



Halifax Harbor Marina

at Daytona Beach

June 2009

Quick History Review: Flag Day is the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777. It was officially *established* by the Proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson on May 30th, 1916. While Flag Day was celebrated in various communities for years after Wilson's proclamation, it was not until August 3rd, 1949, that President Truman signed an Act of Congress designating June 14th of each year as National Flag Day. If you have a flag at home, please take a moment to raise it on Sunday, June 14th.

Seems like every day someone is asking how the marina is doing with reference to occupancy. We're going through the same bumpy times as many other businesses. Marina front desk employees have been doing an excellent job backfilling vacated slips with new customers. Their persistence has paid off. Our occupancy rate has been holding just above 90% (510 occupied slips) for a couple months; however we still face a major uphill challenge in trying to regain 100%. As a positive, we've received a number of calls from snowbirds looking for a wintertime slip.

When Brad Parker of Parker Boats approached the marina with the thought of having an in-water boat show in May, the timing felt right.



New Sea Rays, Boston Whaler's & Grady Whites line the Show Dock

The Yacht Brokers Show Dock was down to just four boats after YB, Inc. sold some of their brokerage inventory. With the assistance of Paul Salvia from Sea Tow, Capt. Rick Anderau of Island Bound Marine Service and Capt. Wes Malone of Pro Boat the remaining boats were quickly relocated to other slips. We really appreciate their dedicated, trusted and never ending service to Halifax Harbor Marina.



Trailerable Boats Were Also On Hand for Viewing

Capt. Curt Fisher from Parker Boats worked his tail off staging the 12 in-water and 7 land displayed boats. Of course, he also had to remove them! It was a very organized, hence smooth operation. A steady breeze during the event days didn't deter the many people that visited the show. The great thing about an in-water show is the obvious benefit of being able to board and get a real feel for the boat. It also gives the non-boating public something to do! ☺

Repair of the north basin sea wall concrete cap should begin sometime around the beginning of June, possibly earlier. As you can tell by the photo, repairs are long overdue. We've been waiting for a Public Works crew from the City to do the repairs, but they are so shorthanded and overloaded that we opted to hire a contractor. A. G. Pifer Construction of Daytona Beach was selected to repair the cap. It's located next to the first sea wall dock when entering the marina from Beach Street.



A late March bathometric survey of the south basin indicated that a number of areas could use some dredging. It was back in the spring of '07 that we dredged the area in front of the boat ramps and between Plaza and SE docks. The last time the entire basin was dredged was in 1988. All told, the depths reported aren't "too" bad considering it's been twenty-one years. Dredging is one of those necessary evils that never come at a good time. With funding so tight, we can only cross our fingers that grant monies will be available to assist the City in paying for the job.

If you're in need of a private marine contractor to work on your boat *within the marina*, please be certain they are on our contractors list. The licensed and insured contractors can be found at: <http://www.halifaxharbor.net/contractor.htm>, or by picking up a contractors list at the marina office. These contractors have taken the time and dished out their money to obtain an Occupational License/s and insurance to protect themselves, you, your neighbors, and the marina.

My email remains phillipsm@codb.us, local phone 386-671-3603, or 1-800-343-2899 ext. 3603. Have yourself a great boating month of June! Marc