



# Halifax Harbor Marina

at Daytona Beach

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**H**appy New Year everyone! 2011 is bound to be just as “exciting” as the year we’re leaving in our wake. I’m willing to bet there are a number of us that can’t wait for spring! These sub-freezing temps are happening way too frequently, not to mention that the Internet has put the kibosh on bragging to people outside the state about how warm it is in Florida; when it’s not! We’re limited to passing on small fibs to those without access to the Internet where Accuweather and the hundreds of other weather web sites can expose our “*ha-ha it’s warm down here*” stories.

In contrast, we had beautiful weather for the Holiday Open House! It was flat calm with temps in the mid-50s. The six patio heaters provided by The Chart House were greatly appreciated and extremely helpful in taming the chill in the air. Thanks to Joe Egeberg of Yacht Broker’s Inc. of Daytona Beach along with Dennis & Martha Ogburn, owners of Kustom

Kovers, there was an ample amount of bottled sudsy liquid and some stuff in corked bottles made from grapes? ☺ There was “a lot” of food, enough to fill the bellies of a ship full of sailors! There were sooo many leftovers that we had no place to store it all. Kudos to the 120+ boaters attending the party as they gave it the old college try to “eat it all,” by making multiple trips through the chow line. Guess all the BIG eaters have left the marina! Ha! We were able to surprise a few lucky overnight transient guest boaters by inviting them to attend the party.

Right on the heels of our Holiday Open House was the Christmas Boat Parade sponsored by the Halifax River Yacht Club. Although a slight wind put a “bit of a nip” in the air, all in all it was a great night. Twenty-

two Captains’ signed up to participate, however only twenty were able to cruise the route. One boat unfortunately ran aground and another had



trouble with the vessel generator. (Sign up next year!) HHM Assistant Manager Pam Means and Harbormaster Dan Hoover, along with me judged the

boats from HHM, while Mike Clower, Maria Duval and Ken Coleman judged from the balcony of HRYC. All twenty-two boats received a different door prize, a hand painted sand dollar Christmas tree ornament, a bottle of vino, a boat bag, and a thank you plaque for participating in the parade. Winning boats also received \$\$ ranging from a *Grant* to a *Franklin*. Very nice! Log on to [www.hryc.com](http://www.hryc.com) for a complete listing of participants and winners.

Some new landscaping may go unnoticed by the occasional walker by, or as you cruise past the Harbormaster Building on your way to Disappearing Island or Palm Coast. The marina grounds crew: Mike Starinchuck, V. Highsmith and Bobby Nichols



took a few days before the Open House to revamp the appearance of the buildings west side. Community Service workers dug out the old “woody” bushes in order to make room for the new look. A tapered block wall, river stone, and red dyed mulch now accent the building bringing “thumbs up” from passerbys. Mike created the landscaping look, while V and Bobby *muscled* the blocks, stone, and mulch into position. The enthusiasm at which the employees worked was unreal! We truly believe that they enjoyed unleashing their creative side! It looks great!

**SAFETY. SAFETY. SAFETY.** Be extra watchful for black ice/frost on the docks and dock ramps during freezing temperatures.

Thanks for reading. Marc A. Phillips, GM [phillipsm@cobd.us](mailto:phillipsm@cobd.us), 386-671-3603. H N Y!

The Big Winner! [Kelly Lynn](#)

Joe and Dennis enjoying the evening



I-Dock boaters workin’ hard!

