



Halifax Harbor Marina

at Daytona Beach

July 2009

I get an eerie feeling when I look out over the marina from my office. What I see this summer is the ongoing decline of our economy. There are too many vacant slips, too many vessel repossessions, too few new customers, and too few boat sales. This daily view is an instant and constant reminder of the brutal condition our country is in. We have a long and difficult row to hoe. I look forward to the day when our nation turns the corner onto the path of recovery.

Hurricane season is a subject that's of interest to all Floridians (both native and transplanted). We're now one month into the season and have already experience disastrous flooding, even before the season began! Everyone knows, but "probably" has at one point, overlooked the warnings of local emergency preparedness personnel to be ready! Maybe it's because we get bombarded with TV and print ads constantly harping at us to stock up on this, do this, do that; that we just pull down the shade. Fact is; those that heed the information are those that have the least to fear. When a storm is approaching and you're prepared, you obviously have less to worry about and can concentrate on the well-being of the family. Here are a few web sites you may find helpful, if and when the time comes to get informed.

<http://volusia.org/storm/>

<http://www.orangecountyfl.net/cms/dept/ocfrd/ocem/hurricaneprep.htm>

<http://www.prepareseminole.org/>

<http://www.brevardcounty.us/EOC/>

<http://www.flagleremergency.com/>

I know I don't have to tell you, but I will anyway. ☺ As seafaring folks you should already know about stowing all loose gear, both on deck and on the dock. Ensure your dock box is locked or wire tied so it doesn't blow open during a storm. Break out those extra fenders to protect your boat and our dock. Get rid of those stiff and deteriorated lines that should've seen the bottom of a dumpster years ago. Treat yourself to a new set. Make sure your double and triple up lines are in good shape. These are just as, if not more important than your

primary lines. Drop by one of the local marine stores and pick up that new gear you've been putting off for months. Look at it as cheap insurance to protect your investment, your neighbors, and the marina's. Apply chafing gear on your lines. This is a project, something that should not be done once the winds reach gale force! Need help with chafing gear? Harbormaster Bob will be glad to teach you Chafing Gear 101. Just give the marina office a call if you'd like Bob's assistance.

A hard working employee of A.G. Pifer Construction Company works to remove the existing concrete cap from the North Basin sea wall. Salt air/ moisture finally got the best of this section of the cap. Small cracks allowed the wetness to penetrate to the rebar, which rusted and expanded. This was the second section of cap to be replaced in the last few years. The sea wall itself appears to be in good condition for its 50 plus years of "life."



Over the Memorial Weekend and again during the first couple of weeks of June, we had the misfortune of experiencing fueling issues. The Memorial Weekend "disaster" stemmed from an electrical short in one of the fuel dock dispensers. Neither gasoline nor diesel was available. The June failure was due to a break in the gas supply line where it enters the fuel dock from the service ramp. We know that this created an inconvenience for many of our boaters, and we thank everyone that couldn't fuel those days for your kind understanding of our situation.

The rebuilding of North C dock was put on hold in May as City Property Maintenance dock builders were recruited to clean up a number of areas in Daytona Beach, including their own shop after heavy local flooding. The Public Works location, which houses Property Maintenance on Bellevue Avenue, wound up under many feet of water. The workers should return this month.

Have a Happy 4th of July! My email address is phillipism@codb.us; phone 386-671-3603. Marc

PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN TO MARINA OFFICE

CUSTOMER INFORMATION SHEET

Name _____ **Slip No.** _____ **Boat Name** _____

Address _____
Number Street City State Zip Code

Home Phone: _____ **Boat Phone:** _____
Area Code Number Area Code Number

Work Phones: _____
Area Code Number User's Name Area Code Number User's Name

Cell Phones: _____
Area Code Number User's Name Area Code Number User's Name

Area Code Number User's Name Area Code Number User's Name

Email Addresses: _____

Use this space for additional information or comment.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE!