



Can it really be time for the Daytona 500 and the Miami Boat Show? Wow. Let's hope the annual events draw big crowds that spend wildly to help the struggling businesses in and around both venues.

Halifax Harbor Marina won't be the same after January 31, 2010. Captain Jim and Kathy Lindner have decided to end the operation of their business "A tiny Cruise Line" on January 31, 2010. The Lindner's have operated their 25' Rochester Launch named "Fancy" from the same Plaza Dock slip for 18-years! Captain Jim has provided thousands of people the opportunity to see our area in a different way; from the water. The Staff and crew of HHM wish you "farewell and following seas!"



As we're all aware, January brought us some of the coldest and longest lasting winter weather we've experienced in a long, long time. It's comforting to know that the snow/sleet won't last too long, and that there's really never anything to shovel. However, on January 9, 2010, it was looking like we may have had to man the snow shovels! Just look at the "mounds" ☺ of white stuff on the fuel dock entrance canopy!



Harbormaster Bob (a native Floridian) was so excited, he couldn't contain himself! Bob was so overcome by the massive snow removal task at hand, that he phoned me **early** Saturday morning to

tell me of the big event! Being a Michigander, I've seen more than my fair share of snow and ice, but this was history in the making! I told my wife she'd better break out "her" boots and grab the shovel, cuz the big one was here! She didn't see the humor in my request. Ha! (Of course I'm kidding!)

Freezing weather in states where year round boating is possible poses additional opportunities, challenges, and of course problems for marina operators and staff members. Harbormaster Bob, Kevin Roehl, Kevin Glenn and Mike Starinchuck, along with our dock attendants played "the" major role in keeping the exposed water pipes in the North & South Basins safe from freezing. Harbormaster Bob diligently and seemingly endlessly checked the North Basin docks throughout the entire problematic bad weather timeframe. Bob's extra effort to ensure

that everyone had water is greatly appreciated by me, and I know it is by you alike.



Don't forget to stop by the marina office and exchange your gate/bathroom key for a new one. Your current key(s) will only work until February 8th.

The U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 44 will be conducting FREE vessel safety check on the following dates: February 13th, April 10th, July 11th and October 9th. Auxiliary Members will be available from 9:00am – 2:00pm on the "cut through" road by the Daytona Beach Boat Club. An **ABOUT BOATING SAFELY** class will be offered the first Saturday of each month from 9 am to 5 pm. At the end of the class participants comply with [Florida boater education law](#) which states any boater born after January 1, 1988 must take an approved boating education class and receive their boater education ID card. Call: 386-760-5791 (Terry Aldridge) or Judi Bacon @ 386-248-8363 for more information.

Every January the marina is subjected to a compliance inspection by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Volusia County Environmental Management. The objective is to determine our conformity with the regulations pertaining to our fuel system, i.e.; fuel tanks, vents, fuel lines, fuel dispensers operation and accuracy, fueling hoses and monitoring equipment. Our fueling procedures and administrative tidiness are also reviewed for accuracy. I'm very pleased to announce that we passed the test with flying colors, and therefore we're able to fly the Clean Marina flag for another year.

Please allow me to thank those of you that took a piece of your valuable time to complete the 2009 Boater Satisfaction Survey. As the marina management entity for HHM, we take your comments seriously and have been successful in quickly correcting many past discrepancies. Please don't hesitate to email, call or fax me with a problem that you've encountered within the marina. It's easy to fix something if we're aware it's broken! We prefer to see your comments on a survey state that the problem you had was promptly fixed by the marina staff. Please don't wait a year to write down a problem on a survey. We are here to help you!

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