



A new Direction

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Report from the Island Manager

Property Owners Schedule of Events for 2006

July 13 Suds & Strokes Golf Tournament
July 23 Droge Family Picnic
August 19 Carlson/Deyoung Golf Tournament
September 9 Hat Island Invitational Golf Tournament
October 6-7 Kingston Cove Yacht Club Cruise

Marina Update

On June 12th engineers from Coast & Harbor Engineering came to the island to go over the marina project approved by property owners. They will be looking at the breakwater design, possible marina expansion and dredging. Hopefully a layout design and estimated cost will be submitted to the community for the August meeting.

Bookkeeper Hired

Melody Smith has taken over the office duties for the community. She has the background and expertise to handle the job. She will be a definite asset to the community.

Island Manager & Water Operator Position

The board interviewed 5 candidates on June 10th. This position will be filled soon. Interviews for the water position

will be conducted over the next couple of weeks.

Access Road Update

A judgment on lot H-3 is scheduled on June 30th. The community is still dealing with lot H-2 to get permission from the property owner to do the project. The engineer is finishing up the changes the county asked for with the project. We still hope to have the permits in place no later than August 1st.

Special Thank You

As I am finishing up my time working for the community I would like to thank the past and present board members for the opportunity of working with them. I would also like to thank all of the property owners that have been very supportive of me during my employment here.

Hat Island Carnival /Fun Day Cancelled!!

The past two years I have spear headed the Hat Island community carnival. I really enjoyed doing it to raise money for some marina area improvements, half the cost of the picnic ramada roof and the new Harbor Master building that still needs to be completed. Chuck Bright donated the concrete for the steps and Bob Gowing is donating vinyl for the floor. There are plans

protective finish to the exterior. This year I have other commitments that will make a very full summer for me. I would like to thank all the wonderful volunteers who helped to make the past carnivals a great success. Look for another community function summer of 2007. Linda Ebner

HIC Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: The regular monthly meeting was held on Saturday, June 3rd, 2006 on Hat Island at the Picnic Area. Board President Stan Krohn called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. All board members were present except Melody Smith.

Minutes: The minutes from the April meeting were not accepted as printed in the View Point. See notes for corrections.

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer's report for April was passed out at the meeting and Merrill Balanag also presented the May report.

Golf: Larry Bender noted that the new greens keeper is learning his job well and expects that he will be up to speed soon.

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Vessels: Ken Baxter noted that the Elsie finished up its shipyard work and was nearly all painted. As soon as he rounds up more paint, it will be completed. He also reported that the starter had stuck and that caused the battery to die. This was the cause of the minor delay of the run that day.

Maintenance/Equipment: George Alecci stated that the roads had been graded and that all of the equipment was in working order.

Marina: Charlotte Maulsby was not present so Stan reported for her that the board had decided that because of the time it is going to take to get new docks in, and because, after trying unsuccessfully to repair the existing docks, they would look into immediately finding someone to build replacement wood sections for "D" dock. These sections would be re-used somewhere in the new marina.

Stan also noted that Skip had also locked in the 7.5% loan at Coastal Marine bank for credit of \$1.7 mil for the marina project.

Water: George Alecci reported that one of the RO finish water pumps was repaired and hoped to be more up to speed by the next meeting on the water operations of the island.

Old Business: The access road is still on track to start on July 15th and has completed its comment period at the county. A discussion of the size of the easement came about because the county had informed Skip that without written permission of a lot owner, the community would have to keep its work within the easement.

New Business: The board will be interviewing the following weekend for the Island Manager position and the Water Manager position.

A motion was made by George Alecci to accept the Strategic Planning Committee Charter and seconded. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Merrill Balanag to hire a professional dock builder to build sections to immediately replace "D" dock with wood docks that will be re-used somewhere in the new marina. The motion was seconded and the vote passed.

Mac McDonel asked if something could be done to change the flow of water from the road into his basement. The board said they would see what could be done.

Announcements: Melody Smith has resigned from the board to take a position in the office as the new accounting administrator. Sharon Morris will still be working on one day a week. Ginger Harmon volunteered to fill the vacancy on the board until the next election in September.

Low tides will be affecting the ferry schedule this summer so

please check with the office or the web site for updates.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Merrill Balanag, Secretary

Corrections to May Minutes: A motion was made by Larry Bender that the island manager should be required to attend the monthly meetings and the motion was seconded. No vote was made.

