



Halifax Harbor Marina

at Daytona Beach

December 2009

The twelfth month has arrived! Time to put *up* the decorations and put *on* the food bag! By the way, did anyone see where the past eleven months went? Needless to say, if you find them you'll probably want to forget them, unless you were fortunate enough to experience some good things in your life this year. The lack of a hurricane season was a good thing! The fact that you're receiving this letter means you still have a boat; that's a good thing! The fact that you and your family members *may* still be gainfully employed... good thing! As we navigate our way through the gloomy news we hear each day, we must keep our heads above water, continue to fight the current, and keep moving forward.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention our Holiday Open House at least one more time! The



Picture courtesy of Paul Ivany

get together will be held Friday evening, December 4th from 6:30pm to 9:00pm, in and around the marina office and breezeway. We've already put in our request for nice weather!

The City's Internal Auditor (IA) recently completed a review and audit of the marina. It was SkipperBud's first inspection since being awarded the marina management contract. With the assistance of Harbormaster Bob, the IA began his task by walking every marina dock, tediously checking each vessel to determine vessel length and the utilities that were being used. This process took two full days in the hot September sun. Marina staff was then asked to reprint all customer invoices for the month of August. This allowed the IA to compare what he noted on the docks with what the customer was billed. Subsequently, in order to complete the circle, the staff reprinted all August dockage cash register receipts and attached them to the corresponding invoices. The IA was then able to tie 'n tie (as he put it) the invoices and receipts.

The IA also checked the ownership of vessels, the marina's adherence to City purchasing protocol, and a variety of operational and administrative procedures that generally

come with this type of an audit. Although the IA's report was two months in the making (some of the IA's time was lost due to previous commitments), I'm very pleased to pass on that there were NO discrepancies reported. The IA's findings are a direct reflection on the high ethical standards and good character of each and every SkipperBud's Halifax Harbor Marina employee. Inspections, audits, and reviews can be a snap when principles based on *truth, honesty, and integrity* are practiced on a daily basis.

Make sure to claim your 2009 Christmas Lighted Boat Parade viewing spot early. The parade, sponsored by the Halifax River Yacht Club will be held on Saturday, December 5th beginning at the Seabreeze Bridge at 6:30pm. The parade route will head downriver and proceed into our North Basin



for review by HRYC members and guests. After looping around they'll head for the South Basin to show off their decorations for our boaters and the throngs of people that line our banks. For more information please call HRYC @ 386-255-7459, or visit www.hryc.com. It'll be another great event sponsored by HRYC!

The City Property Maintenance employees that worked on NC dock have been assigned the mission of rebuilding portions of the Main Street



Troy checking over FD dock

Pier. So, we contracted for the removal and replacement of the existing decking and any bad wood and hardware found along the way on FD dock

immediately to the north of the Boaters' Lounge. Unfortunately, work on NA and NB docks, as well as City Dock has been put on the back burner until funding is made available.

Please feel free to contact me anytime at phillipsm@codb.us, or 386-671-3603 or 1-800-343-2899 ext. 3603. Happy Holidays! Marc