

NAUTICAL NEWS

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WINTER HAVEN NAUTICAL CLUB meets the **1st Wednesday** of every month
Potluck dinner at 6:30 PM. Bring a dish to pass. Regular meeting begins at
7:00 pm at the Clubhouse at 695 Ave. K, SW. Our Website is www.whnc.biz
If you have any ideas about the website, call John Valich 559-5887.

WINTER HAVEN NAUTICAL CLUB

General Membership Meeting

At 7:00 p.m. 4/7/2010

Vice Commodore, Susan Hutchinson called the meeting to order in John's
absence.

32 people were in attendance. Welcome to our guests: Krencisz's
daughter, Tracy, from Wisconsin and Nadine Harp from Lakeland.

ACTIVITIES: **Susan Hutchinson,**
Chairperson

March 13, 2010: Italian Night

**Rosemary Krencisz reported that there were 34 adults
and 2 children attending. She thanked everyone who
helped make the event successful. Because Rosemary
and Phyllis donated all the ingredients for the dinner,
the club saw a profit of \$358. Thank you very much
ladies, it was delicious!!**

April 3, 2010: Bill Barrett's Dinner

Margaret reported that there were 27 in attendance and everyone there agreed Bill fixed a good dinner. After dinner, there was a beer tasting contest with 10 entrants. Dick Littrell and Ed Burgess were the winners of the contest. We found out that our members cannot identify even their very favorite beer. Right, Wes? Margaret and Marty served the beer samples and Sandi helped out in the kitchen. A good time was had by all. The event profit was \$160.00. Because Barrett's donated the food and beer, the total received by the Club was \$293.00.

March 20-21, 2010: Lake Wales Boat Races

Bob Beckner reported that each Club netted \$79.07 after expenses. He said that it definitely wasn't worth all the effort to make less than \$80. Our club did everything they could but there just weren't many participants and spectators to buy the food. The members thanked Bob for taking on this project and doing the best he could. Emily showed everyone her first place trophy. She sure thought the races were a success. Yeah, Emily! Keep up the good work. The races were cancelled on Sunday because of the weather. Becky notified everyone scheduled to work that they wouldn't be needed.

May 1, 2010: Mexican Fiesta Night

John Valich reported that the plan is to have a lively fiesta. The dinner will begin at 6:00 pm. The price is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. The menu will consist of Tacos, 7 layer taco salad, assorted Mexican chips and salsa. Also on the agenda is Fiesta Music! BYOB! Hope to see everyone there!!!

May 8, 2010: Work Day

David Hutchinson reported that work will begin at 9 am and we will quit at noon. Please come and get the Clubhouse spruced up for spring and summer activities!

May 8, 2010: Graduation Party for Amber Herl

All members and friends of Amber and Ronnie are invited to the Club on May 8th at 1 pm to help celebrate Amber's graduation! Pizza and wings will be provided. BYOB. Ronnie asked that everyone RSVP by April 24, 2010 so they can purchase enough food for all who will be there. Call 863 224-0208 or e-mail AHerl70@tampabay.rr.com to RSVP. Congratulations, Amber!

At this point in the meeting, Susan turned the gavel over to John.

CRUISES: Mike Hall, Chairperson

March 6-7, 2010: Hammock Beach Resort Cruise

John Valich reported that three boats went on this cruise: Mental Floss, Awesome Duck and The Toy. The boats were trailered to Halifax Marina at Daytona Beach to launch and headed north on the ICW to the resort at Palm Coast. Weather was cool but bright and sunny and it was an uneventful and enjoyable trip. Everyone agreed that the resort is beautiful and we will plan another cruise there in the future.

March 27, 2010 – Evening Cruise to Tampa Bay

John Valich reported that there were 17 people on boats and 2 who drove over for dinner at a restaurant at Rick's

on the River. The restaurant was not as good as it has been in the past and was very noisy even before the band started playing. On the way back, the boats docked at the Tampa Convention Center. The group took the trolley to Ybor City and had ice cream at the Marble Slab in Ybor Centro. The moon was $\frac{3}{4}$ full and the boat ride back to Williams Park was enjoyed by all. Participants decided that we should do some more night cruising.

April 10-11 2010 – Merritt Island Cruise

Mike reported that we don't have a leader for this cruise. It is cancelled. The following cruise was substituted:

Mount Dora

After some discussion about water levels in the Harris Chain, it was decided to cruise to Mt. Dora on Saturday, April 10th. We will meet at Love's Truck Stop at 9 am and travel to Hickory Point to launch. 4 or 5 boat captains decided to attend.

On Sunday, April 11, Thomas the Train will be at Parrish, Florida. This is where we rode the train and saw the Civil War Reenactment on the Mystery Land Cruise last year.

