

# HIGHLAND YACHT CLUB

## SOUNDINGS

### April 2002

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**MAY MEETING:** May 17 at the HYC site; Dinner at 6; business meeting at 7 - food theme: Cajun.

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**SPRING REGATTA TIME!!** Don't miss the annual HYC Spring Regatta on May 18 and 19!

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**AMANDA CRAWFORD GRADUATES FROM E.T.S.U.** Congrats to Amanda Crawford who graduated from E.T.S.U on May 4. Good job.

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**JANET ROGERS GRADUATION PARTY:** Don't forget the graduation party for Janet Rogers at the site on May 11. The Rogers are supplying meat (slow cooked barbecue complements of Chef Chad Schnarr) and beer. Bring a side dish and enjoy the fun.

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**TENNESSEAN REGATTA:** The newly formed Catalina 22 Fleet 52 had a good turnout at the Tennessean Regatta at HIYC. Two boats, Kevin Baker and I, made the journey from HYC, one came from PPYC, and two other local boats gave us five. Kevin had David and Max with him, and I had Kathy and Jeff on my boat. This was enough to race one-design and is scored as a fleet. The big fleet at the regatta was the 11 J22s. Some J24s and many other large boats joined us. The most impressive were the J29 and the Benettau 32.5.

Saturday bought a moderate breeze at the start. With the start being up current and up wind, it took a while to get to the line. If you waited too long for the other boats to clear the line, it was hard for a C22 to start on time. This is my excuse anyway. We started third. On our way to the upwind mark we managed to pass Kevin, but it would be short lived. At the first mark, Patti Miller of HIYC already had a big lead on the fleet. She would be off in the distance the rest of the day. Fighting the current again, we had a hard time getting around the mark, and by the time we rounded, Kevin's boat was not far behind.

The downwind leg was about 10 miles down river. A gust came from behind that brought Kevin right up behind us. He eventually passed us, but we stayed close. The wind had lightened and was gusty at about 5 to 12 mph. After finally making it to the mark, we rounded and headed back up river. The wind was light and fluky. It was one of those days when you sail upwind for a while and then downwind for while without changing directions. About halfway back Kevin moved to the other side of the river, possibly more wind, and we stayed on the inner shore, shorter course to the mark. The other side paid off. Kevin got a lead on us and kept it to the end.

As we got content with our third in this race, a C22 that we could not see earlier was getting closer and closer. Eventually he got so close we started to cover. Jeff was

advising me to cover him, but I couldn't because he was sailing higher with speed. At one point he just headed me up, and we had to tack. If you can't out run them, you just have to out sail them. At one point he crossed in front of us. We concentrated on clean tacks and catching the wind shifts. By the finish line we were able to get out front with a 5-minute lead to keep our third place.

Saturday night was a lot of fun with the C22 fleet members gathering around the keg for stories of the race. Great barbeque was served for dinner. The people in this fleet are a great bunch, and it was good to get to know them.

Sunday the wind piped up to the 15-20 that was forecasted. I am sure the gusts were higher than that. After some adjustments by master boat tuner, Jeff Utley, the boat was pointing much better. All the C22s except one started on port. We just cleared the starboard boat with them yelling starboard at us. We got a good start and rounded the mark in a close second behind Patti. We actually almost passed the mark and had to sail a broad reach to get back to the mark. The race committee had set a separate mark for us and we had assumed it was further down the river.

Kevin took the inside line back down wind and managed to pass me, then Patti. We rounded the downwind mark in third, but four of the boats were close together. On the upwind leg to the finish we were able to point higher and keep our speed up. After a lot of tacking and yelling by starboard boats, we manage to get out front and take a first. This amazed all of us on my boat. It was our first time racing the boat. Kevin got a second with Patti third. This made the regatta a three-way tie with four points each. The tiebreaker rules put us first, Patti second, and Kevin third. This was a great showing by HYC.

The one-design racing was a blast. On Sunday the first four boats finished within a minute of each other. The people in this fleet should make for a great time at our future events. The next Fleet 52 event is the Spring Regatta at HYC. We expect some out of town boats and a good C22 fleet. Bring your C22 to the regatta and join us for the fun.

- Mike Wasner

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**BIMINI TRIP (continued).** We last left our adventurers stuck just North of a 58 foot high bridge in a boat with a 65 foot mast: Since we did not have a hack saw and we would likely lose our deposit if we took about 8 feet off the mast, we decided to call it a day, head back up the intercoastal waterway to Ft. Lauderdale and start over the next day.

