



Halifax Harbor Marina

at Daytona Beach

January

What an outstanding turnout we had for the Marina's Holiday Open House on December 5th. More than 220 of our boaters, their family and friends, along with Marina Staff braved the *perfect* weather to be together and eat! Sure beat the heck out of the 2006 party when the temps were low and the wind was howling. It was extremely pleasing to see how many of you took the time to stop by and say "HI!"

I would be remiss if I didn't thank Joe Egberg of Yacht Brokers for once again purchasing the special liquid refreshments that many of "us" enjoyed. Thanks Joe! You may not realize that Joe is quite the entrepreneur. In addition to his yacht brokerage business, Joe has



been selling, assembling, and shipping the Leg Lamp made popular in the '80's movie "A Christmas Story" since 1994. Maybe you have a big bay window that

could be enhanced by a Leg Lamp during the next Holiday Season. Check out Joe's web site at: www.amajoraward.com.

The Boat Show season is just around the corner. This year's 42nd Annual Central Florida Boat Show at the **North Concourse** of the **Orange County Convention Center** will be held February 19 – 22. Show hours are: Thursday & Friday: 12pm - 9pm, Saturday 10am – 9pm, and Sunday 10am – 6pm. Admission is \$8 for adults. Children 15 and under are free when accompanied by an adult. Thursday and Friday are half-price admission days from noon to 5pm. The Shows web site is: www.boatshowflorida.com.

Not to be outdone is the Miami International Boat Show & Strictly Sail. Show dates this year are February 12 – 16. I'm pretty certain that many of you have taken a day or two to mosey around the show, maybe not to purchase, but to simply enjoy the exhibits, beautiful vessels, and the hordes of people! The cost of visiting this show is a bit more than the Central Florida Show, but there's more to see! This year's admission is \$16 for Adults, \$6 for *Youts* © 13 – 15 years, kids under 12 are free. They also offer a 2-day pass for \$30.00. E-Tickets are available online by visiting www.miamiboatshow.com/tickets.aspx. The

show is open Friday – Sunday 10am – 8pm. Monday is 10am – 6pm.

Where and when is it not permissible to fuel your vessel? Before you answer that question, think about these. Ever witness a boat explosion? Did the big boom, smoke and flames make you shiver with fear? Did you feel panic, then panic galore, followed by a sinking feeling that there's not much you can do with the little water hose at dock? Was anyone hurt? Will the fire spread throughout the entire dock, or docks? Valid questions we hope you never have to answer. I can tell you from professional experience that there are a lot, and I mean a lot of the boat owners operating boats without having a clue about the dangers of vessel fueling. Fueling is a risky business that requires one to observe all the safety precautions. Gasoline fumes are sneaky. They don't respect us, nor do they care what damage they cause.



Okay, let's jump back to that first question. The answers are: AT YOUR SLIP and NEVER! Transfer of fuel anywhere within the marina; be it over the water or on the uplands is **strictly prohibited** within the marina, with the exception of the FUEL DOCK. The potential for explosion and water pollution while transferring flammables from portable containers far outweighs the monetary savings you may realize by purchasing gas at a discount station. Come see us when it's time to fuel your boat.

In 2007, Logan Diving inspected NC dock for structural integrity. Their report outlined the need for major work on the dock. Bad NC pilings were replaced in August, and on November 4th, City employees started work by removing sections of stringers, cross members, and decking material. Sections that have been replaced are level, sturdy, and visually appealing. This is a major undertaking for the employees, especially since they are not "dock builders" by trade. The grand plan is to rebuild all the North Basin docks one right after another. That's a best case scenario!

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