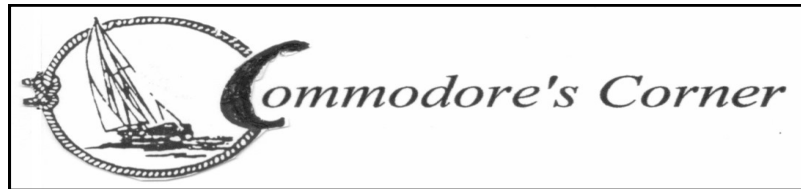




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THE MONTHLY LOG OF THE HUDSON BEACH YACHT CLUB

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Our 2026 Club Season has now started to get into the swing of things. We've had a couple of kayak trips which were not too well attended; I'm sure the crazy weather had much to do with that, but now we're headed for some of that great Florida spring weather so Kayakers... let's get out there!

Last month our Birthday and Anniversary Dinner at Giannis had probably the best turnout that we've ever had in recent years (yes, our members love to eat!), we had a respectable number of entries and great weather for our Spring Fling sailboat race, and lots of entertainment watching the participants in our "first in several years" dinghy race (did I mention more eating?). This weekend we have/had another kayak trip and our annual St. Martins sailboat race which is our longest race of the season at about 20 nautical miles, with good weather expected!

In May at our General Meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> we will have a Potluck to celebrate the "Cinco de Mayo" holiday. While optional, sombreros, sarapes, and rebozos are strongly encouraged! A kayak trip to Silver Springs is on the calendar and is a favorite with our kayakers, and we'll have another of our Trophy sailboat races, the Scandia Cup, as well.

May will also see a "Ladies Breakfast on the Beach" at Hudson Beach. This is a potluck with some great food and delicacies. Join us at the South Pavilion and bring a breakfast item to share.

Sadly, last month we lost our member, Roger Corsaro, after a brief but serious illness. We will miss you Roger. Please keep Jane Hanekamp and Roger's family in your prayers.

On a positive note, we had several new members at our April Meeting. Please take the time to introduce yourselves and socialize with them and help them feel right at home. Once more, many thanks to those who bring in snacks for our meetings, and particularly the Social Committee who set up and clean up after our meetings!.

Fair Winds...!



Guy Colson, Commodore

## HBYC General Meeting Minutes, April 7, 2026

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

Jackie Kerschbaum asked for minutes of the last General meeting on March 3, 2026, to be approved. They were approved by motion.

Purser Chris Michaux reported we have \$3,318.48 in checking and \$766.25 in the cash box for \$4,084.73 total.

Membership Valery Strauss listed our new members: Amos & Ashby Cunningham, Dave Fargo & Eileen Molyet, Jenny Dedrick, Donna Scoville, Randy Kullmann, Jeannie McMan & Joe Bernard. She listed the Birthdays and Anniversaries for April. Sea Ranch Pancake Breakfast is in this building on Saturday, 4-11-2026 beginning at 9:00 AM for \$6.

Social Sue Perry thanked all who helped while she was taking care of her knee. March's BD/An dinner had 28 people squashed into Gianni's who were fantastic in taking care of us all. The April dinner is on the 16th. Call Sue if you are going or if you signed up and can't go. The restaurant is The Sioux City Steakhouse at the corner of Little Road and Ridge Road.

The Dinghy Race on 3-28 was fun Twenty folks, mostly men participated. Bob Boiardi & Bill Elliott, Bob Costales & Mark Murton, Dean Perry & Sue's daughter Alicia raced, but Ron Strauss & Amos Cunningham won all the races. Dean, Guy and Nancy Colson took care of the food, hot dogs , burgers.

