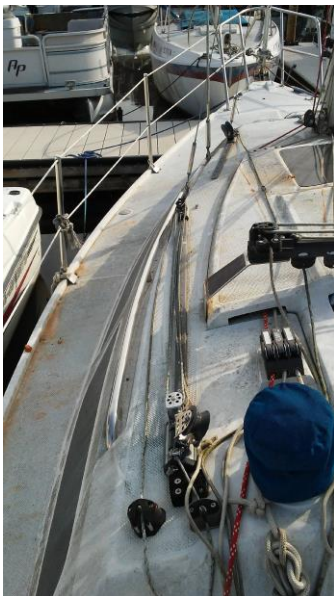


# The Happy Valentines Sheet

February 2018

## It's All Good for a De Novo

We have fleet changes happening as I write. Al has been a fantastic supporter of The Happy Sails Club but his sailing has cut down so has Hummin Bird up for sale. This meant I needed to have my eyes open for a suitable wheel and diesel boat for us to use. I came aware that Steve Rose's (October Happy Sheet), Catalina 270, "It's All Good" was for sale and started an exploration of the feasibility of bringing her to Happy Sails. We finalized the purchase in early January. She'll stay on Lake Murray and help get sailing to more people, we hope that suits Steve!



You will see from the pictures that there is work to be done to make her ship shape so we expect to have her up and running and at our dock by the end of March. Most of the work will end up being cleaning except for the engine which is currently displacing its coolant with exhaust fumes thus overheating rapidly! The possibilities are an exhaust manifold break, a cylinder head gasket failure, or absolutely worst case some sort of block or head breakage. It's a Westerbeke engine so we have to order parts and wait, and try and fix, and wait.....

Once the engine is reliable the main challenges will be a damn good clean and deciphering the running rigging that has been added to since she left the factory.



In the meantime Scott Means, a former Happy Sails Club member, has returned to the fold and brought his 1985 Helms 27, De Novo with him. Aptly we've worked with Scott to start from the beginning again with his boat. We cleaned out the fuel tank, replaced a water pump, replaced some port lights, secured the batteries and installed new engine controls. She is replacing the Hunter 216 and she is ready to go for all club members. We will give you a quick walk through if you haven't sailed her before.

It will be fun to compare the new to us 27 foot boats, DeNovo from the 80's built by Jack Helms in Columbia and It's All Good built in 2000 by one of the major boat builders.

## Club Events

### **The Iced Tea Challenge November 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018**

At a risk of getting my Southern Passport revoked let me just say I am not a fan of Iced Tea so I am OK with other pleasurable beverages being substituted in this Challenge! There are numerous hostilities around the lake and your challenge is to get an iced tea at as many as possible! There will be a prize. We will organize some sails to meet these objectives but feel free to set up your own adventures! **Let me know when you want to make an Iced Tea Day of it and we will team you up with other members!**

### **Trivia Tuesdays, February 6 and March 13, 2018. 6:45**

WE WON in January!! We now need to go back to spend our winnings! Once the correct Belushi brother was stated in the question it became obvious that Margie was an Animal House expert!!! We play at Bistro on the Boulevard.

<http://www.bistroontheblvd.com/home.aspx> 1085 Lake Murray Blvd, Irmo, SC 29063 All are welcome, Happy Sails Club members and friends! Let me know if you are coming for table size selection!

### **Columbia Boat Show, February 9-11**

This is not the most sailing-centric event in Columbia. We will be the only sailing organization there! Unlike last year, I have organized myself such that I can man the booth for the whole event but if you would like to come and visit and look around call me for access!

## **Virgin Islands Discussion, Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm**

Max came up with a great venue for our next Virgin Islands Meet Up, Tazza Kitchen at Trenholm Plaza,

<https://www.tazzakitchen.com/location/trenholmplaza/>. The last I heard this was being run by the owner of Wilana, the Hunter 340 we used to use. All are welcome to come and chat. Please let me know if you are coming for table sizing.

## **Just Past Happy Hour Full Moon Sail, March 2, 2018 6-9pm**

Member and guest event.

## **Blue Moon Sail, March 31, 2018 6:30-9:30pm**

Member and guest event.

## **Eta Aquarid Meteor Shower, May 6-7**

One of the Strongest Meteor showers of the year!! We will leave the dock at 11:00pm and return around sunrise! This year the meteor show will roughly correspond with Jupiter being relatively close by!

## **Tip of the Month**

If you have Happy Sails It's All Good.....well unless your bilge and power look like this!(Not for long because its De Novo for our 27 footers!)

