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DINGHY DOCK REMINDER

Those members with inflatable dinghies are enjoying the use of our new dinghy docks this year. They have been a vast improvement helping to keep the dinghy bottoms clean and it sure is convenient not having to pump water out of the dinghy after every rain storm.

Please note that there is still some room for a few more dinghies on the A-dock dinghy dock, for those still looking for a space. If you need space on the dinghy dock, please contact the marina manager to get an assignment.

Please remember our rules:

1. Use of the dinghy docks is reserved for inflatable dinghies and RIBs only
2. Weight of dinghy and motor cannot exceed 250 lbs
3. The dinghy cannot overhang onto the concrete docks to which it is fastened or impede access on any of the docks or fingers
4. Dinghies cannot exceed 11 feet in length
5. Dinghies must be tied down by the bow to the cleat (provided)
6. Dinghy spaces are assigned on a 1st come, 1st serve basis. Please do not use a space assigned to another member, only keep your dinghy in your assigned space.
7. The dinghy must be registered in the name of the slip owner or renter to whom the space is assigned.
8. All dinghies must be in good condition and maintained in fully inflated condition – dinghies shall not be filled with trash or junk
9. **No fueling of dinghies on the dingy docks or anywhere in the marina**
10. Personal items shall not be stored on any of the dinghy docks or fingers

Visitors and Overnight Guests

Many of you from time to time wish to have friends visit you here at Caswell by boat. We certainly welcome visitors to our marina, but please remember the following:

- Do not park your friend's boat in another members slip, even if it has been empty for some time, unless you have permission to do so. Visitors can dock on either the D-dock or C-dock T-heads.
- We request that visitors leave by evening, do not leave the boat at our docks overnight without permission.
- We can accommodate occasional overnight and weekend guests – you must 1st make arrangements with the marina manager and your guest will be assigned a slip for the night.
- Members must remain with their guests at all times and the owner of the visiting vessel must remain at the marina.
- Members are responsible for the actions of their guests and guests are expected to obey our rules as well.

BOARD MEETINGS

ARE HELD IN THE MARINA CLUBHOUSE **SECOND TUESDAY** OF EACH MONTH



NEXT MEETING

July 12 at 7:00PM

August 9 at 7:00 PM

Owners are encouraged to attend!

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Is there something you would like to be featured in an issue of *The Cove* or on www.caswellcove.org ?



If so, please contact us with your idea or finished product!
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Fish Story

A pair of Rhode Island anglers were fishing with live eel on Sunday, 6/22/2011 when one of them caught a 77-lb., 4-oz. striper. Peter Vican, who in 2008 caught a 76-lb, 14-oz. striped bass and set the RI State record for largest striper, bested his old mark with a monster 77-pounder. If the weigh-in holds up to official scrutiny, the fish would be the second-largest striper ever on rod and reel. This is just 1.4 pounds shy of the existing world-record fish taken by Albert McReynolds in 1982. So, where do we get those live eel???



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Connecticut Coastal Boater Endorsement Program

Today, boating on Connecticut's Long Island Sound is easier than ever thanks to modern electronics. But, have you considered, what if they fail? This situation may need for you to quickly depend on the time-tested methods of the past. These navigation methods form the basis that today's modern electronics rely upon. If your electronics fail, having a basic understanding of navigation and plotting methods could possibly save your life and those of others.

To further promote safety on our coastal waters, the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is sponsoring the Connecticut Coastal Boater Endorsement Program. This program seeks to recognize and reward those boaters who have chosen to further their boating education.

Boaters who complete a course in basic navigation will receive the Coastal Boater Endorsement decal to be placed on their Safe Boating Certificate or Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation.

There is no fee for the endorsement. It is simply the DEP's way of recognizing and thanking those who have taken the extra time to learn more about boating safety in our waters. In addition, your efforts may be rewarded further by a decrease in insurance rates. The completion of one of the following classes will give you a Coastal Boater Endorsement Decal for display:

US Coast Guard Auxiliary

Boating Skills & Seamanship (must include Chapter 9)
Basic Coastal Navigation
Advanced Coastal Navigation

US Power Squadron - The Squadron Basic Boating Course - Boaters who have completed this course in the past and have also completed either the Seamanship or Piloting course, can obtain a decal by taking the Marine Electronics course (since 2002).

