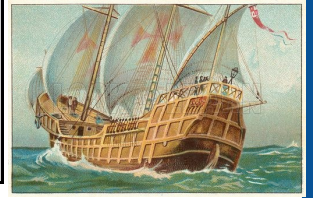
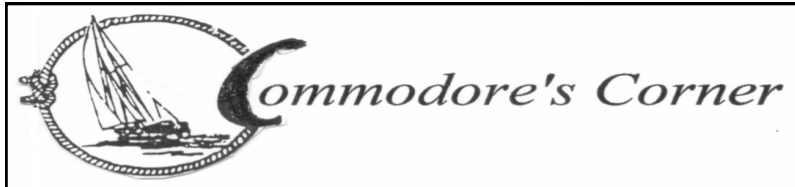




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THE MONTHLY LOG OF THE HUDSON BEACH YACHT CLUB

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Hello Everyone,

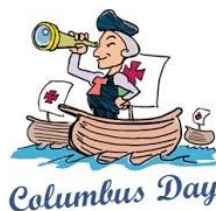
This is going to be short. First, I want to thank everyone who has stepped up to take a position on the board. This will help keep us going forward into the future.

It is that time of year when we need members to step up and take a place on board. If you would like to see the club continue and give some of the current members so time off as they have been on board for decades. Please let's step up at the November meeting.

If you enjoy any of our events Like kayaking it's time to step up, before it is a thing of the past as no one has stepped up to take over this part of the club. Remember you will have support to help you.

Commodore Bill

Bill Elliott, Commodore



HBYC General Meeting Minutes, October 7, 2025

Commodore Bill Elliott opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag at 7:30 pm.

Purser Anne Lairmore reported we have \$4295.64 which is \$1000 ahead of spending so we can spend some money on the Hudson to Hooters Race and the Christmas Party this year. She also reported about the upcoming Kayak trip on Saturday, October 11. We will leave from the Beacon Woods Restaurant at 8:00 am, come early for breakfast. We will travel to the Withlacoochee River at Hog Island for launch about 9:30 and finish at Nobleton. Lunch will be at El Sol de Mexico 31079 FI Rt 50, Brooksville, FL 34602. Contact Jim Wasson at 815-712-6235 if you are going and also, if you are not leaving from the Hudson restaurant.

Guy Colson reminded us of the upcoming Hudson to Hooters Race, the last of the year. It is Saturday, October 18. Tickets to the Wing fest are \$15, held from 4 pm to 5:30 pm. See Flyer in Marker 2 for complete information. The Spreading of Don Himes' ashes will be on Sunday, October 19 at noon. Please sign up if you will take your boat out with passengers, If you need a ride on a boat or if you are just going to the land party at Sea Ranch which will be after the boats get back in

He had a long list of September Birthdays & Anniversaries. He also reminded us of the election for board members and directors of the club which will be held at the November Meeting. Guy, Dennis and Chrisy are the Nominating Committee. There were no nominations from the floor, so the slate presented by the Committee stands. Guy accepted Commodore, Mitch Lairmore took Vice Commodore, Chrisy Michaux accepted Purser, Nancy Colson accepted Yeoman, Fleet Captain will remain open, Kayak Director will remain open, Eric Glaser accepted Racing Director, Valery Strauss accepted Membership Director, John Dering will stay as Finance Director, Sue Gelineau accepted Social Director, Dean Perry accepted Publication Director, Jackie Kerschbaum is staying as Publicity Director, Lori Murton accepted Webmaster, Bill Elliott is now Past Commodore. Chaplain stays as Dennis Stowe and Quarter master is still Guy Colson. Members can still opt to run for any position between now and the November Meeting.

Race results for the Scandia Cup were presented by Sue for Dean. Third place was Roger Massicotte on Ventolera, second was Guy Colson on Inspiration and in first was Team Perry on Fine Alea who also got line honors for the race start.

Publicity Director Jackie Kerschbaum is getting good coverage in the monthly newsletters to communities and in the Suncoast News the week before our meeting.

Finance John Dering received a Hudson-to-Hooters ticket donation from Joanna Swindell.

Social Director Toni Elliott and her committee had September Birthday/Anniversary on September 18th beginning at 6:00 pm at Brian's Place with 10 people. The October restaurant is Bayport Inn on Thursday, October 16 at 6:00 pm. Call Chrisy to sign up. There is potluck Breakfast on the Beach on Saturday, October 25 starting at 9:00 am at the South Pavillion Hudson Beach. She told us the Christmas entrees are Seafood Alfredo, Pork Tenderloin and Chicken Breast. Tickets are coming, cost is \$25 for members and \$30 for guests. Heritage Pines is the venue again this year.

