

# NAUTICAL NEWS

WHNC Membership Meeting  
January 4, 2012

COMMODORE	David Smith	968-0338
VICE COMMODORE	Susan Hutchinson	293-6956
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DIRECTOR	Mike Hall	667-0921
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**WINTER HAVEN NAUTICAL CLUB** meets the **1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday** of every month at the Winter Haven Rotary Club – 530 6<sup>th</sup> St NE, Intersection Ave B. for the 2012 year

Potluck dinner at 6:30 PM (Bring a dish to pass) Meeting will begin at 7 PM.

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WHNC phone number: 863-288-0366

Commodore, David Smith, called the meeting to order at 7:10. 21 members were in attendance with 1 guest, former member Ralph Kear. Minutes from the December Board Meeting and the Treasurer's report were read and approved. David welcomed everyone in attendance to our new meeting location and explained a 'tote' is being setup which will stay on site with things such as our coffee pot and coffee, paper plates, napkins, plastic ware, etc. If you think if something that should be included please let a board member know.

**Susan thanked David and me for hosting The In-Board Out-Board dinner meeting on December 21.**

## **ACTIVITIES: Susan Hutchinson, Chairperson**

Susan thanked those who attend and helped out the **Christmas Boat Parade** on December 3, 2011. We had a hotdog roast and roasted marshmallows, socialized and watch the decorated boats as they passed by. The weather was nice and we enjoyed the fire, thanks Bill B and David S. Everyone in attendance seemed to have a good time.

**The Christmas Party and Installation of officers** on December 10, 2011 was a success with 27 people in attendance. This year the party was held at Old Towne in Winter Haven beginning with cocktails beginning at 5pm. The first round was paid for by the club. The facility was nicely decorated and the food good. We have made the decision we would go back there for our 2012 party as well. Margaret thanked Susan for putting the event together. During the evening we exchanged Toys and it is always fun to listen to why a toy is bought for a specific person. As always, the toys were donated to Toys for Tots, thank you Phyllis for handling this delivery for us. The winners of the Club Awards were presented and pictures taken, John will probably post the pictures on the web site. The winners were:

**Boating Award – David & Becky Smith**  
**Broken Boat – Shelby & Arlene Adams**  
**Chicken Award – Bob Krencisz**  
**Membership Award – Sandy Ross**  
**Most Participation – Phyllis Ingraham**  
**Rescue Award – Mike & Nancy Hall**

We met at the Smiths for **Chili and a Christmas Light Land Cruise** on December 16, 2011  
There were 10 people so we loaded into 2 cars and started our tour in Auburndale on Plymouth Road then on to Imperial Lakes to view a house with over 41,000 lights orchestrated to music, very pretty but we should have parked the cars and walked to get the full effect of the lights and music. From there we went through a few more streets in Imperial Lakes then moved on to Longwood Oaks off Old 37 and found even more homes very nicely decorated with lovely displays. We then traveled down Lake Mariam to a couple of streets that were entirely lit with Christmas decorations. These two streets compete against each other every year so most houses on each street were decorated. We found some lovely decorations and enjoyed the evening looking at the displays. Our even ended with us making a trip to Dairy Queen for desert and we were met there by the Valichs. After Ice Cream the Barretts and Hutchinsons went to check out the kitchen counters at the Valichs and the Smiths, Krencisz and Bill Stevens went back to Auburndale. There were several suggestions that required more time so for 2012 we will probably move the tour to Saturday to allow more time. Hope you can join us in 2012.

Our first **LEO – Let's Eat Out** – was moved to January 13<sup>th</sup> and the restaurant picked out of those turned in is Miller's Ale House on South Fla Ave in Lakeland.

Our first **Land cruise for 2012 will be lead by Bob and Rosemary Krencisz** and we will be going to see **Winter the Dolphin February 11<sup>th</sup>**. More information will be provided at the February meeting.

Please mark your calendars for **March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> to help out with the Orange Cup Regatta** – This will be our fund raiser for the year and is a fun event to attend. The races are held in Lakeland on Lake Hollingsworth and this is an opportunity to help the club and have fun at the same time. More will be discussed at the February Membership meeting and we will have a form to pass around so you can sign up to help sell hotdogs, hamburgers, beverages, etc. Cooks are needed as well as people to help setup and breakdown.

