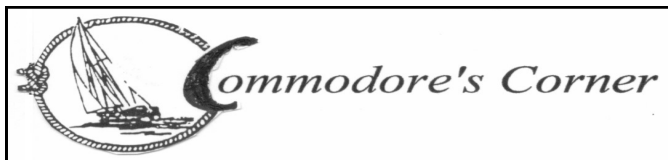




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THE MONTHLY LOG OF THE HUDSON BEACH YACHT CLUB

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Mea Culpa! Last month I indicated that bowling for Sunday the 9th was cancelled. IT IS NOT! Although by the time you get this edition of Marker 2 it might be too late to sign up. Hey, I never claimed to be perfect... close maybe, but not perfect!

As many of you heard at our meeting this past Tuesday, Bill Sloan passed away after an extended illness. Please keep his soul, family, and in particular Deborah Loudon in your prayers.

We had a nice cake to celebrate Madelaine Woodman's 98th Birthday later this month. Happy Birthday Madelaine, it looks like you might be giving Jack Mooney a run for his money!

Dredging. I gave at our meeting a quick overview of the dredging presentation provided by the County in July. In a nutshell, they have studied the channels and canals from Bailey's Bluff in the south all the way north to Sunwest Park. I would encourage anyone with waterfront property to check out their website at https://www.pascocountyfl.gov/services/public_works/channel_restoration.php for an overview, any upcoming meetings, and take a look at the "Supporting Documentation" they have listed. I also have a copy of the Engineering Report which I can make available to any of you upon request.

August is usually a slow month for club activities, it's either too hot or too rainy. But we do have the Birthday and Anniversary Dinner at Hudson Grill on Thursday the 20th hosted by our very own Bob Costales!

Looking forward to September, activities start picking up again... our September meeting will be a soup and chili potluck, our Fall Racing Season begins with our Fall Regatta on Sunday the 13th, and Coastal Cleanup (now known as "Make Pasco Beautiful") on Saturday the 19th. As a reminder, mark your calendars for our December Christmas party which will be once again held at Heritage Pines Country Club... but PLEASE NOTE that it will be on Friday December 4th, NOT on the 5th as published in our HBYC 2026 calendar!.

It's now that time of year that we start planning our Election for the 2027 Board. We need to form a nominating committee consisting of one current board member and two from the General membership. We really need some volunteers, hopefully with persuasion and arm twisting skills, for the committee. Please consider volunteering for this very critical short-term position! The committee is to present the nominees at the October meeting, and election takes place in November.

That's all I have for this month, I wish you all a hurricane-free rest of the summer and as the song goes... "See You in September"!

Guy Colson, Commodore

HBYC General Meeting Minutes, August 4, 2026

The meeting was opened at 7:30 PM by Commodore Guy Colson with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guy gave an update on Bill Sloan. He & Nancy had just visited him this afternoon and tried to encourage him to go to hospital or hospice. He said he did not want to do that. Later this afternoon, Debbie Loudon, his SO, called to tell Guy that Bill had taken his own life. Guy will keep the club members informed about a service for him later on. Keep his family and Debbie in your prayers.

Membership Valery Strauss has one new member tonight, Doug Baker. She listed the Birthdays and Anniversaries for August. Toni and Bill Elliott's grandkids, Autumn and Junior are here as guests.

The August Sea Ranch Pancake Breakfast is in this building on Saturday, the 8th beginning at 8:30 AM for \$6. We have a table set aside for us. Market is on the third Sunday; there are many things to shop for.

Jackie Kerschbaum asked for minutes of the last General meeting on July 7, 2026, to be approved.

They were approved by motion. The General Meeting notice for Sieber Graphics for August was published on August 1st. The Suncoast News outlet notice for August was published on Wednesday, July 29, 2026.

Purser Chris Michaux reported July Income as \$50.00, July Expense as \$75.00, Total Checking balance as \$3,601.70, Cash box has \$371.25 for total funds of \$3,972.95.

Kayak Director Hessel Dijkstra apologized for the cancellations of various kayak trips lately.

He reported about a Kayak trip that occurred on Saturday, July 25, 2026, at Weeden Island in St. Petersburg. Hessel and his friend were the only ones to go. The trip was moved out a week due to low water. They had an interesting time paddling through the mangrove plants and after going through them, they paddled around the island. There will not be a trip in September so kayakers can help clear the waterways during the Coastal Cleanup, which is on Saturday, September 19 from 9:00 am to noon from this building. The next trip will be in October on the 17th at Weeki Wachee Springs, north to SR 50.

For information about the Coastal Clean up on September 19, contact Patti Woja. Her phone number is 727-819-8125.

The club surprised Madelaine Woodman with a decorated cake in honor of her 98th birthday which is later this month. It had a sailboat on it in splashy blue waters. We also had delicious cream puffs and amazing bars of white chocolate and dried cherries, so we were all pleasantly full of sweets.

