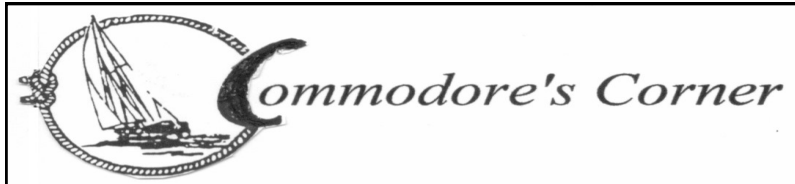




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THE MONTHLY LOG OF THE HUDSON BEACH YACHT CLUB

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Hello Everyone,

We are now into the holiday season I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Years.

I would like to thank all my board members for all their help and support this year, and the support of our members as we all had a lot to deal with this past year, with rebuilding our homes or helping others with their homes. Everyone stepped up and showed support for others in one way or another as we became one group working together.

As I step down as commodore and our new commodore takes over along with his board please keep up the great support for them and our members as you all have done in the past as we all stride forward to get more events and activities on the schedule. So if you have something you would like to do please let a board member know so they can help you make it happen.

Commodore Bill

Bill Elliott, Commodore



HBYC General Meeting Minutes, December 2, 2025

Commodore Bill Elliott opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag at 7:35 pm.

Minutes of November General Meeting were approved.

Membership Guy Colson thanked the members for all their donations for the foster kids of Pasco County. They will be very happy. For 2025 Cruiser of the Year, Mitch Lairmore was chosen for his Inside Passage on a 40 ft sailboat. Our guest this evening is John Wayne Carlson, friend of Hessel, who kayaks and has sailed a lot in Minnesota and now is in Florida. Guy listed the Birthdays and Anniversaries for the month.

Finance John Dering reported he has 2 Hudson to Hooters shirts to sell, xl and l and coffee cups are plentiful.

Kayak Director for next year is Hessel Dijkstra. There was a trip scheduled for Saturday, November 29th. After breakfast at Beacon Woods Café, he explored the area and discovered Brasher Park near Walmart south on US 19 which is an easy access to the Cotee River and out to the Gulf of Mexico, and with good weather, to Durney Key.

Social Director Toni Elliott's November 20th B/A dinner had 14 people at Catches Restaurant with good food and service. There will be a December dinner at O'Leary's restaurant on December 18th at 6 pm. Call Toni if you wish to go. The Club Christmas Party, 12-6-25, will have 45 people at the Heritage Pines clubhouse located at 11524 Scenic Hills Blvd. off County Line Road at the top of Pasco County. Doors open at 5:30 pm, dinner served at 6:00 pm. Dancing to Bob Castales' music and gift baskets are after dinner.

The January General Meeting will be a Potluck Dinner. Doors open at 6:00pm, Dinner is at 6:30 pm. The meeting is at 7:30 pm and will be the Changing of the Watch for Officers and Directors.

Finance Director John Dering. The Mystery Question was "What state in the US has all of its name's letters on the same typewriter keyboard row?" Answer: Alaska. We had 3 winners for a free 50/50 ticket. The 50/50 pot was \$80; winner of \$40 was Lori Murton.

Racing Director Dean Perry reported 2025 racing season is over. Eric Glaser will be in charge in 2026.

Mention was made for a possible nautical/household items garage sale. It will be at the February General Meeting.

Valery Strauss, incoming Membership Director and Sea Ranch board member thanked our members for donations and support of their rehabbing the building. New floors are in, and the chair protective cups are being installed. She reminded us they have a \$6 Pancake Breakfast on the second Saturday of the month and Farm Market on Sunday. Please join at these neighborhood events.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm.

Submitted by Yeoman

Jackie Kerschbaum



December 2025 Membership Report

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Steve Bloom - Dec. 2nd
Bill Gifford - Dec. 3rd
Dean Perry - Dec. 4th
Marie Harty - Dec. 6th
Carol Bloom - Dec. 8th
Joanna Swindell - Dec. 14th
Bill Sloan - Dec. 15th
Guy Colson - Dec. 16th
Sue Reichard - Dec. 17th
Jim Wassan - Dec. 18th



Anniversaries

Carol and Steve Bloom - Dec. 12th
And a one month Anniversary on Dec. 15th to our favorite Newlyweds, Sue and Dean Perry!



Thank You!

Many, many thanks to our members who opened up their hearts and wallets for all of the less fortunate children who will be spending their Christmas in foster care this year. We'll be donating an amazing number of gifts to the Holiday Magic Workshop for these children thanks to you!



Finally, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all of our members a very Merry Christmas and Holiday Season, and a Healthy, Happy, and Prosperous New Year!

Guy Colson

Membership Director



I NEVER INTENDED ON BECOMING A PIRATE,
HIGGINS, UNTIL THAT FATEFUL CHRISTMAS DAY
I SHOT MY EYE OUT WITH AN OFFICIAL
RED RYDER CARBINE ACTION TWO HUNDRED
SHOT RANGE MODEL AIR RIFLE...

Social Committee Report – Dec. 2025

I would like to thank all my committee helpers, your help is greatly appreciated. Many hands make the work easier.

Our last birthday/anniversary dinner was on November 20th at Catches Waterfront Grille at 7811 Bayview St. Port Richey, FL 34668, at 6:00 pm. We had 14 come to celebrate our member's birthday or anniversary, We had a great turnout for this event. The service at Catches was excellent and the food delicious. They seated us together away from other diners and everyone had a great time.

Our next birthday/anniversary dinner is scheduled for December 18th, at O'Leary's Restaurant and Irish Pub located at 15915 US 19, Hudson. Dinner is at 6:00 pm. Come join us as we celebrate December birthdays and anniversaries.

Our Christmas party is on Saturday, December 6th, at the Heritage Pines Clubhouse. We have a total of 45 people with members and guests. The doors open at 5:30 pm and dinner at 6:00 pm. Bob Costales will be our DJ for music and dancing. Coffee and tea will be served with dinner and the bar will be open to purchase alcoholic drinks. There will be gift baskets after dinner.

January general meeting will be a potluck as we have the change of the board members. Doors will be open at 6:00 pm with dinner starting at 6:30 pm.

Thank you to our members for making this a great year. I look forward to the upcoming year and please join in the social events so we can keep things going.

Toni Elliott

Social Committee Director,



RACING REPORT— DECEMBER 2025

I would like to thank all of the captains, crews and guests who participated in the HBYC races this past season.

I hope that next year we can get even more members to come out to race with us!

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Dean Perry

Race Director 2025



HBYC CHRISTMAS PARTY 2025



FOR SAIL / WANTED/MISCELLANEOUS

Mystery Question:

Who won the last America's Cup Race, and when?

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

813-841-8060 or email sailingalong57@gmail.com

Next General Meeting

Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at
Sea Ranch Civic Association Clubhouse

6:00 pm doors open

6:30 pm Pot Luck Dinner

7:30 pm General Meeting and
Change of Watch

Next Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 16, 7:00 PM
Location: Elliott's home

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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