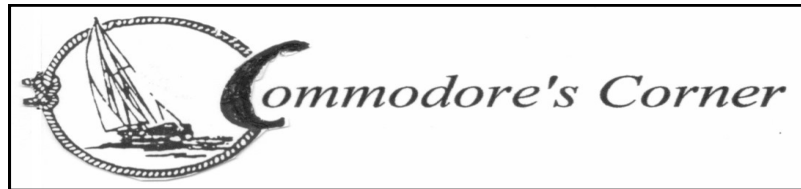




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THE MONTHLY LOG OF THE HUDSON BEACH YACHT CLUB

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Ahoy Mates,

As most of you probably know by now, Mike Nunes has resigned as Commodore of HBYC for personal reasons. He will continue to be a contributing member of the club. We thank him for his contributions in the short time he served.

Please note that the bylaws require the Vice Commodore to take the Commodore position should the Commodore be unable to serve. I have done so and will do my best to fulfill the responsibilities of the position. Don Himes volunteered to take the Vice Commodore position and so I have appointed him such. I am always open to new ideas and suggestions so please feel free to email or call me with any ideas or concerns. Remember, this is YOUR club and what you think matters.

Again I want to thank all the members who volunteered at Safety Town. I hope all of you will visit it and see the kind of contribution the club is making. The work that you all do on behalf of the club does not go unnoticed. Assistance setting up for meetings and events, helping in the kitchen, helping with meeting cleanup, coastal cleanup, Christmas toy drive are all ways that so many of you volunteer, so give yourself a round of applause and keep up the good work.

We have many activities planned for the future and our calendar is pretty full. Hopefully there is something for everyone. Please don't forget that the next meeting is our Cinque de Mayo pot luck dinner. We always have such great food and I don't expect that this year will be any different. It's a great time to bring a friend who might be interested in joining the club.

Thank you all for the support at my first meeting as Commodore. It makes a difference.

Godspeed,

*Commodore Nancy*

Nancy Colson, Commodore

# HBYC General Meeting Minutes, April 2, 2024

The first event of the evening was a flea market for members to sell off their excess nautical gear. The doors opened at 6:00 p.m. and tables were given to various members. There seemed to be a good interest level and sales were made.

The General Meeting began at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Former Vice Commodore announced the board's acceptance of Commodore Mike Nunes resignation from the office for personal reasons. Following the direction of our By Laws, the existing Vice Commodore becomes the new Commodore until the next election of officers occurs. As the new Commodore, Nancy Colson exercised her By Law driven duty to appoint a new Vice Commodore who is Don Himes.

Nancy showed a short video of Safety Town so our members could see what it is all about. It is interactive so the school children can learn various ways to be safe. There are areas for in the water, in a pool, on a boat, if a fire starts learning "Drop, Cover and Roll", traffic lights and signals for road safety, One of the most important ones teaches how and when or when not to use 911 to report an emergency. She then asked the members who had gone over there to do the cleanup and repair that was needed on our boat display. Guy Colson, Dean Perry, John Dering, Debbie Robinson, Mitch & Anne Lairmore, Harry Harty and Mike Nunes were given a rousing hand of applause.

Nancy would like someone to volunteer to be a "Cares & Concern" person to call, send cards and visit any member who becomes ill or can't get to meeting to show we are thinking about them. Bill Elliott, who has just gotten out of hospital after his surgery, spoke of the importance of being contacted by friends asking how he was doing. Please consider volunteering for this duty.

Purser Anne Lairmore told us we have \$6139.35 in the bank account.

Publicity Jackie Kerschbaum has sent the emails for May's General Meeting and this meeting was in the newsletters including the information about the Nautical sale.

Membership Bob Costales gave the Birthdays and Anniversaries for April. There are no visitors or new members this meeting.

