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## The Boathouse Restaurant Opens On Lake Buena Vista, Florida



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JUST A FEW DAYS AFTER THE OFFICIAL LAUNCH of the new Boathouse Restaurant in Orlando, Florida – we received a great report (with a selection of over 70 photos) from fellow Woody Boater Rich DeGlopper. Rich and his wife Peg were on a week-long vacation in the Orlando area and stopped in to check out the Boathouse first hand. As you will see, they were impressed with what they found.

Then a few days later, we received the official Press Release from Jean Golden at the Boathouse, including some great looking food photos and menu details.

So we decided to bundle everything together in one story today, beginning with the report from Rich. – Texx



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**The BOATHOUSE\* is nothing short of spectacular!**

It is a wooden boat enthusiast's candy store! It has everything from both classic & modern boats being displayed in the water – including vintage outboard motors, smaller boats, models, videos, trophies, vintage photos, signs, etc inside the beautiful new restaurant facility. Everything is tastefully displayed and beautifully presented.



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I spent a couple of hours just walking around, taking pictures, and taking it all in. There is so much to see, enjoy and appreciate. The facility has four separate rooms for dining. The food and service was outstanding.



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*The outdoor bar is a perfect place to relax and enjoy the great menu at the Boathouse.*

There is also an outdoor bar where you can enjoy the breezes off Lake Buena Vista, the wonderful Florida weather and take in the sights of the Woody's and other classic boats on display.



(<http://woodyboater.wpengine.netdna-cdn.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/Boathouse-Open-5.jpg>)

*The Boathouse features an impressive collection of classic wooden & fiberglass boats, and vintage race boats that can be viewed from the docks and patios.*



(<http://woodyboater.wpengine.netdna-cdn.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/More-night-7.jpg>)

The boats are displayed on lifts so they're not actually tied to the dock. I asked how they were going to protect the finishes of the boats from the harsh Florida sun.

The answer I got was they were going to be putting up some sort of a canopy. The boats are covered each night. At night all the lights on the boats are on as well as lights along the docks. It's an impressive sight.



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*The docks are fully illuminated and boats have feature lighting inside.*

I had a chance to meet with the creator/curator Steven Schuessler from Golden Valley, Minnesota. At Disney you might be familiar with some of his other creations, such as the Rain Forest Café and the T-Rex Restaurant. He was very gracious but also very busy as the restaurant just opened on Monday April 13th.



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*A classic 1956 Lonestar Meteor which is a crowd favorite.*

On the docks I also met fellow Woody Boater Christopher Wise, who constructed the marina docks for the BOATHOUSE® and has become an avid classic boater himself. Chris is a great guy and we were glad to see him involved with this development.



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(<http://woodyboater.wpengine.netdna-cdn.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/More-night-4.jpg>)

A number of the boats on permanent display at the Boathouse were supplied by Dave Bortner at Freedom Boat Service, and there are also two boats currently on display that will rotate every 60-90 days which are available for sale from Freedom Boat Service. This is "Muse" a 1930 Chris-Craft 26' Model 111 Runabout powered by a 250 HP, 824 CID Chris-Craft A-120 V-8 engine.



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Steve Schuessler also has brought with him a number of his classic Amphicars which are launched right next to the restaurant. At this point they are just being tested out by staff members and weren't taking the public for rides. But the plan is to some day provide rides for the customers on Lake Buena Vista.



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Steve's fleet of classic Amphicars.



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*The ship's wheel is actually a device used to rotate a turntable that rotates the amphicar around when they enter and exit the lake.*



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*A vintage wooden hydroplane on display inside the main restaurant.*

Of course there is also a gift shop associated with the restaurant with everything from models, to outboard motors, laser engraved souvenir paddles, rubber ducks (Quack-Crafts brand), and of course T-shirts and Boathouse brand swag.



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*There is a selection of "Quack-Craft" collectables in the gift shop for around 20.00.*



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We enjoyed the food and ambience so much that we ate there three times during the course of our weeks stay! The staff was great. I would recommend it as a "must see" for any vintage boat enthusiast.

***Rich DeGlopper***



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*Fellow Woody Boaters (and now official Orlando reporters) Rich & Peg DeGlopper on site at the Boathouse Restaurant docks.*



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Main entrance to the Boathouse – Rich DeGlopper photo.

