

THE NAUTICAL NEWS

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November 2007

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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 membership meeting begins at 7:30 PM at the Club, 695 Avenue K SW.

Commodore John Valich called the meeting to order at 7:30pm with the Pledge to the Flag. 41 members were present. **Amber Herl** read the minutes from the October Board Meeting. Becky Smith read the Treasurer's report. We have one new member: Jeffery Barnes, Guests: Yonny's sister.

ACTIVITIES –Susan Hutchinson, Chairperson

Susan started discussing with the past activities.

Past Activities for Oct:

- *Work day – Oct 6th*- Lucille thanked everyone for coming out and participating. There were 13 people came out to help on work day.
- *Weekend in Paradise- Oct 12-13*, Amber Herl read report from Pat Wells. She started out thanking everyone for their help in making this weekend a successful one. Our wonderful Chefs were Ronnie Herl, Jim Klerk who cooked hot dogs and sausage on Friday night, then ribs and Chicken on Saturday night. Steve Thompson was available on Saturday morning for breakfast; however no one was there to let him in. Helping to serve both Friday night were Amber Herl and Phyllis Ingraham. And a special thanks to all that helped to clean up after each day. Cocktail hour was again successful with serving delicious margaritas with a special thanks to Dick and Jackie Latrell and Cheryl Burgess. Finally, thanks to Gloria Wynne for overseeing the "silent auction" and organizing the event. And to Jayne Davis and her friend Jim Forbes for helping out with the treasure ensuring that all monies were collected.
- *Halloween at the Walker's – Oct 27th*. Phyllis walker reported that it was a success as every year. 32 attended. We had some great dishes. We had a few that dressed up. We had a "Hooter's girl" and "Willie Nelson" present. Phyllis Ingram carved a pumpkin.

Details for the following activities in November will be posted in December's newsletter.

- *Nov 11th Chili dinner*, Chinese auction, combined with shopping. The Event starts at 4:00pm with Chili. There is a \$10.00 admission and a ticket for grab bag. Each additional bag will sell at \$2.00/each. Home interiors to order (candles, touch of Christmas). Items will be shipped to house taking aprox. 2-2 and half weeks.
- *Nov 12th – Started Cake Decorating.*
- *Nov 14th --Planning Meeting for 2008 events. If you didn't attend, details will be provided in next newsletter.*
- *Thanksgiving Dinner and Club Decorating Nov 18th*
Susan Hutchinson reported that Jim Walker will bring a turkey, John Valich will bring a ham, and after dinner we will need some help decorating the club for Christmas. I hope all that joined in had a great time! Sorry we missed the event.

Activities for December:

- Dec 1st – Christmas boat parade on Land has been CANCELLED!!
- Christmas Party—Dec. 15th the date has changed if you have not gotten notice!!
Note: Lucille Tremblay reported that the deadline for payments (\$25.00/person) for the Christmas party by the November meeting. The catering company needs an accurate count and prepayment. If you need to send the payment by mail please do so before November 21st.
Happy Hour begins at 5:00pm
Buffet style dinner at 6:00pm
Followed by entertainment by “Big Band Sounds” George Durham
This is a “Bring our own drinks” event
- Schwan’s fund raiser presented by John Valich. For information please contact John Valich. But in summary, for every purchase made under the Club’s campaign ID, the club gets 30% of purchase. A \$200.00 dollar purchase gets you a \$10.00 gift card. Campaign goes from November 1st through the 31st. Please place your orders soon...thanks. **If you do not have a member packet. Please go online to:**

www.schwansfundraising.com

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CRUISES –PHIL HERL, Cruise Leader

Past Cruises:

- Oct 28th Mt Dora cruise was cancelled due to water levels, so it was changed to Silver Glen Springs for the day. Phyllis Walker reported that there were three boats, launched at “ED Stone Park” AKA Crows Bluff. It was a good day for a cruise.
- Twin Dolphin Cruise November, 2-4, 2007. There were 9 boats 3 cars, and 25 people.

Attendees on Friday 11/02/07

Mike and Nancy Hall onboard Double Nickels
Dick and Jackie Littrell onboard Our Baby Too
Ralph Kear onboard Never Enough. Mavra drove down on Saturday.
Richard and Gloria Emry onboard About Time
Ed Burgess onboard Dreams of Fifty One. Cheryl drove down on Friday.