In the absence of Maryann Del Valle-Stowe, Toni Elliott gave the Social report. The March Dinner for Birthdays & Anniversaries was at Whiskey Joes off US 19 at the bridge. John Dering told us It was a very nice place; food was a bit higher but was well worth it as Toni had not attended. April's dinner will be Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at The Hudson Grill on Denton Avenue, Hudson. A bowling date has been set for Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at Lane Glo North. Sign up sheet is at the front door.

Guy Colson, Fleet Captain, had to cancel the cruise to Caladesi last month for weather concerns. We all need to keep checking the website for up-dated information, attend meetings or contact the person in charge of an event as a last resort. He has scheduled a cruise to Dunedin following the Blessing of the Fleet and Women at the Helm Race on Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day weekend. Return to Hudson will be on Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Dave Bauer gave a Racing report with the results of the March 16<sup>th</sup> Spring Fling Trophy Race. Shawn Rodel 1<sup>st</sup>, Eric Glaser 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Sue Gelineau 3<sup>rd</sup>. Dan Wallace was the only multihull and finished first in his class.

The next race is April 13, the St. Martins Race, which is a Trophy Race and the longest of the series. April 27 is the Gulf Harbor Yacht Club Spring Regatta. One of the races will be counted as a "points race" for HBYC Season Series. We are invited to use the GHYC docks, but you must notify both Dave Bauer & Eric Glaser if you intend to race and stay over. Non-racers are also invited to attend the Regatta dinner with notification to Eric. The food is very good and reasonably priced.

Mitch Lairmore reminded us there is a kayak trip to the Withlacoochee River. We will leave from the Beacon Woods Restaurant at 8 am. Come earlier if you want breakfast. Launch is at the Hog Island Recreation Area in Bushnell. Details are in the kayak flyer on the website. Call him to let him know if you are going, especially if you are travelling separately to the launch site. The May 11th trip is Rainbow River which has an RV camping site nearby.

Bill Elliott and Marie Harty are trying to set up a Club group to go to the Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theatre for a Sunday matinee show. There are a few discount tickets that can be used to purchase guest tickets. Contact Marie if you are interested. The shows are very good, and the food is good but not gourmet.

Mystery Question: Why did pirates carry a bar of soap on their ship? So they could wash up, if they were washed overboard, before they came ashore to find the Ladies of the evening.

The 50/50 raffle was \$45 which was won by Debbie Loudan.

Submitted by Yeoman

*Jackie Kerschbaum*

## April 2024 Membership Report

### Birthdays for April:

Harry Harty 4/5  
Nancy Spiggle 4/12  
Anne Lairmore 4/17  
Valery Strauss 4/19  
Jane Hanekamp 4/25  
Betty Roberts 4/25  
Mark St. Angelo 4/26



### Wedding Anniversaries for April:

Ed & Nancy Clemmons 4/8  
Peter & Sandra Larsen 4/11



### A couple of membership reminders:

Our Birthday and Anniversary Dinner this month is on April 18 at 6:00 pm at the Hudson Grill on Denton Ave. See flyer under the Social Committee Report for details.

*Bob Costales*

Membership Director

## Trip Report HBYC Kayak Trip to Santa Fe River High Springs Florida.

Nine HBYC members and two guests participated in our paddle in the Santa Fe River on March 9. Everyone had single kayaks.

Some of us met in Hudson at the Beacon Woods Café for breakfast before we drove to Santa Fe River Canoe Outpost. Two paddlers stayed the night before at the Moonshine Acres RV part in Fort White and met us there. We offloaded the boats at the Outpost and then took cars to the Highway 27 Boat Launch. The weather was warm and windy. We had a bit of a late start and rain was forecast to arrive in the afternoon, so we shortened the paddle. Unlike last year, the outpost didn't have a shuttle service, so we had to shuttle our own cars. My GPS logged the paddle for about 4 miles between our put in at the outpost and take out at Highway 27 Boat Launch.

Like last year, the river was shallow, clear, and scenic. We had a nice current pushing us down the river. Paddlers report counting over 300 turtles and a few small alligators.

After we loaded up the boats, we drove to Sam's Pizza and Subs. The food there was fine.

