

Commodore's Comments by Matt Crawford

Greetings Again!!

The 2004 sailing season has begun, and we have already had some exciting times. The Sunday Races have started and we have had good participation (Thanks Mike!). Thanks to everybody who has come out, and especially thanks to the race committee's. If you are not sure of your week, please check the HYC website. You can check the results on the HYC website. They don't reflect the particularly exciting time on April 25th; I guess you had to be there, but thanks to the race committee for getting everybody off the water before the 40 mph winds!!

The preparations are pretty much set for the Spring Regatta (May 15-16). If you're not sure, check with Becky about any details that need to be covered. I hear she has an exciting event in store (including a band!!).

Looking back, the Spring Clean-up was highly successful! The site looks great and we added some much needed parking to the parking lot. There was a contest between the men and women involving assembling the new grills, but the results have been sent to a higher court for appeal. I'm not sure this one will be decided anytime soon!! Anyway, if you haven't been out in a while, it's definitely worth your time just to stop by and enjoy the view.

The April business meeting was very well attended. A new attendance contest was announced and some door prizes were given away. If you were not there, be sure and check out the April newsletter for all the details!

Speaking of meetings, the May meeting will include discussions about the Jr. Sailing proposal and the 2004 budget. I hear there will be a presentation from David Bergevin on sailboat racing. Also, please note that the June meeting has been moved to June 11th to accommodate the C-15 Nationals. The full schedule of meetings is on the HYC Calendar.

As far as the C-15 Nationals go, I hear that the preparations are almost complete. Our Race Director (Lucian Cayce) has requested that anyone wanting to volunteer to help be at the May meeting. We are always looking for people to pitch in.

As a final note, thanks to everyone for the great participation in all of our events! And to those single people left out there, beware, Love IS in the Air!

Fair Winds!

Matt Crawford
Commodore

PLEASE REMEMBER TO EMPTY THE TRASH CANS WHEN THEY ARE FULL. THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO KEEP THE SITE CLEAN.

Love is in the Air

David and Sally
Ranstrom have made
it official. They
were married on
April 14th at the
Opryland Hotel.



Congratulations David & Sally!!!!



Mike Wasner and
Kathy Hornsby were
married on April
16th at the Coffee
County Court House.

Congratulations Mike & Kathy!!!!

Donna
Aeron
Jennifer
March



Cayce's son,
Baker married
Keller on
26th in

Dearborn, Michigan.

Congratulations Aeron &
Jennifer!!!!

Nancy Wurst & Elton Thompson were
married on April 15th.

Congratulations Nancy & Elton!!!!

Upcoming Nuptials

Janet & Chad Schnarr - May 1st

Sandy Thomas & Rick Love - May 1st

Kevin LeMay & Ashley Galigher - July
31st

Andy Myrick & Melvie Gallagher -
August 7th

Carl Thomas & Jamie Bennet -
September 25th

The Great Grill Contest



After the Spring Clean-up, the men and women in attendance had a good natured competition to see which group could put their grill together the fastest. In a highly disputed contest, the men cheated and supposedly won the contest. The men made many mistakes along the way and had to reassemble their grill numerous times before getting it right while the women put theirs together in a slower but much more orderly fashion. After conceding defeat, the women were informed by Dawn Utley that a piece to the men's grill was found on her bathroom counter which in my humble opinion could only mean that the women actually won the competition.

The men's team consisted of Bob Paulk, Jeff Utley, Steve Martin, Matt Crawford, Richard Merrill and Tim Dolan. The women's team was Debi Merrill, Dawn Utley, Dixie Crawford, Rhonda Martin, Kim Dolan, with help from Eldri Paulk and Donna Cayce (photographer extraordinaire).

Actually, both teams did a fantastic job and we all look forward to eating some fabulous meals from these new grills. A big thank you to John Sanders for picking them up. Come on by and see for yourselves how great these new grill are.

p.s. The men's grill is the one with parts of the label still on it!

Please go to the website and read the proposal on the
Jr. Sailing Program and cast your vote!