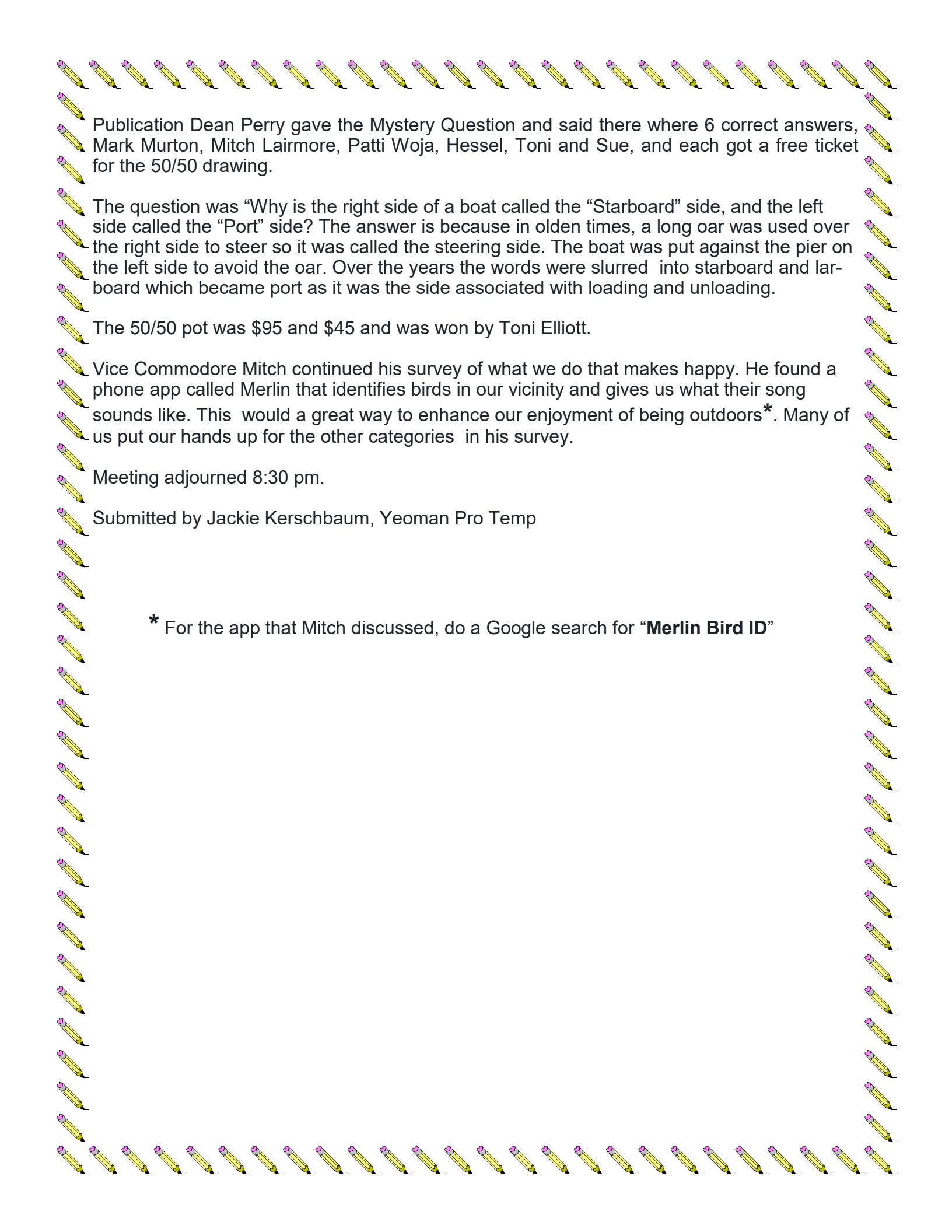
The Christmas Party has been moved to Friday, 12-4-2026, still at the Heritage Pines location at 6:00pm. More detail later on. The trip to Cedar Wood Gardens has been cancelled, no interest.

The Social Committee needs help during the summer months as Sue is away. Each meeting needs snacks and drinks set up and cleared with an ice cream social in July. Birthday/Anniversary dinner for June, July, August. September will be chili potluck. There are also breakfasts on the beach for both May 23 and June 26.

Racing Eric Glaser Spring Fling Race on March 21st was not very windy but 3rd place was Guy Colson, 2nd place was Tony Hedrick and in 1st place was Eric Glaser.

Hessel's Kayak trip at Tarpon Springs on Saturday, 3-14-2026 had folks meet at Beacon Café for Breakfast, which opens at 6:30 AM. They left the parking lot in Hudson at 8:00 AM. It was a good day. The next trip is April 11 at Brasher Park behind the WalMart near the Cotee River bridge. Call him for information.

Webmaster Lori Murton asks us to use the information in the website. It is all in one place, easy access.



Publication Dean Perry gave the Mystery Question and said there were 6 correct answers, Mark Murton, Mitch Lairmore, Patti Wojta, Hessel, Toni and Sue, and each got a free ticket for the 50/50 drawing.

The question was “Why is the right side of a boat called the “Starboard” side, and the left side called the “Port” side? The answer is because in olden times, a long oar was used over the right side to steer so it was called the steering side. The boat was put against the pier on the left side to avoid the oar. Over the years the words were slurred into starboard and larboard which became port as it was the side associated with loading and unloading.

The 50/50 pot was \$95 and \$45 and was won by Toni Elliott.

Vice Commodore Mitch continued his survey of what we do that makes happy. He found a phone app called Merlin that identifies birds in our vicinity and gives us what their song sounds like. This would be a great way to enhance our enjoyment of being outdoors\*. Many of us put our hands up for the other categories in his survey.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm.