*Mitch Lairmore*

Kayak Director





# Kayak Trip

## Saturday, May 11, 2024

### Rainbow River (Dunnellon, FL)



**Meet:** We will **Leave at 8 AM** from Beacon Woods Café parking lot  
12362 US-19, Hudson, FL 34667

**Put-in:** KP Hole Park 9435 SW 190th Avenue Rd, Dunnellon, FL 34432 There is a long walk to the launch so bring a cart/wheels for your kayaks.

**Take-out:** Blue Run 19680 E Pennsylvania Ave, Dunnellon, FL 34432

**Rentals:** Rainbow River Kayak Adventures <https://rainbowriverkayak.com/>

**Meal:** TBD

**Camping:**

Roost RV Park Crystal River, FL [www.quailroostrvpark.com](http://www.quailroostrvpark.com) 9835 N Citrus,  
Ave Phone 352-563-0404 ~\$62/ night (full hookup)

The Rainbow River is located in Dunnellon, Florida, United States, in the southwest corner of Marion County, about 20 miles (32 km) southwest of Ocala, 100 miles (160 km) northwest of Orlando and 100 miles (160 km) north of the Tampa Bay area. It is formed by a first-magnitude spring (Rainbow Springs) that is ranked fourth in the state for volume of discharge. In addition to the springs located at the headwaters, there are many smaller springs that discharge from numerous caves, rock crevices, and sand boils the entire length of the river.

We will launch at KP Hole Park and paddle with current about 4 miles to the takeout point at Blue Run park. We can either move cars to shuttle ourselves or utilize the shuttle service (~\$26/person).

We will most likely have lunch after the paddle, but we will decide a location later.

***Please let Mitch Lairmore know if you will be meeting the group at the Canoe Outpost launch instead of at the parking lot in Hudson. 585-733-4546. Link to sign up form <https://forms.gle/aiZkmAe3P24dQYi16>.***

## *From the Crow's Nest...*



**Our first club cruise** of 2024 to Caladesi was uneventful, specifically because it did not occur. Only two boats were planning on going, and due to the inclement weather forecast, and with discretion being the better part of valor, it was best to cancel.

**Our second club cruise** of 2024 is on the Memorial Day weekend, immediately following the Women at the Helm race on May 25th, to Dunedin and possibly Clearwater ending on or about May 28<sup>th</sup>. For those who crewed on the racing boats but will be disembarking after the race, there are two possible options:

At the end of the race raft up with a boat going back home and transfer the crew member(s), or  
Offload the crew members not cruising at the Dunedin Municipal Marina (this may require coordination with a dingy ride from an anchored vessel unless a transient slip is available at the marina that day) but also land transport needs to be arranged.

Regardless, it's too early to plan the specifics right now, not knowing who is racing or plans on doing the cruise, but something to think about as we get towards the end of May.

**SPEAKING OF TRANSIENT SLIPS.** In Tarpon Springs one of the past favorites was the Turtle Cove Marina; unfortunately they no longer offer them. Another option is the Port Tarpon Marina on the Anclote River. All of the slips in Caladesi are transient, but as the weather gets warmer the no-see-ums can be quite pervasive and annoying. Further south, there is the Dunedin Municipal Marina, and although they don't have specific transient slips, they often have slips available when their permanent slip holders aren't using their slips for one reason or another. But one would need to call ahead a week or two ahead of time to check availability. Further south in Clearwater there is the Clearwater Harbor Marina on the ICW right by the Clearwater Memorial Bridge, and also the Clearwater Beach Marina right by Clearwater Beach (although their docks are rather short and best for power boats, not sailboats (been there, done that!)). And then further down there is the Gulfport Municipal Marina. Although anchoring out is always a much less expensive option (it's FREE after all) as the weather gets warmer if one has A/C on their boat crew members often are partial to the Marina option with plug-in power. Then again, if one wanted to put out between \$500 - \$1,200, there is always the option of a Honda EU2000i portable generator or one of its cheaper cousins available either from Harbor Freight or Northern Tool.

