

HIGHLAND YACHT CLUB

SOUNDINGS

March 2002

Commodore: Max Hailey
Vice Commordore: Donna Cayce
Secretary/Treasurer: Janie Turpin
Harbor Master: Don Jones
Port Captain: Kevin Baker
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APRIL MEETING: April 12 at the HYC site; Dinner at 6; business meeting at 7 - food theme: BYOM (bring your own meat) to grill; bring a side-dish to share.

GRADUATION PARTY! Congrats to Janet Rogers who will be graduating from MTSU in May. A party will be held at the site on May 11. The Rogers family is providing drinks and meat. Bring a side dish to share. All HYC members are invited.

As I recall at the last HYC MTSU graduation party a new tradition was started whereby the graduate did a back flip from his bow pulpit in nothing but his birthday suit. Will the condition continue? We shall see (or maybe we will not). In any event, this should increase party attendance.

BIMINI TRIP. Max Hailey, David Bergevin, Chad Schnarr, April Golden, Todd Browning, and I returned from our Bahamas vacation on the 10th of this month. How did it go? We refer to it as an adventure rather than a vacation.

We departed from the charter company on March 2, 2002, in a Benteau 43. We motored through the many canals until we reached Port Everglades where we headed out to the ocean. The waves were about 12 foot or so and the wind was from the South around 20 knots gusting to 25. Those big waves were a lot of fun for about 15 minutes, and then I was ready to be back on Woods Reservoir. We turned South and motored toward Miami where we intended to head across the Gulf Stream that night destined for the Bimini Islands.

After motoring in the Gulf Stream and fighting the head wind for several hours, we came to the conclusion that we were making zero progress to the south. It was like being on a huge water treadmill. Plus, some of the crew members were getting a bit sick. I promised Max I would not say who, but one crew member even lost his lunch over the stern.

Facing certain mutiny, we decided to try the intercoastal waterway to Miami, and we headed back to Port Everglades (although the trip out took about 3 hours, the trip took about 30 minutes). We made it in and headed down the intercoastal. This went fairly well and the trip was starting to improve until our helmsman (I promised Chad I would not say who) ran us firmly aground. We tried everything. Everyone on one side then the other to try to get enough heel to free the boat. We unfurled the genoa hoping it would spin us free. It did spin alright, but we remained trapped. We finally hailed a twin engine fishing boat over to assist. However, the rescue crew appeared to have consumed a few too many libations. They backed the boat up to our bow, and I tossed them a line whereupon one rescue member firmly grasped the line in both hands and yelled for the skipper to go! (Note: our boat weighed about 32,000 pounds and she appeared to weight about 110). I suggested she might want to secure the line to a cleat which she did and we were free again.

What could stop us now? We continued on our journey and soon we could see the skyline of Miami. David was at the helm as we approached the last fixed bridge before we were home free. As we approached the bridge, I checked the vertical clearance: 58 ft. Oh #@%@! We then checked our mast height: 65 ft. Oh !@%! When I informed David on the slight problem, I heard another thud! Had we run aground again? No, it was David's forehead slamming in the wheel in disgust. Boy, are we having fun now. TO BE CONTINUED.

Highland Yacht Club Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2002, Raphaels, Tullahoma, TN

ATTENDEES: Max & Sarah Hailey, Don & Joy Jones, Jeff & Dawn, & Paig Utley, Matt & Dixie Crawford, Bob & Eldrie Paulk, David & Beverlee Bergevin, Carlos & Nancy Bussche, Donna & Lucian Caycee, Andy Myrick and April Golden, Tom Bentley, Angie & John Garibotte, Scott Henninger, Mike Wasner & Kathy Hornsby, David Anderson, Pat & Doris Rynd, Wendy, Zeke, Jacob, & Ellie Grace Stevens, Tim & Kim Dolan, Larry, Becky, Carl & Carrie Thomas, Lee Wood & Sam Damron & Laura Franklin, Sara Crawford, Bob & Janie Turpin

1 Commodore Max Hailey opened the meeting at 7 pm and announced the names of HYC's new officers:

- Commodore - Dawn Utley**
- Vice Commodore - Donna Cayce**
- Secretary/Treasurer - Kathy Hornsby**
- Harbor Master - Matt Crawford**
- Port Captain - Tom Gillard**
- Race Director - Mike Wasner was appointed to serve in this capacity for the next two years**
- Newsletter Editor - Andy Myrick volunteered to continue to serve in this capacity for the next two years**
- Webmaster - John Garibotte volunteered to continue to serve in this capacity for the next two years**
- AF Liaison - Jeff Utley volunteered to continue to serve in this capacity for the next two years**

2 January minutes were approved.

3 Janie Turpin provided the following treasurer's report:

Building fund:	722.01
Dock fund:	833.65
Regular spending	<u>3,097.21</u>
Total funds in checking and savings:	4,652.87

HYC currently has 60 memberships (8 associates - 52 full). However, Dennis Stafford will not renew his membership (reason unknown), nor will Dean Ellis or Scott & Michele Jones as they have moved to another state.