Finance Director John Dering . The Mystery Question was "Who Invented kayaks?" Answer: The Alaskan indigenous people: Aluets and Inuits.

The 50/50 pot was \$105; winner was Toni Elliott.

The Hudson-to-Hooters ticket was won by Roger Massicotte

Mention was made for a possible nautical/household items garage sale. The board will consider.

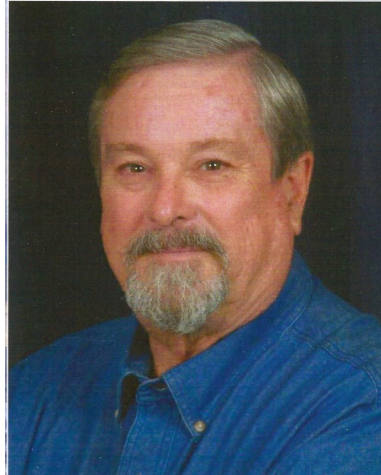
A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. The snacks were served.

Submitted by Yeoman

Jackie Kerschbaum



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', W82°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, flowing 'G' and a long, sweeping tail.

Guy Colson

Membership Director

October 2025 Membership Report

Birthdays and Anniversaries

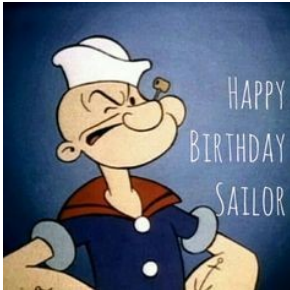
Birthdays

Melanie Irvine - October 3rd

Joe Marchese - October 8th

Bill Elliott - October 9th

Dan Wallace - October 17th



Anniversaries

MaryAnn DelValle and Dennis Stowe - October 21st



Election 2025!

The election of 2026 Officers and Directors will take place at our November 4th Meeting.

The nominees as presented at the October meeting are:

Commodore: Guy Colson

Vice Commodore: Mitch Lairmore

Purser: Chris Michaux

Yeoman: Nancy Colson

Racing Director: Eric Glaser

Finance Director: John Dering

Membership Director: Valery Strauss

Kayak Director: Position Vacant

Social Director: Sue Gelineau

Publications Director: Dean Perry

Publicity Director: Jackie Kerschbaum

WebMaster: Lori Murton

Past Commodore: Nancy Colson

Club Chaplain: Dennis Stowe

Quartermaster: Guy Colson

Guy Colson

Membership Director

Social Committee Report – Oct. 2025

Our last birthday/anniversary dinner was on September 18th, hosted by Maryann Del Valle Stowe. We celebrated at Brian's Place located in Hernando Beach. We had a good turnout, 10 members for this dinner. Everyone had a great time and the food was good.

Our next birthday/anniversary dinner will be on October 16th at Bayport Inn, 4835 Cortez Blvd., Weeki Wachee, FL 34607 at 6:00 pm. Come out and join as we celebrate our members birthday or anniversary.

Coming up on Saturday, October 25th we will host a B.O.B. (breakfast on the beach), located at the south pavilion at Sam's Beach Bar. The club will provide coffee, plates, napkins and eating utensils. Please bring a dish to share with a serving utensil. Our breakfasts are always great with a wide variety of dishes to choose from.

Don't forget to check your calendars for other club sponsored events that you might like. Come out, enjoy our activities, and always have a good time. If you have anything that you would like for us to participate in, please let me know.

Before you know it Christmas party time will be here! We are looking for anyone who might donate a gift basket or even just a basket for us to fill. Please contact me if you can help at tiki4toni@yahoo.com, thank you.

Toni Elliott

Social Committee Director,

RACING REPORT—OCTOBER 2025

On Saturday, October 4, we had the annual HBYC SCANDIA CUP RACE. This was "Points" Race #4 of the 2025 HBYC Season Series.

It was another beautiful day out on the Gulf. It was sunny and warm with temperatures in the 80's, and a 12-15kt breeze from the East. We had a brief rain shower after the race had ended.

The race course was from HBYC Waypoint FR14, just north of the Cotee River, out to *Government Marker R"4"* at the Anclote sandbar, and back to the finish line at FR14.

Three boats came out to race. *FINE ALEE* was first across the starting line, to capture Starting Line Honors.

