



# Highland Yacht Club Soundings

## July 2003

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**Commodore:** Dawn Utley  
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**Secretary/Treasurer:** Kathy Hornsby  
**Harbor Master:** Matt Crawford  
**Port Captain:** Tom Gillard  
**Jr. Sailing Director:** Paul Stevens  
**Webmaster:** John Garibotte  
**Newsletter Editor:** Kim Dolan

**AUGUST MEETING:** August 15th - HYC – Mexican

## 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration



This year's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration was bigger and better than ever. It was a beautiful day with a short afternoon shower but everyone in attendance had a wonderful time.

This year the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Poker Run was held in the morning. There were 13 boats of all shapes and sizes participating. This was a wonderful event and kudos go out to Captain Larry Thomas for putting it all together. He did a really awesome job. (NOTE TO SELF: No rum at 9:30)

The Sunfish races were cancelled due to no wind at 1:00. Let's hope that next year Mother Nature cooperates a little better.

After a wonderful afternoon, a potluck was held at 6:00 with all kinds of goodies to eat. Becky Thomas, Valerie Sanders, Eldri Paulk, and others (sorry, can't remember) cooked hamburgers for everyone. (NOTE TO SELF: No rum at 9:30)

After dinner, everyone got on their boats, loaded to the spreaders, for the fabulous fireworks display. This year I am told there were 19 boats with 120 aboard. I thought it was 16 boats with 108 aboard so I guess it is somewhere in between. (NOTE TO SELF: No rum at 9:30) The fireworks were wonderful and everyone had a great time.

If you haven't attended the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration at HYC, mark you calendars for next year. You won't regret it.

## Sailing Class To Be Held On August 2nd

The annual HYC Sailing Class will be held on Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> this year. The class will run from 9:00 – 5:00 with both classroom type instruction and on-the-water experience. The club will provide lunch. If you are interested or know of someone who is, contact Tom Bentley at [bentley@edge.net](mailto:bentley@edge.net) to register.

Boats and Captains are also needed to help with the class. If you have a Sunfish or cruiser that can help out, please contact Tom Bentley at the email above.

## Wednesday Night Dinner by Tom Bentley

Come out to HYC, sail to Arnold Officers club by about 6:00 each Wednesday night, and join the rest of us for a cook your own steak or chicken, corn, salad, potato, a glass of wine or a beer. It is open to all.

We can raft around the club dock if we have a large group. It will make for a nice night sail back, just make sure your running lights are operational. If you can't leave in time to sail, just go directly to the club. If we don't take advantage of this, we might lose it. We are not only doing ourselves a favor but we are supporting the Arnold Club as well.

### Poops A Problem

**Please be a responsible pet owner and clean up after your dog.** Several members have expressed a concern about this problem at the site. If the problem continues, restrictions on pets may have to be implemented. We don't want this to happen, so remember your PUP and...

**Pick Up Poop!**

## Remember Your Registration

Avoid tickets and fines by making sure your boat's registration hasn't expired. Renewal of boat registration can now be done online at [www.wildlifelicense.com/tn](http://www.wildlifelicense.com/tn). The site is very user friendly and payment can be made with MasterCard or Visa. A temporary authorization can be printed from the site and used until your sticker and registration card arrives in about two weeks.

**Congratulations to Zeke Stevens for taking 1<sup>st</sup> place in an Opti Regatta in Nashville. Way to go Zeke!!!!**

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# Highland Yacht Club Meeting Minutes

## July 18, 2003 - HYC

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**ATTENDEES:** Tim & Kim Dolan, David Bergevin, Scott & Dori Henninger, Matt & Dixie Crawford, Richard & Debi Merrill, Lucian & Donna Cayce, John, Angie & Ian Garibotte, Tom Bentley, John & Valerie Sanders, Larry, Becky & Carrie Thomas, Jeff, Dawn & Paige Utley, Kevin Baker, Kevin LeMay & Ashley, Mike Wasner & Kathy Hornsby, David, Karen, Elise, Isaac, Joshua, Mary Hannah, Joseph & Marney Jones.

1. **The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Commodore Dawn Utley.**

2. **Minutes from the June meeting were approved.**

3. **Treasurer's Report - Kathy Hornsby:**

As of July 17<sup>th</sup> we have 49 full memberships paid and 5 associate memberships paid. There are 11 memberships from last year that have not paid. Kevin Baker suggested these families be sent letters advising them their dues have not been paid. The Executive Committee will research the problem and report at the next meeting.