Chad and I agreed to stay up and the rest of the crew hit the sack. We made it fine back up the ICW (even past the little sticky spot that gave us so much trouble on the way down). We entered Port Everglades and called on the VHF radio for the causeway bridge to open. No response. Called again. No Response. I knew it was about 3 a.m., but do bridges close? I did not think so. We concluded the bridge tender was asleep. Spot lighting his window did not work, and we considered throwing beer bottles at the shack, but it was too high. So we decided to try the cell phone, but we did not have the number. I called information, and it was a lot of fun trying to explain to an operator at 3.am. that you wanted to call a bridge. We finally got the guy on the phone and we were on our way again.

We finally got back to the charter company (that we had left about 15 hours previously) and hit the sack. After a restful two hours sleep, I got up and discovered that some of the crew were considering desertion. Eventually, we decided to give it another shot and headed for Miami again (Miami or bust). This time we stayed closer to the shore and avoided the Gulf Stream, and we made it no problem. We secured a slip at the Miamarina right in downtown Miami. This was a nice place with a shopping center and several restaurants including a Hard Rock Cafe and a Hooters. Ahh, the crew was happy again.

By this time, we had decided against the Bahamas based upon the weather and wind direction (and our track record thus far - I still think we could have made it considering there were probably no bridges between Miami and Bimini). Anyway, the keys were nice and that's where we decided to head. We actually got to sail the next day as we headed down Biscayne Bay toward Key Largo. It was a perfect broad reach with strong winds. Things were looking up. We even got to see a Star class regatta start in the bay with at least 90 boats on the line.

After a great day of sailing, we decided to seek shelter behind Pumpkin Key and anchor for the night, but the wind was so strong there was not much shelter there. We nosed in as close as possible on the Leeward side of the key and attempted to anchor twice with no success. I discovered that some crew members really could cuss like a sailor. Faced with the prospect of a night at anchor (hopefully) in high winds, we decided to head a little further south inside the keys and through Black Card Sound to a small marina and Tiki Bar that I had been to when I did the sailing school two years ago. We made it there no problem and secured a slip at the Anchorage Resort. Happy crew again. TO BO CONTINUED.

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**LAKE KEOWEE REGATTA.** The Fleet 51 traveling squad just returned from beautiful (and somewhat rainy) Lake Keowee. Bill Riner with the help of first time C15 crew, John Garibotte, took top honor in our group with a fourth place finish. Phil and Seth Farington, and Dawn and I made up the rest of the traveling squad and enjoyed great hospitality and good competition. While there we learned that a lot of District D C15ers are planning on making our regatta in two weeks. We could easily have a double digit class. - **Jeff Utley**

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## Highland Yacht Club Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2002

**ATTENDEES:** Lucian & Donna Cayce, Matt & Dixie Crawford, David & Beverlee Bergevin, Max & Sarah Hailey, Jeff & Dawn Utley, Bob & Janie Turpin, Pat & Doris Ann Rynd, Janet Rogers & Chad Schnarr, Andy Myrick, Ellie Remar & Mark Anzecik, Paul, Wendy, Zeke, Jacob & Ellie Grace Stevens, Kathy Hornsby & Mike Wasner.

**1. The meeting was called to order at 7pm by Commodore Dawn Utley.**

**2. March minutes were approved.**

**3. Treasurer's Report by Kathy Hornsby:**

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| Building Fund                        | \$1007.01        |
| Dock Fund                            | -\$127.85        |
| Regular Spending                     | <u>\$3097.21</u> |
| Total Funds in checking and savings: | <b>\$4686.21</b> |

Membership Dues Progress Report: Lacking 6 Full time and 3 Associate members to pay 2002 dues.

**4. Harbor Master Report** - Matt Crawford reported that we suffered no damage to our docks from the high winds recently. Phase 1 of the shoreline project is almost complete.

Volunteers were asked to help put the deck on Saturday.

**5. Communications:** Andy Myrick reported he sent a previous month's newsletter out via e-mail in error, but quickly corrected it.

**6. AF Liaison Report:** Jeff Utley reported that we might get some concrete picnic tables as a result of the officer's club project. The Air Force is being forced to cut down pine trees as a result of beetle infestation. The beetles have not reached the HYC site yet, but it is only a matter of time.

**7. Port Captain Report:** In Tom Gillard's absence, Dawn Utley reported that the turnout for the clean up day was a huge success.

