



# THE HELMSMAN

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

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

### OFFICERS - YEAR 2015

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



## **October 2015**

- 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

## **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.





## EDITOR'S CORNER

### Volunteers are GREAT!

The Ocala Boat Club depends on its members to volunteer to do work around the building, during meetings, and for special events. Volunteering lets you spend time to get to know other members and gives you the satisfaction of knowing that you have helped make the Club better for everyone.

Volunteering is easy! All you have to do is ask Commodore David Rossiter or Vice Commodore Chuck Lemon and they will help find you a job to do that fit your schedule and your interests. The Board of Directors oversees several committees that all need volunteers. The Membership committee needs people to help recruit new members and retain present members. The Historian maintains records of Club activities and could use help. The Building, Grounds and Rental committee can always use someone who is willing to come mow the grass. During the growing season the grass is mowed weekly and the weed eater is used every few weeks to neaten up around trees and posts on the property. Maintaining the building is an ongoing job with touching up the walls with paint, burnishing the floors, and other projects that come up periodically. The Club rental business could use more members willing to be on call on weekends when we have an event in the building. The Newsletter and Website committee would like to have members willing to write articles about Club activities that they participate in to be included in the monthly Helmsman newsletter. Anyone taking pictures at an activity is also welcome to share those in the newsletter. Programs and Entertainment is the committee that plans special events for the Club. This includes our Christmas Party each year along with developing ideas for other parties that the members would like to participate in. In the past these have included an Oktoberfest Celebration, a Cabaret, and a 50s Night. These events featured live music and food, raising money for the Club. The Kitchen and Supplies committee is responsible for getting volunteers to work in the kitchen for our potluck each month as well as requesting needed supplies be bought by the Vice Commodore. Many of you volunteer to work in the kitchen but the one that keeps the kitchen running and has done a great job for several years is Jan Hodge. Jan is looking for someone willing to take over as Chairman of this committee and will be happy to train her replacement. The final committee is the Safety committee. Although the Safety committee is new it is especially important as the group will devise activities to promote safe boating practices among our members and their guests. It is hoped that the committee will be able to present a short safety lesson each month at the meetings. Although the Speaker Program doesn't have its own committee, as David Rossiter wrote last month, Andrea is looking for a volunteer to take over her position in January.

Some members that have already found a place to volunteer include those people that came out last Wednesday for a Club Cleanup Day. Joann Beach, Judy Charron, Flo Hoffman and Rita Trombley spent their day giving the Club's kitchen a good cleaning including the stoves and all the cabinets. New member Mike Groves and Chuck Lemon burnished all the floors. John Beach, Chuck Boyett and Dick Charron trimmed the shrubs all around the building and along the woods in front of the building, filling up a truck and trailer full of brush they cut. These members deserve a great big **THANK YOU** from all of us for spending their entire day at the Club House working. The building is now ready for our Open House on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>.

Speaking of the Open House I hope everyone has volunteered in some way to help. If you haven't yet come out to the Clubhouse on Saturday between 11am and 4pm and a job will be found for you. Come and enjoy the fun with other members, have a hot dog, and be proud to be a part of the Ocala Boat Club.

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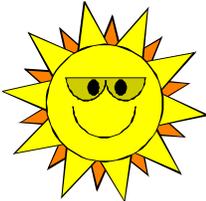
### Knots & Notes



- Income for September was \$4167.00.
- Open House is October 17 and all members should attend. Invite all your friends.
- Revised Bylaws will be presented at October's General Meeting.

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### Sunshine Wishes for Members



Please keep the following members in your thoughts and prayers –

#### Health Issues

Vince & Ginny (Schacle) Druding  
Bill Hodge  
Cheri Lee  
Nancy Rose Smith  
Jan Ulmer



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### Captain Jon Semmes Entertains Membership



Captain Jon Semmes of Singing River Tours in Dunnellon was our September speaker and was both informative and fun. Captain Jon spoke about his time growing up in Dunnellon and the years he has been touring and learning about the Rainbow and Withlacoochee Rivers. Along with his information about our water resources and how we need to preserve them Captain Jon shared some songs written by his mother and a friend. It was a very enjoyable presentation. A big THANK YOU goes to Chuck Boyett for arranging to have Captain Jon come speak to us.

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### Ocala Boat Club Christmas Party



*Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015*

*Entertainment by **PETRI**NA*

*Dinner Catered by **Blanca's***

*Tickets will be on sale at October's*

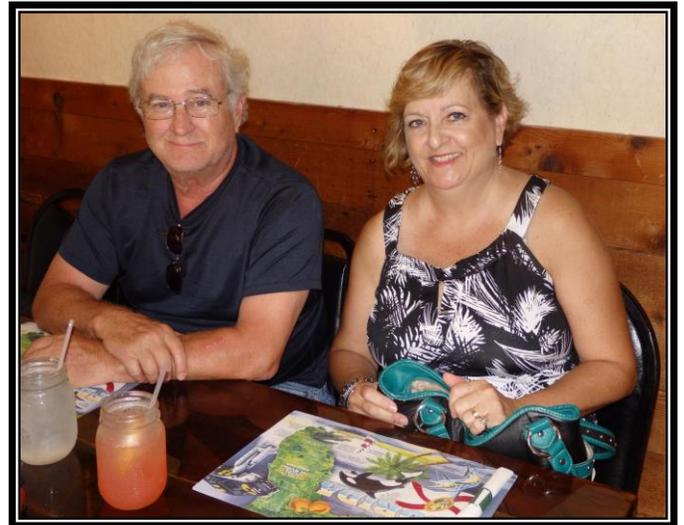
*General Meeting for \$25.00 per person and will be available until*

*Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Contact Molly Lemon at*

*[ocalaboatclub@cox.net](mailto:ocalaboatclub@cox.net) or call 352-438-3345 for more information.*



**Trip to Peck's Old Port Cove**



**John & Joann Beach**



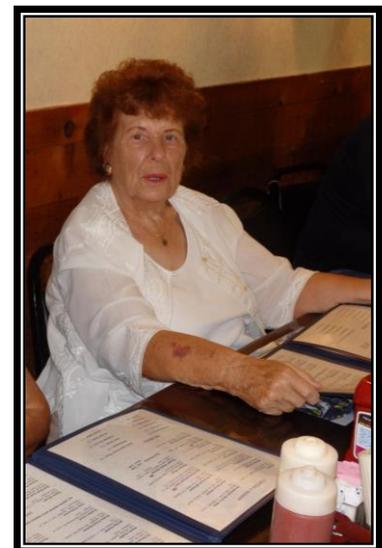
**John Toney, Flo Hoffman & BJ Taylor**



**Residents of the Crab Farm**



**Dick & Judy Charron**



**Rita Trombley**



**Photographer Eugene Frank**

I would like thank Eugene Frank for all of the great photographs he takes of cruises he attends. I use them in issues of the Helmsman and are featured in the new Club brochures. Since he is usually behind the camera it is rare to see a picture of Gene. His photos are available for download free of charge (use the arrow button in lower right hand corner of photo) at:

<http://eugenespics.smugmug.com/Other/Triptomountdora/n-9GGxc/i-SDHxBph>



**Cruise Master Chuck Boyett**

Cruise Master Chuck Boyett has worked hard this year to deliver fun cruises and wonderful, special interest trips. Members have been enjoying all of these outings. Chuck also set up the Club Cleanup Day, calling all of the volunteers. Thank you Chuck for all you do!