



Halifax Harbor Marina at Daytona Beach

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I think it's safe to assume that we're all aware that hurricane season started back on June 1st, and that most of us didn't celebrate or sponsor a parade in honor of that



day. So, what's your prediction on when the first major hurricane will arrive and where it will make landfall? I haven't got a clue! I'm just hoping that I

don't have to put up the plywood on the house this year! As we know, hurricanes aren't the only type of storms boaters need to be concerned with week in and week out. We recently had a storm blow up "all of a sudden" packing gusts of 50+ mph throughout the marina. As we watched the boats jerk back and forth on their lines, we were instantly reminded of the impact that a huge wind event could do to improperly tied boats. If you haven't done it yet, inspect your lines, replace them where needed, and never leave your boat secured in a half-hearted manner.

Let's talk juice for a minute. No, I'm not speaking of apple or orange juice, I referring to the electrical shore power for your boat. AC power to your boat is one, if not the most important service offered at any marina. Without it, going to the boat wouldn't be much fun. The electrical shore power cords and connections on the dock and boat are items that most people don't



think about on a daily basis. We usually take electricity for granted and don't pay attention to its worth and benefit until it's not there; not unlike experiencing a power failure at home. The electrical umbilical cord is a very important piece of equipment that should be examined and inspected on a regular basis for burning, scorching, and corrosion. Don't let your boat or your neighboring boats fall victim to an old, worn, and dangerous shore power cord. The

following link will take you to an excellent article written by Steve D 'Antonio for Professional Boatbuilder Magazine, which speaks directly on how to reduce the risk of using shore power. Do yourself a favor and take a second to reacquaint yourself with understanding the safe use of shore power.

<http://www.proboat.com/attention-to-detail-may-13-2010.html>

John Toft's construction barge, crane, and tug from New Smyrna Beach have been spud down in the North Basin awaiting authorization to begin work on the North and South in-river settling basins. The first week of July is the estimated start time. Toft's construction company will remove the existing gray retention walls, whalers and pilings, then rebuild the system. The settling basins help collect the turbidity, or suspended



solids from entering the yacht basins. A plumb-bob is not required to recognize that the wall, especially in the North Basin is leaning due to rotten pilings and deteriorated hardware. This Stormwater project has been off and on for many years. New protection will be in place this year thanks to a 50% project grant from the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND). FIND is the same group that will be funding half the cost of dredging our south channel later this year.

The litigation and mediation over the electrical upgrade project for J and Plaza docks finally came to fruition. Unfortunately, the mediator's finding did not go the way of the marina, the design consultant, or the contractor. The attorneys are happy; however, we continue to stand around wondering what happened. We finally figured it out...NOTHING! We will continue our efforts to find new funding for this important project.

Please enjoy your Fourth of July boating weekend. My contact information is phillipsm@codb.us, 386-671-3603, or 1-800-343-2899 ext. 3603. Be safe! Marc