Saturday 11/03/07

John, Cindy, Ben and Samantha Valich onboard Mental Floss Bill and Margaret Barrett on board Grin "n" Barrett David, Susan, and Emily Hutchinson onboard Breezin' David and Becky Smith onboard Awe\$ome Duck

Driving on Friday:

Lamar and Liz Middleton
Phil and Sandy Hurl| (Stayed on their boat Options at Rivera Dunes

The Friday group of 4 boats departed TA truck stop around 10:15, and convoyed to Gulfport Municipal Marina. We launched and were underway about noon. After an uneventful trip across Tampa Bay and up the Manatee River, we arrived at Twin Dolphin Marina around 1 P.M. We all managed to dock successfully, and went to lunch at the grill at Twin Dolphin. The rest of the afternoon was spent walking around the marina, checking in at the Holiday Inn, and just general relaxing. Ed Burgess arrived around 5 P.M., and successfully docked. The Middletons and Emrys walked down from the Holiday Inn, Phil and Sandy drove over from Rivera Dunes and we had a small dock party. Dinner was at Mattison’s restaurant at the Marina.

The Saturday group departed TA truck stop around 8 A.M. and convoyed to Gulfport Municipal Marina. After several detours due to John taking a couple of wrong turns, they launched and were underway. Mental Floss lost use of the port engine for a period of time, and also lost a porthole window on the port side during a rather rough crossing of Tampa Bay. All finally arrived and successfully docked and tied up. We all walked into downtown Bradenton to Fav's Italian restaurant for lunch. By this time there were 20 of us, and they had to set up tables in the atrium outside the restaurant in order to accommodate us. The rest of the afternoon was spent doing whatever. Around 5 P.M. the Littrells and Halls hosted a docktail party on the dock. Mavra Kear had driven down by this time, and the Hurls had also driven over again. We were also joined by Tom and Judy Larson, who are members of LSPS, who keep their boat at Twin Dolphin and who also joined us for dinner. We had 27 people for dinner at Mattison's and it went pretty well with just a couple of glitches. After dinner, some of us went to the street fair which was set up just outside of the Marina, and some went their own way.

We departed around 10 A.M. on Saturday, heading back to Gulfport. Mental Floss left early due to the missing window, and wanted to get across the bay while conditions were calm. The Hurls had taken their Carver out that morning, and we met up with them in the bay on our way back. After loading, we then made our way back home.

Mike and Nancy Hall Cruise Leaders

Cruises for November

- Nov 22-25 St Augustine cruise, Leader John Valich

Cruises for December:

- No cruises scheduled for December

RENTALS –DICK LITTRELL, Chairperson

Nov 4^h- Club house reserved
Nov 10th Club house reserved
Nov 24rd Club house reserved
Nov 30th Club house reserved
Dec 7th Club house reserved

We have had a total of 17 contracts for 2007

GROUNDS –DAVID SMITH, Chairperson

No report

HOUSEKEEPING –JACKIE LITTRELL, Chairperson

No report

SUNSHINE –GLORIA WYNNE, Chairperson

No report

MEMBERSHIP –AMBER HERL, Chairperson

No report

WAYS & MEANS –PHYLLIS WALKER, Chairperson

No report.

SHIPS STORE –MIKE & NANCY HALL, Co-Chair

Mike Hall reported that he is still researching for a place to have out shirts designed. Williams and Williams will still provide embroidery.

ADVERTISING – RICHARD KEACH, Chairperson

No report

HARBORMASTER – DAVID HUTCHINSON, Chairperson

- We will be starting to replace the dock with those that volunteered materials for project.
- Reported that he is working on spraying the weeds out in the water.

TELEPHONE – PHYLLIS WALKER, Chairperson

No report.

YEARBOOK – NANCY HALL, Chairperson

Nancy reported that she needs pictures.

NOMINATING – RONNIE HERL, Chairperson

Ronnie Herl reported that the committee members are Phyllis Walker, Susan Hutchinson, Sue Guyer, and himself. The following individuals will be voted on during the December meeting.

Voting starts at 6:00pm

Meeting starts at 8:00pm

Commodore: Becky Smith

Treasurer: Ronnie Herl

Vice Commodore: Gale Guyer

Recording Sec.: Phyllis Ingraham

Corresponding Sec. Phyllis Walker

Director: Susan Hutchinson, Brian Hamrick, Lucille Trembley

BUDGET – RALPH KEAR, Chairperson

Ralph passed out the budget, and mentioned that we broke even for 2007. With the budget set at 51 members..

