

HIGHLAND YACHT CLUB

SOUNDINGS

May 2002

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JUNE MEETING: June 14 at the HYC site; Dinner at 6; business meeting at 7 - food theme: Luau

SPRING REGGATTA NEWS:

FROM THE COMMODORE:

Dear HYC Members:

I wanted to thank EVERYONE who worked, raced and supported the regatta this weekend. It was a major success as you heard from some of the out-of-towners. We continue to uphold our reputation of being friendly, hospitable, and having the best food of any regatta in the southeast.

At the risk of leaving someone out, I want to thank some special folks who played an important role in this weekend's success: Sarah Hailey for registration duties, clean-up, can collection boxes, and a variety of things I asked her to do this weekend. Donna, Lucian, George, and team for the wonderful brunch they served both days. Eldri, Doris Ann, Janie and team for heating and setting out the food Saturday night. Kathy for writing multiple checks this weekend. Matt and crew for getting the additional day-docks ready. Sarah C for making homemade pies for Saturday night. Carlos for getting the beer. Dixie for arranging and Nancy B for getting the pizza for Sunday lunch. Angie for arranging newspaper coverage. Tom G of emptying trashcans all weekend. Don Jones for his wonderful devotional this morning. George for the beautiful trophies. Lucian and the race committee (Donna-polarbear-Caycee, Angie, April, and Mike's parents) for running a GREAT regatta weekend of racing. And finally, all the sailors who came out in the high winds to race. If we didn't have so many folks willing to compete, this would not be the success it is. And for those of you still hesitant to compete, just ask Kevin and Vicki how good it feels to win your first trophy!!!

Bottom line is, this weekend was a success because we have a great club with wonderful members who all pitch in to help make each regatta a success. Thank you all!

Thanks, you're a great club!
Dawn Utley
Commodore, Highland Yacht Club

FROM THE RACE DIRECTOR:

The 2002 version of our Spring Regatta began like any other, food, fun, festive atmosphere, 50 mile per hour gales and sub-zero temperatures. Saturday could best be summed up as "A War of Attrition". A large fleet of nine C-15's came to show what they were made of. By the third race, four started. By the fourth race, it was down to three. I mentioned to the chase boats at the beginning of the day, that they might be a little busy,

and the first race was almost abandoned as the pin end of the finish line and the “D” mark decided to go sailing on their own. But, cooler heads (Jim Wasner) prevailed and we finished the first four boats by guesstimating the pin end. Finally, one of the chase boats (Did I mention that the chase boats were looking after 5+ boats that capsized before reaching the “B” mark?) was able to free himself to fly “Mike” and act as the pin end. Meanwhile, on the course Mother nature was separating the Men and/or Women from the Boys and/or Girls. Strange some of the men were like girls and some of the girls were like men. You couldn’t tell the fleet without a scorecard, and the scorecards (actually 5 entry sheets) got blown over the side! And y’all thought it was tough on the course!

But the main attraction, as always, was the sailing. Bill Gittings dominated the Multi-hulls as usual, until Doug Evans brought out the “hooter” sail on Sunday. It was unbelievable they brought that big mama-jama out and passed Bill like he was in irons. But he was able to keep close enough to eek out a win in the last race, as he had on all four on Saturday. In a nice touch, Greg Matthews on his Hobie 16 won his first sailing trophy with his new bride.

The Cruiser Handicap class saw a real battle between Tom Gillard’s Chrysler 22 and David Ranstrom’s San Juan 21 out on the water, and Paul and Wendy’s Beneteau and everyone else’s mooring lines at the dock. Sunday’s distance run saw Tom and David within a point of each other, but Tom took off from the “B” mark by the Officer’s Club like he had installed gas turbines -- An amazing display. When he crossed the finish line (physically first with a 100 handicap) we on saw his bottom and the tip of his mast.

In the C-15 fleet the survivors were the winners. Jim Holder amazingly never went for a swim. He was the only one, however, as the chase boats were righting people on their way back to the beach! That’s right, racing is over, no pushing the envelope required or desired, and they’re dropping like flies. The wind was wild! Doug Britton and Benton Whitesides completed a Georgia sweep of the C-15 trophies.

What can you say about a man who will sink his boat twice (almost) and still start every race! Matt Crawford spent more time bailing than! That’s usually the way, sail on the edge of disaster, cross the finish line (receiving the horn), and then sink your boat. Anyway, in more amazing fashion he takes home the Dinghy Handicap trophy.

The Catalina 22 class held little surprise until the last race on Saturday, when visiting Nashvillian, John Steele, held on for a six second victory over the guy who won every other race. David is going to have to let somebody else win sometime. Kevin Baker took second, while John’s single victory earned him the third place trophy.

But in a way, all this is secondary to the tremendous effort put forth by Bill Bertran and Keith Robinson (Wasn’t that a gorgeous Cris Craft!) on the chase boats. These guys literally made it possible to have a fun and successful event. I know the heart felt thanks of each and every club member goes out to them.

Jim Wasner was a fantastic asset to have on the committee boat, he truly made a fun and learning experience (bring him back often Mike & Kathy). As usual, Donna and George and a lot of helpers did a great job on breakfast, Eldri and crew kept the place clean (a thankless and most necessary job), and Dixie made sure we had lunch on Sunday. And how about the Cherry and Apple Pies that Sarah Crawford brought? We even had guests pitching in to help make breakfast (Thanks Linda and mystery lady from Nashville). Don Jones gave what I thought was a truly inspirational devotional (Inspirational devotional?!? Is that legal?).

It just proves that when you bring a bunch of good-natured, fun-loving, giving people together, a good time is bound to happen - even in a 50 mile per hour gale!