**Schussler Creative Opens The BOATHOUSE®:  
Great Food, Waterfront Dining, Dream Boats™ Located at the Heart of Downtown Disney®**

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla., April 15, 2015 – Schussler Creative, specialists in the creation and consultation of attractions, restaurants, retail stores and entertainment venues worldwide, has opened The BOATHOUSE: Great Food, Waterfront Dining, Dream Boats – located at Downtown Disney at Walt Disney World® Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

Schussler Creative is also the creator of other restaurant/retail attractions at Walt Disney World Resort including Rainforest Cafe (Downtown Disney and Disney's Animal Kingdom® theme park/created by Schussler Creative; owned and operated by Landry's); T-REX™ Cafe (Downtown Disney/created and co-owned by Schussler Creative and operated by Landry's); and Yak & Yeti™ (Disney's Animal Kingdom theme park/created and co-owned by Schussler Creative; operated by Landry's).

The BOATHOUSE officially opened its doors on April 13, 2015 as one of the new venues in The Landing, the first of four planned neighborhoods as Downtown Disney transitions into Disney Springs, an exciting new waterfront district for shopping, dining and entertainment. Completion of Disney Springs is set for 2016.



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A modern Chris-Craft runabout situated in the restaurant – Rich DeGlopper photo.

The BOATHOUSE is an upscale, waterfront dining experience featuring spectacular floating artwork: dream boats from the 30's, 40's & 50's. The restaurant is 24,000 square feet, with 8,000 feet devoted to the state-of-the-art kitchen where an extensive menu is prepared, showcasing steaks, chops, fresh seafood and a raw bar. The BOATHOUSE will seat up to 600 guests and will serve guests until 2 a.m. The restaurant is designed with spectacular nautically-themed rooms including The Runabout, Twin Transoms, and The Lake House.

There are also two private dining rooms: The Regatta and The Trophy Room for hosting special events, receptions, and corporate presentations. In addition, there are three distinctive bars featuring classic craft cocktails, along with an extensive list of wines, anchored by iconic American vineyards. Bars include: The Captain's Raw Bar, The Admiral's Club Bar and The Dock Bar, which is built over the water and attached to over 300 feet of boardwalk and docks, connecting all areas of the restaurant. The BOATHOUSE restaurant will be managed by the award-winning Gibsons Restaurant Group, internationally renowned and celebrated for exceptional food, service and hospitality.



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*PIG IN A BLANKET - THE BOATHOUSE*

More than a dining experience, The BOATHOUSE immerses guests inside and out with waterfront adventures including live music and romantic Captain's guided tours aboard The Venezia, a beautifully crafted 40-foot wooden Italian Water Taxi featuring champagne toasts and chocolate-covered strawberries. There is also a multi-million dollar fleet of 19 rare boats on display, gathered from museums, private collectors, and boat shows from around the world.



(<http://woodyboater.wpengine.netdna-cdn.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/ROTISSERIECHICKEN-THE-BOATHOUSE.jpg>)  
*ROTISSERIE CHICKEN - THE BOATHOUSE*

Among the star attractions are Captain-guided tours from The BOATHOUSE Amphicars. These amphibious autos launch from land, entering the water with a splash, taking guests on a 20-minute tour of the landmarks of Downtown Disney. Most people have never seen an amphicar because there were only 3,878 of these unique vehicles produced from 1961 to 1968. The BOATHOUSE Amphicars have all been completely restored in order to delight guests with the ride of a lifetime.



(<http://woodyboater.wpengine.netdna-cdn.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/Classic-Amphicar-1.jpg>)  
*Classic Amphicar at the Boathouse - Rich DeGlopper photo.*

Throughout each day and evening, The BOATHOUSE Harbor Master will orchestrate flag ceremonies, accompanied by a lively musical performance of beloved bugle songs, performed aboard a classic 1800's antique steam boat.



(<http://woodyboater.wpengine.netdna-cdn.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/GIBSONSBURGER-THE-BOATHOUSE.jpg>)  
*GIBSONS BURGER - THE BOATHOUSE*

The Ship's Store, adjacent to The BOATHOUSE restaurant, sports an All-American look, reminiscent of the art deco period of 1939 to 1959, updated with modern mahogany accents. Authentic nautical items are featured at The Ship's Store such as custom engraved paddles and life rings personalized with a guest's name or favorite saying, along with Rubba Ducks®, distinctive lake-themed merchandise, fine apparel, jewelry, and unique items "Made on Earth™."



