



THE HELMSMAN

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OCALA BOAT CLUB
P.O. Box 777, Ocala, FL 34478
(a non profit organization)

Regular meeting 3rd Monday of each month
6:30 p.m. — Clubhouse, Ray Wayside Park
(Boat Basin at the Bridge, E. Hwy 40)

OFFICERS - YEAR 2015

Commodore	David Rossiter	(369-9639)
Vice Commodore	Chuck Lemon	(438-3345)
Cruise Master	Chuck Boyett	(291-2079)
Secretary	Flo Hoffman	(687-1011)
Purser	Molly Lemon	(438-3345)
Parliamentarian	Jan Hodge	(347-3688)
Past Commodore	Bill Hodge	(347-3688)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Executive Board comprises the above listed officers, plus the following Directors:

Jan Ulmer	(307-8226)	Andrea Rossiter	(369-9639)
Willie Comas	(694-5594)	Charlie Parkinson	(248-891-5448)
Willie Clayton	(687-4509)	Dick Charron	(288-1935)

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UPCOMING EVENTS



September 2015

Monday, Sept 21

Membership Meeting: Clubhouse at 6:30pm

Sunday, Sept 27

Water Cruise: Silver River, Lunch at Restaurant TBA
Silver Springs

October 2015

Monday, October 5

Board Meeting: Clubhouse at 6:30pm

Saturday, October 10

Fun Cat Sailing at Ponce Inlet

Sign up for either or both cruises

First Cruise: 2 hr Cruise/Sail departure from dock varies, typically at 11am, pack your coolers & water toys for the beach & swimming. \$25 per person.

Second Cruise: 3 hr Sunset Cruise/Sail departure from dock varies, typically between 5:30pm & 8:30pm
Complimentary beverages & hors d'oeuvres. Help trim the Sails or sit back & relax as you enjoy scenic views.
\$45 per person.

Wednesday, October 14

Clubhouse Work Day: Clean up and repair around the Clubhouse
Sign up at September's meeting. Arrive at 9:30am.
Lunch will be provided

Saturday, October 17

OBC OPEN HOUSE at Clubhouse, Volunteers needed

Monday, October 19

Membership Meeting: Clubhouse at 6:30pm

Thursday, October 29

Water Cruise: Eaton's Sandbar Beach Grill, Lake Weir
Carney Island Boat Ramp to Eaton's

November 2015

Monday, November 2

Board Meeting: Clubhouse at 6:30pm

Saturday, November 7

Land/Water Cruise: The Odyssey, Tarpon Springs
1½ hr Cruise for \$15 per person
Lunch at Costa's Restaurant following.

Monday, November 16

Membership Meeting: Clubhouse at 6:30pm
Thanksgiving Dinner

Friday, November 20

Land Cruise: Gator Joe's
Lake Weir

Sign Up

December 2015

Saturday, December 5

Christmas Party with PETRINA, Clubhouse

Monday, December 7

Board Meeting: Clubhouse at 6:30pm

Thursday, December 10

Land Cruise: Walt Disney World
See the Christmas sites
Lunch at one of the Disney hotels

Sunday/Monday, Dec 13 & 14 **Land/Water Cruise: St Augustine Over Night**
Sign Up Now!

A **RED** date denotes a change of date for this activity.

Fall is Here!

COMMODORE'S CORNER

SPEAKING OF SPEAKERS

Boat Club membership meetings have four popular features:

1. A chance to hang out with the friendliest group of folks in town.
2. An outstanding potluck dinner.
3. Latest news about Boat Club cruises and activities.
4. An interesting speaker.



Our Speaker Program was developed to bring variety and interest to our meetings. Over the years we have had presentations on a wide variety of topics, some related to our boating interests and some addressing other issues that are relevant to our members.

We have had presentations about local historical topics, such as the Fort King National Historical Landmark and the surprisingly rich archaeological heritage of Marion County.

Water issues always have interest for boaters, so speakers have addressed topics such as the water flows in the Silver River and the quality of drinking water that comes from our Floridan Aquifer. From time to time we've had speakers on health topics like autism and stroke prevention. Regardless of the specific topic, Boat Club speakers always get a positive response from members.

We normally stay away from partisan political fights, but we do not hesitate to address current or controversial issues that are important for our community and interesting to our members. Examples include the Adena Springs Ranch (now Sleepy Creek), Rodman Reservoir, and last year's medical marijuana ballot issue.

Andrea Rossiter manages the Speaker Program. She and I did the job together for the first two years, and Andrea has run the program since then. She generates ideas for speaker presentations from newspaper articles and TV reports, from her own personal interests, and often from suggestions by Boat Club members. Once a speaker is booked, Andrea develops an announcement for publication in the Helmsman. She also helps arrange audio-visual support and introduces the speaker to members at the meeting.

