



# Highland Yacht Club Soundings

## May 2004

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**Commodore:** Matt Crawford  
**Vice Commodore:** Becky Thomas  
**Secretary/Treasurer:** Kim Dolan  
**Harbor Master:** Richard Merrill  
**Port Captain:** John Sanders  
**Webmaster:** John Garibotte  
**Newsletter Editor:** Kim Dolan

**JUNE MEETING – June 11<sup>th</sup> - HYC – Bring Your Own Steak**

**Winds of #@%! II** by Andy Myrick

This past March, David Bergevin, Max Hailey, Mark Hall, Todd Browning, and I headed down to Antigua in the Caribbean for the Winds of Hell II semi-annual charter trip. We had all the gear needed for one of our typical charter trips: extreme foul weather gear, snow shoes, emergency beacon, survival kit, hack saw (in case of low bridges), beer and rum. However, we needed none of these items, except of course, the beverages.

Other than Max's luggage taking a little side trip to another island via the local airline, there were no major mishaps. No groundings, no low bridges, no



Mark Hall, Todd Browning, Andy Myrick, Max Hailey, and David Bergevin



The boat at anchor for lunch at Brown Island at Harmony Hall resort. Great dessert.

storms, etc. Sorry folks. You should realize that a trip planned by me with no major problems is probably another sign of the end of time.

We chartered with Sunsail from their base in English Harbor, Nelson Dockyard, Antigua. Nelson Dockyard was formerly the main British naval base in the Caribbean during the 1700's and has been restored as a national park complete with cobble stone roads, wood shingled roofs, old inns and taverns. It's really an interesting place if you get a chance to visit.



Going to weather with two reefs in the genoa and several reefs in the main (2 or 3 I don't remember)

We finally sailed on Monday morning after recovering Max's luggage from it's little adventure via LIAT Airlines (LIAT = Luggage In Another Terminal). The weather, wind, and water were perfect.

I will not bore you with a day to day journal of what happened, but every day followed the same general pattern: wake up, set sail, open beer, sail all day, find a place to anchor and repeat the following day. I believe Bergevin has the record for the earliest beer opened at around 9:00 a.m., but he was generally followed closely by the rest of the crew.

One day, we sailed within sight of an active volcano on another island, but with our record, we dared not venture too closely. We generally sailed around the island and anchored in different bays. Most nights we were able to take the dingy to shore for dinner and beverages.



A sunset to behold, five guys and six cases of beer, how romantic.

The most memorable anchorage was in No Such Harbor. It is a bay protected by a reef just below the surface. We anchored in turquoise water just behind the reef. Although it looked like open ocean directly in front of the anchored boat, we were protected by the reef. This was my first trip to actually be able to snorkel! Usually, the storms, waves, and sleet prevent good snorkeling. It was great.



How many people does it take to hold a chart down and figure out where we are?

Co-skipper Bergevin was nice enough to clean the deck each morning by dumping salt water over the deck with a five gallon bucket. One particular morning, while dumping the water liberally over the deck, David failed to notice that the hatch directly above Todd's cabin, where he was peacefully asleep, was not fully closed. Yes, Todd was awakened by a direct hit of five gallons, more or less, of not so warm ocean water. Judging by his appearance, he was hit mostly in the head and chest. His comment on the event is as follows: What the @#%#@. Which one of you @%&\*#@ is \$%^&#@# with me? What a way to start the day. You could feel the love.

It was a fantastic and actually FUN trip, and I appreciate David and Max going along after the previous trip to the Keys, which although was great, could not be described as fun, an adventure, yes, but fun, not quite. Thanks to David for helping arrange the charter and for getting us a price break on the boat.

## Meet Cap'n Dick & Cap'n Deb

Richard and Debi Merrill recently completed the ASA Bareboat Chartering course in Pensacola, FL. Richard also received his ASA Coastal Navigation certification.

Congratulations to Cap'n Dick and Cap'n Deb.



