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THE MONTHLY LOG OF THE HUDSON BEACH YACHT CLUB

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For those of us who love to complain about the sweltering heat and humidity in Florida, this past month has certainly provided some welcome relief. Or has it? I guess it's just a "be careful what you wish for" kind of thing. Regardless, hopefully this never ending series of cold fronts will soon come to an end (maybe) and we can get back to some of our on-the-water events.

I hope that all of our members take the time to read every edition of Marker 2 and/or keep up with what we have going on with up-to date information on our website. Many hours are spent every month by our respective board members to make sure you know about our activities and can take advantage of them.

In baseball they used to call it the "disabled list" but in 2019 they renamed it to the "injured list". Regardless, we have several members now recuperating from recent health problems. Roger Massicotte is recovering and getting therapy from his recent stroke, Jim Wasson is recovering from a fall and receiving therapy, and Sue Perry is recovering and receiving therapy for a knee replacement just this week. Last but not least is my wife Nancy still recovering from surgery last November. Please keep all of our recovering members in your prayers.

Our meeting this week was very well attended, with some members and past members whom we haven't seen in some time, Bob and Sharon Lampi and Byron and Mary Peppler, and Barbara Wallace to name a few. Great to see you again!

Memberships. Our club has approximately \$2,000 per year in fixed costs... clubhouse rental, insurance, website, P.O. Box, etc. While this is still manageable with our current membership, our ability to subsidize other events like Hudson to Hooters, Christmas Party, and so forth is becoming strained. I would ask all of our members to think about your neighbors and friends who might want to join our club and enjoy our activities, invite them to come to a meeting and see what we're all about!

Many thanks to those who bring in snacks for our meetings, as well as set up and clean up after the meetings. You are our unsung heroes. And a very special thanks to Jackie Kerschbaum for filling in as Yeoman the past months!

Until next month...

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Guy" in a cursive, flowing style.

Guy Colson, Commodore



## HBYC General Meeting Minutes, February 3, 2026

6:00PM Doors open for swap meet setup etc.

6:30 PM HBYC 2026 Racing Discussion of racers and Crew – Eric Glaser

7:30 PM General Meeting

The meeting was opened at 7:31 PM by Commodore Guy Colson with the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of the last General meeting on January 6, 2026, were approved by motion.

Guy reported on Jim Wasson's fall, Connie says he is getting better: and Roger Masicotte had a major stroke; he is mending and here tonight.

Membership Valery Strauss has gotten 5 renewals tonight. She listed the Birthdays and anniversaries for February. Guy asked Steve Thompson and his wife, Tamara, to tell us about his boats. He has two sail boats and would like to give away the smaller one. It is at Sterling Marina and there will be an insert in Marker 2 describing the boat. If interested, his contact number will be in the boat description.

