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THE MONTHLY LOG OF THE HUDSON BEACH YACHT CLUB

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AHOY MATES

Once again we have done it! Served a meal prepared by our talented Mexican cooks and as usual it was delicious. Thanks all who made this happen.

Our guest speaker was Greg Hicks from the Rope center who had much to say about homelessness and addiction in Pasco County. Greg is a social worker, counselor and former addict himself so he knows well his subject matter. Anyone who would like to volunteer at the ROPE center can contact Sue Gelineau or me and we will give you a tour. If anyone knows someone who would like to speak to the club about a relevant topic, please contact Don Himes.

Please don't forget to participate in the blessing of the Fleet. It happens the last Saturday of May. If you intend to participate please let Don Himes know. All the details are on the website.

We had a great racing month but racing will be winding down as the temperature winds up. We will be having a dingy race in June however and everyone can participate. Its lots of fun and there will be a cookout immediately following the racing. The club will be providing the hamburgers and hotdogs and each member is asked to bring a side dish to share. Also, don't forget your lawn chairs!

That's it for me. Hope you all have a great month and I will see you in June for Pizza night!

Commodore Nancy

Nancy Colson, Commodore

HBYC General Meeting Minutes, May 7, 2024

The doors were opened at 6:00 pm for a Mexican Potluck dinner in observance of Cinque De Mayo. There was a great selection of food and desserts. Thank you to all who brought food.

As we neared finishing our meal, Commodore Nancy Colson introduced Greg Hicks who is the social worker she and Sue Gelineau work with at the Rope Center. It is a facility to care of homeless men and woman in Hudson. He described his personal story and how he came to get an education that he now uses to help others turn their lives around. The statistics for our small area of Pasco County for drug use, homelessness, poverty, lack of food and mental health issues are staggering. A statistic that is increasing rapidly, to everyone's surprise, is the numbers of elderly people being priced out of their homes with nowhere to go. It was an eye-opening discussion.

He gave us some ideas of the things they use at the Center to provide shelter, food and counseling. They need toothpaste, toothbrushes, canned goods with easy open tops, soap, shampoo, socks and other items of clothing. They give them backpacks to keep their things together. They also go out into the woods to the encampments to try to connect with the people out there. The need for help and support is great and he hopes we can donate what we can.

Purser Anne Lairmore reported \$6,114.35 and she has just received a new member application.

Publicity was very good for this meeting. Jackie found it listed in the Suncoast News on 4/24 and 5/1 as well as all the community newsletters printed by Sieber Graphics.

Bob Costales read the Birthdays and Anniversaries for May. He introduced a guest couple, Keith and Collete Wyand who had called Jackie to inquire about the club.

The Social report was given by Judy Emry. The May Birthday/Anniversary dinner is on Thursday, 5/16 at the Mediterrian Diner in Big Lots Plaza at SR52 and US19 in Hudson. Call Judy to reserve your place.

Sue Gelineau encourages committee chairs to get reports to her before Friday.

Mitch Lairmore, Kayak Director, asked if he could change the Saturday date to Friday as there are so many boats on the rivers on weekends. He asked for a show of hands. The trip will be on Friday, May 10th to the Rainbow river. Kayakers who want breakfast will meet at the Beacon Woods Restaurant at 6:30 am, The group will leave for the river by 8:00 am.

Fleet Captain Guy Colson has set a cruise for the Memorial Day weekend. He hopes folks will call him to participate. We have a local area cruising directory put together by Carol and Bob Ergle. You can download it for free or pay \$10 for a bound printed version from Guy. It is full of interesting places to go from this side of Florida around to the east coast.

We were entertained by the Cinco De Mayo true story as told by Pancho Guy Colson, a seasonal favorite event! He also reminded us that the Sperrys' ashes will be distributed in the Gulf on Saturday, July 20 of Hudson Beach Channel.

Racing Director Dave Bauer gave the results of the last two race dates. April 13 was the St. Martin's race, the longest distance in the series. In first place with corrected time was Fine Alee over Paper moon second and Airborne third. April 27 there were two races held on the same day. Race 1 first place with corrected time was Paper Moon, second was Fine Alee and third was Ventolera. The second race with corrected time has Fine Alee in first, Inspiration in second and Paper Moon in third. The weather was great and the buffet at the Gulf Harbors Yacht Club was excellent.

