

# HIGHLAND YACHT CLUB SOUNDINGS

August 2002

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**Commodore: Dawn Utley**  
**Vice Commodore: Donna Cayce**  
**Secretary/Treasurer: Kathy Hornsby**  
**Harbor Master: Matt Crawford**  
**Port Captain: Tom Gillard**  
**Newsletter Editor: Andy Myrick**

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**Next Meeting:** No official meeting in October, but make plans to attend the Halloween Party on October 26 at the HYC site at 5 p.m. Wear and costume and bring a carved pumpkin for the contest. Food Theme: Oktoberfest.

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## **NEW HYC MEMBER:**

**Ian Cole Garibotte**

**5 lbs 12.7oz**

**Height: 18 inches**

**WELCOME ABOARD!**

**Congratulations to John and Angie Garibotte on the the birth of their child on September 17, 2002.**



### **A Child Is the Greatest Gift**

A child is the greatest gift  
That our lives can bestow.  
It brings the most exquisite joy  
That we will ever know.  
Some days deliver happiness,  
Far more than we can touch.  
We need the help of all our friends  
To comprehend how much.

And so we thank you for the gifts,  
Both those you brought and *are*,  
That celebrate this rich, full life  
And its rising star!

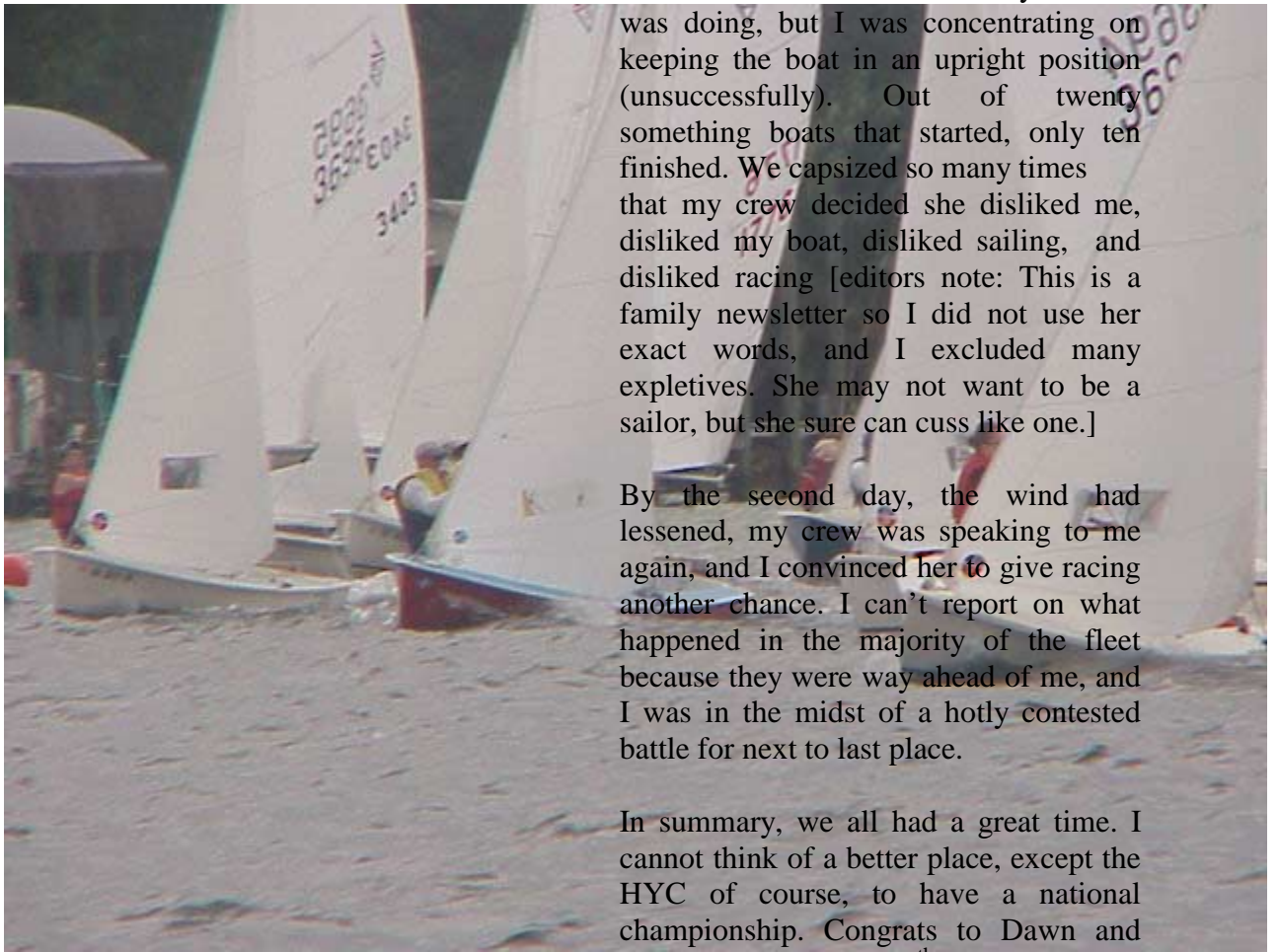
*by Nicholas Gordon*

We just wanted to let everyone know how much we appreciate and enjoyed the shower. All the gifts that we received were special, and greatly appreciated more than mere words can say. We couldn't imagine a better group of people to share this exciting time with us. Thank you very much!

