

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 2016

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



May 2016

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| Monday, May 2 | Board Meeting: Clubhouse at 6:30pm |
| Saturday, May 7 | Cruise Postponed until June 25 |
| Monday, May 16 | Membership Meeting: Clubhouse at 6:00pm |
| Tuesday, May 24 | Land/Water Cruise: Three Bananas restaurant in Crescent City. Lunch 11:30am. Cruise, fish on Lake Crescent. Water access to St. Johns river. |

June 2016

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| Monday, June 6 | Board Meeting: Clubhouse at 6:30pm |
| Wednesday, June 15 | Land/Water Cruise: Mission Inn Resort in Howey-in-the-Hills Venetian Cove to Mission Inn dock for transport to restaurant. Lunch 12:30am. |
| Monday, June 20 | Membership Meeting: Clubhouse at 6:30pm |
| Saturday, June 25 | Land/Water Cruise: Bluewater Bay restaurant in Melrose. Lunch 11:30am. Cruise, fish on Lake Santa Fe and Little Lake Santa Fe. |
| TBA | Land/Water Cruise: Hontoon Island/Landing. Kayaks, pontoon boat, rooms for rent. Swimming, hiking, etc. Ten passenger, 24 ft pontoon boat for rent, all day rental 9am to 5pm, \$170; half day rental 9am to 1pm or 1pm to 5pm, \$100. |

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

Sign Up

Happy Mother's Day

COMMODORE'S CORNER

There isn't a Commodore's Corner this month.

Commodore David Rossiter

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Important Changes Made to Monthly OBC Membership Meetings

The monthly OBC Membership Meetings are among the best attended and successful events sponsored by our Club. Who can resist the savory dishes and desserts amidst such friendly people and comfortable surroundings? To accommodate a growing membership and expanded meeting agenda, OBC leaders would like to try a new meeting schedule effective as of the next meeting on March 21. **The new schedule is: 6 pm – Social Time; 6:30 pm – Potluck Supper; 7:00pm – OBC Speaker and Meeting.**



Knots & Notes

- Income for February was \$1217.00.
- Thanks to Jan Hodge for weeding the flowerbeds directly behind the Clubhouse.

New Member Paula DiPaula



Where are you from? I was born up North but really feel my hometown is Inverness where I was raised and graduated from Citrus High School. I'm not a Floridian but feel like one and wish I were!

What are your boating interests? I have an 11ft CraigCat that basically has no bow. It's more like a catamaran. It's a very wet ride and very much a close encounter with nature. I usually stick to fresh waterways. I love all of the Citrus and Marion County rivers and lakes.

How have you gotten involved in OBC to date? I've only attended the Monday night meetings/dinners and hope to do some excursions with the rest of the members this summer. I also hope to contribute to the website.

Do you have any ideas for improving OBC? I would like to take this opportunity to thank Vince for mentioning at our last meeting, the job openings at Silver Springs State Park (Silver River State Park?). I was hired for a part time position and would never have had the opportunity if I missed that meeting! My uniform shirt has the words "Environmental Protection" on a patch. As a newcomer, that is one of my ideas, to form a committee that can help with the continued beauty and cleanup of our waterways. I'm a huge advocate of using little to no fertilizer. I feel a committee should be formed to educate boaters

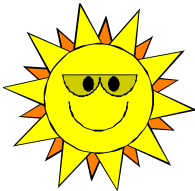
and non-boaters, concerning environmental protection for the future of our kids and grandkids.

Cruise to Lake Dora & Lunch at O'Keefe's Irish Pub by Leonard Barnes

Saturday, April 23 dawned warm and sunny, a perfect day for Ocala Boat Club members to go cruising on the water. Some say any day on the water is a perfect day over anything. So, fifteen members met at Venetian Cove's marina and departed on four member boats to O'Keefe's Irish Pub. The group enjoyed a very pleasant cruise of about one and one-half hours each way on some calm waters and some light chop, some sun and some shade; perfect for those who like them all. This writer was on Ted's boat, and being faster than some others, circled around a few times to make sure that the slower boats would follow the correct course. Cutting across his waves and their wakes made for some fun riding, even when throttling back to reduce the impact, and a little longer ride.