## Sunday Series Racing

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

|      |                                 |
|------|---------------------------------|
| 6/6  | Ranstrom                        |
| 6/13 | Riner                           |
| 6/20 | C-15 Nationals – No Sunday Race |
| 6/27 | Baker                           |

## Upcoming Dates to Remember

|                      |                       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| June 18-20           | C15 National Regatta  |
| July 4 <sup>th</sup> | Poker Run & Fireworks |
| Sept 11 & 12         | Fall Regatta          |

# Highland Yacht Club Meeting Minutes

## April 16, 2004 - HYC



**ATTENDEE SIGNING IN:** Unavailable at this time.

**1. The meeting was called to order at 7:06 P.M. by Commodore Matt Crawford.**

**2. Commodores Report by Matt Crawford:**

- Matt gave the 2<sup>nd</sup> boat name in the attendance contest.
- Matt handed out copies of 2004 budget:

|   |                                    |
|---|------------------------------------|
| <b>Total Income</b> (dues, dock fees, storage fees, etc.) | <b>\$12,050</b>                    |
| <b>Expenses</b>   |                                    |
| Mowing  | \$ 1,300                           |
| Insurance   | \$ 800                             |
| Porta Pottis  | \$ 1,200                           |
| Parties/Events  | \$ 1,000                           |
| Miscellaneous   | \$ 400                             |
| Regattas  | \$ 350                             |
| Site Improvement  | \$ 3,000 (\$700 to dinghy storage) |
| Dock  | <u>\$ 4,000</u>                    |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>\$12,050</b>                    |

- Matt reminded everyone that the June meeting is a week early due to the C-15 Nationals to be held at the club the following weekend.
- Matt asked if anyone knew the pirate associated with the flag on the front of "Shamu" and offered a prize of \$5.00 for the correct answer. Kim Dolan guessed William Teech, Donna Cayce-Blackbeard, Richard Merrill-Tampa Bay Buccaneers, David Bergevin-Christopher Connit, and John Garibotte had the correct answer of Thomas Tew. John graciously donated the prize to the scholarship fund.
- Matt announced that he had received an email from some sailors in Canada wanting to use our facilities. After checking it out, he realized they were trying to reach a Highland Yacht Club in Ontario. He gave kudos to John Garibotte since our website kicked the other, much larger clubs butt.

**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 |
| 1382 (webpage)     |           |           |             |             | (\$159.90)     | \$12,401.91 |

|                      |            |            |          |         |            |             |
|----------------------|------------|------------|----------|---------|------------|-------------|
| Interest             |            |            |          |         | \$3.73     | \$12,405.64 |
| Deposit              |            |            | \$5.00   |         | \$120.00   | \$12,530.64 |
| 1383 (caterer)       |            |            |          |         | (\$400.00) | \$12,130.64 |
| 1384 (skipper gifts) |            |            |          |         | (136.00)   | \$11,994.64 |
| 1385 (sand)          |            |            |          |         | (\$371.85) | \$11,623.49 |
| BALANCE 5/14/04      | \$1,933.73 | \$4,090.15 | \$843.64 | \$25.00 | \$4,730.97 | \$11,623.49 |

**4. Harbor Master Report – Richard Merrill** reported that the dock is just about full with everyone in their right spots. Let him know of any problems. He reported that some chains did come loose but they have been replaced. Frank Steinle asked how many boats on waiting list and Richard responded that there are eight (8). Richards stated that the base gave the ski club the old docks from the rec center and they are giving us two (2) of them. He will go get them soon and we should be able to have them up and running pretty quickly.

**5. Port Captain Report – John Sanders** reported that the new lawn mower is getting into the swing of things and the site looks great. He also thanked everyone who came out and helped to move the sand around on the beach. Report any problem with the site to him.