Sincerely,  
The Garibotte Family

**C15 NATIONALS**

The HYC C15 traveling crew consisting of Jeff and Dawn Utley, Bill and Beth Riner and crew, April Golden and myself, and Phil and Seth Farrington went down to the Ft. Walton Yacht Club for the 2002 C15 Nationals on June 21, 22, and 23.



Our own, Jeff Utley, was race director for this national event, and he and Dawn did an excellent job of putting the race together especially when you consider

the race site was a few hundred miles away. The good news is that the 2004 C15 Nationals will be held on the HYC site.

We had qualifying rounds on June 21. There was big wind, big waves, and big courses. I don't know what anyone else was doing, but I was concentrating on keeping the boat in an upright position (unsuccessfully). Out of twenty something boats that started, only ten finished. We capsized so many times that my crew decided she disliked me, disliked my boat, disliked sailing, and disliked racing [editors note: This is a family newsletter so I did not use her exact words, and I excluded many expletives. She may not want to be a sailor, but she sure can cuss like one.]

By the second day, the wind had lessened, my crew was speaking to me again, and I convinced her to give racing another chance. I can't report on what happened in the majority of the fleet because they were way ahead of me, and I was in the midst of a hotly contested battle for next to last place.

In summary, we all had a great time. I cannot think of a better place, except the HYC of course, to have a national championship. Congrats to Dawn and Jeff Utley who took 7<sup>th</sup> place in the A Fleet.

## H.Y.C FALL REGATTA

Thanks to Race Director, Lucian Cayce, and everyone else who made the annual 2002 HYC Fall Regatta another great success.

We had good winds on Saturday and managed to get in one race on Sunday without a great deal of wind. As usual the food was great, and all seemed to have a good time.

The largest class appeared to be the Catalina 22s with several boats from out of town. There were five C15s in that class, and I'm not sure how many boats in the cruiser/dinghy class and the multi-hull class. Hopefully, I will have a full report in the next newsletter. I've got to start taking better notes.

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### **CLUB FED ISLAND CHALLENGE:**

Fellow sailors:

I am proposing the "The Club Fed Island Challenge."

It is both an ongoing social event and racing event designed to stimulate thought. The intentionally vague rules are:

- \* To start by crossing the dinghy dock as sighted along the gang way from the skipper's position and pass within 100 ft, on the lake side of the dock

- \* Sail through the "South East Passage" (between Elder Island and land) Minimum depth ~ 4' 6"

- \* Sail between the islands (Elder Island and the small unnamed island) - min depth ~4 '2"

- \* Crossing the Club Fed dock as determined by the skipper sighting down the center of the gangway within 100 ft of the dock

- \* The winner is the racer with the shortest corrected time.

- \* You may start when you wish and attempt to better your time as many

times as you desire.

- \* Record actual time to nearest second, estimate of wind speed, (Beaufort number) and wind direction.

Send information to Tom Bentley (<mailto:bentley@edge.net>) together with Portsmouth rating if you have it. I will post the results at the spring banquet with a suitable Rotating Challenge trophy.

- \* I anticipate this is to be a standing Friday event, but... any time one wants to take the challenge, have at it. Dutch treat dinner for all participants on each Friday night at Club Fed or any other time. Dinning on the porch is very casual and open to all. (ALC # 454-3090). I will post the results on the bulletin board as I get them.

To date the bench mark is "Ei-leen" doing the 2.4

mile course in 65.59 minutes corrected time (57.07 minutes actual) with a DPN =87 and BN =2 or 5-7 mph est.)

**ATTENDEES:** Tom Bentley, David & Sally Ranstrom, Matt & Dixie Crawford, David & Beverlee Bergevin, Larry, Becky and Carrie Thomas, Paul, Zeke, Jacob, and Ellie Grace Stevens, Wendy Moore, Lucian & Donna Cayce with guests Julie Bensmiller and Cecille Hine, John & Angie Garibotte, Jeff & Dawn Utley, Mike Wasner & Kathy Hornsby, Kim & Tim Dolan, Nancy & Carlos Bussche, Andy Myrick, Janet Rodgers & Chad Schnarr, Bari Beth & Parker Lowndes, Sarah & Max Hailey, Kevin Baker.