Submitted by Jackie Kerschbaum, Yeoman Pro Temp

\* For the app that Mitch discussed, do a Google search for “**Merlin Bird ID**”

## April 2026 Membership Report

### New Members:

Donna Scoville

Jenny Dedrick

Randy Kullman and Victoria (Vicki) Gusciora

Jeannie Mc Mahon and Joe Bernard

Amos and Ashby Cunningham

Dave Fargo and Eileen Molyet



### Birthdays for April:

4/5 Harry Harty

4/9 Jodi Babcock

4/17 Anne Lairmore

4/19 Valery Strauss

4/20 Roger Massicotte

4/25 Jane Hanekamp



### Wedding Anniversaries for April:

4/11 Peter and Sandra Larsen

4/29 Larry and Tanya Hamilton



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

# HBYC April Race Report



On March 21<sup>st</sup> 5 HBYC sailboats made their way out to the Gulf to compete for the bragging rights to hold the Spring Fling trophy for the 2026 season. It was a gorgeous spring day with a light but building breeze and not a cloud in the sky.

Boat Name	Boat	Captain	PHRF	Finish Time	Actual Time	Corrected Time
No Name	Merit 22	Glaser	244	15:28:22	1:46:22	1:32:18
Kayeton	Pearson 34	Hedrick	210	15:39:43	1:57:43	1:45:36
Inspiration	Person 34	Colson	212	<a href="#">15:42:00</a>	<a href="#">2:00:00</a>	1:47:46
Fine Alee	Catalina 30	Perry	256	15:45:55	2:03:55	1:49:09
Ventolera	Benetau 34	Massicotte	215	<a href="#">16:01:00</a>	<a href="#">2:19:00</a>	2:06:36

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Our next race will be the St. Martins race.

***Eric Glaser***

HBYC Race Director

## APRIL SOCIAL REPORT

I'm sending my thanks out to everyone that helped with our meetings when I was absent, and to those that continue to help or bring snacks every month. Your help is greatly appreciated.

There was a gathering of 28 people for the birthday/anniversary dinner this month. The food and service at Gianni's was fantastic. I hope more people will continue to meet with us. We always have a wonderful time.

After a few years without a dinghy race we finally had one. There were about 20 people that got together to see who could row the best, blind folded. I won't mention the few teams that had problems keeping in the right direction, but instead I would like to mention what a fantastic showing we had from Ron Strauss and Amos Cunningham. They teamed up to win ALL 3 races. Burgers and hot dogs were enjoyed with a variety of sides brought by all. Thank you Guy and Nancy Colson for opening your home so that we could enjoy the afternoon. Also Guy and Dean were responsible for putting the race together, Thank you for doing that, so we could all enjoy the day.

Just a quick reminder that our Christmas Party this year, will be on Friday night, December 4<sup>th</sup>, at Heritage Pines. More information will follow when the time gets closer. I just wanted everyone to get it on their calendars.

Our Birthday/Anniversary dinner on April 16<sup>th</sup>, will be at Sioux City, Little Road, New Port Richey. We meet at 6pm. If you haven't signed up, but would still like to go, please contact Sue Perry before April 13<sup>th</sup>. Call or text at 518-821-0109.

The day trip that was scheduled for this month to Cedar Woods Gardens has been cancelled due to lack of interest.

The Breakfast at Sea Ranch is the second Saturday of every month. In May they will have it on the 9th. The breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, juice, and coffee. You get all this for the low price of \$6. Some members from our club have been meeting there at 9:00 to join each other for a hearty breakfast. Please join us to support the Sea Ranch Association.

On May 23<sup>rd</sup> we are having a "Ladies Breakfast on the Beach" to honor the women in the club. It is at 9am on Hudson Beach South pavilion. This is a potluck of various breakfast foods. Come join us for some beautiful views and delightful dishes.

Our Social Committee needs help. This summer if we are to have an ice cream social, bowling, or Birthday/Anniversary dinners, we need volunteers to head each event. These just involve making a phone call for a reservation or picking up ice cream. If you would like to help keep our social activities going, please call Sue Perry at 518-821-0109.

Thank you again to everyone that helps in any capacity. This is your club. Get involved, and you will end up meeting people that you only saw across the room.

*Sue Perry*

Social Director

# 2026 HBYC DINGHY RACE



Ron Strauss and Amos Cunningham

Vs

Bill Elliott and Bob Boiardi



Mark Murton and Bob Costales Vs. Ron and Amos



**WINNERS of All Races: RON and AMOS**

(They also beat the team of Dean and Sue's daughter, Alicia, but no pictures)



# Sioux City Diner

Is where our  
Birthday/anniversary Dinner  
will be.

**April 16<sup>th</sup>, 6pm**

8515 Little Rd. New Port Richey

If you would like to sign up, and have not already done so, please let Sue Perry know by April 13<sup>th</sup>.

## FOR SAIL / WANTED/MISCELLANEOUS

### Mystery Question:

On a yacht, what is a pig stick?

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, May 5,  
Sea Ranch Civic Association Clubhouse  
6:00 Doors open  
6:30 Mexican 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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