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*SEAFOOD PLATTER - THE BOATHOUSE*

"We are extremely honored to open The BOATHOUSE at Downtown Disney, and to be part of the upcoming and exciting transformation into Disney Springs," said creator Steven Schussler. "We are very proud of our menu and the upscale experience that we have created for our guests. Unbelievable food and service are the top priority, so we chose to partner with Gibsons Restaurant Group to bring their culinary expertise and legendary great service to The BOATHOUSE."



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**ORLANDO, FL**

RAW BAR		LAUNCH	
OYSTERS ON THE HALF SHELL* Cocktail Sauce, Cucumber Mignonette	EA. 3.5	FIRECRACKER SHRIMP Laughing Bird Shrimp, Sriracha Mayo, Shishito Peppers	19
BOATHOUSE LOBSTER COCKTAIL (Whole Crab 1 1/2 Lb., Lobster, Cocktail Sauce)	29	COCONUT FROG LEGS Orange Chili Sauce	17
WILD CAUGHT BAJA COCKTAIL SHRIMP	EA. 4	CRISPY CHILI CALAMARI Habanero Chili Sauce, Red Peppers, Serrano Chili	18
YELLOWFIN TUNA POKE* Soydashi, Mango, Soy Lime Vinaigrette		FLORIDA BAY CHOWDER Shrimp, Clams, Local Seafood, Tomato-Pickapeppa Broth	12
JUMBO LUMP CRAB AND AVOCADO Tarragon Remoulade	17	SEARED NY STRIP CARPACCIO* Anguile, Olive Oil, Shaved Grana Padano	18
FIELD DAY		FISH OR CUT BAIT	
THE PLANK Isleberg Wheat, Crisp Bacon Planks, Crumbled Blue Cheese, Grape Tomatoes		CORIANDER SEARED TUNA* Vegetable & Sobu Noodle Salad, Thai Basil, Tamarind Vinaigrette	32
THE GALLEY Romane Hearts, Laughing Bird Shrimp, Hearts of Palm, Peppercorn Salsimi, Olives, Peppercorns, Smoked Mozzarella, Herb Vinaigrette		BROILED ATLANTIC SWORDFISH Sweet Corn, Fennel, Anchoilla & Potato Hash, Creole Butter	31
SEARED TUNA* Asian Green Beans, Crisp Shitake, Soy Ginger Vinaigrette	21	CEDAR PLANKED SALMON* Frisee, Roasted Wild Mushrooms, Petite Green Beans, Grape Tomatoes	29
SIRLOIN STEAK* Crisp Lettuce, Cucumbers, Tomatoes, Jalapeno Havarti, BOATHOUSE Steak Sauce, House Vinaigrette	23	BROILED PORT CANAVERAL BOUY LINE TRIPLETAIL Holland Glazed, Blistered Shishito Peppers	28
CAESAR Traditional Anchovy, Egg & Parmesan Dressing	12		
GARDEN Mixed Greens, Seasonal Vegetables, House Vinaigrette	8		
<b>GREEN GRASS &amp; HIGH TIDES</b> BEACH & SEA LOBSTER BAKE FOR TWO \$60 1 1/2 lb. Whole Maine Lobster, Clams, Mussels, Andouille Sausage, Red Potatoes, Corn on the Cob, Boathouse Lobster Broth THE BOATHOUSE SURF & TURF TABLE FOR TWO \$135 32 oz. Dry Aged Long Bone Rib Chop and 1 1/2 lb. Whole Maine Lobster <b>ANASTASIA GOLD CAVIAR</b> Proprietary BOATHOUSE Shave Farm Omega Caviar, Corn Blinis, Crème Fraiche, Chives 100			
STEM TO STERN		STEAKS, CHOPS & PROVISIONS	
JUMBO LUMP CRAB CAKE Coleslaw, Tartar Sauce	24	Proudly Serving Certified USDA GIBSON'S BLUE STAR HERITAGE ANGUS	
HALF JOYCE FARMS ROTISSERIE CHICKEN Citrus Marinade, Cole Slaw, Boathouse Barbeque Sauce	26	FILET MIGNON 8 OUNCE*	39
BAKED CRAB STUFFED LOBSTER 1 1/2 Lb. Split Maine Lobster, Jumbo Lump Crab, Grilled Asparagus, Creole Butter	45	NEW YORK STRIP 14 OUNCE*	48
GARDEN PASTA SHELLS Asparagus, Roasted Mushrooms, Wilded Anguile, Shaved Grana Padano, Garlic, Add Rotisserie Chicken 2	19	NEW YORK STRIP 20 OUNCE Bone-In*	52
GRILLED LINE CAUGHT FLORIDA MAHI TACOS Pickled Radishes, Serrano Mango Sauce, Cotija Cheese, Anguile Salad	21	T-BONE 20 OUNCE*	52
GIBSON'S "SANDWICH KING" BURGER HOP CHAMPION* Crispy Cherry Peppers, Jalapeno Havarti, Spiced Mayo	20	PORTERHOUSE 28 OUNCE*	FOR 2 60
		DRY AGED LONG BONE RIB CHOP 32 OUNCE*	FOR 2 115
		BERKSHIRE PORK CHOP 12 OZ.* Mango Barbeque Sauce	27
		FILET 8 OUNCE WITH PROVISIONS OSCAR STYLE * Jumbo Lump Crab, Grilled Asparagus, Bismarke	53
SIDES		All steaks served with choice of sides: Bismarke, Peppercorn, Red Wine, BOATHOUSE Steak Sauce	
FRESH CUT FRIES	9	Quality Statements Thoughtfully Sourced Products Day Boat Line Caught Seafood Marine Stewardship Council Supporter Proprietary Product Partnerships	
SEA SALT BAKED POTATO	7	*This item is cooked to Guest preference and/or may contain raw or undercooked ingredients. Consuming raw or undercooked meats, seafood, shellfish, or eggs may increase your risk of food borne illness.	
SHRIMP & ANDOUILLE MAC' N CHEESE	17		
STEAMED BROCCOLI, Hollandaise	9		
GRILLED ASPARAGUS, Hollandaise	12		
CUT FROM THE COB ROASTED SWEET CORN	10		
POUND OF ROASTED NEW POTATOES, Old Bay Remoulade	8		
ROASTED WILD MUSHROOMS	12		