**1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by Commodore Dawn Utley.**

**2. July minutes were approved.**

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

Checking Account	\$2209.83
Regular Spending	<u>\$1866.73</u>
Total Funds in checking and savings:	<b>\$4076.56</b>

**4. Harbor Master Report – Matt Crawford** reported that there are 24 boats on the dock. Dock # 1 still needs repair. Two sections of the dock are being held together by wood. This fall there are plans to pull the two shoreline docks out of the water this fall to refurbish them. If anyone has any ideas please let Matt know. The water depth in this area is only 4 to 5 feet.

**5. Communications:** John Garibotte is still taking offers to help with the web site.

**6. AF Liaison Report:** Jeff Utley reported that we are next on the list to have the pine trees cut. One of the Air Force Major's visited the site and has discussed the possibility of a dinghy launch ramp. It is still in the early planning stages.

**7. Port Captain Report:** Tom thanked everyone for helping keep the site clean. He reminded everyone to be sure and close the dumpster after emptying trash to keep the squirrels out.

**8. Racing Series Report: Mike Wasner** will post a volunteer schedule for people to sign up for race committee. If we don't have any volunteers Tom Bentley suggested that we do a "self start" and time ourselves. The fall series races will start back in September.

**9. Scholarship Report: Max Hailey** reported that 22 ballots were returned representing 32 adult HYC members. 21 people volunteered to serve on the scholarship selection committee.

- A motion was made and carried that the following information should be added to the regatta registration forms:  
\$5.00 donation to the Fallen Sailors' Scholarship Fund or other amount. \_\_\_\_\_

- A motion was made and carried that the following information should be added to the Annual Dues forms:  
\$10.00 donation to the Fallen Sailors' Scholarship Fund or other amount. \_\_\_\_\_
- The award value of the scholarship will range between \$100 - \$500 per term.
- A minimum high school or college grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale is required,

#### **10. Commodore's Report:**

- The Sea Scouts have inquired about associating themselves with the HYC. We will have an executive meeting and bring this back to the club with a recommendation. The scouts will be ages 14 and above. If you have any feelings about this please approach any executive officer to voice your opinion.

#### **11. Regatta Check List: Matt Crawford** gave an update on the regatta check list

- Permission Letter to hold regatta done
- Insurance has been paid
- Committee Boat – Paul Stevens will check into
- Chase Boat and Drivers – Matt will ask Ski Club for volunteers
- Race Committee – Lucian Cayce will head up the race committee
- Volunteers to help on the committee boat Saturday will be Donna Cayce and Dixie Crawford. Volunteers for Sunday will be Donna Cayce and Carlos Bussche.
- Registration – Sarah Hailey
- Registration Form – Jeff Utley
- Notice of Race – Jeff Utley
- Registration money box – Kathy Hornsby
- Saturday Brunch – Donna Cayce will coordinate
- Saturday Dinner – Beverlee Bergevin will coordinate with Julie Quick
- Sunday Lunch – Nancy Bussche
- Site Mowing – Tom Gillard
- Patch Marks – Mike Wasner
- Trophies – Donna Cayce
- Notify Newspaper – Angie Garibotte will handle Tullahoma and Wendy Moore will handle Winchester
- T-Shirts – Paul Stevens will bring these on Friday night

#### **12. New Business:**

- John Garibotte relayed a suggestion from George Wright to raise money for the scholarship fund. His idea is to purchase an ice machine and pitch in a dollar or two every time you get ice. When the machine is paid for, the proceeds would go the scholarship fund.

- Tom Bentley mentioned that Joan would still be available to draw plans for an additional on the pavilion.
- Kevin Baker reported that the Catalina Fleet 52 held a successful watermelon race. Tennis Balls were used in place of the watermelons. Two boats from Nashville and several of our HYC members participated. A water fight between the crews help cool things down. Kevin expressed his thanks for the hospitality of the HYC.
- Please lock the gate if you are the last one to leave the site. If someone is still out sailing, please close the gate but don't lock it.
- Our reputation on the base is excellent. Everyone has worked hard to contribute to this. Let's maintain this relationship.
- Tom Bentley reported that the Learn to Sail class was a success. Tom Gillard and Kim Dolan said the scouts enjoyed the class as well. There were 25 people in attendance. Stephen Jalbert from Boy Scout troop 402 correctly identified a situation called "hogging". For those of you that do not know what the term refers to, Tom Bentley explained that the dictionary defines it as "To arch upward in the middle. Used of a ships keel". In practical application, it could be likened to the nicely rounded stomach of a standing hog. When the hog lies down, the pressure of the ground causes the stomach to bulge out at the sides and upward in the middle.

### **13. Adjournment – 8:10 PM.**

*Recorder – Kathy Hornsby*