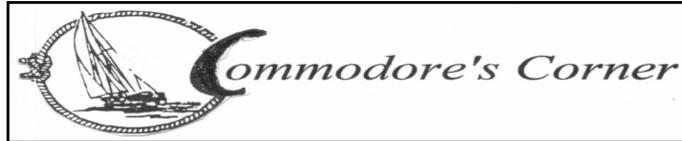




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THE MONTHLY LOG OF THE HUDSON BEACH YACHT CLUB

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In the "Good News" department, Madelaine Woodman accompanied by her son Roy, were in attendance at our March meeting. Madelaine was Commodore of our club in 1998 and made many contributions over the years, and she is now back living in her home. Also, Jim Wasson who is still recovering from his fall was here along with Connie. It was great to see you all!

Roger Massicotte is still recovering from his stroke, it's a slow process, and we hope to see him back on the race course when he's fully recovered. Marlene Jacobs-Dijkstra's knee surgery went well and she is on the path to recovery. Mitch Lairmore suffered from appendicitis just before he was to go on a diving trip, had his appendix removed, and is now well on his way to a full recovery.

In the "Not So Good" department, Sue Perry had been recovering nicely from her knee surgery but had a setback this past weekend, went to the ER, and is now in the Hospital at least through this coming weekend, and my wife Nancy is still suffering from various maladies. In particular, please keep Jane Hanekamp and Roger Corsaro in your prayers, as Roger is going through a very difficult time. 2026 has not been especially kind to the health of our members this year, let's hope and pray that things will only get better going forward!

Our nautical swap meet in February went well with a lot of "treasures" changing hands. And we all picked up some Dead Reckoning Tips at the March meeting after tackling the Mystery Question!

This month will be a busy one with a kayak trip on the 14<sup>th</sup>, B'Day and Anniversary Dinner on the 19<sup>th</sup>, Spring Fling race on the 21<sup>st</sup>, and dinghy race on the 28<sup>th</sup>. If you didn't sign up at the meeting this week there is still time!

**NAME TAGS**... if you need one please contact me via email or text and I'll have one ready for you next month!

Many thanks to those who bring in snacks for our meetings, and especially the Social Committee who set up and Cleaned Up after our March meeting. Thank you all!

Until next time...Happy St. Patrick's Day, but Beware the Ides of March!

*Guy*

Guy Colson, Commodore



## HBYC General Meeting Minutes, March 3, 2026

The meeting was opened at 7:30 PM by Commodore Guy Colson with the re-introduction of Madelaine Woodman, brought by her son, Roy, who is now back in her own home, with Roy living with her. She has not been at a meeting for about 3 years. She looks great.

Guy reported on our list of absentees: Marlene Dijkstra had knee surgery recently and is recovering. Sue Perry picked up an infection in her knee surgery site and is in the ER tonight. Mitch Lairmore is here tonight but was supposed to be in Honduras. Instead, he decided it was a good time to have appendicitis, rather than in Honduras. Bill and Toni Elliott are both sick.

Guy led the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of the last General meeting on February 2, 2026, were approved by motion.

Membership Valery Strauss has gotten no renewals tonight. She listed the Birthdays and Anniversaries for March. Sea Ranch Pancake Breakfast is in this building on Saturday, 3-14-2026 beginning at 9:00 AM for \$6. The Birthday/Anniversary dinner is on Thursday, 3-19 at 6:00 PM. Cutoff for reservations is 3-16. Call Sue if you are going or if you signed up and can't go. The restaurant is Gianni's at the corner of US19 and Clark Street.

Hessel Dijkstra provided us with the story of his Dead Reckoning experience. The Mystery Question that he asked us to answer was "What was the cause of his 80-mile discrepancy during his long Pacific Ocean cruise?" There were several responses of it being the currents, doldrums, being aground, and the magnetic effect of iron deposits in the water affecting the compass. The answer is the El Niño effect that year caused very strong currents opposite their usual direction. Guy told us about Set and Drift which is direction and speed of the current and how it affects the boat.

Hessel's Kayak trip at Homosassa Springs on Saturday, 2-14-2026 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. There were 4 at breakfast and the Klingmans meet the group at the launch.

Racing Eric Glaser has scheduled the Spring Fling Race for March 21st, and he hopes for more boats to participate. Contact him if you want to race.

Purser Chris Michaux reported we have \$3155.75 in checking and \$521.25 in the cash box for \$3677.00 total.

The 50/50 pot for Hessel's Mystery Question was \$90 and \$45 was won by Mark Murton.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Jackie Kerschbaum, Yeoman Pro Temp

## March 2026 Membership Report

### New Member:

Donna Scoville



### Birthdays for March:

3/11 John Dering

3/13 Judy Emery

3/14 David Irvine

3/24 Rich Powell

3/26 Debbi Robinson



### Wedding Anniversaries for March:

3/8 Rain and Rich Powell

3/31 Toni and Bill Elliott



Dues: If you haven't already done so, please renew your membership for 2026! See "[myhbvc.com](http://myhbvc.com)" for information regarding on-line renewal and payments.

