

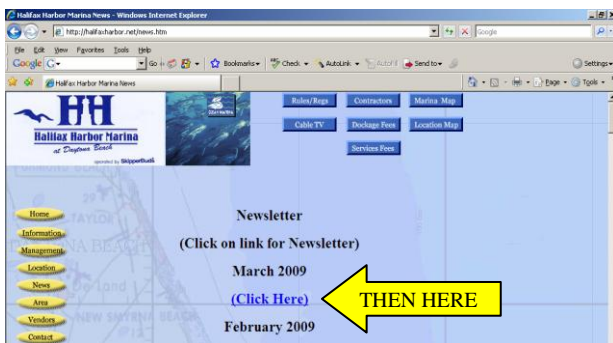


Halifax Harbor Marina

at Daytona Beach

April 2009

This will be *the last* Newsletter included in your monthly dockage invoice. From May 2009 forward, the monthly Newsletter will be available in .pdf format on our www.halifaxharbor.net web site. Follow the steps shown in the following screen shots.



This action will save the printing of more than 8000 copies of the Newsletter per year, thereby saving paper, toner, and time. It gives the marina a chance to expand on the Green Marina Award we were presented a few years back. *Copies of the Newsletter will be available in the marina office for folks that do not have access to a computer.*

So now, welcome to the freshness of April 2009! It's great to leave the winter of '09 well in our wake. We had way too many cold and freezing days for Florida residents and visitors to endure, however that didn't seem to stop a number of people from using their boats. We actually had a 4% increase in guest boaters over February 2008. And, when the weather was nice during the week, boating traffic was up. There's no question that the lower fuel prices have been a big help in deciding to go for a boat ride or to sit dockside. We're trying like crazy to keep the fuel prices down for you.

Speaking of fuel...our current fuel supplier told us that we will no longer be able to purchase

ethanol free 89 octane gasoline after May 1st. Since the fuel contract was expiring, we decided to have suppliers bid ethanol free 91 octane for your boats. Yes, it will cost more; however it will not deteriorate some fuel tanks and systems, and create engine problems. As I'm sure you've read; ethanol has not received any good reviews from those associated with the boating world. I don't know how long the 91 octane will remain ethanol free. I hope that the marine industry lobbyists will be able to persuade the governing body to relax Federal E10 gasoline mandates for boats in Florida.

For many years, the marina has required private contractors to carry liability insurance in order to work within the marina. As of April 1st, the contractors must provide in *addition* to their Certificate of Insurance, a copy of their current business tax receipt (formerly Occupational License). Please ensure that contractors you've hired to work on your boat have provided the marina office with the required tax receipts. If a contractor is found working within the marina after April 1st without the proper documentation on file, they will be *immediately* escorted off the dock. This means the work on your boat will come to a standstill. Please don't let that happen.

The non-judicial sale of two boats in the marina is on track for Saturday, April, 25th, 10:00am on the fuel dock. Information on the 1974 33' Irwin



Sailboat and the 1988 40' Silverton Aft Cabin Motor Yacht can be obtained in the marina office. This is an "as is" sale. **Boarding of these vessels before the designated time is strictly prohibited.** All requirements have been met to lawfully auction the vessels in accordance with State Statute 328.17. Information on non-judicial sales can be found @ www.flsenate.gov under the Statutes & Constitution tab to the left of the page.

Get out and enjoy the April weather on your boat! My email is phillipsm@codb.us. Marc