways in a confined area with a lot of expensive boats in all directions. Prepare to fend off. About this time I noticed the entire dockside Tiki Bar had emptied to watch the show. Luckily we had lots of helpful volunteers on the dock: the dock master, some of the owners of the neighboring boats, two drunk guys, all the king's horses, and all the king's men finally got the boat in the slip again. Whew. I highly recommend the rum runners at the Holiday Isle Tiki Bar

Despite these few moments of terror, we really had a great time, and we do plan on a return trip. Please don't show this article to any charter company.

FOR SALE: Lightning, 19 ft., hull #10,537, Good overall shape. Needs some work on pintle/ gudgeon for rudder. Fiberglass and wood construction. Has trailer, Main and jib. Sails in good condition. Sail number matches hull number. \$950.00 contact: Tom Gillard 931-455-6651 (H) 931-393-0525 (W).

HYC SITE CLEAN UP AND CONSIGNMENT SALE: Come to the HYC site on April 7 for the site clean up and consignment sale. Details in minutes below.

CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED: Anyone who would like to make contributions (articles/news - not money) to the newsletter please contact me at amyrick@vallnet.com or 116 West Market Street, Fayetteville, TN 37334.

Highland Yacht Club Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2001, Brick Cafe

ATTENDEES: Max & Sarah Hailey, Paul & Wendy Stevens, Jeff & Dawn Utley, Bob & Janie Turpin, Matt & Dixie Crawford, Don & Joy Jones, Tom Bentley, Bob Paulk, David Bergevin, Lee & Terry Wood, George Wright, Carlos Bussche, Frank & Pamela Steinle, Donna & Lucian Caycee, Andy Myrick & Hayley Rogers

Commodore Max Hailey opened the meeting at 7 p.m.

- 1. January minutes were approved.**
- 2. Janie Turpin provided the following Treasurer's report:**

Building fund:	1,832.70
Dock fund:	- 704.62
Regular spending	<u>2,422.71</u>
Total funds in checking and savings:	3,550.79

3. Water Line Report by Jeff Utley

Work order has been activated. We hope to have the waterline completed by the end of this month. Our tap will be at the top of the hill (where we will connect). Note: We have not received approval from USAF to hold Spring and Fall Regattas. Letter requesting permission to hold regattas was taken to USAF on 1/29/01. Jeff will mention this issue during discussion with Col. Eagan regarding waterline.

4. Port Captain Report by David Bergevin - George Wright has donated material to cover dinghy rack.

5. Harbor Master Report by Don Jones - Work on two sections of dock continues. We've had three unscheduled work parties. The deck runners are on. Frank Steinle has built the forms for the concrete anchors. Buoys have been ordered. The flotation has been installed. Frank needs two volunteers to pour the concrete anchors Saturday around 9 a.m. David Bergevin needs help Saturday morning with decking installation (place screws in deck).

Note: Don mentioned a standing rule of which there is a 26' limit for boats on the dock. Tom Bentley has a 27' boat he'd like to put on the dock. Max suggested that Tom propose a dock rule amendment increasing the boat size limit. Tom should take the amendment through the dock master who will take the amendment to the executive committee for resolution.

6. Max presented this year's budget projection. The dock addition is consuming a large chunk of funds. Everyone should be aware that we are likely to run in the red. The dock fund is borrowing from the general fund. Following are some larger expenses for this year:

Dock expenses so far	3072
Waterline will cost approx.	1500
Porti potti	1000
Grass Mowing	750
Insurance	571
Memberships	125
Income thus far	3885

17 members 2 associate members have not paid annual dues for 2001. Unpaid dues become delinquent April 1!

7. Spring Regatta: Chair - Lucian Cayce Race Director - ?

At the January meeting, George Wright suggested having a brunch around 11 a.m. rather than a breakfast on Saturday morning. Races could begin after brunch and continue until evening. Do you want to change the racing schedule on Saturday?

Full members, here's your chance to vote on this issue. Please check one item below, sign and date, and either give this page to an elected officer or mail it to HYC, PO Box 1764, Tullahoma, TN 37388. Votes will be tallied on Friday, April 6.

_____ I prefer breakfast, races, lunch, races, dinner (traditional schedule)

_____ I prefer brunch, races, dinner (George's suggestion)

Printed name

Date

Signature

Breakfast (or brunch) on Saturday - George, Donna, Lucian

Breakfast on Sunday - George, Donna, Lucian

Lunch Sunday - Nancy Buschee

Saturday evening meal- Help! We need a volunteer to coordinate with a caterer

After plans are finalized, Jeff will let us know when we can advertise. Jeff will mail race notices, Wendy will have notice printed in the Herald Chronicle and Tullahoma News, and John Garibotte will post schedule on HYC web page. Max mentioned that since HYC is a member of the Dixie Inland Yacht Racing Association (DI YRA), all of our events are advertised in their publications.

**8. April meeting will be held at the HYC site on Good Friday, April 13.
Potluck at 6; meeting at 7.**

9. Unfinished Business:

Election of Officers

Commodore-Max Hailey, Vice Commodore-Donna Cayce, Secretary/Treasurer-
Janie Turpin, Port Captain-Kevin Baker, Harbor Master-Don Jones

Note: Lucian Caycee's 2-year term as Vice Commodore expires April 7 and
Donna's term begins.

Confirmation of Appointed Positions

Newsletter Editor-Andy Myrick and Hayley Rogers

Web Master-John Garibotte

Air Force Liaison-Jeff Utley

10. Calendar of Events:

April 7 - HYC Site Cleanup and Consignment Sale & Bake Sale

*May 12 - AEDC Lake Cleanup - **All hands on deck to promote the ecology
and beauty of our Lake Community.**

May 18 - HYC business meeting and wine & cheese at HYC site on Friday night
before Spring Regatta

May 19 & 20 - Spring Regatta

11. Consignment Sale & Bake Sale to coincide with HYC Site Cleanup on Saturday, April 7. Wendy explained how a consignment sale works and reminded us that we might not have much success the first year, but with a little luck and enthusiasm, the event could grow. HYC gets 50% and owner 50% per sale of item. Wendy displayed a label which included the owners name/phone number, a description/size of the item, and price. Each item will have a label placed on it. Keep in mind to mark the price of your items up a little because haggling is part of the fun. HEY EVERYBODY, GET THAT OUTDOOR STUFF YOU'RE TIRED OF READY TO SALE: LAWN FURNITURE, LAWN MOWERS, CHILDREN'S TOYS, PLANT CONTAINERS, PLANTS, RAKES, SAILING GEAR, BICYCLES, SCOOTERS, GRILLS, HAMMOCKS, CROQUET SETS, HORSE SHOE SETS OR PIECES

THEREOF, TENNIS RACKETS, SWINGS, BIRD BATHS, BIRD HOUSES, STEP LADDERS, GARDEN TOOLS, GOLF CLUBS, VOLLEY BALLS, ETC., and don't forget to bring baked items-they should sell really well! Sorry, we can't sell beer.

Pass your suggestions to Dixie and Wendy so they can make a flyer announcing the event. Flyers will be posted in various locations.

12. New Business:

- "Sailing World" subscription (\$16) and "US Windsurfing" membership (\$50) will not be renewed due to budget constraints.
- Wendy asked what it would take to have a burning of old brush, grass, etc.
- Someone mentioned that we need sand on the beach before regatta.
Approved
- Carlos volunteered to find a garbage can full of gravel and spread it over the holes in the driveway!

Adjournment 8:10 pm.

HAPPY SPRING!

Janie Turpin, Recorder