

Our History

In the spring of 1985, a few friends from the Hudson, Florida area got together and wanted to form a club to go sailing together. A meeting was arranged at the home of Ron Ferris, who became the first Commodore of the newly formed HBYC.

Six potential members signed on that night and the club has been in existence for the past 33 years, slowly increasing to our current strength of 70 plus memberships and over 150 folks.

The members held their meetings at one another's homes until we started expanding enough to look for places to meet. We met at many different locations, with our current location now being the **Sea Ranch Civic Association Clubhouse at 13711 Veronica Dr.; Hudson**, usually on the first Tuesday of the month unless otherwise noted.

Our first newsletter was instituted as a couple of typewritten notes intended to let our members know what the club was planning for the next month. In September of 1989, our first official newsletter, with a masthead of "**Marker 2**", was inaugurated and has really improved over 95% of our club members enjoy the e-version. See the Home page for our current edition.

The club serves our community by supporting Cruising, Racing, Kayak/Canoe Outings, Social Events, Educational and Community Service Programs. In September we are involved in the International Coastal Cleanup Day in Hudson, we have an exhibit at the Pasco Sheriff's Safety Town where some members also proctor, at Christmas we have a toy and food drive for Hudson Elementary which has been greatly appreciated.

Like Hudson, our club continues to grow. We have rag sailors, power boaters, kayakers, canoers, fishing boats and a lot of people with no boats at all who enjoy the camaraderie of people fascinated with the sea.

Bottom line, HBYC is a wonderful place to meet some mighty nice folks.

Membership Information

- Membership is open to all who love boating and all things related to our beautiful Gulf.
- There is one membership and one vote on club issues per family
- Dues are due Jan 1st and must be paid NLT Feb 15th to remain in good standing and be included in the annual Membership Directory.
- Persons joining after July 1st will receive a break on the annual dues depending on when they join. The Full initiation fee is due no matter when you join.
- New members pay a one-time initiation fee of \$25.00 and annual dues of \$50.00 [\$75.00]. The application for new membership must be completed in full, signed as required and with payment of \$75.00
- New members receive a \$20 certificate towards the purchase of any HBYC logo item or fees for an event.