Other Approved Courses - Basic Coastal Navigation Courses taught through the Connecticut Community College system are also approved. Many Basic Coastal Navigation Courses taught by Private Education Providers may also qualify. If you are considering taking one of these classes, contact the provider and ask if they are certified and if they issue the decal. For more information, go to <http://www.ct.gov/dep>.

New Parking Lot Lights Coming!

For your safety and convenience, we will be installing 2 new parking lot lights on the far end of the parking lot. The conduit and light pole bases have been installed and the poles are expected to be installed within the next week.

Event Calendar

TBD – 1st Aid & CPR Course – has your certificate expired – let us know if you want to get certified or if you are up for renewal and we will arrange a class.

TBD – We are going to be planning a Taco party in the very near future. We have a local restaurant who will bring us all the fixings and you can assemble your own Taco! The cost will be \$10 per person and reservations will be required. We will keep you posted when we get the date set!



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SWIMMING AROUND DOCKS CAN BE DANGEROUS

Every summer, several people are killed or injured when attempting to swim in and around docks. On a hot summer day, the temptation to jump off your boat and go swimming is great, but it is a very bad idea when your boat is tied up to the docks.

Many instances of electrocution occur every year, and all marinas place prohibitions on swimming around their docks for that reason. Remember – you are surrounded by boats that are plugged in to some pretty hefty electrical power. Boats are grounded by way of the water, through their propellers, rudders, etc and by grounding plates on the bottom of the boat. Not all boat wiring systems are in perfect shape, and bad wiring or bad grounding can lead to stray electrical currents flowing between boats and between the boats and marina wiring. These stray electrical currents can be strong enough to kill you, or shock you enough that you can't swim and therefore drown.

Also note that in many marinas, as is Caswell Cove, the main electrical wiring is in contact with the water along the docks. Although we inspect the wiring regularly, there is always a chance that an area of worn insulation, bad connection, or other wiring flaw can lead to stray electrical currents. These can be deadly!

There was an incident in a Connecticut River marina a few years back when a young boy dove into the water around the docks and started screaming he was being stung by something. His father dove into help him and both father and son succumbed to electrocution and drowning – it was a sad summer day for the patrons of that marina.

There are additional reasons why it is unsafe to swim in and around a marina as well:

- Boat traffic is an obvious hazard. We have many large boats coming and going from the docks and maneuvering in and out of their slips. The dangers of swimming in areas of heavy boat traffic should be obvious.
- Jumping off boats and docks can lead to serious injury; you can slip and fall, or fall and hit another boat or the dock.
- You should never jump or dive into water that you don't know what is on the bottom. Our water is only 6 feet deep at low tide. Our bottom is full of soft silt which can trap objects such as sticks and other debris. You can easily be impaled or seriously injured by jumping onto something you can't see.
- Water quality - water in and around docks and marinas isn't always of the highest quality. Think about all the bilge pumps; does the boat next to you have a holding tank? The 2 guys on either side of you just washed their boats – do you really want to go swimming in all that???

When it is hot out and the temptation to go swimming hits you, take the opportunity to take the boat for a ride, find a nice safe place on the river to take a dip and enjoy yourself, please do not swim at our docks.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Long Island Conservation and Preservation

The Long Island Seaport and Eco Center (LISEC) is focused on the conservation of Long Island Sound and preservation of Long Island's maritime heritage which is in keeping with its Mission. It supports and sponsors projects and activities to raise awareness of the area's nautical history and the environment, while educating our youth and keeping alive the spirit of community involvement. Currently LISEC is heavily involved with its ever expanding wooden boat restoration and building activities housed in the Bayles Boat Shop, located in Port Jefferson's Harborfront Park. Its involvement with Adopt-A-Beach, Shellfish Restoration, Go Green Events, using the Sound and Harbor as a Learning Laboratory is part of its ever expanding outreach.

LISEC membership is available to all who wish to expand their knowledge and wrap themselves in the past and future of Long Island's marine environment.....They invite you to... *Come join the journey!*

Bayles Boat Shop at Harborfront Park is open for business
Wednesdays and Saturdays 9 AM - 12 Noon
All are welcome to visit. For more information call: 631-474-4725 Or Visit: www.lisec.org

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