MEMBERSHIP BOOK – BECKY SMITH, Chairperson

Beck Smith reported that she is already working on the calendar for next year and needs pictures preferably digital. Calendars should be ready by the Dec meeting for 2008.

WEBSITE – BECKY SMITH, Chairperson

No report

RECYCLING – FRANK INGRAHAM, Chairperson

No report

New Business:

- Toys for Tots = Frank Ingrahm is collecting toys or cash for the little ones...
- Becky Smith reported that she has a foster family that she is helping out, ages 2-11. They are from Polk City, and can not read or write. So, if you would like to help out, please contact Becky Smith. Below is information on the 8 Childeren

The children I spoke about at the meeting. If you plan to help with the gifts for the children for Christmas, please let me know. I would like to be sure we don't all select the same child and your generosity is spread between all of the children. For those of you who did not attend the meeting, these children are all from the same family and have been placed in a foster home of one of the ladies I bowl with. I thought it would be nice for the club to help provide these children with a wonderful Christmas. Until September none of the children had ever attended school so the are all behind in school. Anything educational would be wonderful.

Zack--Boy--2 years--18 to 24 months clothes--doesn't need shoes.

Ariana--Girl--4 years--size 3 to 4 Clothes--Shoes 9

Jennifer--Girl--5 years old--size 5 clothes --Shoes 10

Marilyn--Girl--6 years old--size 6 clothes--Shoes 13

Benjamin--Boy--8 years old--size 6 to 7 clothes--Shoes 13

Steven---Boy---9 years old --size 7 to 8 clothes-- Shoes 2

Daniel---Boy---10 years old.--size 10 to 12 clothes--Shoes 3½

Hannah--Girl---12 years old--size Ladies Med shirt 8 to 10 size pants Shoes Ladies 7½

The girls like dolls and hair stuff except for Hannah she is a tomboy. Books and movies are good too. They love bubble bath stuff.

The boys like cars and Playstation2, books and movies are good for them too.

NOTE: Any books that will help with handwriting, math, spelling. These kids never went to school before.

Videos that will help them in school too.

These kids are very easy to please. Anything makes them happy. Again, I would like to keep a list of who is working with which child or children to be sure we spread things out. If you have a preference as to how we distribute the gifts to the children, please let me know. We can have Brenda and Larry bring the children to the club and everyone can be there to watch or several of us can go to their home to deliver the gifts. Thanks and here is Wishing All a Very Happy Thanksgiving next week.
Becky becsmi@hotmail.com

- John Valich reported that we are sponsoring a fund raiser through Schwann's. So, please get your orders in before the end of the month. 30% of all orders goes to the club.

50/50:

Phyllis Walker , with \$25.00 going to the club.

Space for Rent:

\$5.00 per ad/ per month; Please contact Ronnie Herl (rherl@tampabay.rr.com). Ads submitted within 7 days of the membership meeting will appear in that current month's newsletter.

DIVING EQUIPMENT

3 TANKS-ALUM 80'S
2 SET DACOR REGULATORS W/OCTOPUS, DEPTH &
PRESSURE GUAGES (1-PACER & 1- XLE)
1 1/4" FARMER JOHN WETSUIT
2 POLORTEC WET SUITS
2 SKINS
2 MASKS, FINS, SNORKLERS 2 WEIGHT BELTS &
WEIGHTS
1 DIVE LIGHT- UK600
2 COMPUTORS - ORC A MARATHON
2 BG'S (1-DAGOR & 1-SEAQUEST)
2 DIVE BAGS
2 BOAT BAGS
1 DIVE KNIFE
1 CAMERA W/STORAGE & CARRY CASE (MOTOMARINEII
TAKES NICE PHOTOS)
DAY BOX W/EXTRA'S !! (MASKSTRAPS, BATTERY'S,
LIGHTSTICKS, DIVE TOOL, ECT!!)

EVERYTHING IN GOOD SHAPE. REG'S WERE SERVICED EVERY YEAR; LAST SERVICE- NEW HOSES & SPUT ON.

\$1500.00 OR BEST OFFER

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