



Highland Yacht Club Soundings

January 2003

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FEBRUARY MEETING: No Business Meeting – Spring Banquet Feb. 22 – Details TBA

April Wheeler and RJ Tazelaar Tie the Knot Aboard “Gecko”

The New Year’s Day Sail this year held more in store for the participants than they knew. April Wheeler and RJ Tazelaar were married aboard their boat “Gecko” during the annual raft-up. Chuck Crawford officiated the ceremony while members of the club looked on, many in astonishment.

The weather cooperated and the sun came out as the ceremony started. April was a beautiful bride and RJ quite the handsome groom. After the ceremony, everyone toasted the new couple.



Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Tazelaar. May you have many years of smooth sailing together.

New Year’s Day Sail

The New Year’s Day Sail gets bigger and better every year. This year there were 10 boats with 47 aboard for the annual sail and raft-up. The rain held off and the temperature hovered in the 50’s. The day was full of fun and surprises, including the wedding of April and RJ.

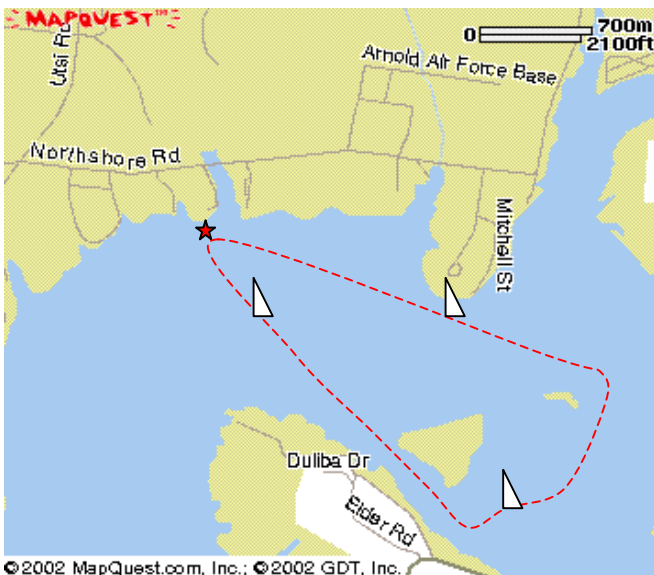
Those in attendance were Dawn & Jeff Utley, Paige Utley, David & Beverlee Bergevin, Melissa Bergevin and her friend Brandon, Max & Sarah Hailey, Don Jones, Becky & Larry Thomas, Richard &

Debi Merrill, Valerie & John Sanders, Matt & Dixie Crawford, RJ & April Tazelaar, Andy Myrick and his future bride April, John Garibotte, Dori & Scott Henninger, Paul Stevens & Wendy Moore along with their gang Zeke, Jacob and Ellie Grace, Mike Wasner & Kathy Hornsby, Parker & Bari Beth Lowndes, Emily Lowndes, Kevin & Vicki Baker, David Brown, Tom & Joan Bentley, David & Ellen Anderson, Frank Steinle, Chuck Crawford, Tom Gillard and Tim & Kim Dolan.

A New Year's toast was given by Commodore "Froggy" Utley, which included well wishes for April & RJ in their new life together. Afterwards, everyone adjourned to the club for chili, soup and a roaring fire to warm up.

We had a terrific turnout this year and hope next year we'll have even more for this great event.

Variations on the Around the Islands Challenge (AIC) by Tom Bentley



After some consultation with this year's participants I have refined the Around the Islands Challenge. With the new course, cruiser participants will go around both islands. The course as shown is 3.59 miles and the old course was 2.4 miles. This means one must go through the Southeast Passage, between Elder Island and the Franklin rec. area and back to the HYC dock. It is not as shallow this way as it does not pass between the islands. This should make for a reasonably long and balanced course.

The start finish line will be defined by sighting down the main HYC dock from the skipper's position, as long as the boat passes between the dock and the buoy off the end of the dock. As a result of an on-the-water consultation, it was suggested that rounding the

marks of the course to either port or starboard (but not both) will be allowed as it determines the direction through the Southeast Passage.

The new challenge will run from Jan 1, 2003 to Dec 31, 2003. Please send time and mid lake wind conditions to Tom Bentley bentley@edge.net. I will calculate and periodically post the standings. A suitable trophy will be awarded at the spring banquet.

Waterfowl Refuge Reminder

Please remember that from December 1st until January 31st the lake on the dam side of the buoys, from the Girl Scout camp across, is a waterfowl refuge and is off limits to all boats.