*Valery Strauss*

Membership Director

## MARCH KAYAK REPORT

### Kayak report of kayaking in the Homosassa River on February 14.

We had a group of 6 people attending, 3 members from the club and 3 guests. At 10 o'clock all the kayaks had been launched in the water. There was a breeze from the east and on the way we had also a light current against us. Arriving at our destination one of our guests got in the water later followed by his wife as they were trying to get a better look at the manatees. We lingered for a while where the manatees were bathing in the warm spring water. It was difficult to get clear pictures of them. The way back was easy with the wind in our back and the sun shining in our face. Arriving near Monkey Island is always a nice sight to watch the monkeys, but as soon I wanted to take a picture of them the monkey sitting in a tree did not move around, resulting in a vague picture.

Due to the hurricane the Monkey Bar was still not operational so we went to Gator Cove for a meal, they had ample parking for the trailers and the food was delicious and there was not a shortage of.



Here we just started on our way to the Springs





## 2026 HBYC Kayaking Schedule (Revised)

January 17 - Craig Park Tarpon Springs  
canceled due to weather

February 14 - Homosassa Springs

March 14 - Tarpon Springs Splash Park Dock Tarpon Springs

April 11 - Brasher Park New Port Richey

May 16 - Chassahowitzka River

June 13 - Bayport Park to Jenkin's Creek Park

July 18 - Weedon Island Preserve

August 15 - No Event

September 19 -Coastal Cleanup

October 17 - Weeki-Wache Springs

November 14 - Crystal River

December 12 - No Event



## HBYC Kayak

HBYC Kayak Director  
Hessel Dijkstra text 727-271-6335  
hesseldyk@gmail.com



## Kayak Trip

### Saturday, March 14, Tarpon Springs

**Meet: 9 AM @** Beacon Wood's Family Restaurant parking lot.

12362 US-19, Hudson, FL 34667, Or at the Put-in Site.

**Put-in / Take-out:** Approximately 10 AM launch.

**Tarpon Springs Splash Park Dock** on 508 Live Oak Street, Tarpon Springs. Its about a 26 min (14 mi) drive from Beacon Woods Family Restaurant parking lot.

No rentals available.

**For lunch: Tarpon Tavern**, 21 N Safford Ave Tarpon Springs. 0,6 mi away from Put-in site.

For people with trailers you can either leave your car at Tarpon Springs Splash Park and have a ride with someone, or try parking at Truist Bank parking place 203 Tarpon Ave, Tarpon Springs, entry on N Ring Ave, between E Orange street and E Tarpon Ave. Please familiar yourself on maps Satellite to the entry of the parking lot.

A kayak tour through the Mangroves of **Anclote River**, Sponge Docks and the residential bayous. We have a chance to see Manatees and dolphins in the Bayou Crystal Lake, bordering Craig park.

## **ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S MYSTERY QUESTION**

Last month Hessel Dijkstra submitted a very interesting Cruising Story about his adventure sailing from the Fiji Islands to New Caladonia. The story included a "mystery question" about the reason for the discrepancy in his calculated position.

For those who were not at the March meeting,

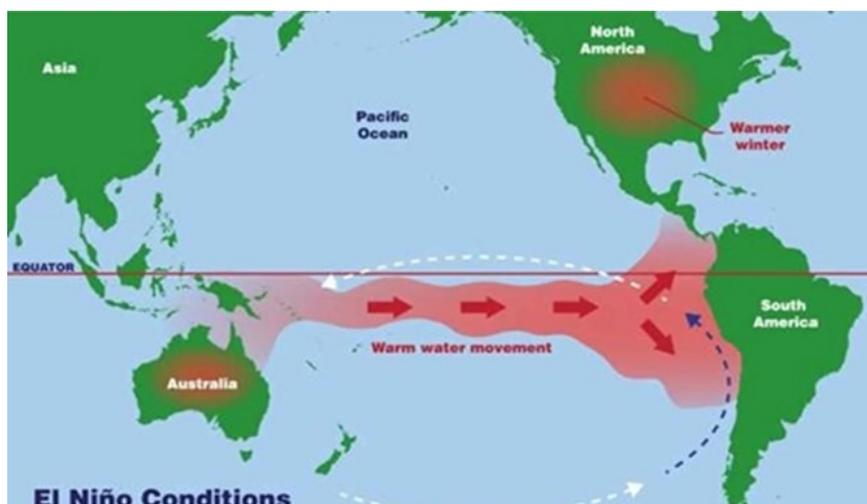
here is Hessel's explanation:

No one at the meeting had the right answer, but Mitch was half right as he mentioning current to the West. Current was right but West was not.

The real mystery answer was caused by a very obscure climatic phenomenon called **El Niño**. The effect were according to an excerpt of an article from the web:

**"But during an El Niño, these trade winds relax or even reverse, as was the case during the devastating 1982-1983 El Nino. Warm water sloshes back east in a vast slow wave. "**

**Real Answer:** The current normally flowing from East to West, however because of the El Nino effect it was in 1982 flowing from West to East.