Vice Commodore Don Himes asked boat captains who were going to participate in the Blessing of the Fleet on May 25, to sign up with him. Also , If you can take passengers, tell him how many. People who would like to go out need to call him to get a seat. The website is updated and the kayak flyer is updated also.

A very special recognition of Patti Woja's long time heading up the Coastal Cleanup each year and her participation in all club activities over the years was presented to her by Jane Hanekamp. It was a quilt covered with material from tee shirts from cleanups over the years, the Hudson to Hooters tee shirts and a HBYC Burgee with the club logo on it. The back was myriad cats in different prints and colors as Patti has a thing for cats! This beautiful creation was made by Jane with the help of donated shirts from members. There is a photo of it on the website.

The Mystery Question was "What is the oldest sports trophy predating the modern Olympics by 45 years?" Answer: the America's Cup in 1851 was the first race and its trophy is the oldest.

The final event of the meeting is the 50/50 draw. The winner of \$55 was David Daly.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Submitted by Yeoman

Jackie Kerschbaum



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May 2024 Membership Report

Birthdays for May:

- Paul Schroder May 19
- Nancy Clemons May 20
- Sharon Lampi May 26
- Patti Woja May 28
- Bob Lampi May 28
- Bobbie Baum May 30



Wedding Anniversaries for May:

- Harry and Marie Harty May 1
- Bill and Betty Roberts May 3
- Don and Terri Himes May 29
- Bill and Gay Collepriest May 29
- Dan and Barbara Wallace May 30
- Bob and Sharon Lampi May 31



A couple of membership reminders:

Our Birthday and Anniversary Dinner this month is on May 16. See Flyer for details

Bob Costales

Membership Director

HBYC Kayak Expedition on the Withlacoochee River, Nobleton, Florida

On April 8th, ten members of HBYC, accompanied by a guest, embarked on a memorable kayak journey along the picturesque Withlacoochee River in Nobleton, Florida. Each participant paddled their own single kayak, adding to the sense of adventure.

Prior to our expedition, some of us convened at the Beacon Woods Café in Hudson for a nourishing breakfast. From there, we made our way to the Hog Island Recreational Area. One enthusiastic member had even spent the previous night camping at the Hog Island campground, eagerly anticipating the day's adventure.

Upon arrival at the Hog Island boat ramp, we unloaded our kayaks and then drove our cars to Nobleton Wayside Park, which also boasted a convenient boat ramp. The weather greeted us with mild temperatures in the mid-70s, accompanied by a gentle breeze. Despite the lack of a strong current, the river promised a serene and enjoyable paddle.

Our journey commenced amidst the tranquility of the wilderness, surrounded by the majestic cypress woods. Along the way, we were fortunate to hear and catch sight of two Limpkins, adding to the natural charm of our experience. Approximately one and a half miles into our paddle, we encountered a significant obstacle—a large fallen tree blocking the entire river. With some teamwork and maneuvering, we successfully navigated around the obstruction through a brief bypass along the shoreline, opting not to spend time searching for an alternate water route.

As we approached the takeout point at Wayside Park, the landscape gradually transitioned to include more riverside homes, yet wildlife remained abundant, providing moments of wonder and delight. My GPS recorded our paddle distance at 4 miles, from our starting point at Hog Island to our conclusion at Wayside Park.

After loading up our kayaks, the majority of the group reconvened for a well-deserved late lunch at El Sol De Mexico restaurant in Brooksville, where we were joined by three additional members, bringing a satisfying end to our day of exploration and camaraderie.

Mitch Lairmore

Kayak Director



Exploring the Rainbow River: HBYC's Kayak Expedition

On May 10th, a dozen adventurers from HBYC set out on an unforgettable kayak excursion along the enchanting Rainbow River in Dunnellon, Florida. Each member navigated their own single kayak, creating a personalized journey through nature's wonderland. Originally planned for Saturday, May 11th, we rescheduled to avoid the weekend rush, a decision that paid off as we effortlessly secured parking at the launch site.

Prior to our aquatic odyssey, we gathered at the Beacon Woods Café in Hudson for a hearty breakfast, fueling ourselves for the day ahead. From there, we ventured to KP Hole County Park in Dunnellon, where a nominal \$7 entrance fee granted us access to embark on our river adventure.

