



# THE COVE

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## NEWS AND EVENTS FROM CASWELL COVE MARINA

### Board Volunteers Needed

If anyone is interested in joining the Executive Board, there is still time to throw your hat in the ring before election time at the end of the month. The only qualifications are you must be a Unit Owner, and you must be able to meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7PM at the clubhouse. No prior experience or special knowledge is required, just the desire to help out in the affairs of the Association. (psst. don't tell anyone, but it is actually fun and interesting!)

### SLIP OWNERS ANNUAL MEETING - OCTOBER 29, 2011

The annual meeting of the Caswell Cove Marina slip owners is scheduled for Saturday, October 29 at the marina clubhouse. The meeting starts at 9 AM. All slip owners are invited to attend. The purpose of the meeting is:

- Elect new members to the Executive Board
- Vote to approve the FY 2012 annual operating budget
- Review the proposed 5 year capital expenditure plan.

We ask that all slip owners to please try and attend. If you cannot attend, then **PLEASE** send in your proxy form so that we may count your vote.

Please remember we need at the owners of at least 22 slips present either in person or by way of proxy in order to hold a meeting. If we can't get enough people together, we will have to reschedule, so please try to attend!

### End of Another Boating Season is Upon Us

Where did summer go? Seems like it just got here and poof....its gone! We hope everyone had a great summer season ☺

As a reminder, the season ends on October 31, and we ask that everyone start vacating their slips as soon after 10/31 as possible so we can work on preparing the marina for the winter months. Please remember to:

- ✓ Remove all personal belongings, hoses, power cords, fenders, lines, etc from the docks
- ✓ If you are returning next year, you may leave your dock box, but please make sure it is bolted down (it gets windy down here!)
- ✓ Remove your dinghy or jet skis
- ✓ MAKE YOUR RESERVATION FOR NEXT YEAR!!!!

We look forward to seeing you all again next summer. Let's hope this winter is more forgiving than last year, and hopefully – very, very short!

Thank you!

Do we have your e-mail address? Make sure we can send you all the latest news and advice – call us at 203-876-9880 or e-mail us and we will add you to our list.

### BOARD MEETINGS

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



### NEXT MEETING

**November 8 at 7:00PM**

*Owners are encouraged to attend!*

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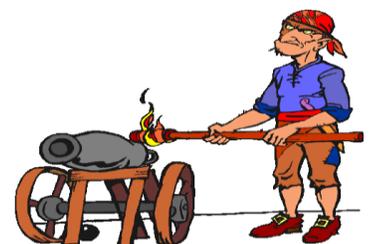
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### Capt. Dave's Boating Tips

Wintering over in the water? Here are some important tips.....

1. Over the years, we have experienced a number of boat sinking's at our docks during the winter. The common denominator has always been that the boat was not covered. Have your boat shrink-wrapped – a good cover is really important to preventing snow and ice from accumulating on your boat. The weight of the snow will push your scuppers and deck drains under water and then...*down she goes* – it happens really fast! Shrink-wrap or a custom canvas cover works best as they are tight enough so they don't sag under the weight of the snow. Shrink-wrap is best as snow slides off very easily. Tarps just do not work well. Unless you build a very sophisticated framework and develop a system for keeping the tarp tight, the snow and ice will very quickly collapse it. Also the wind during the winter will quickly loosen a tarp and rip it to shreds. Trust me on this one – I have been here for 18 winters and have seen every type of makeshift cover you can imagine – they just don't work! Invest in shrink-wrap; your boat is worth it!
2. If you have deck or cockpit drains that drain via a hose to a thru-hull on the side of the hull, be extra careful. These deck drains will get water in them and then freeze. This results in the cockpit not being able to drain which will allow water to accumulate and weigh down your boat and push it under water –hence the importance of a good cover. Also, the hose connecting to the thru-hull will probably burst due to the ice and then all the water goes into your bilge and *down she goes!*
3. Do not rely on your bilge pumps – make sure they work, but any water leaks into your bilge should be fixed before winter or the boat hauled. Bilge pump discharges will freeze, blocking the discharge hose and then the pump can no longer pump, allowing water to keep accumulating in the bilge.
4. Winterize your engines – if you do not know how, hire someone to do it right for you. If you have fresh water cooled engines, make sure the engine antifreeze is up to par – test it and replace it if it is no good. Pump antifreeze through all the raw water portions of the engine cooling systems. If you have a raw water cooled engine, winterize with anti-freeze and then drain the block. Winterizing I/O's is especially tricky in the water.
5. Make sure you winterize sea strainers and seacocks. Drain all the water from your sea strainers and put some antifreeze in them. Also, it is important to make sure you pump antifreeze through your seacocks or the ball valve will freeze. I have seen seacocks freeze because of a little water left in the ball valve – it will split it wide open and uh-oh! Some seacocks are fitted with a removal port (Groco's) that you connect a hose to winterize your engines and strainer and seacock. If you don't have this feature, try this... when you finish winterizing your engines, close the seacock and pull the hose off the top of the seacock. Place another, longer hose (at least 3- 4 feet) onto the seacock and clamp it. Using a funnel, hold the end of the hose as high as you can and fill the hose with marine antifreeze (non-toxic stuff). Open the seacock and allow some of the antifreeze to drain back through the seacock. As long as the end of the hose is above the water line it will drain back through the open seacock – you can force it by blowing on the end of the hose if you like. Close the seacock quickly before seawater can come back up into the seacock.
6. Do not rely on bilge heaters. We do not condone the use of these as they can be a fire hazard. Your boat should be properly winterized so that use of heaters is not needed. If we get a big storm and lose power for a few days... (hmmm, when was the last time that happened????), your boat will freeze like beer left in the freezer too long and OUCH – new engines!
7. All the above also applies to all the other systems on your boat, air conditioning, toilet intakes and discharge thru-hulls, water systems, generator, etc. It is not a small job – if you do not know what you are doing –hire someone!