**REGARDING ANCHORING.** Lots of options, starting with Dutchman Key or Anclote Power Plant Outside depending upon the wind direction, Three (or is it now Two?) Rooker Bar, Dunedin either by the spoil islands or closer in near the entrance to the marina. And "One Tree Island" off the ICW in Clearwater, anchoring behind "Frenchy's" or grabbing a mooring ball or anchoring in Gulfport. And the list goes on. There are many more spots up and down both the West and East Coasts identified in our HBVC Cruising Guide (available upon request)! Let's get out there!

*Guy Colson*

Fleet Captain

# RACING

## SPRING FLING RACE RESULTS, MARCH 16, 2024

<b>MONOHULL</b>						TOT	TOT	TOD	Average
			Start	Finish	Actual	Correction	Corrected	Corrected	Time
Boat Name	Captain	PHRF	Time	Time	Time	Factor	Time	Time	Corrected
PAPER MOON	Rodel	181	14:51:00	15:40:17	0:49:17	0.89	0:43:49	0:41:34	0:42:41
NO NAME	Glaser	244	14:51:00	15:47:48	0:56:48	0.82	0:46:30	0:46:23	0:46:27
FINE ALEE	Gelineau	256	14:51:00	15:50:08	0:59:08	0.81	0:47:41	0:48:13	0:47:57
TIME 2 CRUISE	Bauer	244	14:51:00	15:52:57	1:01:57	0.82	0:50:43	0:51:32	0:51:08
VENTOLERA	Massicotte	215	14:51:00	15:55:47	1:04:47	0.85	0:55:03	0:55:37	0:55:20
<b>MULTIHULL</b>									
COOL BREEZE	Wallace	60	14:51:00	15:52:26	1:01:26	1.07	1:05:28	0:58:52	1:02:10



### 2024 SPRING FLING WINNERS:

**MONOHULL: SHAWN RODEL - "PAPERMOON"**

**MULTIHULL: DAN WALLACE - "COOL BREEZE"**





# **HBYC April Race Schedule**

We have two racing events scheduled for April:

## **St Martins Race** – April 13<sup>th</sup>

This is a Trophy Race and is the longest race of the year at a little over 20nm. We have a big tide window for both the GHYC and HBYC boats. I will send out the race notice the week of the 8<sup>th</sup>.

## **HBYC Points Race/GHYC Spring Regatta** – April 27<sup>th</sup>

We are combining our points race with the GHYC Spring Regatta. They are running two races on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup>. One of the races will count for both HBYC Points Race and towards the GHYC trophy.

Given the tide windows that weekend, if you want to race you should plan to take your boat to GHYC on Friday. You must let David or Eric know if you are coming Friday and returning Sunday (again tide windows). Racers and crew are welcome to use the bar and dining room at GHYC Friday and Saturday nights.

There is a \$15.00 fee to HBYC for the points Race and a separate fee to enter the GHYC Races.

You must contact both Dave Bauer and Eric Glaser if you want to race on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

Dave Bauer: [davebauer71@gmail.com](mailto:davebauer71@gmail.com)

Eric Glaser: [ericglaser1@gmail.com](mailto:ericglaser1@gmail.com)

[SEE HBYC WEB SITE \(www.myhbyc.com\) UNDER RACING TAB, FOR GHYC NOTICE OF RACE FLYER](http://www.myhbyc.com)

# *Blessing of the Fleet And Women at the Helm Race*

*May 25th.*

*Blessing of the Fleet: 11:30*

*W.A.T.H. Race Start: Noon*

*We are reinstating our annual Blessing of the Fleet. This event is open to all boaters (sail or power) in the Hudson Beach area. The Blessing of the Fleet is a centuries-old tradition originating in southern European fishing communities. A blessing from the local priest was meant to ensure a safe and bountiful season for the area's commercial fishing community. Over time, however, these ceremonies have evolved into community gatherings that celebrate not only safety but also the camaraderie of seafarers and their families.*