Andrea reports that she has met lots of interesting people by inviting them to visit the Boat Club. "Speakers are easy to recruit in Ocala and Marion," she says, "Everyone knows about the Boat Club and is happy to come visit. And the lure of the Potluck Dinner doesn't hurt, either!"

Andrea will retire as speaker coordinator at the end of 2015, opening up an opportunity for another Boat Club member to manage the Speaker Program. The job usually requires 1-2 hours per month. If you're interested, contact Andrea at (303) 929-2983 or 352-369-9639.

Commodore David Rossiter

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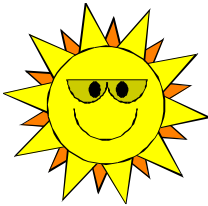
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Knots & Notes



- Income for August was \$1503.00.
- A new water cutoff valve was installed for the building. A waterline along the back of the building has been installed. New plants will be installed as soon as weather permits.

Sunshine Wishes for Members



Please keep the following members in your thoughts and prayers –

Health Issues:

Debbie Barnes

Vince & Ginny (Schacle) Druding

Cheri Lee

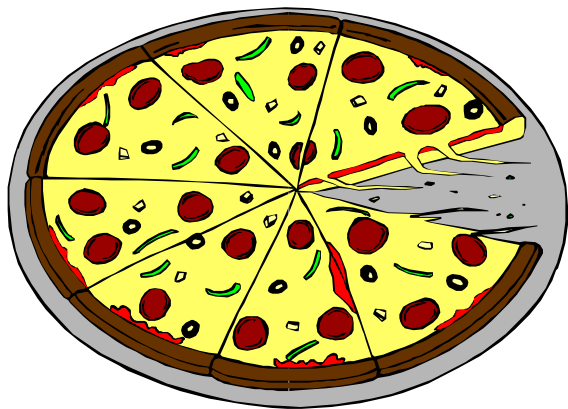


Captain Jon Semmes to Talk About Water Issues

Captain Jon Semmes of Singing River Tours in Dunnellon will be our speaker this month and he will be talking about waterways, specifically the Rainbow and Withlacoochee Rivers, and the problems facing our area's water supply. Jon has extensive experience in boating, and a deep love and respect for the ecology of our state. Through the course of his life Jon has spent many enjoyable hours on the Rainbow and Withlacoochee Rivers, and knows the rivers intimately. He has studied the history of Dunnellon and he shares stories of Dunnellon's Boomtown history along with his knowledge of native wildlife on the singing river tours he gives. Spending so much time on these waterways gives Jon a unique perspective on the pressures faced by the rivers.

Pizza Dinner

On Monday, September 21, we will gather at the Clubhouse for our meeting and dinner with OBC supplying pizza & soda. Beer & wine will be available for a donation as usual. Please bring a salad or side to share. Doors open at 6:30pm with dinner at 7pm.



Please email Molly at ocalaboatclub@cox.net or call 438-3345 to let us know you are coming so that we may better plan how many pizzas to buy. Everyone is welcome to come and this is a great time to

introduce the Club to your friends and neighbors interested in boating and having fun.

**PAST COMMODORES CORNER
(REMEMBER HIM?)
SEPTEMBER 2015**

The **OCALA BOAT CLUB OPEN HOUSE, OCTOBER 17,** is just one month away!

We look forward to a repeat of last year's successful event, where we met so many of you, our new members (and, YOU MET US FOR THE FIRST TIME!)

NOW – IT IS UP TO US – THE MEMBERS – to make it fun for those who come to see what we are all about and tour our grand Club House.

Molly has the sign up sheet for activities and participation we need to make the Open House a wonderful event for visitors. For those who have not already signed up, please select an activity and join us in making this a memorable event.

We are going all out to attract more new members with some great advertising that will introduce us to those who don't even know about us.

1. Almost 5000 4 color, 6x9 mailers to be sent to Marion County boat owners who live in reasonable proximity to our Club House (you may get a mailer).
2. Announcements in the "Ocala Style" magazine, the "Ocala Good Life" magazine, and the Ocala Star Banner.
3. Highly visible signs to be placed along Route 40 to catch the attention of passers-by.
4. An "OPEN HOUSE" banner to mount over our sign at the entrance to the Boat Club.
5. An "Open House" banner to be positioned facing the launch at the Ray Wayside Park.
6. An ad to be placed in the "Coffee Shop News".
7. And more notices to be placed in the "calendar" sections of the local newspapers.
8. Word of mouth by our members to their boating friends and neighbors about the fun we have together.

I'm excited about another great event! How about you? (By the way, if you have suggestions for more promotion, please email or call me).

Bill Hodge

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Ocala Boat Club Christmas Party
Saturday, December 5th, 2015
Entertainment by PETRINA
Dinner Catered by Blanca's
Tickets will go on sale at September's
General Meeting for \$25.00 per person.