

Newsletter

October 2009

Around the Dock

VISIT WEAVER'S AT
THE US POWER
BOAT SHOW IN
ANNAPOLIS, MD
OCTOBER 15-18
(TENT D-59)

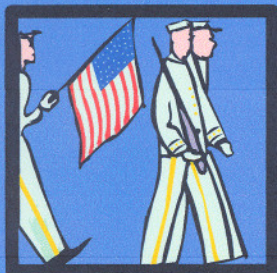
OCTOBER 31
HALLOWEEN



RETURNING TO
STANDARD TIME

Remember to turn
CLOCKS BACK
one hour on
Sunday, Nov. 1 at
2:00am
(Or before you go
to bed on
Saturday, Oct. 31)

NOVEMBER 11
VETERAN'S DAY



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BACK RIVER CLEAN-UP & RESTORATION

FALL SHRIMP FEAST
Held by
BRRC
Back River Restoration Committee
at **Hawks Pleasure Club**
430 Riverside Drive, Essex, MD 21221
Sunday, November 15th
1 pm - 5 pm
MUSIC BY DJ
Menu: Steamed Shrimp, Hot & Cold Buffet, Draft Beer & Soda
Donation: \$35.00 per person

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The 95/695 Project is estimated to be complete in 2010, this will eliminate most of the red clay and run off from the project and improve the water quality. For the next meeting (TBA), it is very important that as many people attend as possible. A committee has been established for the "Bug" problem. Members include: Mike Baumgartner of Riverside Marine, Mike Brewer of Brewer's Landing and Sam Weaver of Weaver's Marine Service. We have also contacted a manager at the Disposal Plant about the water conditions. In the next two years, some projects will be completed enabling the water in Back River to be much improved. We also asked them to supply their records from the last five years to see if there has been any change in the past four years (since we have begun to experience the "Bugs"). Also, we want the DNR to provide the same information. To help study the water conditions, we are asking some local universities to assist us in a solution for the bug problem.

The next Back River cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, November 7th - Essex Park and Ride 8am - 2pm.

For more info go to:
www.savebackriver.org

The BRRC will hold a Shrimp Feast on Sunday, November 15 from 1- 5 pm at Hawks Pleasure Club - 430 Riverside Drive in Essex (21221). For tickets (See Sam Weaver, Jeff Zahner or Dock Master Bill). Please attend this event to help raise money for the Back River Clean-Up and Restoration.

The Sue Haven Yacht Club traveled to Weaver's for the Riverside Yacht Club Frost Bite Cruise held on the weekend of Oct. 9-11. A great time was had by all.

Weaver's Fall Gas Pier Hours:
(As of October 19th) will be:
Monday - Saturday 8am - 5pm
Closed on Sundays & Holidays

BACK RIVER...ITS FOR THE BIRDS

The two new poles, driving north of the North Pier are to be used for birds (such as Eagles and Osprey) nesting in the spring. We may be able to enjoy watching them build their nests and anticipate the arrival of their "Little Ones".

Just to know...government agencies remove all of the abandoned bird nests from the navigational aids. If they did not remove them, sooner or later you would not be able to see the buoy markers.



DOGS AROUND THE DOCK

"Dock Dog" Molly is a precious, Mini-Schnauzer. She and her family, Eric & Joan Johnsen are from York, PA. They enjoy spending time on their boat, "Inspector's Gadget III" in Slip #112 and consider Weaver's a second home.

"Dock Dog" Annabelle is a beautiful, 5 year old Doberman pinscher. She and her family, Al & Sue O'Brien are found aboard the "Nancy B" in Slip # 37. "If you bring me treats, I will be your friend" - Annabelle.

“BOATING BLUNDERS”

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BOATING BLUNDERS

By: Jim Rabey

“Still in the Mood” Slip #51

I'll jump in with one of my blunders to share with my friends. In July 2007, we took delivery of our current boat in Ft. Lauderdale Florida. – A 50' boat with a 4.5 foot draft and over 20' tall.

As we approached Charleston, South Carolina, (where we planned a several-day stopover to visit family), we knew the tides were getting taller (average of eight feet in Charleston), but I didn't “understand” how much tidal current velocity exists to get an eight foot tide in and out. In trying to get into a slip at a Charleston marina, (at the recommendation of a very “unhelpful” marina dockhand) we got broadside to the current and there was nothing to do but bump into two slipped boats. Yep, I did a bit of damage to a sailboat there (bent stern railing) and a couple of scratches to my boat (no big deal). The “worst part” was sitting there for 2-1/2 hours until ebb tide to get out of that “pinned to the dock” position. Was everyone in the marina staring at us??

We finally got the boat into a slip and enjoyed the two days with family members. While we were stuck, I took a number of photos of the scene, primarily so I would remember about large tidal currents. A few weeks later, I got a call from my insurance company stating that the sailboat owner was claiming much damage (cracked hull, loss of an outboard motor and grill, etc.) I sent the pictures to the agent showing the outboard and grill still in place and only minor damage to the railing.

SUMMARY:

<i>Damage to the vessel:</i>	<i>Relatively minor to the sailboat, only scratches on mine.</i>
<i>Damage to my wallet:</i>	<i>See Below</i>
<i>Damage to my ego:</i>	<i>Tremendous</i>

LESSONS TO BE LEARNED:

- 1. My lack of experience with the “new” boat was certainly a factor.*
- 2. I did not have a clear understanding of the massive tidal currents at this location.*
- 3. Listening to a dockhand's directions without critically thinking about the possible results.*
- 4. Take photos where there could be later disputes.*

The damage to the wallet wound up being zero...once the insurance agent saw the photo; he denied the entire sailboat owner's claim and was to prosecute the guy for insurance fraud.

*Do you have a BOATING BLUNDER that you are willing to share?
If so email to: gcover@weaversmarine.net*