Tickets can be purchased at the Ship's Store

**AMPHICAR ADVENTURES**

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In addition to the amazing food, The BOATHOUSE offers a number of water adventures including the guided Captain's tours on our 40-foot Italian Water Taxi and Amphicars, as well as live music daily."



yummy food - water - cool boats

**KID'S MENU**

ICE IN A LIGHTHOUSE CUP \$6

MAKE YOUR OWN TACOS  
GRILLED FISH OR CHICKEN

BLUE STAR ANGUS CHEESE BURGER

POPCORN SHRIMP

MACARONI & CHEESE

PIG IN A BLANKET

STICKS AND STONES Chicken Tenders & Fresh Fish Nuggets

Meals Served with Beverage & Choice of Side:  
Caramel Socks, Seasonal Fruit Cup, Fresh Cut Fries

**\$10**

DESSERT

ICEE BRAIN FREEZE FLOAT  
ORIO CHOCOLATE FUDGE SUNDAE  
STRAWBERRY KARKIDS WITH CHOCOLATE DIP  
SORBET WITH FRESH FRUIT

**\$4**

(<http://woodyboater.wpengine.netdna-cdn.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/THE-BOATHOUSE-KIDS-MENU.jpg>)

Visit The BOATHOUSE Restaurant daily from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m.; The Ship's Store from 10 a.m. to 2 a.m.; Guided Captain's tours with Champagne and Chocolate-covered Strawberries begin daily at 10 a.m. on The Venezia Italian Water Taxi; Amphicar guided tours begin daily at 10 a.m.

Visit [www.theboathouseorlando.com](http://www.theboathouseorlando.com) (<http://www.theboathouseorlando.com/>) for more information or call 407-939-BOAT (2628).

Dining reservations will also be available beginning mid-May at 407-WDW-DINE.



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A view of a vintage wooden unlimited hydroplane - Rich DeGlopper photo.

Special thanks to Rich DeGlopper for sharing his story and photos with us here at Woody Boater today. Also to Jean Golden at the Boathouse for sending us the Press Release.