Lunch was fun and the food mostly good. The group, though, more enjoyed socializing and the camaraderie, which extended afterwards onto the dock before departing. The return trip was as equally pleasant. Sadly we had to dock, but already looking forward to the next cruise. Those members who couldn't make the trip missed a great time, but maybe next time for them too. And, many thanks to the captains and co-captains for providing their boats for our pleasure, and also to our Cruise Master, Chuck, for putting it all together and getting us to our destination.

*Thanks to Leonard Barnes for the above story. Unfortunately I did not receive any photos of the trip.
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Sunshine Wishes for Members

Please keep the following members in your thoughts and prayers –

Health Issues
Vince Druding



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.

National Safe Boating Week: May 21-27, 2016

It's tempting not to wear a life jacket while on the water, especially on nice days. You want to get some sun, you think you'll get too hot, or you think you're a strong swimmer. But whether you're going fishing or just enjoying a ride on the boat, there's never an excuse not to wear a life jacket. You can have a great time, while choosing to always wear a life jacket and boating responsibly.

At the National Safe Boating Council, we believe life jacket wear is the simplest strategy to stay safe while enjoying your favorite recreational water activity. According to recent U.S. Coast Guard statistics, drowning was the reported cause of death in three-fourths of all boating fatalities in 2014. Of those, 84 percent were reported as not wearing their life jackets.



The North American Safe Boating Campaign – simply known as Wear It! – is a yearlong effort in the U.S. and Canada focused on spreading the message of boating safety and the critical importance of always wearing a life jacket each and every time on the water. In addition, the campaign also reminds boaters of the importance of boating safely, such as taking a boating safety course, never boating under the influence, and knowing navigational rules. The annual campaign kicks off the weekend before Memorial Day with National Safe Boating Week and continues throughout the year.

For more information on National Safe Boating Week go to <http://www.safeboatingcampaign.com/>

OBC Members Spruce Up Clubhouse

On April 13 and 14, 2016, a large crew of Club members showed up to work on cleaning, painting, and repairing the Clubhouse. Those on the crew included Richard Charron, John Beach, Joann Beach, Louise Jensen, Don Piquet, Gary Bergland, David Rossiter, Andrea Rossiter, and Mike Groves.

Work completed included the following:

PAINTING

- Painted refrigerator door front
- Painted galley table bottom
- Painted wall in ball room below galley counter
- Painted bottom of north and west wall of ball room
- Painted inside of entry door
- Painted base of ball room columns
- Painted handicap bathroom floor (Another coat may be needed)
- Painted base board in handicap bathroom
- Weather did not permit painting of entry bricks
- Painted lettering on bathroom doors

OUTSIDE SCREENED AREA

- Cleaned out debris and removed freezer and Bar BQ grill
- Removed chains from rafters
- Replaced and repaired lights

OUTSIDE STORAGE ROOMS

- Blew out floors
- Replaced light bulbs in south building

PRESSURE WASHING and CLEANING

- Pressure cleaned entry canopy
- Pressure cleaned entry bricks in preparation for painting
- Pressure washed outside cage area
- Cleaned OBC lettering on north wall of club house

MISC

- Removed Christmas lights from entry
- Refastened rope lighting in entry
- Replaced light transformer in overhead ball room light
- Replaced ceiling tiles in ball room
- Labeled all paint cans used with location use
- Replaced galley outside door threshold
- Trimmed bottom of outside galley door
- Added kick plate to bottom of outside galley door
- Trimmed foliage away from OBC sign at entrance to park

Mike Groves, Louise Jensen and Flo Hoffman returned to do some more work the following week. Mike and Louise continued the painting while Flo cleaned the stoves.

A big THANK YOU goes to everyone who came out to help with all of this work. A special THANK YOU to Mike Groves for heading up the work days and all the work that he has done to improve our Clubhouse.