Editor's Note: Due to the unavailability of the November meeting minutes in time for the November newsletter, I have included both the November and the January meeting minutes in this edition. (No business meeting in December.) [OMKTNG](#)

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Highland Yacht Club Meeting Minutes of November 11, 2003

The meeting began at 7:01 p.m.

Members Who Attended

Twenty members attended, and they are the following:

Matt and Dixie Crawford, Jeff and Dawn Utley, Frank Steinle, Don, Joy, and Jordan Jones, Paul Stevens, Wendy Moore, Zeke, Jacob, and Elli, Max Hailey, Kim Dolan, Becky and Larry Thomas, and John, Angie, and Ian Garibotte.

Meeting Minutes

No minutes to approve so this was deferred.

Treasurers Report

No treasurers report to report so this was deferred.

Communications-Newsletter and Web Page

John reported that he has updated the web page and excluding November there were only 12,000 hits to the site, and since updating the site there are 38,000 hits to the web site.

Jeff said the he had received a bill from a provider for this month too. John reported that Kathy had paid for two years-\$70.00, and she would have the receipt.

Kim Dolan and Becky Thomas complimented John for the new web site, and that the web site looks good.

Jeff suggested using the calendar more on the web site. John replied that he would help anyone who needs help using the calendar.

John designed an instant poll on the web site. For each member that has a unique logon they can cast a vote, i.e. rpmrpm@peoplepc.com is for both Matt and Dixie, whereas Jeff, Dawn, and Paige have their own unique logon.

Becky talked to Andy and he is burned out on preparing the newsletter. Kim Dolan volunteered to take over the newsletter, and she will get with Andy.

Harbor Master Report

Matt said that he hopes that everyone slept well last night. Matt and Dixie went out and checked on the boats. Please remember that it can get very rough out there during the winter.

Dock frames were dragged up the hill and no expense now. Six new buoys are needed for the south side of the dock. Commodore Utley said that it was okay to orders the buoys since this had already been approved. Matt and Max will order these.

Larry has an idea about the dock and this is pending based on the costs that Matt will investigate.

Charcoal fires can't be extended under the covered area.

Racing Series Restart

Max and David Bergevin went to the Equalizer in Nashville and WON 3rd place!

Mike Wasner and David Randstrom went to Birmingham, racing the Nacra 6.0 and WON 1st place!

Commodore's Report

a. Site Condition

Jeff reported on the site. The trees are gone (due to the pine beetles). We need the permission of the Environmental department at AEDC to start working on the boat ramp. Also, we will need the Core of Engineers and the State of Tennessee approval. The state department says that the low water time is the best time to get the gravel for the ramp.

b. Review Executive Plan

Commodore Dawn Uteley announced that the Executive Committee has been working hard this last year and are proposing the following items to all HYC members. She reviewed the spreadsheet that she handed out at the meeting (which will be given to **ALL** members).

1. Boat parking
2. Pavilion roof extension
3. Commode and showers (no approval of site plan from AEDC, however Matt Crawford knows where the septic tank is located)
4. Expanding picnic area. (We can do that.)
5. Day sailing dock space. (We have refurbished these docks already).
6. Another covered area, i.e., Wrightsville
7. Run electricity to the dock (move the utility pole).
8. 2nd Dinghy rack like the ones that Kevin and others built
9. Committee boat to be purchased.
10. More big boat dock space –discussion is to limit it to current 25 spots for the time being.

Commodore Dawn Uteley talked about the issue of the membership growing at an enormous rate. She proposed limiting the membership. There is currently a waiting list for dock spaces. She proposed 80 full members and 10 associate members. We currently have approx. 75 full members and 5-8 associate members. If we do not lock in the number of members then the more members we have the less likely they will be able to have what the rest of us currently have, since we can't buy more land, and we can't currently extend the dock.

Larry wanted to add one more non-racing event for beings an active member (Dock Space ONLY). Paul suggested considering this for all members and not just the dock space.

The Executive Committee proposed that we limit the dock and storage space. We are so inexpensive and some may use the site as storage and not a sailing area. Therefore, they propose that you need to be an active member for lose dock and storage spot.

Commodore Dawn Utley also proposed two different ways of increasing dues to accomplish all of the above-mentioned items (which will be distributed to ALL members).

Frank Steinle proposed that we have an assessment rather than increasing dues. This was discussed, but not voted on.

c. Distribution and vote during December

There will be several items to vote on in December, and all members will have these items before the December Meeting.

New/Old Item

Every year the Highland Yacht Club participates in the Salvation Army ringing of the bells. Sarah Hailey informed everyone that our date will be December 21, 2002 at K-Mart. Please sign up for one-hour block of times. If you have not signed up, but want to participate please let Sarah know.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:02 P.M.

Don Jones moved for the meeting to be adjourned. Sarah Hailey seconded it.