Lucian Cayce
Race Director

FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

Not much to report here. Did not see much of the race. Spent most of my time on the bottom of my overturned boat tugging on the centerboard trying to get the mast pointing toward the sky again. The beer and food was good.

Andy Myrick
Newsletter Editor

BIMINI TRIP (The Final Chapter). The bad thing about doing these stories in sections is that by the time you get to this point, you have forgotten the rest of the story. We last left our vacationers/adventures safely secured at the Anchorage Resort in Key Largo. Lucky for us, there just happened to be a Tiki Bar on the water right across from our ship. We spent two days there. The bar was complete with beer, mixed drinks, frozen drinks, good food, bikers, graffiti on the walls (that we added to), and Karaoke. Did I mention Karaoke? Not only can David and Max sail, they can sing too. Well, sorta. I cannot put that experience into words, but a video is available at no cost (just let me know if you are interested).

We finally sailed from the Anchorage Resort and headed north back toward Miami. The wind was still strong and the sailing was great. The boat was heeled over quite a bit. Chad even reported seeing a fish out one of the starboard windows down below: Yes, we know he was drinking. We ended up back at the Dinner Key Marina near Miami. We had dinner at Monty's, and the next day we headed back to Ft. Lauderdale. We sailed out past Key Biscayne, and headed up the coast. The rest of the trip was fairly uneventful. Todd did catch a fish while trolling on the way back.

Hope you enjoyed our little vacation a.k.a Winds of Hell Tour. If you're interested, we are planning another trip next year. Although this time we want something a little less adventuresome, I'm thinking about chartering a boat near Cape Horn and sailing to the Antarctic. No, really, we had a great time despite less than hospitable weather conditions. I want to thank David, Max, Todd, Chad, and April for going along on my ill-fated trip. I hope you all had a good time.

Highland Yacht Club Meeting Minutes of May 17, 2002

ATTENDEES: Kevin Baker, Max & Sarah Hailey, Don Jones, Bob & Eldri Paulk, Matt & Dixie Crawford, David Bergevin, Tim & Kim Dolan, Lloyd & Linda Rogers, Janet Rogers & Chad Schnarr, Andy Myrick & April Golden, Carlos & Nancy Bussche, Donald Quandt, Janie, Bob & Leanne Turpin, Paschall Massengill & Marcia Wall, Wendy Moore & Paul, Zeke, Jacob, Ellie Grace Stevens, Lucian & Donna Cayce, John & Angie Garibotte, Jeff & Dawn Utley, Mike Wasner & Kathy Hornsby.

- 1. The meeting was called to order at 7pm by Commodore Dawn Utley.**
- 2. April minutes were approved with one correction. Hailey was misspelled in the minutes.**
- 3. Treasurer's Report by Kathy Hornsby:**

Building Fund	\$2294.34
Regular Spending	<u>\$2355.40</u>
Total Funds in checking and savings:	\$4649.74

Membership Dues Progress Report: Lacking 3 Full time and 2 Associate members to pay 2002 dues. This brings membership to 57 total members, 49 full members and 8 associate members.

4. **Harbor Master Report - Matt Crawford** asked that if you see something that needs repairing on the docks and you can fix it, you are welcome to do so. Otherwise, please report it to him. Everyone is reminded that Matt needs proof of insurance for all the boats in slips. You can mail it to him or put it in an envelope on the bulletin board. The Shoreline Dock Phase 1 is in place. The old dock was moved closer to the new dock for the regatta. Be very careful of loose boards and nails if you use the dock this weekend.
5. **Communications: John Garibotte** reported that he is making some changes to the message board so members will be able to vote on-line.
6. **AF Liaison Report:** Nothing new to report at this time.
7. **Port Captain Report:** Nothing new to report at this time.
8. **Racing Series Report: Mike Wasner** reported that the Spring Series Races have begun. One of the races had no wind and the other race had too much wind. We still need volunteers to help with the Sunday races.

9. **CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

- 7/4 - July 4th Afternoon Sunfish Races followed by a Pot Luck meal at 6pm.

10. **Regatta Report - Lucian Cayce**

Winds for tomorrow are forecast to be Northerly at 15 mph all day.

- Jim and Beverly Wasner are visiting from out of town and Jim has agreed to help on the Committee Boat.
- Angie Garibotte and Sarah Hailey volunteered to spear head the clean up after Breakfast.
- Eldri Paulk volunteered to start the charcoal at 4pm to keep the dinner warm when the caterer delivers.
- Nancy Bussche will pick the Pizza up from Pizza Hut on Sunday.
- John Garibotte volunteered to bring more registration forms for Saturday.
- George Wright will take care of the trophies.
- Brunch will be from 9am to 10:30am
- Skipper's Meeting at 10:30am on Saturday

11. **Commodore's Report: Dawn Utley** announced the food themes for the remaining meetings will be as follows:

- June - Luau
- July - Salad & Other cool things. Lucian will dress up in Greek Attire.
- August - Mexican with Corona's and Margaritas.
- September - Italian with wines
- October - Bavarian

The following proposal was voted on and passed regarding pets at the club.

“Well-behaved pets are allowed on site except during major events including Spring and Fall regattas, the Fourth of July event, and others as designated by the Executive Committee and communicated in the Newsletter. Any member has the right to ask a pet's owner to restrain or remove an offending pet and expect that the request will be honored.”

12. **Scholarship Fund - Max Hailey** reports that only 8 people have responded to the questionnaire/ballot concerning the Fallen Sailor Scholarship fund. John Garibotte will send the forms out again with a deadline of June 1st. A place will be provided on the Spring Regatta Registration Form for donations of any amount to go towards the Scholarship fund.

13. Sarah Hailey reported that the white containers placed around the club site are for cans to be donated to the Habitat for Humanity

14. Adjournment - 7:40pm.