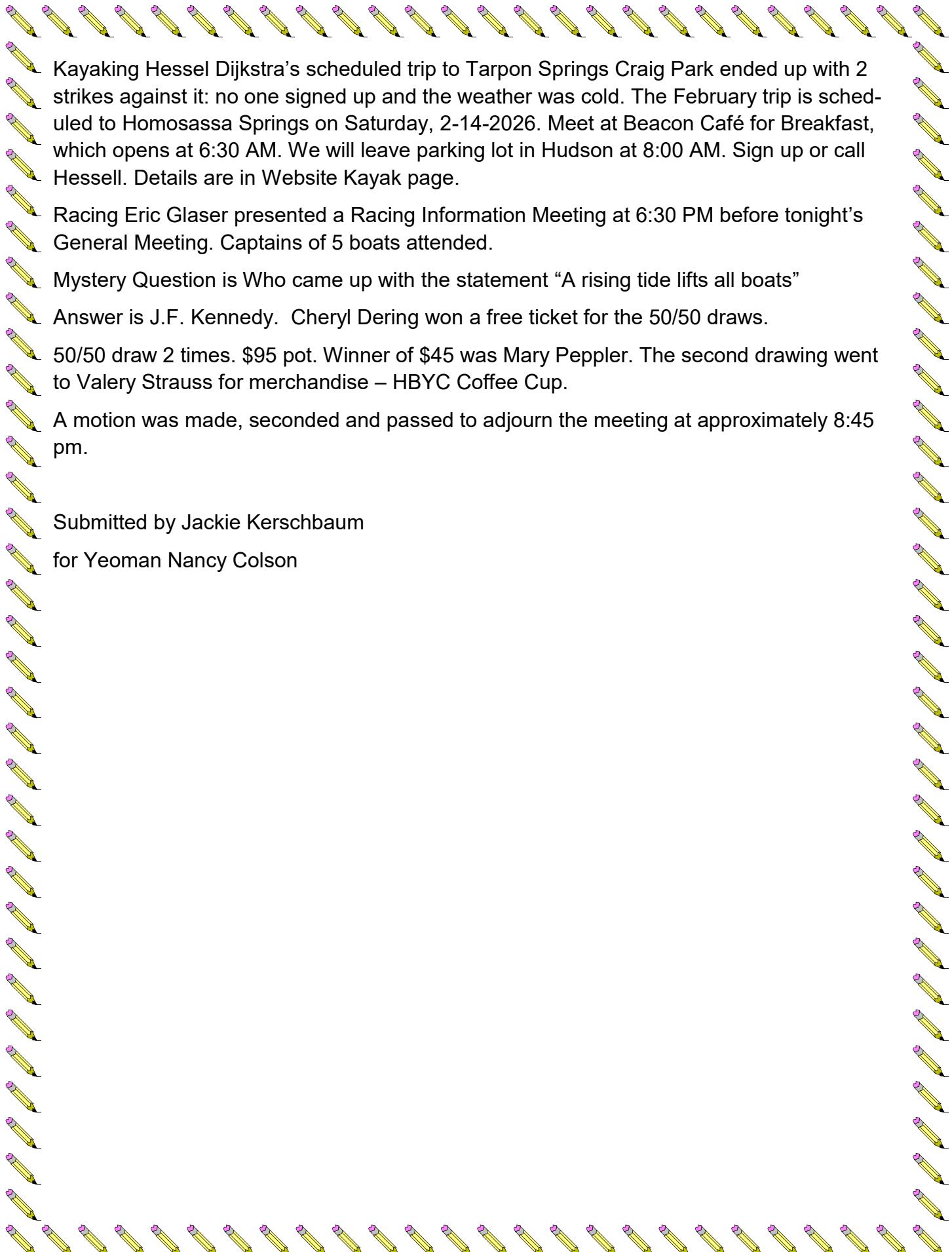
We now have a cabinet to hold the social committee supplies which can be secured. And Valery told us the Sea Ranch Pancake Breakfast is in this building on Saturday, 2-14-2026 beginning at 9:00 AM for \$6.

Purser Chris Michaux reported we have \$3054.69 in checking and \$256.25 in the cash box for \$3710.94 total.

Social Sue Perry had knee surgery yesterday and is home recuperating. Dean gave her report. The Birthday/Anniversary dinner is on Thursday, 2-19 at 6:00 PM. Cutoff for reservations is 2-16. Call Sue if you are going or if you signed up and can't go. The restaurant is Franks. The committee has also scheduled a Breakfast on Tuesday 2-24, and the restaurant is the Mediterranean Grill on the Southeast corner of SR52 and US19 in the former Big Lots Plaza. And lastly, he reminds the board members to get their reports to him by end of Friday, 2-6-2026 for publication in the Marker 2.

Vice Commodore Mitch Lairmore is working on the mission of HBYC as was talked about at the last board meeting. He described it as being happier by having a social interest, learning new things, helping people, being out in nature, and exercising for health. He wants to track which of those areas are used more. He counted our raised hands for doing each item and recorded the numbers. He will do this again at meetings to track the trends.

The Trophy for Cruiser of the year was awarded to Mitch for his trip on the Inside Passage that he made last year in 40 ft sailboat.



Kayaking Hessel Dijkstra's scheduled trip to Tarpon Springs Craig Park ended up with 2 strikes against it: no one signed up and the weather was cold. The February trip is scheduled to Homosassa Springs on Saturday, 2-14-2026. Meet at Beacon Café for Breakfast, which opens at 6:30 AM. We will leave parking lot in Hudson at 8:00 AM. Sign up or call Hessel. Details are in Website Kayak page.