*Dennis Stow's (HBYC Chaplin) boat will be the Blessing Boat. He will be anchored between the HBYC Start Waypoint (FR1) and Marker 2. That will be just a short hop south of Marker 2.*

*The ceremony will begin at 1130 and will be broadcast on VHF Ch. 72. Plan to arrive and be in position before 1130. All boats should form a big circle (under power) and motor clockwise around the Blessing Boat. As new boats arrive, please make room for them to join the circle. Please maintain your position in the circle, don't overtake a slower boat.*



*Once Chaplin Dennis begins the Holy Water phase, boats will make a tight pass one-by-one staying in their position in the circle to receive the Holy Water. **Do not pass to close!** It is the symbolism not the splash that counts!*

*As soon as your boat has received the Holy Water please break from the circle. Racers should head for the W.A.T.H. start line which will be the HBYC Start Waypoint (FR1).*

*The Women at the Helm Race is a trophy race featuring our women captains at the helm for the entire race. To sign up for this race please contact Dave Bauer. The course will be sent to the signed up racers on the eve of the race.*

*This will be a great day on the water, we hope you can come out and be a part of it.*

***Dave Bauer***

*Race Director*

# 2024 HBYC Racing Needs Committee Boats

Dave Bauer is looking for folks with power boats who would be willing to be a Committee Boat for **one or more** races.

We really need some of our power boaters to step up and help us, as a committee boat is very important to running a race.



Dave will train you in what a committee boat's activities are during a race.

As a Committee Boat Captain, you and your crew will be invited to attend the post-race event for the race you serve and get an invite to the year end racer's dinner. Additionally, we will give you \$25.00 to use for gas or beer – up to you.

It's a great way to get out and participate in our club's racing events.

Coming Races where we need a Committee Boat are:

April 13<sup>th</sup> – St. Martin's Race

May 25<sup>th</sup> – Blessing of the Fleet and Women at the Helm Race

June 8<sup>th</sup> – Scandia Cup

September 14<sup>th</sup> – Points Race

October 19<sup>th</sup> – Points Race

November 7<sup>th</sup> – Hudson to Hooters (Get two free dinner tickets)

If you'd like to find out more about being a committee boat without any obligation, just call or text **Dave Bauer** at **(352) 678-8122** or get with him at a meeting.

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT - APRIL 2024

We have some great things happening this month. Our birthday/anniversary dinner will be on April 18th at 6:00 pm at the Hudson Grill on Denton Ave. It does not have to be your birthday or anniversary this month to come and celebrate with everyone. (Flyer attached)

Following this fun event on April 21st there is bowling (and watching). Not all that come, bowl, but everyone has a great time. (Flyer attached)

Get ready to have a great evening and sample many different Mexican dishes. Our May meeting will have a potluck for Cinco de Mayo. Everyone is invited to bring your best dish. (Flyer attached)

Thank you to all that bring snacks to our meetings and help with the set up and clean up. You do not go unnoticed. The original calendar had a Breakfast on the Beach scheduled for April 27th. That is to be rescheduled and we will let everyone know as soon as the decision is made. Thank you for your support in all our events.

The Social Committee



# HUDSON GRILL

9821 Denton Ave., Hudson

## BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY DINNER

April 18th @ 6pm

Eat-drink-and connect. The Hudson Grill is an American-Italian restaurant and bar. Start your evening with a plate of wings or the chef's antipasto salad. Move on to a ribeye sandwich or chicken parmigiana. Sitting with friends will make your dinner complete.



If you plan to attend, please contact Sue Gelineau by April 14th.

518-821-0109



Come join us for a Bowling Night

Sunday April 21, 2024 – 6 PM to ?? PM

Lane Glo North – Port Richey

6935 Ridge Rd

**SUPER SUNDAYS | 6PM – CLOSE**

**This Package includes:**

**\$2.29 Games**

**\$2.75 Rental Shoes**

If interested, please see the sign up sheet or R.S.V.P. to Toni Elliott so that I have a count to save enough lanes.