April 17-18, 2010 – Triangle Boat Club Poker Run

John urged members to attend this major fundraiser of the Triangle Boat Club on the Dead River. Poker hands are \$5 each and lunch will be \$10 per person. For reservations and information, contact Denise Carey at 352 250-9176 or billdenisecarey@gmail.com. Lodging is available across the river at Palm Gardens. Also, let John know if you are going to attend.

April 24, 2010 – Tampa Bay picnic cruise

Cruise has been postponed. It may be rescheduled later in the summer.

May 29-31, 2010 – Memorial Day Cruise

Discussion was held on trailering to Sister's Creek in Jacksonville and boating to Jekyll Island, Georgia. There was not much interest in that long trailer ride. John and Mike will decide on a cruise for Memorial Day Weekend and let everyone know at the May meeting.

June 12-13, 2010-Beckners' Crystal River Cruise

Bob Beckner reported that he and Susan are planning a weekend cruise from Seminole Boat Ramp to Port Marina Hotel at Crystal River. He has invited all the boaters in the Club to accompany them. He has sent out an email detailing the cruise but if you need more information, please contact Bob. Sounds like a great weekend. He says we can swim with the dolphins, too.

July 3-5, 2010 – 4th of July Weekend Cruise

Mike said the Club has reservations for 8 to 10 boats on A Dock at Twin Dolphin Marina. Please contact Mike if you plan to go on this cruise. More information at the May and June meetings.

COMMITTEES

GROUNDS: David Hutchinson, Chairperson

Work day on May 8 to complete work that wasn't done in February.

HARBOR: David Hutchinson, Chairperson

David reported that his Bayliner made it through the canal to Lake Howard and then through the canals all the way to Lake Summit and Cypress Gardens. Bigger boats may still

have problems launching and navigating through the canals but there is more water.

HOUSEKEEPING: Jackie Littrell, Chairperson

Jackie reported that the stove has been worked on. More work will be done on it. But, so far, the stove is working. Jackie announced that if you want to donate paper products, please do so. All donations are appreciated. Hosts and Hostesses are needed for some meetings. Please sign up for a meeting. Requirements are to arrive early, help set up the food for the cover dish and clean up the kitchen and trash after the meeting. Members are always willing to help you out.

RECYCLING: Frank Ingraham, Chairperson

No report

RENTALS: Dick Littrell, Chairperson

Dick announced Amber's Graduation Reservation for May 8, 2010. It will be from 1 pm to ????? There is a scheduled rental on May 22 and a graduation party rental on June 12. Dick is working on a rental for October.

SHIP'S STORE: David Hutchinson, Chairperson

Please give your orders for shirts, hats, etc. to David. More WHNC Window Clings are available. Put them on your cars, trucks and on your boat (s) to advertise our club.

WAYS & MEANS: Margaret Barrett, Chairperson

A meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at 6:30 pm at the Clubhouse. Everyone is invited to discuss the expenses and income for the next 9 months of 2010. We have the budget information available for the first quarter of the year. If anyone has an idea for a fundraiser and/or saving money, please contact one of

the members of the committee: Arlene Adams, Bob Beckner, Susan Hutchinson, John Valich and Margaret Barrett.

WEB-SITE: John Valich, Chairperson

Any pictures or new ideas, contact John. Check out the new look!

SUNSHINE: Marty Kidwell, Chairperson

Marty was not at the meeting. No one had any information to report; but Mike Hall spoke for all the members when he said it was good to see Ronnie Herl at the meeting tonight.

YEARBOOK; Nancy Hall, Chairperson

Please print your pictures out and give them to Nancy. Electronic pictures will go on the Website.

TELEPHONE; Nancy Hall, Chairperson

Committee members are making phone calls for events. They are getting good response.

MEMBERSHIP: Bob Beckner, Chairperson

No new members have joined.

Old Business

Nadine Harp thanked us for our participation and donations to her Bunnies for Boo Boos initiative. She presented the Winter Haven Nautical Club with a certificate of appreciation and told us she collected over 600 bunnies to give to hospitals this year. In addition, she was even able to donate some to Lighthouse Ministries. She was quite pleased with the results considering the current economy.

Commodore Valich announced that Ralph Kear will rekey the gate and Clubhouse door. John will announce a date as soon as he and Ralph can coordinate their schedules. The alarm code will also be changed.

New Business

Thanks to Margaret Barrett and Christy Lund for acting as Hostesses this month. Thanks also to the club members who pitch in every month to get the cover dish set up and cleaned up.

Arlene Adams volunteered to be the May hostess. Becky Smith will bring the May Birthday cake.

Susan Hutchinson brought a birthday cake for April. Check your calendar and wish a Happy Birthday or Happy Anniversary to all the people born and/or married in April. If you wish to bake a birthday cake for any month, please contact Becky.

The May meeting is May 5th. Remember, the potluck will start at 6:30 and the meeting will start at 7:00 pm!!!!

Bob Krencisz won the 50/50 of \$23 and donated his half to the Club. Thank you, Bob. Have a safe trip back to Wisconsin! See you in the fall.