Anne and Mitch Lairmore are home from their travels and Mike and Barbara Lewis were also here after travels. Welcome Back!

We have directors Lori Murton, Website, Nancy Colson, Yeoman, Eric Glaser, Racing and Sue Perry, Social, absent this month, so no reports and their spouses are also absent except for Guy. He told us for Eric that the next race is in September on Sunday, the 13th which is Gulf Harbors Fall Regatta.

Guy, for Social Sue Perry, thanked all who helped set up and clean up at meetings. The Social Committee needs help during the summer months as Sue is away. Each meeting needs snacks and drinks to be set up and cleared. Birthday/Anniversary dinner for August, hosted by Bob Costales, is on Thursday, the 20th, at Hudson Grill on Denten Avenue at 6:00 pm. The September meeting is a Soup & Chili Potluck hosted by Anne Lairmore. Doors open at 6:00 pm for dinner at 6:30. There will be bowling at Lanes Glo on Ridge Road in New Port Richey Sunday, August 9 at 6:00 pm hosted by Bill and Toni Elliott. Mark your calendars for the Christmas Party in December on Friday, December 4th at Heritage Pines. Information to be given as it is finalized.

The Mystery Question for August is “ On old sailing ships, there was a wooden cask with a hole in it so the sailors could get a drink. Then they would stand around and swap stories with the other sailors. What is the name of the cask?” (Hint it has become a slang word for office chatter.) The answer is Scuttle butt. Four people had the correct answer: Patti Woja, Hessel, Valery and Ken who will all get a free 50/50 ticket.

The 50/50 pot was \$60 and the winner of \$30 is Jane Hanekamp.

Guy has been to Pasco County presentations of the dredging being done along the shore of the gulf up into canals in various areas. He had two presentations to show us. One was from the county and the other was put together by him. There is \$10,500.00 from the Restore Act dredge to a depth of 5 feet at mean low tide for most of the small canals near people’s homes. The people living along the canals will be assessed by MSBU for payment of dredging costs in their area. An interesting quirk of this process is the fact that if a rock has to be removed from the canal, there is a totally different way to move it, different permitting and the cost is different because now you are mining the canal.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm. Submitted by Jackie Kerschbaum

August 2026 Membership Report

Birthdays for August:

- 8/1 Debbie Louden
- 8/4 Nancy Huberts
- 8/6 Maryann DelValle
- 8/24 Madelaine Woodman



Wedding Anniversaries for August:

- 8/12 John and Cheryl Dering
- 8/29 Jack and Sandy Mooney



Valery Strauss

Membership Director

AUGUST 2026 SOCIAL REPORT

Looking back at July, we had a great general meeting. There was an ice cream social, organized by Pam Hedrick. I hope everyone got enough of that special treat. Thank you Pam for organizing the ice cream social.

Many thanks go out to Guy and Nancy Colson for taking over the Birthday/Anniversary dinner. Thirteen members got together for great food and even better conversation.

Summer is more than half way through and still so much fun ahead. Make sure you sign up for the Birthday/Anniversary dinner this month. It will be at the Hudson Grill. We have been there numerous times and we have always had great food. Bob Costales is the one to contact if you haven't signed up at the meeting. The last day to contact him is Monday, August 17th. (808-896-9223) I hope there is a great turnout.

We have bowling on the schedule again!!! August 9th is the date to get in on the fun. We meet at Lane 60 North at 6pm. Please let Toni Elliot know in advance if you will be going. She has to make reservations for the proper amount of lanes. This is just pure fun. We have not had any professional bowlers attend yet, so come and join us.

Our September meeting will be a soup and chili potluck. If there are any questions you may contact Toni Elliot (727-831-5683) or Anne Lairmore (585-748-1439). Let's have a good variety to choose from.

There is more to come this fall with a "picnic", bowling and of course our Christmas party. It is too soon to give you a lot of details on that yet, but I can reveal the date will be FRIDAY December 4th. Please save this date and have a wonderful month until we meet again.

Sue Perry

Social Director

Bowling August 9th



LANE GLO NORTH-6PM

Please contact Toni Elliot at 727-831-5683 so she will be able to reserve lanes

All are welcome to join us on
August 20th at 6pm
Our Birthday/Anniversary Dinner
Will be at



HUDSON GRILL

9821 Denton Ave, Hudson

If you have not signed up at the meeting and wish to go, please contact Bob Costales by August 17th at (808) 896-9223

AUGUST KAYAK REPORT

Kayak Trip

Saturday, July 25 – Weedon Island Preserve

To make the trip happen had been a bit of a logistical difficulty. This destination was new for me and I needed some more information than only an address on Google maps. So I went to YouTube and watched a few movies about it. I came to the conclusion that our kayak would not be for it. It is a heavy 3 foot wide stable kayak, so going through the narrow tunnels would not be easy to navigate. Also the most suitable tide would be a week later as planned. I announced it during the June meeting the same day the Flyer and sign up paper was displayed on the table at the entrance, but unfortunately nobody signed up.