[Tiki4toni@yahoo.com](mailto:Tiki4toni@yahoo.com), 727-831-5683.

POTLUCK DINNER

MAY 7, 2024

IN HONOR OF CINQUE DE MAYO



DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM

DINNER AT 6:30PM

GENERAL MEETING TO FOLLOW

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE



## FOR SAIL / WANTED/MISCELLANEOUS

### Mystery Question:

What is the oldest trophy in international sports, pre-dating the modern Olympics by 45 years?

Contact Commodore Nancy Colson with the correct answer for a free 50/50 ticket.

727-237-7026 or email noslocn@yahoo.com

### Next General Meeting

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Sea Ranch Civic Association Clubhouse

6:00 pm - Doors open

6:30 pm - Pot Luck Dinner

7:30 pm - General Meeting

### Next Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 9, 7:00 PM

Location: Colson Residence

Boat Deliveries, Sailing Lessons, and miscellaneous boat works at a reasonable price.

Call Captain Mike Nunes at 908-887-3685 or email MikeJNunes@aol.com

### FOR SALE

**HBYC Cruising Guide:** This is a guide to HBYC member's favorite anchorages in South Florida. It includes color charts, directions and information about the anchorages. A PDF version of the guide is available for free for HBYC members. A printed color hard copy is available for \$10 each. Contact Guy Colson if you would like a hard copy of the guide or a link to the PDF version.

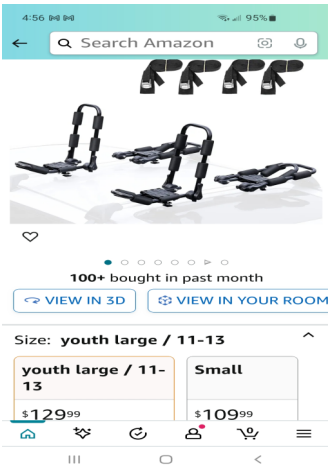
For Sale: 2 Kayaks and racks, 4hp Tohatsu outboard motor and soft bottom inflatable. See attached flyers. Contact Larry Hamilton (405) 212-7044

### WANTED!

SIT ON KAYAK wanted. Medium volume kayak, 7' - 9' one person recreational. Contact Lisa Bekiaris - listed in member directory.

# FOR SALE

2 Kayaks - No holes - Good condition- 1 Hoist - Foldable roof rack \$500 package only

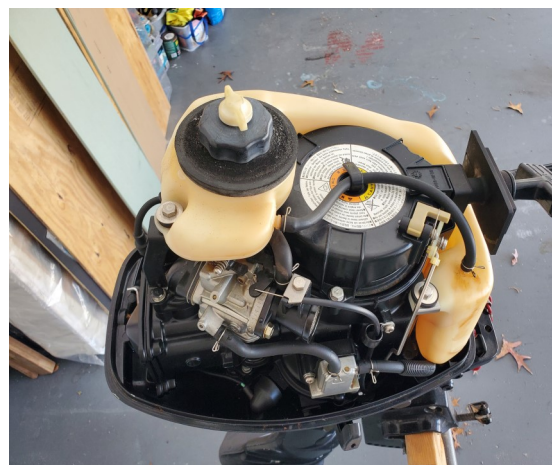


Larry (405) 212-7044

# FOR SALE

TOHATSU 4 STROKE - 4 HP - w/reverse Like new - appx 30 hours - Short shaft 15" - \$725

10 1/2 ft Soft floor inflatable no title - free w/ outboard sale Larry (405) 212-7044





**Post Office Box 6152**

**Hudson, FL 34674-6152**

**Nancy Colson, Commodore**

Meets the first Tuesday of each month at the Sea Ranch  
Clubhouse, 13711 Veronica Drive, Hudson, FL 34667

[www.myhbyc.com](http://www.myhbyc.com)