From the Crow's Nest...

Our second (now actually 1st) club cruise of 2024 is on the Memorial Day weekend on May 25th, to Dunedin and possibly Clearwater (or both) ending on or about May 28th with stopovers either at Dutchman Key or Three Rooker Bar.

Regardless, it's too early to plan the specifics right now, not knowing who is planning on doing the cruise, but something to seriously think about before we get towards the end of the month. If you are interested, please contact me either by phone (203-586-9033) or email (noslocge@gmail.com).

Our third planned (now actually 2nd) club cruise of 2024 is August 28th to September 2nd or thereabouts which is on Labor Day weekend. The plan potentially is to anchor either in Dunedin or Clearwater the first night, and then proceed to Gulfport either by the ICW or outside in the Gulf. If you've never been there, Gulfport is a great town to stay for a couple of days. You can anchor, take a mooring ball, or arrange to stay in their Municipal Marina. Plans are flexible, dependent upon desires of the cruisers. Regardless, now is not too soon to get your boat in shape to make this fall cruise!

HBYC Cruising Guide. An updated version is now available UPON REQUEST. For $10.00 (to cover the cost of ink and paper) it's available printed and in a plastic binder, or FREE if you wish to obtain it as a PDF file and print it out yourself.

Last but far from least, on Saturday, July the club will be holding a Burial at Sea Ceremony on Saturday, July 20th, to commit the ashes of Tom and Jane Sperry to the Gulf of Mexico, followed by a get together at the SRCA Clubhouse to celebrate their lives and contributions. Ton served as Commodore, and Jane was Social Director for more years than I can count! I cannot think of a couple who has done more for this club over the years than the Sperrys, so I would encourage as many as possible, whether you knew them or not, or have either a power or sail boat, to participate. Hopefully, we can give them a great sendoff!

Guy Colson

Fleet Captain