- **Annual fees were due on January 1 and become delinquent on April 1. Remember to mail a completed 2002 membership application with dues.**
- **If you have a boat on the dock, provide insurance form and boat registration to Harbor Master.**

1 Projected Budget for 2002 by Max Hailey:

Income: 14,150
Expenses: 8,835
Balance: 5,315

Proposed Projects:

1. 50' section shoreline dock phase one, \$2000 - needs flotation and new decking; **members voted to complete Phase 1 immediately**
2. 50' section shoreline dock phase two, \$2000
3. Roof over dance floor
4. Sinks and counter - (David Ranstrom checking sewer situation)

5. Dinghy launching area
6. AC power to lower pavilion
7. Restroom and showers
8. Additional picnic tables (Jeff notified ALC that if they have any extras, HYC would like to have them)
9. AC power to cruiser dock for safety light
10. Canoe and board rack (Matt reported that due to storms, rack is gone but canoes are ok)
11. Cruiser dock maintenance

- 2 **AF Liaison Report by Jeff Utley** - Jeff reported that he feels the Air Force will respond favorably regarding the dinghy launch ramp and use of a small vehicle to launch the dinghies if we can prove there will be little or no damage to the grounds.
- 3 **Port Captain Report** - In Kevin Baker's absence, David Bergevin stated that the roof on the dinghy rack has been completed, but modifications are needed for the rack.
- 4 **Harbor Master Report by Don Jones** - Discussions were held regarding the repair of the extra docks and the need for new flotation. Plans are to keep these docks close to shore if they'll float. They need lots of work. **WORK PARTY PLANNED FOR 3/16.** Boat dock needs work.
- 5 **Communications** - Let us know if you know of a member who is not receiving the newsletters, minutes, HYC emails, etc.

9. **CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

4/6 - 10 am - **SITE CLEANUP (bring rakes, shovels, wheel barrows, tools, and food)**

4/12 - dinner at 6; business meeting at 7 - food theme: BYOM (bring your own meat) to grill; bring a side-dish to share

5/11 - The Rogers Family has reserved the site to have a graduation party for their daughter, Janet, who will graduate from MTSU in May. All HYC members are invited. Meat and drinks will be provided by the Rogers Family. They are suggesting that members bring a side-dish or dessert to share

5/17 - dinner at 6; business meeting at 7 - regatta kickoff - food theme to be determined

5/18 & 19 Spring Regatta

9/14 & 15 Fall Regatta

10. **Unfinished or Old Business**

A. Sarah Hailey explained the following regarding the proposed **Fallen Sailors**

Scholarship Fund:

- Over 1,000 scholarships are available to kids just graduating from high school but there's almost nothing for the non-traditional student
- fund can be set up for a particular school (i.e. Motlow) or applicant's choice
- if for a particular school, the school can handle all the details and we just mail them the check or we can have our own selection committee
- scholarship can be for any amount
- we can determine the criteria we want used for the scholarship
- money will need to be given to the school before classes begin in the fall

Scholarship Straw Poll:

- a. Do we want to provide the scholarship to a non-traditional student? **Club voted yes**
- b. Do we want to limit the scholarship to Motlow? **Club voted no**
- c. Do we want to appoint a selection committee? **Club voted yes (Larry & Becky Thomas volunteered to serve on committee)**
- d. How do we want to fund the scholarship? **Club voted to add \$5 to regatta fee and have a donation line on the annual membership form**

A scholarship questionnaire will be sent to HYC membership

11. **New Business**

- There will be a memorial dedication of a plaque to Cliff Wurst at the Simon Hall Physics Lab at Motlow State Community College at 12:00 on Tuesday, March 19, 2002. Anyone wishing to reminisce will gather for lunch at Crockett's, Tullahoma, following the dedication.
- Lucian Caycee and Mike Wasner are certified race directors after having received bona fide race director training on March 2nd in Atlanta. They reported that radical changes have been made to racing rules one being the way to start the race. US Sailing encourages all sailing clubs to use the same starting rules. More racing flags are needed.
- The Club voted to spend \$500 for burgees. \$500 will buy approximately 50 burgees which will be for sale at the regattas. David Bergevin will order the burgees.
- Carl Thomas, son of Becky and Larry, has requested to become an associate member. Carl (who mentioned that he is 19 and doesn't smoke or drink) asked the Club's permission to bring members of his band to the site so they might be inspired by its beauty which in turn would enable them to write music. Carl lives with his Mom and Dad. The response from the Club was "Yes."

12: Adjournment: 8:20 pm

Recorder, Janie Turpin