



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)
Past Commodore	Bill Hodge	(347-3688)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

Dick Charron (288-1935)	Andrea Rossiter (369-9639)
Nancy Smith (687-8133)	Charlie Parkinson (248-891-5448)
Louise Jensen (624-3941)	John Beach (727-271-1731)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

January 2016

Monday, January 18

Membership Meeting: Clubhouse at 6:30pm

Friday, January 22

Land Cruise: Stumpknockers Restaurant
Withlacoochee River and west RT 200

Tuesday, January 26

Fishing Cruise: Atlantic Ocean out of Ponce Inlet
Contact Betty Jean Taylor for details.
352-351-3806

February 2016

Monday, February 1

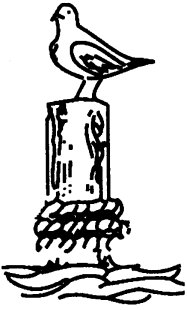
Board Meeting: Clubhouse at 6:30pm

Monday, February 15

Membership Meeting: Clubhouse at 6:30pm

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

Sign Up





COMMODORE'S CORNER

Our Board of Directors wants all of our members – old and new – to participate actively in managing our club.

The Boat Club is a volunteer organization, directed and operated by its members. The club works best when it is directly involved in planning and carrying out our activities. And of course everyone has more fun when they are actively involved.

A good example is the Open House that we have hosted in October the last two years. Everyone participated, everyone had a job (or two), and everyone had a great time. This helped communicate our club's friendly and welcoming spirit. As a result, we have gained new members from each Open House.

Below is a list of the club's operating committees and interest groups. Think about the ones that interest you the most and that you would most like to work on.

***MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:** Recruits and welcomes new members, plans activities to retain and support members. Tom Ulmer and Andrea Rossiter are leading this group.

***BUILDING, GROUNDS AND RENTAL PROGRAM COMMITTEE:** Monitors and carries out maintenance activities for our building and manages the rental program. Chuck Lemon and Dick Charron are the principal organizers.

***PROGRAMS AND ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE:** Schedules speakers for membership meetings and plans parties and other special events. John Beach coordinates this effort.

***KITCHEN COMMITTEE:** Organizes the kitchen and kitchen duty volunteers. This critical function is managed by Louise Jensen.

***SAFETY COMMITTEE:** Devises activities to promote safe boating practices among our boat captains and their passengers. Charlie Parkinson is in charge of this effort.

***COMMUNICATIONS:** Informs members and others about the club and its activities through print and electronic media. This important and evolving function is led by Molly Lemon and David Rossiter.

***HISTORIAN:** Maintains a record of the club's activities. These records, which go back more than 50 years, are organized by Flo Hoffman.

***CRUISES:** Cruisemaster Chuck Boyett is the lead organizer for our water and land cruises, but he can use help.

***FISHING:** This interest group organizes fishing activities for members and others. Gail and Ted Bradley and B.J. Taylor are leaders. Of course, everyone is welcome to help.

***KAYAKING:** Kayaking is becoming more popular among our members. Andrea Rossiter and Willie Clayton are coordinating this.

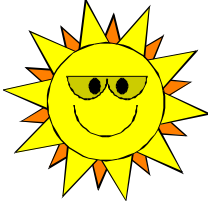
At our next meeting we'll give everyone opportunity to get connected to these efforts.

Commodore David Rossiter
drossiter@frii.com



Knots & Notes

- Income for November & December was \$5463.00.
- **Welcome New Members:** Mike Groves
Paula DiPaula
Ted & Gail Bradley
Joann Holmes
Ruth Lincoln
Alice Belcher



Sunshine Wishes for Members

Please keep the following members in your thoughts and prayers –

Health Issues

Vince & Ginny (Schacle) Druding
Cheri Lee



Ocala Boat Club Officers for 2016

Ocala Boat Club held its annual election for 2016 Officers and Board members at our November 16th General Membership meeting. The following members were elected to serve during 2016. Thank you to everyone willing to serve as an officer. The officers will need your help during the coming year so please consider serving on a committee when asked to do so.

Commodore: David Rossiter

Vice Commodore: Chuck Lemon

Cruise Master: Chuck Boyett

Purser: Molly Lemon

Secretary: Flo Hoffman

Past Commodore: Bill Hodge

Board Member: John Beach

Board Member: Nancy Smith

Board Member: Louise Jensen

The following have 1 year remaining on the Board:

Andrea Rossiter

Charlie Parkinson

Dick Charron

It's Annual Dues Time Again



As most of you know January is when we collect our Annual Dues. Dues account for about 5% of the total income that the Ocala Boat Club collects each year. The remaining 95% of our income is primarily from building rentals and the rest comes from fundraisers and gifts from members.

At \$50 for a single membership and \$100 for a couple/family membership our dues are much less than many other organizations and have not changed in many years. Some people wonder what they get for their dues so let's take a look at some of the items that your dues pay for. Dues cover the expenses for meetings each month including the soda, water and coffee members drink; the cups, plates, and silverware used for dinner; table cloths and decorations that brighten our meetings; electricity for heating, air conditioning, hot water and stoves and the cleaning after each meeting. Also covered are the turkeys and ham for Thanksgiving and during the last four Christmas parties your dues have payed for the party entertainment. That's a lot for less than \$5 per month per person!