Racing Eric Glaser presented a Racing Information Meeting at 6:30 PM before tonight's General Meeting. Captains of 5 boats attended.

Mystery Question is Who came up with the statement "A rising tide lifts all boats"

Answer is J.F. Kennedy. Cheryl Dering won a free ticket for the 50/50 draws.

50/50 draw 2 times. \$95 pot. Winner of \$45 was Mary Peppler. The second drawing went to Valery Strauss for merchandise – HBYC Coffee Cup.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:45 pm.

Submitted by Jackie Kerschbaum  
for Yeoman Nancy Colson

## February 2026 Membership Report

### Birthdays for February:

- 2/5 Lynn Schroder
- 2/6 Jennifer Linquist
- 2/8 Eric Glaser
- 2/11 Martha Chisler
- 2/12 Lena Heitman
- 2/17 Mitch Lairmore
- 2/17 Cheryl Dering
- 2/19 Bob Boiardi
- 2/21 Rain Powell
- 2/27 Gena Massicotte
- 2/27 Connie Myers



### Wedding Anniversaries for February:

- 2/5 Joe and Jennifer Linquist
- 2/6 Ron and Valery Strauss



Dues: If you haven't already done so, please renew your membership for 2026! See "myhbyc.com" for information regarding on-line renewal and payments.

*Valery Strauss*

Membership Director

## Kayaking

### 2026 HBYC Kayaking Schedule (REVISED)

January 17 - Craig Park Tarpon Springs  
canceled due to weather

February 14 - Homosassa Springs

March 14 - Craig Park Tarpon Springs

April 11 - Brasher Park New Port Richey

May 16 - Chassahowitzka River

June 13 - Bayport Park to Jenkin's Creek Park

July 18 - Weedon Island Preserve

August 15 - No Event

September 19 - Coastal Cleanup

October 17 - Weeki-Wache Springs

November 14 - Crystal River

December 12 - No Event



# HBYC Kayak

HBYC Kayak Director  
Hessel Dijkstra text 727-271-6335  
hesseldyk@gmail.com



## Kayak Trip Saturday, February 14, 2026 Homosassa River (Homosassa, FL)



**Meet:** 8 AM @ Beacon Woods Family Restaurant parking lot (next to U-Haul)  
12362 US-19, Hudson, FL 34667 OR at the Put-in Site

**Put-in/Take-Out:** Approximately 9:30 AM launch  
Monkey Island Riverside Resort  
5297 S Cherokee Way, Homosassa, FL  
\$5 Launch Fee per kayak

**Rentals:** <https://monkeyislandriversideresort.com/page2.html>  
4 Hour Single Kayak \$40

**Meal:** Monkey Bar/Florida Cracker Kitchen-Homosassa 352-364-0122  
5297 S Cherokee Way, Homosassa, Florida 34448

From the manatee at the head springs, the monkeys on Monkey Island, the spring fed fresh water flow of the Halls River to the salt marsh trails of the Salt River, we're a short paddle away from kayaking paradise.

We will launch and takeout at the Riverside Resort. There is a \$5/kayak launch fee that includes parking. Depending on the weather and our ambition we will explore the Homosassa Rivera from the launch site, probably heading towards the head springs. Lunch is at the restaurant overlooking Monkey Island.

It is about a 1-hour drive from Hudson. We will meet up at the launch about 9:30 AM.

## A CRUISING STORY

by Hessel Dijkstra

Just a short story of a weird things which can happen during cruising in the South Pacific.

In 1982 after a relative long stay in the waters of Fiji, where the movie The Blue Lagoon was filmed, it was urgent time for us to sail away from Fiji as the hurricane season was rapidly approaching the Yasawa Sea.

(see map on following page)

The Yasawa Sea is between the West side of the main island Viti Levu and the chain of the Yasawa Islands. Part of the Yasawa Sea is in the Bligh Waters, named after Captain Bligh of the Mutiny of the Bounty. It had been our main cruising area and it had the ominous byname: Hurricane Highway!