**6. Communication – Web Page: John Garibotte** reported that everything is okay with the website.

**7. Jr. Sailing – Paul Stevens:** Paul handed out a sheet with answers to many of the questions members had at the last meeting. One of the main concerns was the club's liability and insurance. Debi Merrill reported that the kids are covered but not the boats. Paul stated that he would like to give this a 3 year trial period to see how it works out with more program added each year. He would like the program to become self-sustaining eventually by the fees charged. He also stated that volunteers would be needed. This would be a very positive event towards base relations. Frank Steinle asked about having Jr. Memberships and Matt Crawford stated that maybe we can do that in the future. Lucian Cayce asked about the start-up money. Paul explained that fund raisers were in the works including a raffle, donations from local businesses and members. Sally Ranstrom asked about the time limit and Paul said that if not working after the trial period he would quit. Lucian Cayce asked if Paul had kids in mind to do this and he stated that of course his kids and their friends and many others had stated an interest. Kim Dolan asked about the Optis and if he was tied to getting them and Paul stated he wanted to start with them and grow into Sunfish, etc. Donna Cayce wanted to be sure that the program would be structured and Paul stated it would be something like 9-12 on Saturdays for 6 weeks. Paul made a motion that we okay the Jr. Sailing Committee to begin planning and fund-raising. Lucian Cayce seconded the motion. The motion carried. Paul's 2<sup>nd</sup> motion was that HYC provide seed money for the program in the amount of \$500.00 to be used for advertising, etc. to get things started. David Bergevin seconded the motion. The motion carried. Paul's proposal #3 was that HYC join the Optimist Association. Paul would like to attend a training seminar in Knoxville. Dixie Crawford seconded the motion. David Bergevin asked if there would be any conflict with any other associations the club belonged to and Paul responded no. The motion carried. Valerie Sanders reported that she has the raffle tickets for the first fund raiser where a beautiful quilt will be raffled off. Each ticket will be \$1.00 for a chance at the quilt. The raffle will be held the weekend of the C-15 Nationals.

**8. Scholarship Fund-Becky Thomas:** The scholarship committee has three applicants to consider. Becky read a thank you note from Jeremy Gillard for renewing his scholarship for this year.

**9. Old Business**  
**C-15 Nationals**

- **Lucian Cayce** wanted anyone who plans on working the committee boat to see him after the meeting.
- **Becky Thomas** will be handling the food and will be doing just like she does our own regattas. She will be asking for volunteers soon.
- **Matt Crawford** stated that **Jeff Utley** and **Bill Riner** have everything under control. He also encouraged everyone to buy a meal ticket.

#### **Dinghy Storage Chairperson**

- **Matt Crawford** asked for volunteers to be in charge of the Dinghy Storage funds. The club allocated \$700.00 for them. No one volunteered.

#### **Boat Ramp**

- **Matt Crawford** stated that there has been a lot of discussion on the steepness of the boat ramp. He needs someone to step up to push this issue forward.

### **10 . New Business**

- Tom Gillard said that a few months ago someone mentioned that the sign out front needed some work and he made a new sign but went a little overboard. He presented the club with a beautiful wooden sign.
- Paul Stevens reported that the new manager at the AEDC Marina was interested in possibly buying sailboats for rent. He asked if anyone would be interested in taking people from the rec center for rides on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July to promote sailing. He felt this would be good community relations. Matt Crawford wanted someone to be in charge of this and David Bergevin volunteered. If you are willing to take people for rides, contact David or Paul. (at 1:00 pm)

**11. Sunday Series Racing- Mike Wasner:** **Mike** reported that there has been a lot of participation in the Sunday racing and it has been going really well. If your name is on the list to man the committee boat, please make sure you show up because people are coming out to race every Sunday.

### **12. Regatta – Becky Thomas**

- The beer is here.
- There was wind today and hopefully tomorrow.
- Make sure you bring the things you signed up to bring.
- George and Stephanie Wright are grilling the meat and making coffee in the morning.
- Dinner is at 6:00 Saturday night.
- Band is coming Saturday night and a tip jar will be passed around so bring some money.
- Vision Graphics will be back and making t-shirts again.
- Debi Merrill and Kim Dolan will be taking registrations tonight and tomorrow.
- Becky thanked John Sanders for making the step into the storage building.
- Becky still needs help grilling on Sunday as Nancy has a prior commitment.
- Lucian stated that sailing instructions and course layout are posted in the bulletin board. 7 classes are expected.

**13. Door Prizes-Dixie Crawford:** Dixie made sure that everyone had signed the attendance sheet. The following members won door prizes: John Sanders, Sally Ranstrom, Lorraine Turpin, Kim Dolan.

**14. Presentation – David Bergevin** gave a presentation on racing.

**15. Adjournment – 8:23 PM.**

**Recorder – Kim Dolan**