Building Fund	\$ 43.73
Regular Spending	\$ -647.00
Dock Fund	\$2912.36
Scholarship Fund	\$1358.00

4. **Harbor Master Report – Matt Crawford** reported that he has replaced 6 buoys on the north side of the dock. He also wanted to remind everyone to check their hardware, as this is a spot for possible failure. He thanked **Chad Schnarr** and **Parker Lowndes** for checking theirs recently. Another item of concern was registrations. He noticed that his had expired on July 5<sup>th</sup> and wanted to remind everyone that they could be ticketed and fined for having expired registrations. He advised that you can now renew your registration online and will be forwarding the address to **Kim Dolan** to put a notice in the newsletter. **David Bergevin** reminded everyone that all boats must have registration, only sailboards are excluded. Matt didn't realize that the beachfront storage was under his jurisdiction so he is trying to create a priority list. There are currently 14 spaces on the beach. His preliminary list includes: Cayce, Bussche, Stevens, Hailey, Utley, Barnett, Henninger, Wright, Jones, Rogers, Wasner, Ranstrom, Crawford, and Merrill. **Jeff Utley** advised that there are rules for beachfront storage that may need to be revised, including the number of spaces. **Kevin Baker** and **John Garibotte** suggested that a copy of the rules and the HYC Constitution posted. Matt advised them that there is a copy posted on the bulletin board. **Larry Thomas** volunteered to make a brochure for new members with helpful information and site rules like trash, recycling, etc.

5. **Communications – Newsletter and Web Page:** **John Garibotte** reported that the calendar on the website has been down for a few weeks now but should be up and running shortly. **Kim Dolan** reported that she need articles for the newsletter, so if anyone is racing or cruising, send her an article.

6. **Port Captain Report: Tom Gillard** not in attendance. No report.

7. **4<sup>th</sup> of July: Mike Wasner** reported that due to lack of wind, the Sunfish races were cancelled. The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Poker Run was a huge success with 13 boats participating. **Scott Henninger** had the worst poker hand so is event chairman for next year. **Matt & Dixie Crawford** had the winning hand with a straight flush and won the \$55.00 pot, which they graciously donated to the Fallen Sailor Scholarship Fund. **Bill** won the trophy, hand-painted by **Larry Thomas**, for spelling out POKHERUN. **Donna & Lucian Cayce** won the sailing portion of the event. The raft-up had 19 boats with 120 people aboard to enjoy the fireworks.

**Scholarship Report: Max Hailey** is out of town. **Becky Thomas** reported that we have received two applications and the scholarship committee would need to get together in the next few weeks to go over the applications. **Kathy Hornsby** forwarded two pieces of mail to Becky that could possibly be other applications.

## 8. **Commodore's Report:**

### I. Executive Meeting:

- *Dock Expansion Plan:* a plan is proposed to put two 50' docks on each side of the ramp with 4 new moorings on each dock. These spots could possibly be seasonal due to water levels. The new spaces will not be available until after June 2004, when HYC will host the C-15 Nationals so there is ample space for docking. The new spaces will be based on seniority. Jeff Utley is taking care of Air Force approval. Richard Merrill is project leader and will make up a work schedule. David Bergevin thought one dock could be completed in 4-5 weekends. John Garibotte moved that the funds to start the expansion project are allocated and Matt Crawford seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- *Sailboard and Dinghy Racks:* expansion of the racks is planned for the future.
- *Launching Ramp:* This Fall, a layer of concrete will be added to the ramp in order to make it firmer. John Garibotte asked about the grade and Larry Thomas advised that due to erosion, the grade can't be changed. A culvert at the bottom of the parking lot would eliminate some of the problems and help with run off.
- *Parking Lot Plan:* Parker Lowndes has offered his time and equipment to expand the trailer parking lot. New gravel will eventually be added and spaces for trailer parking will be assigned.
- *Site Condition:* the Executive Committee has decided to let the front of the property reforest itself naturally. This will make for a healthier and more natural area. In the interim, forsythia bushes will be planted this fall along the perimeter to help screen the site.
- *Jr. Sailing:* Commodore Utley proposed that a new position, Jr. Sailing Director, be created to promote Jr. Sailing. Jeff Utley made a motion that this position be created and Becky Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried. Paul Stevens has volunteered to be the first Jr. Sailing Director. Lucian Cayce moved that Paul be appointed to this position and Richard Merrill seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- *Pavilion Extension:* there are three options to extend the pavilion. #1 is to duplicate the current structure over the area, #2 is to add an arbor with attached tarp that can be extended during inclement weather, #3 is an framed carport with tarp that could be stored in the shed when not in use. The arbor would cost approximately \$250. Lucian Cayce made a motion that the funds for the arbor be approved and Sally Ranstrom seconded. The motion carried.
- *Decking:* Commodore Utley proposed that the decking should possibly be extended over the concrete pad to make it all one level. The proposal was tabled until the next meeting so that a plan and finances could be assessed for the project.