New Caledonia was our next destination about 8 days sailing. We left on a beautiful day with a nice breeze making good progress. On the first 3 days I was queasy caused by a swell and the boat hopping over waves so I waited until my head was clear enough to be able to shoot some suns and proceed with calculating my position.

I had started my journey with every day plotting my position by dead reckoning, setting out my course and distances on my chart. After plotting my position, I was strangely enough out about 80 miles off my dead reckoning position. My position according to the celestial calculations was 80 miles closer to Fiji than my dead reckoning showed on the chart. Was I puzzled!!! I kept for a while checking and checking but I could not figure out what was wrong. Nothing wrong with the log, apparently nothing wrong with the compass. The direction of the tradewind could confirm that.

I was a bit troubled by the discrepancy in my location calculations, and then I saw on the horizon a cruise ship. I hailed the ship with my VHF radio and asked for their position. Fortunately, their position was not far off from my celestial calculations. So I had to learn to live with whatever it was and continued for the rest of our journey.

The rest of the trip was very relaxed and only once some excitement by a surprise visit of a pod of whales close by on starboard. This was for the children a very nice exciting event.

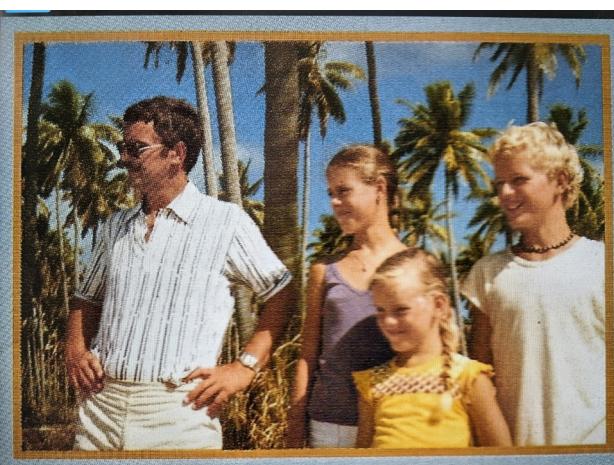
Later while staying in New Caledonia, I recounted my experience with some fellow yachtsies and received an answer for the reason of the big difference.

Any idea what caused the big difference?

Editors Note: This is the mystery question for this month. Give your answer to the Commodore, and we'll find out from Hessel at the next meeting if you're correct! (for a free 50/50 ticket).



Distance from Fiji Islands to  
New Caledonia is approximately 740 nm.



Hessel and his children in the Fiji Islands (1982)  
L to R: Hessel, Carolina, Michelle, Remco



Carolina and Remco with some local children

## ***FEBRUARY SOCIAL REPORT***

I would like to thank everyone that stepped up and helped set-up and take down at the last meeting. It was wonderful to have all the help, and I am sure that Dean appreciated it also.

Last month we had a dinner at Carrabba's. There were 14 members that went and we all had a good time with plenty of conversation and great food.

Our Sunday night bowling was fun for all that showed. Unfortunately there were not many that were able to come. The names of those in attendance will be withheld due to the embarrassing scores.

This month the February Birthday/Anniversary dinner will be on Thursday, the 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. We will be meeting at Frank's on US 19. If anyone would like to come that has not signed up, please call Sue Perry before the 16<sup>th</sup>. If you did sign up and then are not able to come, please let Sue know so that she can change the reservation. We have a great time at these dinners, so please put it on your schedule. By-the-way, Frank's has great fish fries every night of the week.

We are getting together for a breakfast at the Mediterranean Diner on Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 9AM. It is located on the corner of US 19 and 52. We thought we would try something new and see how well it is attended. If you are interested and forgot to sign up, please call Sue Perry by February 20th to let her know, so she can make the proper reservations.

Enjoy the events that the club provides.

*Sue Perry*

Social Director



THE  
BIRTHDAY  
ANNIVERSARY  
DINNER

ON FEBRUARY 19<sup>th</sup>

WILL BE AT

**FRANK'S**

ON US 19 IN HUDSON.  
WE MEET AT 6PM.

If you didn't sign up at the meeting, please let me know by February 16<sup>th</sup> if you will be attending.