2004 HYC Meeting Attendance Contest by Matt Crawford

An attendance contest will be held at each meeting over the summer. A boat name will be given at each meeting. One letter from each boat name will be used to spell a common five (5) letter sailing word. The letters will be given in order (1st boat name=1st letter).

To participate, after the August meeting, submit in writing to the Commodore:

1. All five (5) boat names
2. Names of the owners of all five (5) boats (at the time the boat name was given).
3. The correct five (5) letter word. Multiple words may be submitted, but the correct word must be on the list.

The prize will be free entry in the HYC Fall Regatta. Only one (1) prize will be given, and it is **transferable**. A tiebreaker question will be asked to all people submitting the proper answer. This will take place at the September meeting.

(HINT: First boat name is "Say Lynn".

Sunday Series Racing

The following are scheduled to be the race committee for the May races.

5/2	Bergevin
5/9	OPEN
5/23	Garibotte
5/30	Myrick

Everyone should come out and race on Sunday afternoon. The races start at 2:00 pm and are fun and a good way to get some valuable experience racing.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

May 14 th	May Meeting – Soup and Sandwiches
May 15 & 16	Spring Regatta
June 18-20	C15 National Regatta
July 4 th	Poker Run & Fireworks
Sept 11 & 12	Fall Regatta

Our deepest sympathies go out to Donna Cayce. Her mother passed away on March 22nd. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Highland Yacht Club Meeting Minutes April 16, 2004 - HYC



ATTENDEE SIGNING IN: Leanne, Lorraine, Bob & Janie Turpin, Larry, Libby, Ben & Mary Frances Barnett, Wendy, Paul, Zeke, Jacob & Ellie Grace Stevens, John & Valerie Sanders, Angie, John & Ian Garibotte, Larry, Becky & Carey Tomas, Jeff & Dawn Utley, David & Beverlee Bergevin, Lucian & Donna Cayce, Max & Sarah Hailey, Kevin LeMay & Ashley Galigher, Steve & Rhonda Martin, Richard

& Debi Merrill, Frank Steinle, Tom Bentley, Don & Joy Jones, Tom Gillard, Kim Dolan, Matt & Dixie Crawford.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 P.M. by Commodore Matt Crawford.

2. Commodores Report by Matt Crawford:

- Matt thanked **Dawn Utley** for the terrific job she did as the previous Commodore and, as a token of appreciation, **Dixie Crawford** presented Dawn & Jeff with margarita glasses inscribed with “2002-2004 Commodore HYC” and “Spouse”. Dawn was given a round of applause for a job well done.
- Matt passed around the rules for a meeting attendance contest to be held with the prize to be free entry in the HYC Fall Regatta. The first boat name for the contest is “Say Lynn”.
- Another new item is that door prizes will be given away at each meeting. Members are encouraged to look for items to be given for door prizes and to bring them to the meetings. Members should make sure they sign the attendance sheet as individuals and mark their age due to prizes may be age appropriate.
- **Tom Gillard** will present a program on wood finishes at the end of the meeting. Each month someone will present a program. In May, David Bergevin will have a program on racing, June, the Merrill’s will have one on cruising, and in July, John will talk about his recent trip to Africa.
- Matt announced that **Mike Wasner & Kathy Hornsby** were married today. **David Ranstrom & Sally Jantzen** were married on Wednesday. **Nancy Wurst & Elton Thompson** were married on Thursday. **Chad Schnarr & Janet** will be married on May 1st. **Kevin LeMay & Ashley Galigher** will be married on July 31st. **Andy Myrick & Melvie Gallagher** are getting married on August 7th. Becky Thomas announced that her daughter, Sandy will be marrying Rick Love on May 1st in Idaho and will have another ceremony at the club in September. Her son Carl will also be getting married to Jamie Bennet on September 25th. Donna Cayce announced that her son, Aeron Baker married Jennifer Keller on March 26th in Michigan.
- **Dawn Utley** reported that the women actually won the “Grill Assembly” contest since a piece of the men’s grill is lying on her bathroom counter.