### **CRUISES: Mike Hall, Chairperson**

Our first cruise for 2012 is the **Red Flannel Cruise to Palatka** on January 21 & 22, 2012, David Smith will be our cruise leader. We will meet at Love's Saturday morning, departing at 8am. We will trailer to Ed Stone Park and cruise up the St Johns River to Palatka.. It is a beautiful fun trip and may be a little chilly but you will have a good time. Our destination is the Quality Inn and we currently have 5 boats scheduled to cruise, if you are going to join us by boat or car, please give David a call, or let me know by e-mail, we don't want to leave Loves without you. If you stay on your boat it is \$30 for the night plus electricity. If you would like to stay in a room they start at \$59.95 and slips are free. You can make your reservations by calling Mary Ann at 386-328-3481. Hope you can join us.....

Our next cruise will be a day cruise on the Harris Chain of Lakes to Mt Dora on Saturday, February 4, more information at the February meeting.

### **COMMITTEES**

#### **SHIP'S STORE: David Hutchinson, Chairperson**

David has shirts in many sizes and colors for purchase. Since we no longer need to make much of a profit on the clothing the cost of the T-shirts and tanks has dropped to \$10 per shirt. David can order more shirts as he gets request but does have to have a minimum so if you want a size or color not currently available please let David or Susan know and an order will be placed when the min is met. Other items can also be purchased so please get with David if you think of something everyone may be interested in. Key chains are also available with the club name and e-mail address.

#### **TELEPHONE: Sandi Ross, Chairperson**

No report

### **WEB-SITE: John Valich, Chairperson**

John began making changes to the web site to remove information about the clubhouse. We need pictures and other information to put on the site. Please contact John if you would like to write an article or provide information to promote the club. And as always send him any pictures you think others might enjoy seeing. This web site will be more important than ever now that we no longer have the building so we need to make it exciting and direct everyone to the site to find out what we are about.

### **Membership Book: Becky Smith, Chairperson**

Please get your membership for the first 3 months of the year paid by January 31. I will have membership pages for distribution at the February meeting and would like to have everyone who will be a member for the first part of the year included. Membership for 2012 for the months of January, February and March is \$26.75 including tax and we need to get new form from everyone to be sure I have the correct contact information. Since we don't have many social events currently scheduled I will be mailing out the Nautical News and other communications If you do not have an e-mail address.

### **SUNSHINE: Marty Kidwell, Chairperson**

Marty and Wes continue to improve each day but Marty still has a long way to go to get back to her previous activities. Arlene's back surgery has not progressed well and she is still in much pain hoping to find out soon what else can be done. The Valichs oldest daughter has been diagnosed with stage 3 ovarian cancer and has undergone surgery, John and Cindy, please let us know how she is doing. Loretta's surgery went well and she and Jim are back in Florida. Bob Tremblay had cataract surgery the day of the meeting and there was an unexpected problem. He is doing well now so hopefully all will continue to progress as expected. Susan Beckner had a bad fall and has been in a lot of pain but is doing better. Bob Krencisz had another Kidney stone but is also feeling better. Please keep all these people in your thoughts and prayers.

### **Old Business**

With the exception of monies not being transferred by the banks in a timely fashion the completion of the sale of the building went smoothly. David met with the owners multiple times and with the Realtor to be sure all the i's we dotted and the t's crossed. Please remember, if you know of any children who need glasses you may be able to help as the new owners donate glasses to needed children. Also we can take them any old frames to be used for this purpose. Contact David for more information.

The City of Winter Haven still will not allow the new owners to turn on the water to the building so for the time being the water will be left in our name and the new owners will pay the bill until such time as they can get the necessary permits. We have a \$100 just in case there are any issues.

Prior to the March membership meeting the board should have enough information to determine the dues for the remainder of 2012, stay tuned. And in case you are wondering, the dues will go down and we will have discussions on having membership based on whether the persons are single, a couple or a family.

### **New Business**

Margaret will head up the **Audit committee** with David Hutchinson and Loretta Bise assisting. They have a meeting setup for January 18<sup>th</sup> at the Adams.

Sorry I did not have the calendars ready for the January meeting. I will have calendars for 2012 available for the Red Flannel Cruise as well as at the February meeting. Please send me any pictures you may want me to use. The cost will be \$7 per calendar as in the past with \$5 going to the club.

**Thank you Bob and Rosemary for providing the Birthday cake for those January babies.  
Margaret will provide for February.**

That's all for now, please let me know if I've forgotten anything. Becky