Texx

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**Chris B**

wow nice spot for a woody boater. old walt is going to find out pretty quickly those nice boats well need a lot of attention to keep them shiny sitting out in the florida sun 24 / 7 . i bet the number of boats well decrease quickly over the next few years. so i'd go quickly to see it at its best.

April 20th, 2015 (<http://www.woodyboater.com/blog/2015/04/20/the-boathouse-restaurant-opens-on-lake-buena-vista-florida/#comment-692017>)

**Troy Herson**

Looks like a fun place to visit to me!

Troy in ANE

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### *Doug P*

Want to meet for lunch?

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### *Rick*

Hey in the souvenir shop there are no coffee varnish mugs. What the heck!

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### *Chad*

I sure hope Geppetto is handcrafting an army of puppets to maintain the boats.



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April 20th, 2015 (<http://www.woodyboater.com/blog/2015/04/20/the-boathouse-restaurant-opens-on-lake-buena-vista-florida/#comment-692021>) [REPLY \(HTTP://WWW.WOODYBOATER.COM/BLOG/2015/04/20/THE-BOATHOUSE-RESTAURANT-OPENS-ON-LAKE-BUENA-VISTA-FLORIDA/?REPLYTOCOM=692021#RESPOND\)](http://www.woodyboater.com/blog/2015/04/20/the-boathouse-restaurant-opens-on-lake-buena-vista-florida/?replytocom=692021#respond)

### *WoodyGal*

Looks like fun!

Glad to hear Christopher Wise did the docks. Missed him at Tavares this year. Great guy!

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### *Scott K*

I've never been lured to the house that the mouse built, but with bait like that I think they may have hooked me now.

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### *Wilson*

Interesting concept changes at Disney. First they ran 2 Grand Crafts on the lake, later they wouldn't allow any wooden boats on the lakes and now this...Wow!...Maybe we could have an ACBS meet there after all.

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***Floyd r turbo***

Wow, Disneyland for the well healed skipper. Amazing and beautifully done with no expense spared. However, its not a boat show without chicken on a stick and the souvenir shop lacks interest without Jim Staib's Fine Wood Boats offerings (and his caustic comments, lol).

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***Jim Staib (http://www.finewoodboats.com)***

Floyd,  
I looked at the menu. You're gonna have to find a new road crew.

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***Carla***

Congrats to Steve on his grand opening of The Boathouse! It's a classic boat lover's Disneyworld with something for everyone! I'm thinking this is definitely one way to build awareness of our beloved hobby. Looking forward to visiting The Boathouse in the near future.

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***Tom Kaul (http://www.lingate.com)***

What a spectacular worldwide complement to our hobby. There are so few lakes in the US where you can consistently see a gathering of Antique and Classic Boats all in one spot. To have a collection of this magnitude available for the world to enjoy 365 days a year is truly taking our passion about these floating pieces of art to a new level. We all should be grateful that Steve Schussler floated his vision for 7 years to his colleagues and made it a reality. Thank you Steve.

April 20th, 2015 (<http://www.woodyboater.com/blog/2015/04/20/the-boathouse-restaurant-opens-on-lake-buena-vista-florida/#comment-692035>) **REPLY (HTTP://WWW.WOODYBOATER.COM/BLOG/2015/04/20/THE-BOATHOUSE-RESTAURANT-OPENS-ON-LAKE-BUENA-VISTA-FLORIDA/?REPLYTOCOM=692035#RESPOND)**

***WAYNE***

LOOKS LIKE A NICE PLACE BUT A LITTLE PRICEY  
THE BARS ON MIDDLE RIVER AND THE CHESAPEAKE  
AROUND BALTIMORE ARE MORE REASONABLE

April 20th, 2015 (<http://www.woodyboater.com/blog/2015/04/20/the-boathouse-restaurant-opens-on-lake-buena-vista-florida/#comment-692036>) **REPLY (HTTP://WWW.WOODYBOATER.COM/BLOG/2015/04/20/THE-BOATHOUSE-RESTAURANT-OPENS-ON-LAKE-BUENA-VISTA-FLORIDA/?REPLYTOCOM=692036#RESPOND)**

***m-fine***

What is up with the porterhouse being for 2? If i am spending \$60 on a steak, the last thing I want to do is give half of it away!

Oh well, sign me up for a couple trays of ohsters from the raw bar.