Questions asked at Meeting:

Q: Can we get a copy of the RO operation log?

A: Will be provided at or before the next meeting.

Q: Which balance is correct on the treasurer's report for the regular checking account balance (both April & May read the same amount of \$268,082.77)?

A: The May balance should have

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been \$231,498.62.

Q: Why doesn't the Board require the Island Manager to attend the board meetings?

A: The board does not require his attendance at the meetings because when he comes, the meeting becomes a question and answer session and all questions get directed to him instead of the board. The meeting is for officially attending to the business of the community and while it can be an informational event, that is not its purpose. If you have questions, you are welcome to go to or call the office and ask the island manager during normal business hours. You can also call a board member and ask them your questions.

Q: What interest has the Division H project funds earned?

A: The interest earned from June 2005 to December 2005 was \$1,916.07 and the interest this year through May is \$1,708.30.

Q: Could the community post with the county recorder special assessments so that they are revealed in a title search.

A: The office will look into the mechanics and cost of doing this. More later.

Q: Are there any funds available from public funds, similar to funds made available for the RO system, to help fund the marina project?

A: While the board has looked at some of the avenues for public transportation, since we are private, these funds are not available, but are still looking at any other option we can think of.

Q: How often are the greens mowed on the golf course?

A: They should be mowed 3 times a week. Because of manpower limits it has not been done that often but should be on track at the time of this printing.

Q: How much money does the golf course bring in?

A: In 2005, the golf course earned \$15,724.55 from rounds of golf and \$16,273.00 from annual memberships totaling \$31,997.55 against costs of \$26,871.39 leaving \$5,126.16 to help subsidize other community expenses (like maintenance, vessels, etc). This year, through May, the revenue from rounds is at \$2,794.83 and the annual memberships are at \$16,027.00 with costs currently at \$3,520.57 coming into the busy season.

Q: Can't we spray to keep the white flowers from invading the fairways?

A: Yes, but weather and manpower have been a hindrance so far this year and we have to be careful not to pollute the wells.

Q: How much did it end up costing for the Holiday overhaul?

A: The total cost was \$62,503.72.

Q: Is there a certain tide that water cannot be pumped from the beach wells?

A: Yes, It can't be pumped during a tide lower than 0 to 5 feet, depending on the condition of the iron buildup in the screens.

Q: Is our RO system the kind that has to be pumped daily to keep it operational?

A: The membranes must be kept wet, but this can be accomplished by pumping every two or three days.

Q: Who built our RO System?

A: International Aqua Mem was the builder.

Q: Are deck hands required on the Holiday and do the deck hands require certification?

A: Deck hands are required but do not need any certification so any person can fill this duty. A second deck hand is required for over 65 passengers.

Q: Is tract "A" community property and if not, does it pay assessments?

A: Trace "A" is not owned by the community, but it a part of the

community and the owner does pay assessments (and always has).

Q: What can be done about people using the loading zone at the north ramp for day parking?

A: While there are rules regarding this, enforcement has always been the problem. The board will be looking at an enforcement program that will probably include warnings, fines and other sanctions for a variety of community misdeeds, including this one. This will be in conjunction with the strategic planning committee work.

Q: Is there a regulation regarding how often our water tanks should be cleaned?

A: The Department of Health requires the water tanks to be cleaned every five years.

HAT ISLAND



COMMUNITY ANNUAL

4TH OF JULY PARADE

12:30 - JULY 4TH

in the parking lot

**Join in Hat Island's most fun
event**

**Decorate yourself! Decorate
your vehicle! Decorate your
animal!**

**Hot dog, chips and a soft
drink \$2.00**

OPEN LETTER TO THE HAT

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ISLAND COMMUNITY

From the Hat Island Yacht and Golf Club **WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR OPINION!**

This year (for the 2006 LABOR DAY WEEKEND) we need to know the Community's desire to continue the ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR at the clubhouse on Labor Day Sunday. To continue the event, we need commitments from participants who want to display their art or craft products and/or other items of interest. If we do not get commitments, there will be no Arts & Crafts Fair.

So, please help us decide by answering the following:

1. I will be a participant at the Arts & Crafts Fair Sept 3, 2006.
2. NEW IDEA: Have tables available for "Small Yard Sale" items.
3. Price all tables the same. (\$10.00 per table)

4. I'd like to reserve a display table for my art or crafts.
5. I'd like to reserve a display table for Small Yard Sale items.

