

# THE NAUTICAL NEWS

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October 2007

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**WINTER HAVEN NAUTICAL CLUB** meets the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 7:35pm with the Pledge to the Flag. 31 members were present. **Amber Herl** read the minutes from the September Board Meeting. Becky Smith read the Treasurer's report. No new members to introduce.

## ACTIVITIES –Susan Hutchinson, Chairperson

Susan started discussing with the past activities.

Past Activities for Sept:

- *Fish Fry – Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>* - Susan Hutchinson reported. Don Cook donated all the catfish, thank you Don. There were 12 Adults and 1 child that joined in the activity for the day.
- *Galley Chef Cook Off – On Sept 30<sup>th</sup>* - Pat Wells reported. There were four chefs competing. Twenty-seven attended the event. Certificates went to Becky Smith, Bill Barrett and John Valich. The winner of the trophy was Jim Walker. Congratulations!! Then after the cooking and eating they all joined in for an innocent game of horseshoes. Reported by Bill Stevens there were no injuries reported. And there was one very serious player that if you ever play horseshoes beware...she aims high, and concentrates for a long time to get that perfect shot in...and her name is Nancy Hall. Everyone had a good time and enjoyed all the food and fun...there was even a 50/50 won by Bill S. Thank you all that came out to eat this wonderful, delicious food prepared by our wonderful chefs..

Activities for October include:

- *Oct 13<sup>th</sup> – Weekend in Paradise*  
Details from this weekend will appear in next newsletter.
- *Halloween at the Walker's- October 27<sup>th</sup>* - Phyllis Walker reported. Arrive at 7pm. They will provide the hot dogs and fixings. Please bring a dish to share and BYOB. Again, as was mentioned in last newsletter, clothing required costume optional!

Activities for November:

- *Chili Dinner and Chinese Auction Nov 11<sup>th</sup>* **PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE...**  
Phyllis Walker reported a change in plans. This event starts at 4:00pm with Chili (of course food first), shopping "Home interiors", then wrapping it up with a Chinese auction (\$10.00 per bag for adults,\$5.00 per bag for children, and \$2.00 for each additional bag). Bring your own drinks and we will have a great time like all the other events. So, come out and check out this event.
- *Cake decorating Class –beginning Monday Nov 12<sup>th</sup>*  
Becky Smith reported that she is planning a cake decorating class again. The classes would start on Nov 12 and ending before the Christmas party, so the cakes can be donated for the Christmas party. If you are interested in this class, please contact Becky Smith.  
[becsmi@hotmail.com](mailto:becsmi@hotmail.com)

- *Planning Meeting for 2008 events Nov 14<sup>th</sup>*; if you want a say in what the club plans for next year, then be here!!! It is the most important meeting of the year!! Bring your ideas and yourself!!!
- *Thanksgiving Dinner and Club Decorating Nov 18<sup>th</sup>*  
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. Details will follow in next month's newsletter.

#### Activities for December:

Christmas Party—Dec. 15th the date has changed if you have not gotten notice!!

**Note: Lucille Tremblay reported that she needs 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 21<sup>st</sup>.**

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

### **CRUISES –PHIL HERL, Cruise Leader**

Jim Walker filling in for Phil Herl during the October's meeting:

#### Past Cruises:

- *Twilight Cruise to Tampa- Sunset Cruise – Sept 29<sup>th</sup>*  
John V. Reported that there were 28 people in attendance and that they had to change the plans due to weather. Instead of going by boat, this cruise turned into a "land cruise", it was a little rough on the props, however; they started out with a little creative navigation around an accident on I4 in getting to "Stumps" for supper at Ybor City. During supper there was live music. After dinner they explored "ChannelSide", took the trolley around and ended up at the "Marble Slab" for ice cream. There were lots of compliments on the choice of place to eat, and everyone had a great time.

#### Cruises for October:

- *Daytona Cruise – Oct 20<sup>th</sup>* Has been canceled; and replace by a cruise with Ralph Kear to the Holiday Sunspree. Contact Ralph if interested. [mkear@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:mkear@tampabay.rr.com)
- *Mt Dora Cruise – Oct 28<sup>th</sup>*  
Jim Walker reported that he will take on this cruise; He will be leaving "Luvs" truck stop at 9am. If you are interested in going, please contact Jim Walker. [jwalker57@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:jwalker57@tampabay.rr.com)

#### Cruises for November:

- *Twin Dolphin cruise – Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>* –  
Mike Hall reported that he will be departing from "Flying J Truck stop" at 8:00am. Will be putting in at Gulf Port and arriving at Twin Dolphins on the manatee river. If more than one boat signs up, then the club qualifies for the "Twin Dolphin getaway package". Slip fee is reduced by 25% from \$2.00/LF to \$1.50/LF, get \$20.00 of per slip for dinner, a certificate for a free appetizer, free bag of ice each day, and 50% off admission to planetarium across the street. So, if you would like to join in the fun and take a cruise with Mike Hall, please contact him ASAP, so he can get the reservations turned in. [mhall25@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:mhall25@tampabay.rr.com)
- *St Augustine cruise – Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>*  
John V. reported more information will be available at next meeting.