3. Treasurer’s Report by Debi Merrill:

Item – check #	Bldg Fund	Dock Fund	Scholarship	Jr. Sailing	Regular Spding	Total
Bal 4/1/04	\$1923.73	\$4090.15	\$838.64	\$25.00	\$6101.85	\$12,979.37
1379 (grills)					(\$302.56)	\$12,676.81
Dep 4/13/04	\$10.00				\$100.00	\$12,786.81
1380 (porta potti)					(\$65.00)	\$12,721.81
1381 (mowing)					(\$160.00)	\$12,561.81

4. Harbor Master Report – Richard Merrill asked that people move their boats to their assigned spots on the dock. Members also need to get their insurance information turned in as soon as possible and if you have a new boat, you need to get the new insurance information in.

5. Communication – Web Page: John Garibotte reported that he has added more random pictures to the website. He will also add a “Commodore’s Comment” section each month. There is a place on the home page to add email addresses to the mailing list, so if you have additional email addresses you would like to be notified at that aren’t listed on the roster, you can add them here. We are now hosting **Catalina 22 Fleet 52** website on our site. John reported that the calendar is being used more and encouraged members to check it often as it is being updated all the time. There are postings for meetings, racing, upcoming events, etc. He had to delete the classified ads so if you need to repost

your add, you can do so. In the contact section, there are email addresses for the executive committee if you need to notify them of anything. The photo album is being worked on.

6. Jr. Sailing – Paul Stevens: Paul handed out information about getting the Jr. Sailing program going. **Valerie Sanders** has been helping him to come up with ideas to help fund the program. They are also looking for feedback from the members for ideas about establishing the program. They want to focus on children 8-13 years old and expand to include the older children at a later date. Last year Tom Coleman from McLaughlin came up and put on a great program, and he would like to try to get him back this year. He would like to focus on getting some boats with a Saturday morning program to get the kids on the water. We could then evolve that into a sailing day camp maybe next year. His son **Zeke** attended one last year and his learning curve really shot up. He would also like to have a Jr. course on the Sunday races eventually. Paul reported that in order to do these things, we need boats. He has one but would like to get 4 boats. He thinks he can get some used Optimists for around \$1200.00 each. There would be some other expenses including a storage rack and a Boston Whaler to be used for a chase boat. **Tom Bentley** asked whether that was price per boat or total. Paul answered that it was per boat but the Southern Yacht Club of Ponchatrain has about 12 boats for sale and maybe we could get a few of them. **Jeff Utley** asked whether this was an international one design and Paul answered that yes it was and it was a great program. Lucian Cayce asked about fund-raising ideas. **Valerie Sanders** displayed a beautiful quilt that was donated to be raffled off. Paul asked about insurance coverage for kids from the community on the water. **Tom Gillard** suggested Paul talk to other yacht clubs with Jr. Sailing programs to see how they handle the insurance questions. **Matt Crawford** wanted to clarify if Paul was only getting approval to start the Jr. Sailing Program and Paul stated that he wanted to make sure the club was willing to do this before the fund-raising started. **Lucian Cayce** suggested that Paul and Valerie get the answers to the questions raised and present it to the club at the next meeting. He also suggested that maybe the club could make a club donation to the program. **Tom Bentley** suggested that maybe we could poll the members to see if anyone would be willing to buy boats to be used in the program. Valerie mentioned that this would be bringing kids in from the community who were not member's children but that the numbers would be small so it wouldn't impact the site. They would not have keys and it would be a controlled time that they were here. Lucian made a motion that Paul and Valerie form a committee to answer the monetary and insurance questions and make a report at the May meeting. Paul and Valerie agreed to do this. **Max Hailey** seconded the motion and the motion carried. **Debi Merrill** and **Kim Dolan** will check on the insurance questions and **John Garibotte** will place a poll on the message board to get feedback from members.

7. Sunday Racing Series – Mike Wasner: Mike is not here tonight since he got married today but the Sunday race committees are set. **Tim & Kim Dolan** will be the race committee this Sunday. The race committee needs to be at the club before 1:00 to get the course set up, etc. If your name is on the list you need to be there or let someone know in advance so they can schedule someone else. The Sunday Series race results will be posted on the website. Every Sunday at 2:00 pm there will be a race. The race on April 25 will be another C15 Nationals practice. **Lucian Cayce** would like to practice timing with two fleets and also running several courses.

