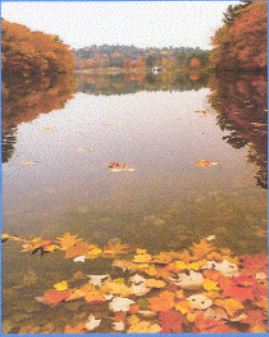


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September 2009

Around the Dock

SEPTEMBER 22
AUTUMN BEGINS



Attention Fishermen & Fisherwomen:

The Old Farmer's Almanac says that Sept 18 through Oct 4, will offer some of the best fall fishing ever. This is because the tides are restless between the first day of the new moon through the day of the full moon. They also suggest that the first hour before the turn of the tide and the first hour of an ebbing tide are perfect for fishing because fish feed mostly at that time.

So, let's go fishing!

OCTOBER 12
COLUMBUS DAY



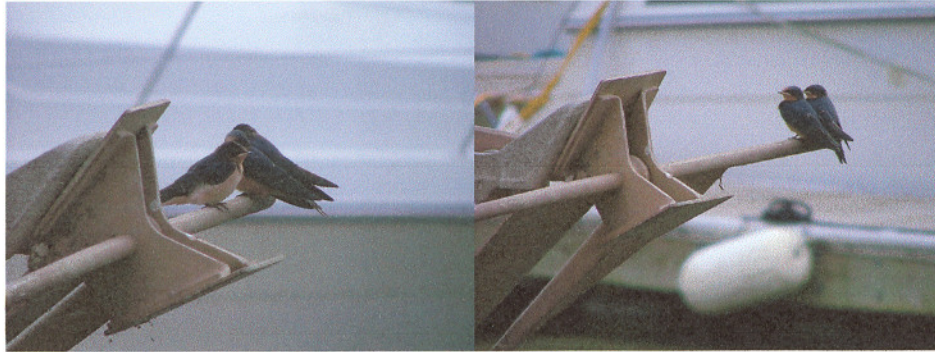
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BACK RIVER CLEAN-UP & RESTORATION



More than 225 volunteers were on hand August 28 -30, to improve the conditions of Back River. Many participants came from communities along the river. Holly Neck Conservation Association was represented by 20 volunteers and Eastern Technical High School sent 98 willing junior and senior varsity athletes to help out. The volunteers from Weaver's Marine Service and the Riverside Yacht Club (who "got dirty" for a worthy cause) included; Sam Weaver, Jeff Zahner Sr., Bill Garrison, Vernon McCarty, Charlene Thurbon, Mike and Meg Abendschoen, Tim Dakin, Allan Webb and Lori Whaley. Working in the rain, members of the Back River Restoration Committee aided by county employees, pulled out a tire three times larger than usual from the river. Mounds of tires and tree debris adorned the landscape. Captain Jerry, President of the Back River Restoration Committee, explained that removal of tree debris provided an opening for the two to four thousand bottles to float down the river from the City. He plans to ask Baltimore City Mayor Sheila Dixon what is being done with the \$1.8 million given to the City by the government for Back River cleanup. Donated equipment for the restoration effort included: a crane with a platform, a barge, several boats and Baltimore County supplied three all-terrain vehicles. Emergency police and fire trucks were also on hand. The next cleanup is scheduled for January or February.

BACK RIVER...ITS FOR THE BIRDS



Swallows on the anchor of "Top Duck"

Thanks to our local "Bird Watchers", Tim and Carol Dakin (Slip # 43), who took these beautiful pictures of nature at Weaver's Marina.

DOGS AROUND THE DOCK



"Dock Dogs"

CiCi (5yrs.) & Chloe (6yrs.) are adorable Dachshunds who were rescued (to a better life) by their loving family, "The Stansfields". The girls are getting "geared up" to sail on the "Santosa", located in Slip #99.



"Dock Dog" Roo is a beautiful, 10 month old Australian Sheppard. She loves riding in the boat with her family, "The Bauers" and spends time hanging out with them at Weaver's Marina in Slip # 85 on the "VIP Viscount".

"BOATING BLUNDERS"



MORE BOATING BLUNDERS

By: Dock master - Bill Garrison

What is a **BOATING BLUNDER**? It is a boating incident which involves **NO** injury to people but injury to at least two out of three of the following:

- The boater's vessel
- The boater's wallet
- The boater's ego

Since no one else has been so bold (or foolish) to submit their own boating blunder, I guess it's still my turn to offer another sad saga of my own, so here goes-

In the fall of 2007, I purchased the boat that I now live aboard, a 1984 – 38' Chris Craft Corinthian. It was a "fixer-upper" that had been donated to the "Living Classrooms Foundation" and I got a real deal on it. It came factory equipped with four bilge pumps (really! count them), each with their own off/on/auto switches located on both the upper and lower stations for a total of eight switches. I know this sounds excessive, but I never heard of a boat sinking because it had too many bilge pumps!

One of my first tasks was to get all of them working, which required one new pump, one new indicator bulb and two new bilge pump float switches. I had wired the last switch and was ready to screw it down, when I dropped the screw into the bilge. After a few "choice" words, which are unsuitable for this newsletter, I reach down into the bilge water, immediately found the lost fastener and began screwing it into the existing hole. Shortly, I realized something was wrong because I was turning and turning and turning the screwdriver without end. Yikes! I must have fished out a longer screw than the one I had dropped. I backed it out of the hole and as it emerged it was followed by a small fountain of water which shot up about a foot into the air. I had accidentally drilled a hole in the bottom of my boat!

Fortunately, I had in my parts box, a stick of two-part epoxy putty and I immediately cut off a section about an inch long, kneaded the two-part mixture into a nebulous blob, pressed it into the hole and held it in place with my finger until it hardened. Whew! Wow! This stuff really works. Don't leave the dock without it! It's available in our parts department.

SUMMARY:

Damage to the vessel:	None, not really
Damage to my wallet:	\$1.00
Damage to my ego:	Immeasurable

LESSONS TO BE LEARNED:

1. Exercise **EXTREME** caution when installing any fastener below the waterline.
2. A tiny hole can permit a lot of water to flow in.
3. Clean your bilge of any stray objects, debris and oil.
4. Always carry a stick of epoxy putty on board.

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