- *Wooden Ramp*: Commodore Utley will have a sign made stating, "Slippery When Wet" to post at the ramp due to several slips on the ramp. Larry Thomas advised that he had cleaned the ramp and it is better. He volunteered to fix the problem this winter.
- II. *Trash Problem*: Commodore Utley reminded everyone that there is no service from the cans to the dumpster. If you see a full can, please take the trash to the dumpster. Trash bags are in the shed. The dumpster is also for the site use only. The week before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, the dumpster was full of household trash and cardboard.
- III. *Drain Pipes for Road*: a culvert will be added at the entrance to the trailer lot to help with run-off and launching. Parker Lowndes and Larry Thomas have volunteered to take care of installation.
- IV. *Racing Buoy Purchase*: Parker Lowndes has offered to help purchase five new racing buoys. Lucian Cayce will get information on purchasing the buoys.

## 9. New Business

- Bob Young has a pontoon boat he is not using and has offered the club use of it for official club events. He would be responsible for insurance and would retain ownership but the club would be able to use it for racing, regattas, etc. Kevin Baker made a motion to offer Bob dry storage for the boat in exchange for official club use and Sally Ranstrom seconded the motion. The motion carried. David Bergevin wanted to remind everyone that we were a sailboat club and that this was an exception to the rule of no powerboat storage on the site.
- Kevin Baker and Sally Ranstrom both had a concern about members not cleaning up after their dogs at the site. Sally advised that she had seen two members allow their dogs to relieve themselves and walk away. Kevin would like the Executive Committee to address this concern. He does not want to restrict animals from the site but the current rules don't seem to be working. Dawn asked Kim Dolan to put a notice in the newsletter to pet owners to clean up after their pets or possible restrictions on pets at the site may have to be implemented if the problem continues.
- Tom Bentley reported that the Sailing Class will be held on August 2 from 9:00 – 5:00. He needs members to help out with their boats, both large and small. Kevin Baker advised that there was a large number of Boy Scouts planning to attend so the more boats the better. Tom asked that the club purchase 10 copies of the book *Sailing Right* to offer for sale at the class. Matt Crawford made a motion to purchase the books and Lucian Cayce seconded. The motion carried. Matt also advised that he will be teaching a Sailboard Class from 10:00-12:00. He has room for 4 people but if more are interested, he can make arrangements to accommodate more. Matt Crawford made a motion for the club to sponsor the class by providing hotdogs and chips for lunch and Kim Dolan seconded. The motion carried. Jeff Utley volunteered to cook the hotdogs.
- Kevin Baker has a friend who has a hunting range that could possibly take the Styrofoam from the old docks. He will take one of them with him tonight and offer them to his friend.
- Richard Merrill stated that he was interested in attending the Strictly Sail Boat Show in either Chicago or Miami and invited anyone interested to come along. He will be having a meeting on Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 at the site to answer questions and make plans.
- Becky Thomas has volunteered to be the Chairman for the Fall Regatta and she will take care of the food. She wants to race this time so needs lots of help. If you can help, let her know. Due to Wendy Moore's mayoral race, Kim Dolan advised that Kathy Hornsby has the business card of a man who brings a trailer to your site and makes shirts on-site. The club receives 20% of each shirt sold and that would cover the cost of the give-aways. Becky Thomas made a motion to see if we can hire him for the Fall Regatta and John Garibotte seconded the motion. The motion carried. Kathy will contact him to see if he is available. Becky Thomas advised that she has another option if he is not available.

- Sally Ranstrom wants to see more picnic table installed at the site. Commodore Utley advised she is working on this.
- Lucian Cayce reported that on Labor Day the club will be having a One-Design Regatta. This will be practice for the C-15 Nationals next June.
- The Executive Committee reported that the five proposals are ready to go. Dawn Utley advised that she would be sending them to Kim Dolan within a day or two. Kim will email or snail mail them to all members. Single memberships will have one vote and family memberships will have two votes. The votes will need to be returned to Dawn within two weeks. Kim advised that she would need updated email and addresses. John Garibotte and Kathy Hornsby will provide the updated information. Copies of the proposal were available at the meeting.
- Commodore Utley advised that members were needed to run the committee boat for the Summer Racing Series.

**12. Adjournment** – 9:05 p.m.

**Recorder – Kim Dolan**