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Our April outing proved to be one of our best in quite a while. There were 6 boats that made it to Coon's Point for a great raft-up. Vice Commodore Joan did a great job putting everything together. It felt like the old days with everyone bringing side dishes to go along with the main meal. Saturday night's winds were just right for a 3-boat tie-up and it made for great sleeping. Sunday morning was a breakfast feast fit for a King and Queen.

The following week on Sunday, April 20, we had planned a race. Harmony's alternator bracket broke on Saturday which sidelined (or waterlined) him and Marinera had two dead batteries. You know what they say, "things happen for a reason". Well, that came true later on Sunday when a barge sank near the 12th Ave. Bridge. We might have made the race but we would not have come back to the docks until after 6:00PM as boat traffic was halted on the Miami River.

Our next outing will be the MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST on Sunday, May 4th at No-Name harbor - around 9:30 AM. Terry Moore

(aka Mother Teresa) will be delighting us with her scrumptious eggs, grits, sausages and much more. Your calling committee will be calling for a head count. For those who are interested to do a sail on the bay Saturday, May 3rd, call your Commodore for info.

For those who know Chuck Ritenour, he is finally going to fulfill his dream. He sold his house and is heading north on Soulmates for the summer. We wish him a safe journey.

Also let me remind you how much money you can save by making arrangements with a board member to use the port card. I bought a stern light, list price \$20.89, our cost \$11.39. I also purchased some Penatrol qt. size, list price \$20.89, our cost \$8.59. I just about paid to be a Venture Club member.



## Events Schedule

(All events are subject to change due to weather and turnout.)

5/3 (race 5/4) No Name Harbor Terry's Mother's Day Breakfast

6/7/8/ Restaurants

8/13 & 14 TBA

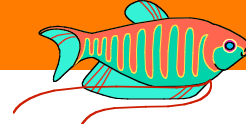
10/ 11 & 12 Coons Points - Columbus Day Regatta

11 8 & 9 TBA

12/6 No Name Harbor Steak Outing

### FLEET CAPTAIN'S Report

A race was planned for April 19th but the fleet had maintenance problems therefore the race did not take place. We will try again next ..



## MEETING DATES

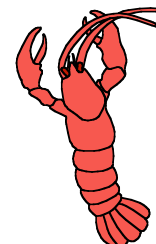
**MAY 28**  
**JUNE 25**  
**JULY 30**  
**AUG 27**  
**SEPT 24**  
**OCT 29**  
**NOV 19**  
**DEC 17**



## Thru The Grapevine via Your Vice Commodore

Hats off to Hank & Marilyn for their organizing skills. They got all the participants involved bringing food items &/or preparing them for the April 12th outing. Much thanks to Janet and Marilyn for the warm up on the spaghetti sauce. The gourmet dining off Coon's Point Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning was wonderful. We will have to return to that raft-up restaurant in the future. In attendance besides Jerry (egg cooking expert) and Bob Moore (quality control) were: Bernie and Cindy, Fred and Bonnie (salads), Joel and Janet (appetizers), Bill Wang and Kenneth (desserts), Karen (dressing, syrup and butter). Hank and I brought pasta and saucy concoctions and wine to go with it and there should be honorable mention to the banana pancake chef as well (who was that. It was like a blast from the past as I think back to those great sailing raft-ups of years gone by. Thank you all for a great get-together.

Of course no outing would be complete without mentioning the unplanned incidents that determine whether the voyage was an adventure or an ordeal. Joel was the hero who took it upon himself to retrieve a runaway dinghy at dinner Saturday. Cindy said it was heading back to their boat without them (those new fangled auto pilots can't be trusted); Bill gets the Klutzy Crew award for going thru the hatch trying to catch a line. I saw the mark (that must have hurt). Henry went east to clean his bottom at some point between breezes and featherbeds on the return trip. I was so thrilled to be sailing that I forgot to mention that we did it the hard way. Either the wind died completely or it came from the wrong direction causing an overabundance of zigzag maneuvers to get from one place to another. We are not used to working that much on the water. It wasn't that bad Saturday when the motor was cooperating, but Sunday that little Honda felt like taking the day off. Kenneth noticed our floundering around and offered his assistance. Jerry is a diehard tinkerer â, insisting on self reliant tactics to get us back in (it was a long slow motor sail). Ken took off and Tow-Boat U.S. sped on by, but Jerry and Joan got back in on their own. I found out later that Eagleâs transmission had its own plans for taking the day off on Sunday. Im thinking that when he came by earlier that his transmission may have contracted a virus from our outboard (you can't be too careful these days - airborne). Our kicker needs a plastic part of some sort if it is going to get in gear properly in the future so we may end up driving to the Mothers Day Outing. I have been informed that an afternoon or evening sail is on the agenda May 3rd to Hurricane Harbor. The plan is to enjoy the evening there so that it will be a short sail to No Name on Sunday morning. The Mothers Day breakfast by our very own Mother Teresa should be getting underway between 9:30 and 10:00 a.m. There will be something for everyone as new gastronomical delights and old favorites will be offered for our enjoyment. Terry has a new oven and is not afraid to use it. In the new category are: French Toast Casserole, Sausage Breakfast Biscuits (Maria Simonâs Recipe) and a Veggie Quiche (Marilyn is going to help out with that one). In the old fave listing will be: Kielbasa Sausage, Cheese Grits (my favorite), Fruit, Muffins, Mimosas, O.J., juice and coffee.



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