Setting off, we paddled against the gentle 1.2 knot current, making our way upstream toward the captivating Rainbow Springs State Park, a scenic 1.5-mile journey to the head spring. At the state park, we paused to rejuvenate before commencing our return paddle to the launch site. Along the way, we were treated to sightings of various wildlife, including turtles, limpkin, and a petite alligator, adding to the allure of the experience.

Mother Nature graced us with near-perfect weather — partly cloudy skies, temperatures hovering in the balmy low 80s, and a refreshing breeze. The river's crystal-clear waters offered glimpses of its vibrant aquatic inhabitants, with fish and turtles gliding beneath our kayaks.

As our adventure came to a close, we loaded up our kayaks and reconvened at Swampy's Grill in Dunnellon, exchanging stories and laughter over well-deserved refreshments, capping off a day filled with camaraderie and natural splendor.

Mitch Lairmore

Kayak Director

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).

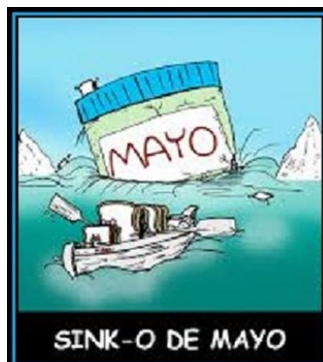
Our third planned (now actually 2nd) club cruise of 2024 is August 28th to September 2nd or thereabouts which is on Labor Day weekend. The plan potentially is to anchor either in Dunedin or Clearwater the first night, and then proceed to Gulfport either by the ICW or outside in the Gulf. If you've never 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. Tom 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



Blessing of the Fleet

May 25th @Noon.

We are reinstating our annual Blessing of the Fleet. **This event is open to all boaters (sail or power) in the Hudson Beach area.** The **Blessing of the Fleet** is a centuries-old tradition originating in southern European fishing communities. A blessing from the local priest was meant to ensure a safe and bountiful season for the area's commercial fishing community. Over time, however, these ceremonies have evolved into community gatherings that celebrate not only safety but also the camaraderie of seafarers and their families.

Dennis Stow's (HBYC Chaplin) boat will be the Blessing Boat. He will be anchored between the HBYC Start Waypoint (FR1) and Marker 2. That will be just a short hop south of Marker 2.

The ceremony will begin at **1130** and will be broadcast on **VHF Ch. 72**. Plan to arrive and be in position before 1130. All boats should form a big circle (**under power**) and motor **clockwise** around the Blessing Boat. As new



boats arrive, please make room for them to join the circle. Please maintain your position in the circle, don't overtake a slower boat.

Once Chaplin Dennis begins the Holy Water phase, boats will make a tight pass one-by-one staying in their position in the circle to receive the Holy Water. **Do not pass to close!** It is the symbolism not the splash that counts!

As soon as your boat has received the Holy Water please break from the circle.

We have some folks who may want to ride with boats participating. If you're one of those folks or are planning to go, please let me know. You can call or text me at (813) 760-2235.

This will be a great day on the water, we hope you can come out and be a part of it.

Don Himes

Event Coordinator

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT - MAY 2024

Bowling Night - April 21:

A group of HBYC athletes arrived at Lane Glo north on Sunday the 21st. We were a group to be envied. If not for our bowling abilities, then for the fun that we had.

Birthday/Anniversary Dinners

There was a very good turn-out for the birthday /anniversary dinner that was at Hudson grill in April. All that attended enjoyed an array of different foods.



Our next birthday/anniversary dinner will be at the Mediterranean Diner located at 11836 US19. This is in the shopping center with Big Lot. The fun starts at 6 pm on May16th. There is a fantastic variety of food, from Greek, American and Italian. (see attached flyer)

May Meeting

What a delicious potluck at the May meeting. There was an abundant selection of Mexican dishes for our delight. Many thanks to all the great cooks in the club.

And again I would like to thank all that set up and cleaned up after our potluck. This could not be done without everyone's help.