### **RENTALS –DICK LITRELL, Chairperson**

Oct 6<sup>th</sup> – Club house reserved

Oct 27<sup>th</sup> Club house reserved

Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> Club house reserved

We have had a total of 17 contracts for 2007

**GROUNDS –DAVID SMITH, Chairperson**

No report

**HOUSEKEEPING –JACKIE LITTRELL, Chairperson**

Jackie L. reported “work day” was scheduled Oct 6<sup>th</sup>.

**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. Also, we have XL blue polo for \$20.00. Williams and Williams will still provide embroidery.

**ADVERTISING – RICHARD KEACH, Chairperson**

No report

**HARBORMASTER – DAVID HUTCHINSON, Chairperson**

No report.

**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. All offices are open with Treasurer, Recording secretary, Corresponding Secretary in need of nominations.

**BUDGET – RALPH KEAR, Chairperson**

No report.

**MEMBERSHIP BOOK – BECKY SMITH, Chairperson**

Beck Smith reported that she is already working on the calendar for next year and needs pictures preferably digital.

**WEBSITE – BECKY SMITH, Chairperson**

No report

**RECYCLING – FRANK INGRAHAM, Chairperson**

No report

**New Business:**

- Rules and Regulations were discussed and the proposed changes were read and will be voted on during the November meeting. Please see at the end of newsletter.
- Don discussed replacing our TV in the clubhouse. He mentioned that he had a 32” TV that he would be willing to donate to the clubhouse.
- John discussed setting up “Pay Pal” to allow members more flexibility for paying member dues, or things at the ship store. Members using credit cards through pay pal will be charged a convenience fee charge.

## Old Business:

John reported on the ditch project, that he had emailed Mike Britt, and they have changed tactics with the ditch. SWFMD and DEP used to have to catch the "alum" that was required. No longer necessary. The cage and screen is to be removed and the water will runoff into the lake. The removal of the delta was put into the new budget for the city and would be effect Oct 1<sup>st</sup> per Mike B. The city is scheduling with a contractors to remove the delta. John is following up every couple of weeks.

## 50/50:

Bill Stevens wont , with \$21.00 going to the club.

## Space for Rent:

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

Proposed Rules and Regs (see in red the changes)

# WINTER HAVEN NAUTICAL CLUB, INC.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Annual membership dues, plus appropriate sales tax, are due by the February General Membership meeting. Any member paying after the February General Membership meeting will be charged a \$15.00 late charge.

Membership cost will be prorated for first time members as follows: January thru March 31<sup>st</sup> – 100%, April thru June 30<sup>th</sup> – 75%, July thru September 30<sup>th</sup> – 50% and October thru December 31<sup>st</sup> – 25%.

### **2008 Proposed change:**

Annual membership fees, including appropriate sales tax, for all members of WHNC as of December 31, 2007 will be due January 1, 2008. All new members after January 1, 2008 will pay the full membership amount, including appropriate sales tax, with their following year's membership fee due on the first Wednesday of the month they joined, 12 months later.

(Anniversary Billing)

Invoices will go out no later than the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month prior to the due date for all members. All members who have not paid their membership fees 30 days from the due date will be assessed a \$15 late fee.

2. The proposed Rules and Regulations changes will be presented at the October meeting and voted on by the membership at the November General Membership meeting.
3. Request from outside organizations for use of the Club must be presented to the rental committee chairperson for approval. A rental fee and a security deposit will be charged. Fees are to be paid in advance.
4. Persons using picnic table area, ramp and/or dock area are expected to clean up.
5. A guest is defined as any person 18 years or older who is not supported by or living in the home of a member. If the guest is a Polk County or winter resident, they will be limited to three (3) visits in a 12-month period of time. If the guest is not a local resident, the number of visits is not limited.
6. Parents are to be held responsible for the behavior of their children.
7. No minors are allowed alcoholic beverages with or without the consent of their parents.
8. All pets are to be kept on a leash and under control by their owners. Pets are NOT allowed inside the clubhouse.

9. Member's request for the club must be made in advance on the appropriate form, completed and submitted in writing to the rental committee chairperson. Use is limited to personal activities for family and friends, such as bridal & baby showers, birthdays, anniversaries, etc. Use by members for either commercial or business use will incur a rental charge.
10. Anyone planning to leave a boat in the water and/or trailer or vehicle on the grounds more than 24 hours must give notice to the Grounds Chairperson or Commodore. REMINDER: "Personal Property is left at your own risk"
11. Club equipment will be used only in the immediate area of the club grounds. After use, all equipment shall be cleaned by the user and returned to the storage area. A request to remove club equipment from the premises requires prior approval by the rental chairperson or commodore. The member removing and using the equipment will be responsible for returning the equipment and will be required to repair or replace damaged equipment.
12. Whenever the kitchen or utensils are used, the house rules checklist should be followed. These will be posted in plain sight. Failure to comply with this will cause the kitchen to be locked and only used for club held functions.  
**2008 Proposed change:**  
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13. Members and their guests may use the club grounds and dock at no charge.
14. Children under 5 are admitted free to most club functions. Will be removed
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16. New for 2007: Members may not use club facilities when there is a paid rental. These dates will be announced at the monthly meetings and published in the Nautical News.