I used a British Admiralty Chart for plotting my course and distance. The chart clearly showed the direction of a current of 0,5 Nautical Mile due West.

With dead-reckoning you always allow known currents and drift. So for three days I added  $24\text{hr} \times 3 \times 0,5\text{NM} = 36\text{ NM}$  to the distance I had sailed. I averaged 100 NM in 24 hrs

That was a total of about 336 NM. My real position was  $336 - 80 = 256\text{ NM}$  away from my known departure point. So instead  $300 - 256 = 44\text{NM}$ :  $72\text{hrs} =$  a **0,61NM current to the East** caused the puzzle.

Here a link for those who are interested in the complete article of the excerpt.

<https://www.who.edu/science/B/people/kamaral/ElNino.html>

# Racing Report - March 2026

## HBYC Spring Fling Race March 21, 2026

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If you are intending on racing the Spring Fling Race on 3/21/2026, please email the race director before 3/14/2026. Once the entry fee has been received (no later than 3/14/2026) you will be registered for the race.

Sailing Instructions will be emailed, to those that have registered, on Friday 3/20/2026.

If you had paid for the Season Opener Race, there is no need to pay for the Spring Fling. Send me an email and you will be all set to race.

Race Director email: [ericglaser1@gmail.com](mailto:ericglaser1@gmail.com)  
Entry fee via Zelle: [hbyccmichaux@gmail.com](mailto:hbyccmichaux@gmail.com)

Thanks,

*Eric Glaser*

HBYC Race Director

# MARCH SOCIAL REPORT

Word got back to me that we had a great social break at our February meeting. I would like to thank everyone that has helped at the last 2 meetings. I've been laid up with my knee, because of 2 surgeries, and it's so nice to know that there are other people out there that will pick up the slack.

Our February Birthday/Anniversary Dinner was at Frank's Diner. We had a full table of twelve. The food was absolutely delicious. They have such a wide variety to choose from there.

On the February 23rd, we had breakfast over at the Mediterranean diner. I had been told that it was a great place to try and the food was delicious. Unfortunately, there were a number of people that didn't show and a few people that called me and told me they were ill. So, we ended up with only 4 of us, but we still had a great breakfast.

Speaking of a "great breakfast", we plan to meet at the Sea Ranch Association Clubhouse on Saturday, March 14, for their monthly breakfast. They serve a wonderful breakfast of pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon, juice and coffee for only \$6.00! We will have a table reserved for HBYC members at 9:00am. Please attend, no reservations required, enjoy the breakfast and also help support the Sea Ranch Association.

It has been requested to have our birthday anniversary dinner for March at Gianni's on Clark Street, Hudson. Dinner will be at 6 o'clock if you have any questions, you may contact me at 518-821-0109, please send a text. This would be my preference, because I am still in the hospital, or you may email Dean at perrydb3@gmail.com. (see attached flyer)

There appears to be a lot of interest in the upcoming Dinghy Race, so that will be exciting! If you have ever been to one, you know what I mean, but if you haven't, then come and find out for yourself. We have a lot of fun watching or being involved in the race. Burgers and dogs will be provided. BYOB and bring a dish to pass. (see attached flyer)

And lastly, our HBYC calendar had indicated a Pasta Dinner Fund Raiser at our April meeting, but I am postponing that to a later date (TBD), due to the recent complications associated with my knee replacement surgery.

I hope to be seeing all of you soon, although I know it will be a few weeks. Thank you for all your support at the club

*Sue Perry*

Social Director

# DINNER at GIANNI'S

on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 6pm.

Clark Street, Hudson

If you didn't sign up at the March meeting, please let Sue Perry know by March 16<sup>th</sup> if you would like to attend, so that she can make the reservations.

Also, if you did sign up, but can't attend, please let Sue know.

Sue can be reached at 518-821-0109 (text) or [gelineaulpn@gmail.com](mailto:gelineaulpn@gmail.com)

# DINGHY RACE

Once again, we are having a Dinghy Race this year!!! We have not had one for a few years. The date chosen is March 28<sup>th</sup> at Guy and Nancy's on 6534 Driftwood Dr, Hudson.

The fun will start at noon. If you have been to one of these races you know how much fun it is. If you have never been to one, come and see what we laugh about.

Hot dogs and Burgers will be furnished, please bring a side to share and BYOB.



If you didn't sign up at the last meeting and would like to attend, please contact Sue Perry by March 25 at 518-821-0109 or [ge-lineaulpn@gmail.com](mailto:ge-lineaulpn@gmail.com), so we can be sure we have enough Hot Dogs and Burgers for everyone!

## FOR SAIL / WANTED/MISCELLANEOUS

### Mystery Question:

Why is the right side of a boat called the "Starboard" side, and the left side called the "port" side?

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, April 7, 7:30 PM  
Sea Ranch Civic Association Clubhouse

### 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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