The Social Committee

CELEBRATE

With us

MAY BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

6pm on MAY 16th

@

The Mediterranean Diner

11836 US 19, Port Richey



Mediterranean and American classics

To sign-up contact Judy 727-992-6668

RACING REPORT—MAY 2024

Since last month we have had some exciting races. The annual St. Martins race is our longest race of about 20 miles. Conditions were excellent and the first boat over the line was Paper Moon skippered by Captain Shawn Rodel in an elapsed time of 3 hours and 16 minutes some 23 minutes in front of the fleet. After handicaps were applied, the finishing order was Fine Alee, skippered by Dean Perry, sailing a masterful race to finish ahead of Paper Moon by 1 second on corrected time. Second. Place went to Paper Moon, with Airbourne sailed by Steve Polk in third. The multihull winner was Captain Dan Wallace sailing cool Breeze. The after-race party was held at GHYC where a nice dinner and good time was had by all.

HBYC boats also participated in the GHYC spring regatta where points were scored for the racer of the year. We managed to get in 2 races that day under difficult conditions. Boats on the course saw 17 to 20 knots of wind with reports of gusts over 30 knots. Several boats had to retire. A fabulous awards ceremony was held that evening. For the first race the HBYC podium was Paper Moon, followed by Fine Alee and Ventolara, captained by Roger Massicotte. In the second race, Fine Alee took the win followed by Inspiration, captained by Guy Colson, and Paper Moon to round out the HBYC podium. Cool Breeze, captained by Dan Wallace, finished first in the multihull class in the first race and retired due to rudder issues in the second race.

Congratulations to all those participating.

Our next race is scheduled for June 8 for the Scandia Cup. Hope to see everyone there.

The women at the helm, WATH, race has been postponed till fall as Paper Moon and StarGazer are competing in the annual Bone Island race to Key West

Dave Bauer

HBYC Race Director

RACING

Race Results for the St. Martins Race, April 13, 2024

Boat Name	Boat	Captain	PHRF	Start Time	Finish Time	Actual Time	TOT Correction Factor	TOT Corrected Time	TOD Corrected Time	Average Corrected Time
MONOHULL										
FINE ALEE		Perry	256	11:35:00	15:13:43	3:38:43	0.81	2:56:23	2:16:22	2:36:23
PAPER MOON		Rodel	181	11:35:00	14:51:24	3:16:24	0.89	2:54:38	2:18:11	2:36:24
AIRBORNE		Polk	221	11:35:00	15:11:00	3:36:00	0.84	3:02:06	2:24:55	2:43:30
VENTOLERA		Massicotte	215	11:35:00	15:35:50	4:00:50	0.85	3:24:38	2:51:41	3:08:09
MULTIHULL										
COOL BREEZE		Wallace	60	11:35:00	14:23:00	2:48:00	1.07	2:59:01	2:28:42	2:43:51

Race Results for GHYC Regatta, April 27, 2024

Since the GHYC Regatta fell on the same weekend as our scheduled Race #4 (Points Race), the race results for GHYC Races 1 and 2 were used as HBYC Season Series Points Races 4 & 5 for the HBYC racers that participated. (Score for Red Sky was not included for HBYC Points, since that boat is not a member of HBYC)

RACE #1

Boat Name	Boat	Captain	PHRF	Start Time	Finish Time	Actual Time	Corrected Time
Red Sky	Nightwind 35	Mixon	152	12:00:00	12:54:15	0:54:15	0:40:48
Papermoon	Ericson 38	Rodel	181	12:00:00	13:03:30	1:03:30	0:47:29
Fine Alee	Catalina 30	Perry	256	12:00:00	13:11:44	1:11:44	0:49:05
Ventolera	Beneteau 34	Massicotte	215	12:00:00	13:09:45	1:09:45	0:50:43
Inspiration	Pearson 34	Colson	212	12:00:00	13:10:01	1:10:01	0:51:15
Time 2 Cruise	Catalina 310	Bauer	244	12:00:00	13:24:26	1:24:26	1:02:50
Cool Breeze	Contour 34	Wallace	60	12:00:00	12:59:08	0:59:08	0:53:49

RACE #2

Boat Name	Boat	Captain	PHRF	Start Time	Finish Time	Actual Time	Corrected Time
Red Sky	Nightwind 35	Mixon	152	13:35:00	14:18:11	0:43:11	0:34:04
Fine Alee	Catalina 30	Perry	256	13:35:00	14:33:00	0:58:00	0:42:38
Inspiration	Pearson 34	Colson	212	13:35:00	14:32:53	0:57:53	0:45:10
Papermoon	Ericson 38	Rodel	181	13:35:00	14:31:42	0:56:42	0:45:50
Ventolera	Beneteau 34	Massicotte	215	13:35:00	14:36:20	1:01:20	0:48:26
Time 2 Cruise	Catalina 310	Bauer	244	13:35:00	14:41:56	1:06:56	0:52:18

RACING

2024 SEASON SERIES POINTS STANDINGS : For an explanation of the method of calculating the Season Series Points, see the HBYC website, (myhbcy.com) under the Racing Tab.