I have to confirm reservations with the restaurant.

Sue Perry 518-821-0109 or email: [gelineaulpn@gmail.com](mailto:gelineaulpn@gmail.com)

Let's meet for Breakfast.

February 24<sup>th</sup> at 9am. We will be at the  
Mediterranean Diner.

Located at the corner of US 19 and 52



If you didn't sign up at the meeting, please let me know by February 20<sup>th</sup> if you will be attending.

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## Racing Report - February 2026

6 Races are planned for 2026

February 22	Season Opener
March 21	Spring Fling
April 11	St. Martins
May 17	Scandia Cup
September 13	Fall Regatta
October 10	Hudson to Hooters

We will need a minimum of 3 boats registered to have a race on the scheduled date. There will be no make up dates for scheduled races.

As of February 7th, there was only one boat registered for Boat Of The Year and one boat registered for our Season Opener.

Please refer the Notice of Race, from our racing meeting, with additional dates and deadlines. This Notice of Race is also posted on the HBYC website ([www.myhbyc.com](http://www.myhbyc.com)) under the racing tab.

Feel free to reach out with any questions.

Thanks,

*Eric Glaser*

HBYC Race Director

## FOR SAIL / WANTED/MISCELLANEOUS

### Mystery Question:

See "A Cruising Story" by Hessel Dijkstra, for this months mystery question.

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

203-586-9033 or email: noslocg@yahoo.com

### Next General Meeting

Tuesday, March 3, 7:30 PM  
Sea Ranch Civic Association Clubhouse

### Next Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 17, 7:00 PM  
Location: TBD

**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](mailto:MikeJNunes@aol.com)

### Germany River Cruise

Interested in joining a cruise-loving group for an October Eight days/Seven nights on a 5-star cruise on the Rhine and Moselle Rivers in Germany?

Ports of call (including guided tour): Cochem, Trier, Bernkastel, Koblenz, Rudesheim, and Cologne. Also included are 3 onboard experiences: Lindt Chocolate Tasting, Live Folk Music, and Chef's Dinner. Additional option to add a 2-night pre-cruise trip to Ghent & Bruges, Belgium.

For pricing, flyer or more information contact HBYC member Lori Murton ([Lmurton@yahoo.com](mailto:Lmurton@yahoo.com)) or Janet Goodman ([cecruses123@aol.com](mailto:cecruses123@aol.com) 772-643-2322).

### 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.

**FREE**

### TANZAR 28 ft. Sailboat (see attached spec sheet)

Contact Steve Thompson, 541-441-7062 or [Sailingcuvee@gmail.com](mailto:Sailingcuvee@gmail.com)

## **FREE Sailboat - Tanzer 1 28 ft | Project Boat**

Location: Hernando Beach, FL

FREE to a new owner who can take responsibility for a 1974 Tanzer 28 ft. fiberglass sailboat, currently on the hard (blocked).

Project boat offered as-is, where-is. Clear title.

### **Specs**

Length: 28 ft | Beam: approx. 9'10" | Draft: approx. 4'6"

Hull: Fiberglass | Keel: Fixed iron keel

Rig: Sloop | Sleeps: 3-4 | Use: Salt water

### **Engine**

Single inboard diesel | Kubota Z500 (2-cylinder engine)

Rebuilt engine - partially installed

New lift pump installed (2023)

Propeller included

### **Rigging & Gear**

Mast up | Standing & running rigging | Roller furling

Rudder | Navigation lights

### **Equipment & Extras**

New battery charger (2023) | New batteries (2) (2023)

Shore power | Bilge pump | Compass

VHF radio (condition unknown) | JVC stereo

Galley sink | Alcohol stove | Marine toilet

Fire extinguisher | Spare tiller | Miscellaneous parts

### **Notes**

Upholstery aged, in fair condition

Iron keel shows areas that need completion and paint

No recent survey | No trailer

### **IMPORTANT - Removal / Storage**

Boat is FREE

If the boat remains on site, the \$500 per month on-the-hard storage fee applies

Contact Steve Thompson, 541-441-7062 or Sailingcuvee@gmail.com



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**Guy Colson, Commodore**

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

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