



Here I am, stuck with Newsletter writer's block. How do I start this eighth month's written word? Maybe a quick **Google** of "the month of August!" Jackpot! I had no idea that August is: National Catfish Month, National Golf Month, National Eye Exam Month, National Water Quality Month, Romance Awareness Month, Peach Month, and Foot Health Month. And that's just the beginning! Were you aware that there are 31 "Days of the Month?" I wasn't! Here are a few "days" to get excited about!

August 2-National Ice Cream Sandwich Day (*Yes!*)

August 5-National Mustard Day (*I like mustard!*)

August 6-Wiggle Your Toes Day (*In what?*)

August 7-Sea Serpent Day (*Keep looking!*)

August 8- Sneak Some Zucchini Onto Your Neighbor's Porch Night (*Be careful at night!*)

August 13-Blame Someone Else Day (*Only today?*)

August 15-National Relaxation Day and National Failures Day (*Interesting combo*)

August 21-National Spumoni Day (*Oh heck yeah!*)

August 27- Petroleum Day (*No comment*)

August 31-National Trail Mix Day (*Let's go!*) And

that's my opening!

SkipperBud's maintenance employee Kevin Glenn has been busy since June refurbishing the 33 fire hose cabinets on our South Basin docks. The cabinets were originally installed in 1989. They remain functional and are basically in good shape, but were in need of some TLC. It's pretty



obvious that the original red coating turned pinkish gray from years of exposure to the pigment removing rays. As Kevin began to sand the very first cabinet, the original color (deep red) reappeared; as if a coat had been removed. We hope that the cosmetic update will last for a number of years.



I'd be remiss if I didn't mention the boating related fatality that occurred near Disappearing Island over the July 4th weekend. Two boaters were overcome by carbon monoxide, aka "the silent killer," from the vessel's onboard generator. I'm not going to preach to experienced boaters about CO poisoning, because the Internet is loaded with valuable information on how to recognize and avoid becoming a victim of this exhaust related killer. We know that many of you enjoy anchoring out near Disappearing Islands and run your generator. We want our boaters to be aware of the deadly dangers of CO, so that you'll have many years of safe and enjoyable boating without tragedy. More

importantly, we want you, your family and guests to return to your slip with everyone safely onboard.

Having two maintenance employees named Kevin can sometimes be confusing. The other Kevin, Kevin



Roehl, spent the majority of his July work days repairing and replacing the cover boards on the finger piers at our boat ramp. Day in and day out he worked

diligently on the project that eventually took him to the floating slips next to the ramp, where he replaced yet more wood. We're certain that the users of the launch ramp will appreciate Kevin's hard work.

Here's one for ya. Ever heard of Korean Fungus? You've probably looked right at it and didn't think twice. We didn't know about the destructive organism until it was brought to our attention by Todd Stebleton of Universal Pest Control. The fungus attacks wood (pilings, etc.) well above the waterline and usually starts at the post deck joints on fixed docks. It will also form on tie off pilings. As this fungus eats into the post it leaves behind cellulous strands, effectively shredding the post or decking. The fungus is here and it's beginning to affect our pilings. Painting pilings (which we would never do) does not work since it traps and holds moisture, accelerating the damage. The only treatment to date consists of a nano-



technology coating called BIOXXN Wood Sealant. The BIOXXN forms a cross-linked glass-like layer that bonds and seals the wood. This process interrupts the life-cycle of the fungus by depriving it of moisture, oxygen, or the food source. There are five hundred seventy-seven wood pilings throughout both marina basins. That can lead to much fungus among us!

The City of Daytona Beach has received authorization from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the maintenance dredging of 18,040 cubic yards of spoil from the marina's south entrance channel. The dredging will return the channel to its original -8 feet at MLW. We anticipate that the Army Corps of Engineers will follow suit and issue the City their permit. On June 19th a City staffer made a presentation to the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) for grant funding assistance. Results are pending.

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