As purser I will be collecting dues at our January 18th General Meeting so please remember your checkbook. Anyone not paying dues at the meeting will receive a reminder by mail or email.

Thank you for being a member! Molly Lemon, Purser

OBC Helmsman Needs a New Editor

I have been putting the Helmsman together for several years now and I would like to find a member that would like to take it over. It takes a few hours a month to write and arrange the newsletter. Only six people get a mailed copy so the printing can be done at home on a printer and the rest of the members receive a PDF copy through email. If you are interested in helping with or taking over the Helmsman please call me at 438-3345.



Ocala Boat Club members are no strangers to the nearby town of Tavares and all of its many attractions. OBC water and land cruises to the neighboring city's lakefront park, restaurants and events have long been a frequent and popular source of entertainment and enjoyment for us all. Dubbed "America's Seaplane City", Tavares will again host an exciting array of festivals in 2016 featuring such attractions as air shows, dragon boat races, train rides and, yes, lots of good food. In addition, Tavares has embarked on an exciting new initiative to expand Wooten Park, its beautiful lakefront venue where most of these events take place. It will include upgraded features of interest to OBC members such as new boat ramps, parking for boat trailers, restrooms and open green space.

Join us at the next OBC Membership Meeting on January 18 when Bob Tweedie, Economic Development Director and Matt Elia, Aviation Manager for the city of Tavares, will join us to provide an overview and slide show on the Wooten Park expansion, 2016 special events and other exciting upcoming projects.

Annual Christmas Party Enjoyed by All!

If you missed our Christmas Party you missed a great party! Our annual Club Christmas party was held on Saturday, December 5th and was attended by 65 members and guests. Petrina was there again to keep everyone up on the dance floor with great music and Blanca's Caf  catered a very nice dinner. Petrina out did herself with a wonderful performance getting everyone to participate! She never fails to impress a crowd and was a joy for all those in attendance. A big Thank You to Joann Beach and Willie Clayton and their decorating committee for the beautiful job they did decoration the Clubhouse!



Petrina gets all the guys up to dance while the gals cheer them on.



Lee Hornick is serenaded by Petrina.

Ocala Boat Club Cruises 2016

Chuck Boyett, Cruise Master

352-291-2079

January

- Friday 15** Land Cruise Daytona Beach Boat Show
Saturday 16 Boat Show
Sunday 17 Boat Show
- Monday 18** OBC General Meeting 6:30 pm.
- Friday 22** Land Cruise Stumpknockers restaurant on the Withlacoochee river and west Rt 200.
- Tuesday 26** Land/Water Cruise- Atlantic Ponce Inlet fishing.
Contact Betty Jean Taylor for details.

February

- Monday 1** OBC Board Meeting. 6:30pm
- Thursday 11** Land/Water Cruise- Crystal river manatee watch. County boat ramp 10:30 am. Lunch at Crackers after cruise.
- Monday 15** OBC Club General Meeting. 6:30 pm.
- Monday 22** Land/Water Cruise- Gulf Crystal river fishing.
Contact Betty Jean Taylor details.
- Thursday 25** Land/Water Cruise- Hontoon Island/Landing. Ten passenger, 24 ft. pontoon boat rental. All day \$170 9am-5pm
Half day \$100 9am-1pm or 1pm-5pm.
Old Spanish Sugar Mill Restaurant. Breakfast served all day.

March

- Monday 7** OBC Board Meeting 6:30pm
- Friday 11** Miller's Boating Center 25th annual boat show & fishing expo.
Saturday 12 Miller's Boat Show (Ocala)
Sunday 13 Miller's Boat Show (Ocala)
- Friday 11** Tavares Classic Boat Races-Friday afternoon only
Saturday 12 Races all day
Sunday 13 Races in morning only
- Thursday 17** Land Cruise. Peck's Old Fort Cove restaurant. Ozello.
- Monday 21** OBC General Meeting 6:30pm
- Monday 25** Land Cruise. Eaton's Sandbar Beach Grill. Lake Weir. 11Am

FYI-- Flora City Strawberry Festival in March

April

- Monday 4** OBC Board Meeting 6:30pm
- Saturday 9** Water Cruise to Crazy Gators in Eustis. Boats will depart from club house boat ramp at 8:30am
- Monday 18** OBC General Meeting
- Tuesday 26** Land/Water Cruise to O'keefe's Irish Pub in Tavares. Lunch 12:30pm
Venetian Cove to Lake Dora Seaplane base.

May

- Monday 2** OBC Board Meeting 6:30pm
- Saturday 7** Land/Water Cruise. Bluewater Bay restaurant in Melrose. Cruise, fish on Lake Santa Fe and Little Lake Santa Fe.
- Monday 16** OBC Board Meeting. 6:30pm
- Tuesday 24** Land/Water Cruise. Three Bananas restaurant in Crescent City. Cruise, fish on Lake Crescent. Water access to St. Johns river.

June

- Monday 6** OBC Board Meeting 6:30pm
- Wednesday 15** Land/Water Cruise. Mission Inn Resort in Howey-in-the-Hills. Venetian Cove to Mission Inn dock for transport to restaurant. Lunch 12:30pm
- Monday 2** OBC General Meeting 6:30pm
- Thursday 30** Land/Water Cruise. Pisces Rising in Mt. Dora. Lunch 12:30pm. Venetian Cove to Mt. Dora.