



THE COVE

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NEWS AND EVENTS FROM CASWELL COVE MARINA.

Please note: March's Board Meeting has been moved to March 22!

Welcome to the introductory issue of *The Cove*, the new Caswell Cove Marina newsletter. Our objectives with the newsletter are to keep our members updated on the comings and goings around the marina, introduce new dock mates, and communicate a little news about our captains, first mates and crew along with local happenings on Long Island Sound and the Housatonic River. In addition, our readers are encouraged to share information that either benefits our boating enjoyment or enhances our safety on the water. If you wish to include something in the newsletter, send your information to Michele at caswellcovemarina@gmail.com and our editors will consider if it meets our criteria and/or there is space available in the next or future issues. In the meantime, we hope you enjoy this first issue and find our newsletter interesting and informative.

BOARD MEETINGS
ARE HELD IN THE
MARINA
CLUBHOUSE
SECOND TUESDAY
OF EACH MONTH



NEXT MEETING:
March 22rd at 7:00PM
Owners are encouraged to attend!

Board Members

Dave Brickley – Commodore
Tony Faresich – R. Commodore
Paul Viscount – Treasurer
Tat Murphy – Secretary
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Shrink Wrap Recycling

Don't throw out your shrink wrap – we are going to try to get it recycled – please coordinate with the Marina Manager. Wood framing can be cut up to 3' lengths and put in the dumpster

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OPENING DAY IS AROUND THE CORNER!

Weather permitting; we expect the clubhouse to be open around April 1 and the water on the docks no later than April 15. Remember - please furnish the marina manager with your insurance and boat registration information **prior** to bringing your boat in for the season. All renters must have their rental agreements filled out and fees paid prior to April 15 and **prior** to bringing in your boat. Please visit our website at caswellcovemarina.org to familiarize yourself with the rules and regulations of the marina under Association News. We look forward to seeing you for a great warm and sunny 2011 season!!

Capt. Dave's Boating Tips

Spring Launch Preparations

- ✚ Check your seacocks for cracks and other damage, particularly around the ball valve - these often crack due to freezing and can quickly sink a boat. Be especially diligent if your boat has been in the water all winter with the seacock closed - it may have frozen and cracked.
- ✚ Check all thru hull fittings below and especially near the water line. Check inside and out for signs of cracks or defects, especially plastic thruhulls near the water line.
- ✚ Replace all old seawater hoses from seacocks to engines, generators, waste overflows, AC systems, etc and hoses from deck drains. An old hose that looks good on the outside could be ready to fail without any visible warning.
- ✚ Make sure all seacocks operate (open and close) easily.
- ✚ Make sure all hoses connected to thru hull fittings below the water line or at the water line are double clamped. Inspect the clamps and replace with new ones if needed.

Nothing worse than surviving the winter only to have the boat sink as soon as you launch her!

Calender of Events

The Board is currently working on the 2011 Events Calendar.

Upcoming events will be noted here as well as on our website

St. Patrick's Day Parades:

March 13 – 1 pm Milford Green
March 14 - 1 pm New Haven
March 17 - 11 am New York City

April 2 (weather permitting) – Boat cover removal party – anyone who wintered over – lets meet at the marina and pull off our winter covers and have our 1st spring party!!!!

Commissioning Day Party - TBD



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WINTER AT THE COVE

Winter at the Cove this year has been one of the toughest in many years. Lots of snow & ice, and then more snow & ice. This year, we experienced ice 10 inches thick in some areas and snow on the docks thigh deep! However, our bubbler system kept chugging along – thanks to a few new motors and compressors and Dave P.'s expertise in keeping the system running properly – and we made it through with no damage to our pilings or docks.

This year we had 17 boats winter over in the water. Despite having to deal with all the snow and ice and the incessant hurricane force winds this year, almost everyone made it through unscathed. We had one small boat spend a couple weeks on the bottom, but it was eventually rescued and re-floated. The boat is a mess as you might expect. We had 2 other boats almost go under, but these were pumped out and saved in time. All 3 problem boats were due to the boats not being covered and left unattended by their owners.

Wintering over takes preparation and close attention to the vessel by their owners, but for many of us, it is the only way to store your boat – but it is not for the unprepared, as the weather shows no mercy!

The Cove can be a beautiful place in the winter, especially with the winter ducks and glistening sun off the ice, but can also be very cold and very scary!



If you have any comments, concerns, or suggestions regarding the Newsletter or Website, feel free to contact us at caswellcovemarina@gmail.com or contact our marina manager @ davidp@soundmarinesolutions.com. All issues of the "The COVE" and the minutes of all Board meetings are available on our website @ www.caswellcovemarina.org.