5. Please contact me about what I could also display and sell. Please respond ASAP to: Jann Kaufmann, Coordinator (360) 444-6674 or (206) 526-8027

Burning Permits

Hat Island Fire District 27 Burning Regulations

Beach fires are not permitted. Permits issued by the fire district are required for all open burning. Contact any firefighter or fire commissioner for information on obtaining a permit. There is no charge for the permit. Details for the type of burning you plan to do will be explained when you receive the permit. The best time for us to issue permits is on the 2nd Saturday of

each month at the fire station. This is our regular drill day. If this works for you, come and meet us and get your permit. SCFPD NO. 27

Dial 911 For Emergencies

When the 911 operator answers, you will be asked for the location of the incident you are reporting. The County assigns street addresses. On Hat Island they use Lot numbers, Division and then street name. For example, the address of the fire station is 100-F Saratoga Drive Use this sequence if you have the information. If you don't, give the best description you can. Such as Marina area, club house, Div. "H" hill road, etc. Thanks SCFPD 27

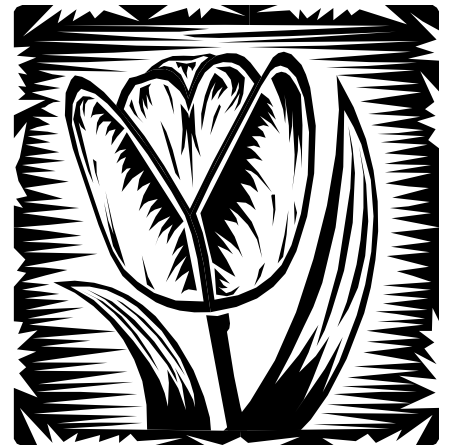
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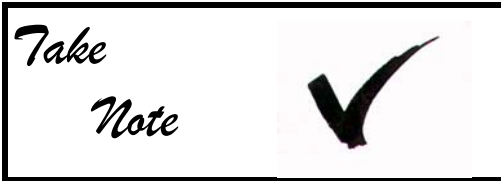
PREPARE FOR A DISASTER

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the victims of the devastating Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. One of the hardest parts of this profession is to sit back and watch the magnitude of need and not being there to help. As we progress through the rebuilding of this traumatized part of our country, we must not lose sight of the need to continually educate ourselves on the possibility of a wide spread disaster happening right here at home. What was evident in the Gulf area was the fact that public assistance is sometimes days away. The emergency service network was overwhelmed, and response to individual needs is in most cases nonexistent. This underscores the need for every family to have an

emergency preparedness plan in place. Our area still faces the possibility of large scale disasters capable of crippling our communities. We have seen fires, floods, windstorms and earthquakes capable of inflicting severe interruption to our lifestyles. Unfortunately, most people have not made any advance preparation for taking care of themselves if a disaster strikes. We encourage you to take immediate steps to prepare a family disaster plan for both your Hat Island home as well as your mainland residence. Such a plan will assure better protection and more self-reliance in case of a major disaster. It will provide for adequate supply of food, water, clothing, medical supplies, equipment, and an evacuation plan if necessary. It will also inform each family member of their responsibilities in an emergency. Please help keep your family safe AND prepared.

Asst. Chief Mike Worthy





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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- July**
 1 Sat Board work session 10:30 am
HIC monthly meet/Hat Island 2:00pm
 2 Sun Fire Bunnies Pancake Breakfast
 7:00 am
 8 Sat Elsie M load/run 7:30am
 Fire Drill 10:00am
 Fire Bunnies lunch 12:30 pm
 Fire Cmmissioners meet 1:30pm
 10 Mon View Point articles due
August
 5 Sat Elsie M load/run 7:30am
 Board work session 10:30 am
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 14 Mon View Point articles due

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Remember: All dogs must be in a carrier or muzzled while on the Holiday

Take your garbage home

Holiday Ferry Schedule



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Fri	6:30pm	7:15pm	7:30pm	9:14pm	Holiday
Sat	9:00am	9:45am	10:00am	10:45am	runs will
Sat	11:00am	11:45am	4:00pm	4:45pm	be same as
Sat	5:00pm	5:45pm	6:00pm	6:45pm	Sunday
Sun	9:00am	9:45am	10:00am	10:45am	
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Sun	5:00pm	5:45pm	6:00pm	6:45pm	