8. Old Business

- **Tom Bentley** mentioned that the boat ramp is pretty steep and although **Larry Thomas** did a great job on it, we need to flatten it out a bit. **Matt Crawford** said that right now there are no plans to modify it. Tom suggested that now is the time to make plans.
- **Jeff Utley** reported that there are several boats from California coming to the C15 Nationals so it should be a big race. He is checking into maybe using the parking lot at the Rec area to alleviate overcrowding. Jeff also mentioned that he has gotten permission from the base for all the regattas this year.

- **Lucian Cayce** would like to have a meeting after the May meeting for people interested in volunteering for the C15 race committee. Jeff Utley said they will be asking for volunteers to help in the hosting of the event in the near future. He stated that it is a three day event with lots of good racing. Lucian will put information on the calendar on the website.
- **Lucian Cayce** also requested that we purchase some flags for the mark set boats that should be around \$50.00. Commodore Matt Crawford authorized the purchase and asked Lucian to take care of it.
- **Commodore Crawford** reported that the June meeting has been set back a week to June 11th so that it didn't conflict with the C15 Nationals.

9. Regatta – **Becky Thomas** passed out sign up sheet for help with the regatta.

- Carlos Bussche has secured the beer truck.
- Don Jones has gotten Bill Betrand for chase boats.
- Trophies and give-aways are taken care of.
- Becky has a band coming for Saturday night.
- Frank Steinle has agreed to do the devotional and prayer.
- Becky will talk to Nancy Bussche about the Sunday lunch.
- George and Stephanie Wright are cooking the morning meat.
- Saturday night dinner will be catered. Becky stated the food is awesome and the price is right.
 - ✓ ½ chicken
 - ✓ Potato salad
 - ✓ Corn on the cob
 - ✓ Pasta salad
 - ✓ Oreo ice cream sandwich
- Becky needs volunteer to help with set-up. Janie Turpin and Eldri Paulk can maybe help.
- Becky may need help with the shopping.
- Jeff Utley will get with Kim Dolan about notifying the out-of-town people.
- John Garibotte will get registration forms to Debi Merrill and Kim Dolan.
- The committee boat is ready to go.
- Lucian Cayce needs two people on the committee boat.
- Vision Graphics is doing the t-shirts again. Becky has asked them to bring extras and several different styles (tank tops, polo shirts). They would like to have a picture from the club to use on the design.
- Dixie Crawford is getting the wine.
- Angie Garibotte will take care of the newspapers.

10. New Business

- Tom Bentley suggested there be a standard dinghy dock and that the money from the fees be put into a fund so they can maintain the docks. Debi Merrill reported that the money now goes into the general funds. Jeff Utley suggested Tom bring a proposal to the next meeting to be voted on. Matt Crawford said that a budget would be presented at the next meeting.
- Tom Gillard made a motion that the annual sailing class be held on Saturday, July 31st. Tom Bentley seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- David Bergevin scolded the Catalina 22 owners for the poor showing at the Force 5 Regatta in Nashville. Mike Wasner took 2nd place out of 7 boats. In the Tennessean Regatta in Nashville, Kevin Baker took 2nd place and Mike Wasner took 3rd. David also reported that Catalina 22 Fleet 52 is well represented in Region 3. They are hoping to host the regionals in June 2005 at the club.
- Kim Dolan reported that Kroger has the plastic Adirondack chairs for \$9.99.

- Dixie got the sign up sheet and asked if everyone signed up. She made the drawing. She put numbered poker chips into a box for door prize. There are 4 prizes tonight. Winners were:
 - Jacob Stevens - water Canon
 - Angie Garibotte- Shell lei from Hawaii
 - John Sanders - puca shell necklace-from Hawaii
 - Jeff Utley - mango jam-Debi brought from Belize

11. Presentation – Tom Gillard gave a presentation on wood refinishing and different types of finishes and options on how to refinish wood on your boat.

12. Adjournment – 8:23 PM.

Recorder – Kim Dolan