At R"4" at the sandbar, FINE ALEE was first around, followed by VENTOLERA and INSPIRATION.

VENTOLERA took over the lead for most of the return leg. All boats were pinching, trying to make the finish line on one tack from R"4", but the wind was not quite easterly enough to make it.

Near the finish line, VENTOLERA tacked first, followed by INSPIRATION and FINE ALEE. FINE ALEE tacked again to cross the finish line first, followed by INSPIRATION and then VENTOLERA.

The race was a total of 8.2 nm, and all boats crossed the finish line within about 1 minute of each other!

We had an nice After-Race Gathering at Whiskey Joe's, in Port Richey, which was attened by 19 people, including Captains, Crew and guests

The race results are as follows:

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2025 SEASON SERIES POINTS STANDINGS, AFTER RACE #4: For an explanation of the method of calculating the Season Series Points, see the HBYC website (myhbcy.com) under the Racing Tab.

2025 SEASON SERIES POINTS												
	Skipper		Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Race 7		Total	BEST
	COMBINED FLEET		3/8	4/5	4/19	10/4						_OF_
1	Team Perry	<i>FINE ALEE</i>	2	1	3	1					7	
2	Shawn Rodel	<i>PAPERMOON</i>	1	2	2	4					9	
3	Guy Colson	<i>INSPIRATION</i>	3	4	1	2					10	
4	Tony Hedrick	<i>KAYETON</i>	4	5	4	4					17	
5	Roger Massicotte	<i>VENTOLERA</i>	5	5	5	3					18	
6	Joe Linquist	<i>FRAYED KNOT</i>	6	4	6	4					20	
7	Eric Glaser	<i>NO NAME</i>	6	5	6	4					21	
		DNC =	6	5	6	4						

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**

YELLOW

INDICATES SCORE DROPPED FOR BEST _ OF _

Next Race:

The next race is the 27th annual HUDSON-TO-HOOTERS RACE, which is the Grand Finale of the 2025 HBYC Racing Season.

The HUDSON-TO-HOOTERS RACE will be held on Saturday, October 18. Following the race, there will be an After-Race Party at HOOTERS in Port Richey.

This is an annual HBYC Event and the party is open to all members, and will include a buffet of Wings, Tater Tots, and Salad. (See Flyer)

Contact Dean Perry for reservations, at 518-258-0125, or via email at perrydb3@aol.com

Dean Perry

Race Director



27TH ANNUAL HBYC **HUDSON-TO-HOOTERS RACE**

The “**HUDSON-TO-HOOTERS RACE**” is the Grand Finale of the HBYC racing season and the final race for points for the 2025 SEASON POINTS CHAMPIONSHIP.



The **LARRY THOMAS CUP** is presented to the winner of the annual “Hudson to Hooters Race”. The winner will have their name and boat name engraved on this perpetual trophy, and they will have the trophy to display in their home for 1 year.

For a history of the trophy and a list of the past winners, see the HBYC web site under the Racing tab.

CAPTAINS MEETING: The Captains Meeting will be held at Hooters on Friday evening, October 17, at 6:00pm. Food and beverages can be ordered from the menu at your expense. All HBYC members and guests are invited to the Captains Meeting.

RACE:

Saturday October 18

First Warning Horn: 10:50; Race Starts at 11:00

(2.0+ tide window: 0900 to 1500 at Hudson)

Race Entry Fee: \$25 per boat – includes 2 Buffet tickets, 2 T-shirts

AFTER-RACE PARTY:

The After-Race Party will be held at Hooters on Saturday, October 18.

All HBYC members and guests are invited..

Buffet will include Wings, Salad, and Tater-Tots.

(Beverages are not included but can be ordered from the menu at your expense)

Buffet will be served from 4:00 pm until 5:30 pm

RESERVATIONS and PAYMENT: For reservations, contact Dean Perry at 518-258-0125 or email: perrydb3@aol.com

The quantity and sizes of free T-shirts are limited, so first come, first served

Please make payments via Zelle to Hudson Beach Yacht Club Inc. (See HBYC Website for instructions)

Payments can also be made at the October meeting.

FOR SAIL / WANTED/MISCELLANEOUS

Mystery Question:

Name one of the two oldest yacht clubs.

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

813-841-8060 or email sailingalong57@gmail.com

Next General Meeting

Tuesday, November 4, at 7:30 pm
Sea Ranch Civic Association Clubhouse

Next Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 21, 7:00 PM
Location: Elliott's home

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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Bill Elliott, Commodore

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