However I received a text message from my neighbor John who lives about 0.2 mile away from my corner and he was considering joining me, that also helped to make it happen as he has also a trailer. But on that day he had no car as his wife needed it. Marlene wasn't home so we decide she could use our car as I don't have a hitch on our car.

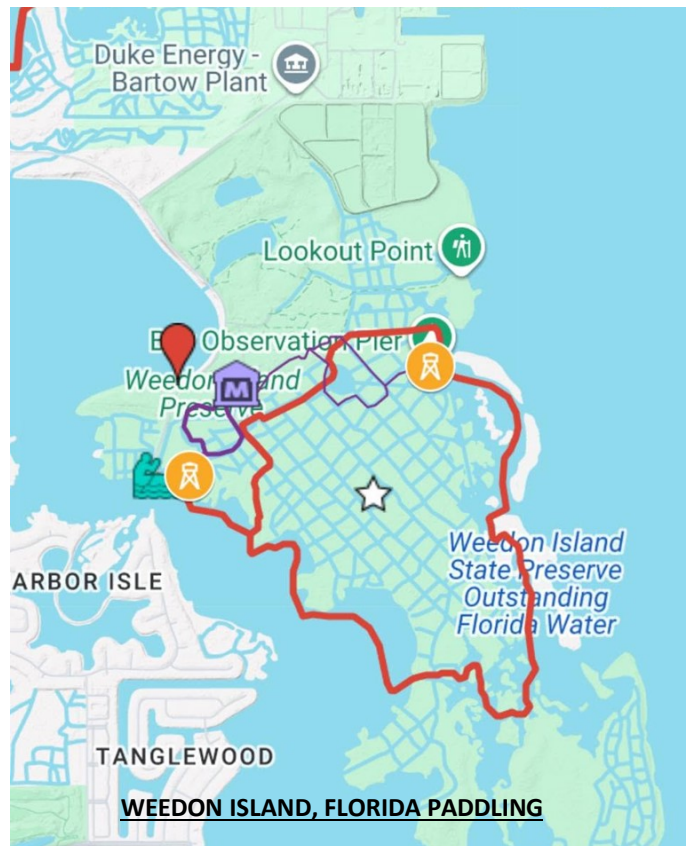
Then we received a call from a club member asking if we could pick two members with a trailer as driving all the way with their kayaks on their car was a bit daunting. Yes the trailer has space for 4 kayaks so that would not be a problem. However picking you up from Holiday in Hudson is logistical for us not a good idea. Come over to my address and we can put your kayaks on the trailer. That was too much of a hassle so they decided to skip it.

The 25th was a beautiful sunny day and the forecast-ed showers did not happen. We arrived at the launching pier on about 8:35 and it was already very busy there. The whole route is marked by numerical signs. The tunnels run from West to East and at a picnic place we stopped and got out of the kayaks. Mosquitoes did not welcome us and soon after a quick drink and a bite we fled to the open waters. As the tide was coming up we did not encounter any shallow patches. Apart from the mosquitoes we didn't see much animal life.

For myself it was a very interesting kayak destination and during a week day, when the snow birds have returned, it would be nice to repeat it.

After changing clothing we went to the neighboring Irish pub which was during lunchtime filled up with many patrons and I enjoyed my French toast with some nice Irish Bailey Cream.

We completed the 4 mile circle in 3 hours.





Racing Report - August 2026

Next race is the Fall Regatta on Sunday September 13th. Details to follow.

2026 SEASON SERIES POINTS

				Race 1 21- Mar	Race 2 4- Apr	Race 3 17- May	Race 4 13- Sep	Race 5 10- Oct	Total
	Skipper	Yacht Type	Yacht Name						
1	Tony Hedrick	Pearson 34	KAYETON	2	3	2			7
2	Eric Glaser	Merit 22	NO NAME	1	6	1			8
3	Team Perry	Catalina 30	FINE ALEE	4	1	6			11
4	Guy Colson	Pearson 34	INSPIRATION	3	2	6			11
5	Roger Massicotte	Beneteau 34	VENTOLERA	5	4	3			12
			DNC =	6					

Eric Glaser

HBYC Race Director

FOR SAIL / WANTED/MISCELLANEOUS

Mystery Question:

Hudson, Florida, was once known as the world capital for what sport?

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, September 1,
Sea Ranch Civic Association Clubhouse

6:00 Doors open
6:30 Soup & Chili Pot Luck
7:30 General Meeting

Next Board Meeting

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

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.



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Guy Colson, Commodore

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