April 20th, 2015 (<http://www.woodyboater.com/blog/2015/04/20/the-boathouse-restaurant-opens-on-lake-buena-vista-florida/#comment-692039>) **REPLY (HTTP://WWW.WOODYBOATER.COM/BLOG/2015/04/20/THE-BOATHOUSE-RESTAURANT-OPENS-ON-LAKE-BUENA-VISTA-FLORIDA/?REPLYTOCOM=692039#RESPOND)**

***Nautilus***

Yes...a couple trays of oysters sounds great...but at \$3.50 EACH? I'd have to mortgage my house.

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***m-fine***

Just tell them to put it on Matt's tab.

April 20th, 2015 (<http://www.woodyboater.com/blog/2015/04/20/the-boathouse-restaurant-opens-on-lake-buena-vista-florida/#comment-692058>) **REPLY (HTTP://WWW.WOODYBOATER.COM/BLOG/2015/04/20/THE-BOATHOUSE-RESTAURANT-OPENS-ON-LAKE-BUENA-VISTA-FLORIDA/?REPLYTOCOM=692058#RESPOND)**

***Bob B***

The International Code Flags on the menu don't make sense, according to Google research, T B O F ?

April 20th, 2015 (<http://www.woodyboater.com/blog/2015/04/20/the-boathouse-restaurant-opens-on-lake-buena-vista-florida/#comment-692050>) **REPLY (HTTP://WWW.WOODYBOATER.COM/BLOG/2015/04/20/THE-BOATHOUSE-RESTAURANT-OPENS-ON-LAKE-BUENA-VISTA-FLORIDA/?REPLYTOCOM=692050#RESPOND)**

***Nautilus***

"Trauma by oyster funding"

April 20th, 2015 (<http://www.woodyboater.com/blog/2015/04/20/the-boathouse-restaurant-opens-on-lake-buena-vista-florida/#comment-692055>) **REPLY (HTTP://WWW.WOODYBOATER.COM/BLOG/2015/04/20/THE-BOATHOUSE-RESTAURANT-OPENS-ON-LAKE-BUENA-VISTA-FLORIDA/?REPLYTOCOM=692055#RESPOND)**

**Tom Gruenauer**

The Boathouse Orlando Florida  
T B O F

Just a guess.....

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**John Baas**

Those numbers on the menu are prices?! I thought that was the menu index and they were page numbers for more info. Yikes! Too spendy for this mid westerner.

April 20th, 2015 (<http://www.woodyboater.com/blog/2015/04/20/the-boathouse-restaurant-opens-on-lake-buena-vista-florida/#comment-692071>) [REPLY \(HTTP://WWW.WOODYBOATER.COM/BLOG/2015/04/20/THE-BOATHOUSE-RESTAURANT-OPENS-ON-LAKE-BUENA-VISTA-FLORIDA/?REPLYTOCOM=692071#RESPOND\)](http://www.woodyboater.com/blog/2015/04/20/the-boathouse-restaurant-opens-on-lake-buena-vista-florida/?replytocom=692071#RESPOND)

**Dave Nau**

Saw this posting on Monday while at St. Pete Beach on vacation. We had planned to stay Monday night in Orlando before catching our flight back home the following morning. We had thought about just walking around Downtown Disney for the evening anyway, so we decided to go ahead and check out The Boathouse after reading this post. The place is unbelievable! It's everything the posting said and more.

Had a fantastic dinner – one of the best ever, and while expensive, the quality was superb. Everyone was very friendly, and when I told the server I belonged to both ACBS and AOMCI, and then then showed him this posting on my iPhone, he had the manager come over and talk to us, all while having dinner in the converted Chris-Craft booth shown in the photos above.

One thing the photos did not show is all the outboards that are displayed above the main bar at the entrance to the place. They were all restored, and even more interesting, they were all for sale! The gift shop also had a huge collection of little electric outboard motor models from the 50's and 60's, and they were also all for sale. Again, expensive, but for sale. Ended up buying the souvenir drink glasses, one of the "Quack-Craft" captain rubber ducks and a Boathouse cap.

If you want to check it out with a less expensive menu, go at lunch time. They also have a kid's menu – still pricey, but at least less expensive.

For anyone who loves old boats and outboards, this place is a must see when in Orlando. It's all done with the highest quality, and it truly is an antique and classic boater's dream restaurant.

