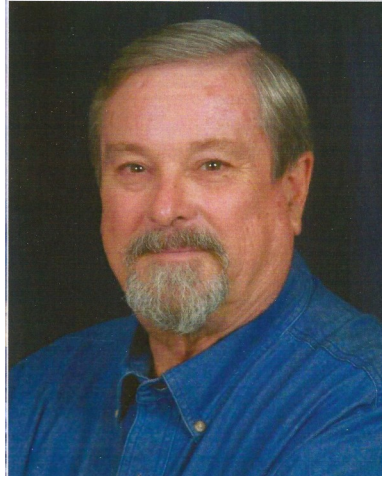


Burial at Sea for Don Himes



As most of you know, on April 26th of this year our club lost Don Himes, a devoted club member and dear friend to all of us. He had many passions... his God, his family, golf, sailing, and yes, the Hudson Beach Yacht Club. Don served us as Commodore in 2007, 2014, and 2021. He also served as Director in several positions over the years, and created and maintained our web site as Web Site Director since its inception. In recent years, one would be hard pressed to identify someone who worked harder, was more dedicated, and put in more hours toward the success of our club than Donald did. Even though he resided in Clearwater, he made the trek up to Hudson for our General Membership and Board meetings regardless of the fact that it was quite a distance, and rarely ever missing one. That's just who Donald was.

We will be having a burial at sea for his cremains on Sunday, October 19th, at 12:00 PM at our race start mark located at coordinates N 28°21.339', W 82°45.695'. Our club chaplain, Dennis Stowe, will serve the blessing with the family on his boat, and we are looking for as many members as possible to be there on their boats, circling as Don's ashes are committed to the Gulf that he loved sailing on so much.

At 2:30 PM we will have a reception at the SRCA clubhouse for Don's family and any and all of our members, current and past, as we give our final farewell to Don. Light food, snacks, and soft drinks will be provided, and members are more than welcome to donate something as well if they wish. And while the club does not supply alcoholic beverages, attendees are welcome to bring their own if they so desire.

I'm looking forward to seeing as many members participate as possible, whether out on the water or at the reception at the clubhouse. Please plan on attending if you can.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Guy". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "G" and a trailing flourish.

Guy Colson

Membership Director