Since we have completed more than half of the scheduled races, the following standings are based on the best 4 out of 5 scores for each racer (1 drop).

2024 SEASON SERIES POINTS													
	Skipper		Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Race 7	Race 8	Race 9	Total	BEST
	MONOHULLS		3/2	3/16	4/6	4/27 (GHYC)	4/27						4 of 5
1	Sue Gelineau	<i>FINE ALEE</i>	1	3	1	2	1					8	5
2	Shawn Rodel	<i>PAPERMOON</i>	3	1	2	1	3					10	7
3	Guy Colson	<i>INSPIRATION</i>	2	6	5	4	2					19	13
4	Roger Massicotte	<i>VENTOLERA</i>	4	5	4	3	4					20	15
5	Dave Bauer	<i>TIME 2 CRUISE</i>	6	4	5	5	5					25	19
6	Eric Glaser	<i>NO NAME</i>	7	2	5	6	6					26	19
7	Steve Polk	<i>AIRBORNE</i>	5	6	3	6	6					26	20
8	Steve Kaplan	<i>STARGAZER</i>	7	6	5	6	6					30	23
		DNC =	7	6	5	6	6						
	MULTIHULLS												
1	Dan Wallace	<i>COOL BREEZE</i>		1	1	1						3	3
	George Martin	<i>TRI ME</i>		2	2	2						6	6
	Joe Linquist	<i>FRAYED KNOT</i>		2	2	2						6	6
		DNC =		2	2	2							
SCORING:													
DNC = NUMBER OF BOATS THAT STARTED, +1							RED	INDICATES DNC (DID NOT COMPETE)					
DNF = NUMBER OF BOATS THAT STARTED							BLUE	INDICATES DNF (STARTED, BUT DID NOT FINISH)					
DNS (went out, but Did Not Start) = DNC								INDICATES SCORE DROPPED FOR BEST 4 OF 5					

NEXT RACE

June 8: Scandia Cup Race

FOR SAIL / WANTED/MISCELLANEOUS

Mystery Question:

What is a "baggywrinkle"?

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

727-237-7026 or email noslocn@yahoo.com

Next General Meeting

Tuesday, June 4, 7:30 PM
Sea Ranch Civic Association Clubhouse

Next Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 21, 7:00 PM
Location: Colson Residence

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.

For Sale: 2 Kayaks and racks, 4hp Tohatsu outboard motor and soft bottom inflatable. See attached flyers. Contact Larry Hamilton (405) 212-7044

WANTED!

SIT ON KAYAK wanted. Medium volume kayak, 7' - 9' one person recreational. Contact Lisa Bekiaris - listed in member directory.

FOR SALE

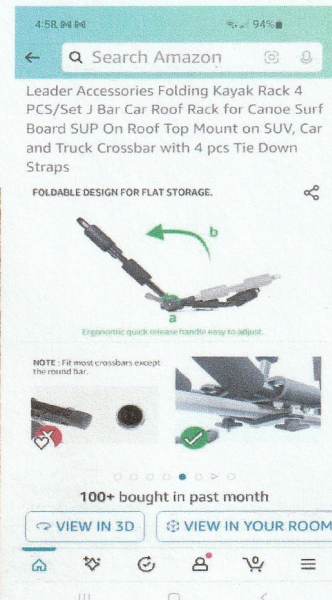
TOHATSU 4 STROKE - 4 HP - w/reverse Like new - appx 30 hours - Short shaft 15" - \$725

10 1/2 ft Soft floor inflatable no title - free w/ outboard sale Larry (405) 212-7044



FOR SALE

2 Kayaks - No holes - Good condition- 1 Hoist - Foldable roof rack \$500 package only



Larry (405) 212-7044



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Nancy Colson, Commodore

Meets the first Tuesday of each month at the Sea Ranch
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