One final note: There is still no admission charge for Downtown Disney and parking is still free, even in one of the new parking garages. Just drive in, park, and start walking around. The Boathouse is located smack in the middle of Downtown Disney, right along the main street, a little east of Planet Hollywood. In 2016, it whole area will be renamed Disney Springs, and there is a lot of construction and remodeling going on right now. The Boathouse is part of that project and one of the first finished of the new components.

April 22nd, 2015 (<http://www.woodyboater.com/blog/2015/04/20/the-boathouse-restaurant-opens-on-lake-buena-vista-florida/#comment-692138>) [REPLY \(HTTP://WWW.WOODYBOATER.COM/BLOG/2015/04/20/THE-BOATHOUSE-RESTAURANT-OPENS-ON-LAKE-BUENA-VISTA-FLORIDA/?REPLYTOCOM=692138#RESPOND\)](http://www.woodyboater.com/blog/2015/04/20/the-boathouse-restaurant-opens-on-lake-buena-vista-florida/?replytocom=692138#RESPOND)

**Texx**

Thanks for chiming in Dave, and for the additional information. – Texx

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**Jon**

Pricey with mediocre food, inept staff, only the view is worth coming for.

May 29th, 2015 (<http://www.woodyboater.com/blog/2015/04/20/the-boathouse-restaurant-opens-on-lake-buena-vista-florida/#comment-694503>) [REPLY \(HTTP://WWW.WOODYBOATER.COM/BLOG/2015/04/20/THE-BOATHOUSE-RESTAURANT-OPENS-ON-LAKE-BUENA-VISTA-FLORIDA/?REPLYTOCOM=694503#RESPOND\)](http://www.woodyboater.com/blog/2015/04/20/the-boathouse-restaurant-opens-on-lake-buena-vista-florida/?replytocom=694503#RESPOND)

**Texx (<http://www.woodyboater.com>)**

Thanks for chiming in Jon.

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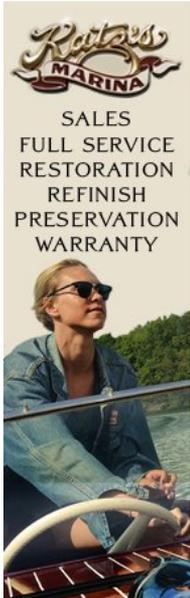
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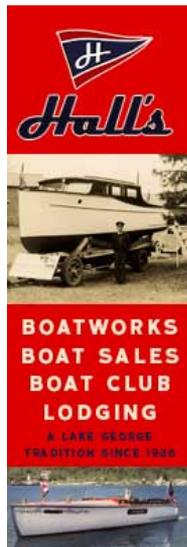
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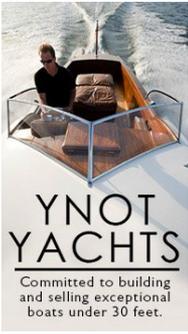
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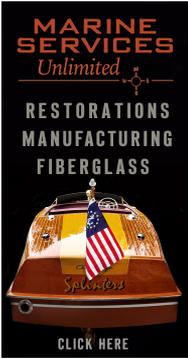
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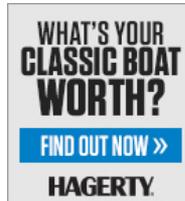
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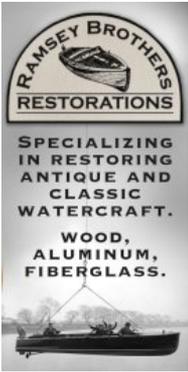


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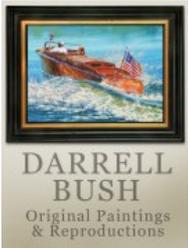


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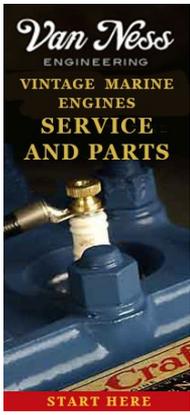


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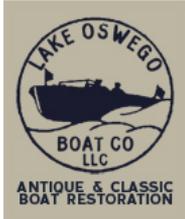
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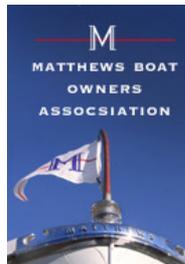
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