Remember one important thing – winter at CCM can be brutal – we get lots of ice and the wind blows hard continuously – make sure you check your boat very often. I love keeping my boat in the water over the winter, but I also know the difficulties and challenges, some of which I learned the hard way! Also please remember, the clubhouse is closed right around thanksgiving, there are no bathrooms or place to get in out of the weather. We do not typically plow the parking lot or shovel the docks so footing can be treacherous – just a warning for those who have not done this before! The cool thing is, when Spring comes, you're the 1<sup>st</sup> one in the water!

**For those of you staying in the water –we are having a Captains meeting on Saturday, 10/29 @ 10AM to go over winter storage rules and to provide assistance to anyone who might want it – we recommend anyone staying the winter with us to attend!**



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### Coast Guard Survey Targets Recreational Boaters

It was announced in the September 27<sup>th</sup> issue of **Soundings** that the Coast Guard is conducting its 2011 National Recreational Boating Survey.

The survey questionnaire is being sent by mail to select owners of U.S.-registered recreational boats. The market research firm ICF Macro is also calling the general public from call centers across the United States and asking them to participate in the survey over the telephone.

The survey is aimed at the Coast Guard's strategic plan to reduce fatalities, injuries, and property damage from recreational boating accidents. Survey questions are designed to gather information on the extent of public participation in recreational boating and to identify trends, risks and causal factors related to boating accidents: for example, inclement weather, boat defects, on-the-water hazards and high-risk boater behaviors. All information collected will be used by the Coast Guard solely for the development of statistical summaries. Those who would like information on the survey are asked to contact Philippe Gwet at (202) 372-1102 or by e-mail at [philippe.gwet@uscg.mil](mailto:philippe.gwet@uscg.mil).

### 9/11's Maritime Heroes

With the tenth anniversary of 9/11 having just past, a short documentary film, the "Boatlift" has surfaced on the internet. It is about the remarkable evacuation by boat of more than 500,000 people in nine hours from the seawalls of lower Manhattan on September 11, 2001. The numbers eclipse those of the famous retreat from Dunkirk during World War II. The evacuation never really got the attention it deserved. It goes a long way toward elevating the efforts of those who took part that day.

Documentary filmmaker Eddie Rosenstein produced the film and actor Tom Hanks narrated it. It premiered at the Center for National Policy's 9/11 Ten Year Anniversary Summit in Washington, D.C.

The film opens with the unforgettable voice of Vincent Ardolino, captain of the Amberjack V, a 92-foot excursion boat. It shows the captains and crews of tugs, ferries, excursion boats, party boats and pleasure boats performing bravely and competently during one of this country's darkest, most unsettling moments. With New York in the throes of fear, these men and women raced smack into uncertainty to assist their shocked brethren, who were desperate to flee the island. Their actions amid the chaos were Herculean and heroic. If you haven't seen it, consider checking it out at the following link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MDOrzF7B2Kg>.

### CASWELL COVE MARINA HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY

**OUR ANNUAL END OF SEASON DE-COMMISSIONING PARTY THIS YEAR WILL BE CELEBRATED ON HALLOWEEN WEEKEND**

**COME ALL PIRATES, SCALLIWAGS, AND DENIZENS OF THE SEA - JOIN IN THE FUN, WEAR YOUR CRAZIEST COSTUME AND CELEBRATE THE END OF ANOTHER FANTASTIC BOATING SEASON**

**SNACKS, OR'DOURVES, AND FINGER FOODS WILL BE CATERED BY LASSE'S RESTAURANT**

**DATE: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2011**

**TIME: 7:00 PM**

**PLACE: CASWELL COVE MARINA CLUBHOUSE**

**PLEASE RSVP!!!!**

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