**8. Racing Series Report:** Mike Wasner reported that the Spring Series will begin Sunday, April 21, 2001 at 2pm. The new start sequence will be used to get every one accustomed to it before the Regatta.

**9. Area Regatta Results:** Max Hailey reported on The Tennessean Regatta held at the Harbor Island Yacht Club April 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. This was the first time in the history of The Tennessean Regatta that they had a Catalina-22 fleet. Saturday was a 15 mile long distance race in light to variable winds and the Sunday Race was a 7 mile race in heavy winds. Cruiser Class - First Place went to Mike Wasner, Kathy Hornsby, and Jeff Utley. Second was Patti Miller from Harbor Island Yacht Club. Third went to David Bergevin, Kevin Baker and Max Hailey.

**10. CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

- 5/11 - The Rogers Family has reserved the site to have a graduation party for their daughter, Janet. The Rogers Family will provide Barbeque and drinks. All HYC members are invited. Members are asked to bring a side dish or dessert.
- 5/17 - Dinner at 6pm; Business meeting at 7pm. Food Theme - Cajun
- 5/18 and 5/19 - Spring Regatta
- 7/20 and 7/21 - Kevin Baker requested use of the club for Catalina Fleet 52 to hold a Watermelon Race. Most of the overnight guests will camp at the FamCamp or sleep on their boats.

**11. Commodore's Report:** Dawn announced that the executive committee would meet to come up with a strategic plan for the next 5 years with a vision for our growth. Members are asked to e-mail Dawn with any suggestions. Members were also asked to touch base with the Commodore or one of the other officers prior to spending money on behalf of the club. This is not intended to tie anyone's hands, but rather to provide continuity of projects and planning.

**12. Food Themes for remaining meetings -**

- Italian
- Mexican
- Bavarian
- Luau
- Commodore's choice for remainder of meetings

**13. Spring Regatta Progress Report:** Lucian Cayce reported the following:

- **Race Supplies** - David Bergevin -Completed
- **Race Flag Staffs** - The club unanimously approved for Lucian to spend up to \$50.00 to make staffs to fly the race flags from.
- **Trophies**- Lucian will ask George Wright if he will take care of these. Donna Cayce volunteered to make Ceramic Mug trophies for the Fall Regatta
- **Shirts.** Max Hailey reported that several of the short sleeve shirts that came in at the same time the long sleeve Fall Regatta shirts did have already been sold. He will get a count on the shirts and notify Wendy Stevens if more shirts are needed.
- **Sailing Instructions.** Lucian briefly covered the new starting sequence and will post the 2002 racing instructions on the HYC website.
- **Race Committee Boat** - Lucian and Donna Cayce. We need one other volunteer who can be on the boat both days.
- **Registration** - Sara Hailey
- **Registration Forms** - Dawn Utley
- **Money** - Sara Hailey and Kathy Hornsby
- **Notice of Race** - Will be sent out by e-mail to HYC members who have e-mail. Hard copies will be mailed to area Yacht Clubs and previous participants.

- **Registration Fees** - Will be \$25.00. If you are a U.S. Sailing member with an individual membership you will get a \$5.00 discount. U.S. Sailing provides low cost liability insurance to clubs that promote U. S. Sailing.
- **Saturday Brunch** - Lucian and Donna Cayce, George Wright.  
Dixie Crawford offered starter for Cinnamon bread to members who would like to bring cinnamon bread to the brunch.
- **Saturday Dinner** -David to ask caterer from Fall Regatta if she would be interested in catering this year.
- **Sunday Lunch** - Dixie Crawford will arrange Pizza.
- **Beer Truck** - Carlos
- **Soft Drinks** - Donna Cayce
- **Site Preparation** - David Bergevin reported that the mowing has been contracted out. Tom Gillard will handle sand delivery.
- **Permission letter and insurance**- Janie Turpin - completed
- **Committee Boat** - Paul Stevens will make arrangements to get committee boat
- **Chase Boat** - Jeff Utley will check with ski club. We need 2 chase boats for 2 days with 2 people. As a backup, Chad Schnarr and Andy Myrick offered their boats but would need crew.

**14. Scholarship Fund** - Max Hailey will be sending out a questionnaire/ballot concerning the Fallen Sailor Scholarship fund. You are asked to complete the form and return to Max Haley. A motion was made that one questionnaire/ballot be sent per membership. A place will be provided on the Spring Regatta Registration Form for donations of any amount to go towards the Scholarship fund.

**15. Adjournment** - 7:58pm.