Recorder - Dixie Crawford



Highland Yacht Club Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2003

ATTENDEES: Dawn & Jeff Utley, Kathy Hornsby & Mike Wasner, Lucian & Donna Cayce, Kim Dolan, Max & Sarah Hailey, Beverlee & David Bergevin, Becky & Larry Thomas, John & Valerie Sanders, Angie & Ian Garibotte, Bob & Eldri Paulk, Richard & Debi Merrill, Bob & Jane Turpin, Don Jones, Joan & Tom Bentley, Paul, Ellie Grace, Jacob and Zeke Stevens, Wendy Moore.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 P.M. by Commodore Dawn Utley.

2. November minutes were deferred to the next meeting.

3. Treasurer's Report by Kathy Hornsby:

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| Building Fund | \$1103.06 |
| Regular Spending | \$ 537.91 |
| Dock Fund | \$1638.65 |
| Scholarship Fund | <u>\$ 285.00</u> |
| Total Funds in checking and savings: | \$3564.62 |

4. Harbor Master Report – Matt Crawford reported that we have six new buoys on the south side thanks to Rich.

5. Communications – Newsletter and Web Page: Kim Dolan was recognized for taking over

the newsletter. Kim asked that members please send news items to her to be included in the newsletter. **Angie Garibotte** requested that any suggestions or comments on the web site be sent to John.

6. **AF Liaison Report: Jeff Utley** reported that we have received permission from AEDC, Corp of Engineers and TVA to build our boat ramp. We are waiting on is permission from the state of Tennessee. Discussion ensued about having water depth at the end of the ramp 4' to 5' to accommodate some of the keelboats. It is not clear at this point if the water is deep enough.
7. **Port Captain Report:** Nothing to report at this time.
8. **Scholarship Report: Max Hailey** reported that the scholarship is currently available to Motlow students. So far we have no applications.
9. **Commodore's Report:**
 - Request to use site: The Catalina 22's would like to have the Southeast Regional Regatta at the club in 2004. This is the same year as the C-15 nationals. Fleet 52 is sponsoring the regatta. The club will incur no expenses. Region 3 would provide the race committee. Lucian made a motion that HYC allow the Southeast Regional Regatta be held at our site in 2004. Motion seconded by Tom Bentley.
 - Spring Banquet: Donna Cayce and Dawn Utley are looking into possible sites for the Spring Banquet. One of the suggestions was "Our House". More information will be posted on the web site.
 - New Proposals. The following proposals were handed out for consideration:
 1. Given the site has a finite number of members it can support, a limit of 80 family memberships will be in effect beginning January 2003. If dues are not paid by March 1 for former members, that membership is forfeited and opened to new members.
 2. Dock and Storage space will be a function of active membership. Rights to dock and storage space will be granted if the family membership participates in three of the following activities:
 - a. Races in the Spring Regatta
 - b. Races in the Fall Regatta
 - c. Races in four Summer Series Races
 - d. Has significant organizational responsibilities in any regatta.
 - e. Officiates 2 Summer Series Races
 - f. Participates in AF Lake Cleanup Day
 - g. Participates in HYC Work Party (i.e. site cleanup, dock work, etc.)
 - h. Attends 5 regular meetings
 - i. Holds an elected or appointed office
 3. Fees will be increased to offset parking facility upgrades and maintenance to \$50 per year for assigned parking space in graveled lot.
 4. Dues will be increased by \$25 per year for site upgrades and maintenance. Extra \$25 will be placed in a separate line item account for upgrades to include bathhouse facilities.
 5. Dues will be increased by \$10 per year to purchase and maintain a committee boat for the purposes of regatta race committee use.Dawn suggested the 5 proposals come up for vote at the March meeting. One vote per membership. Voting by proxy will be allowed. After much discussion about the

wording of some of the proposals, Dawn will make changes to further define the meaning of the proposals. The question was raised about this being a change in our by-laws and how that should take place. Paul Stevens and Jeff Utley clarified this by explaining that the by-laws state that all members must be notified of the issues and that there does not have to be a discussion by the members. Bob Paulk made a motion that we send the proposals to all members and vote on them at the March meeting. Motion was unanimously carried.

10. New Business

- DIYRA Meeting in Chattanooga this weekend. Max Hailey and Mike Wasner agreed to represent HYC. A check for dues in the amount of \$75 will be taken to the meeting.
- It was brought up that the wind nanometer does not work. Jeff said he would price a new one.
- Tom Bentley asked about the land erosion due to cutting the pines down. Jeff Utley said we have to go through the AF to plant anything in that area.

13. Adjournment – 8:05 PM.

Recorder – Kathy Hornsby