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NEWS AND EVENTS FROM CASWELL COVE MARINA

The Word on Wakes

Every prudent marina should be aware of the danger of their boat's wake. Boating in confined waterways such as the Housatonic River means paying even more attention to your speed and your wake. Far too many boaters seem oblivious to their wake, often either going to fast in confined waters or near other boaters, or thinking they are going slow, but instead going at just that right speed where the boat "squats" and makes a larger than normal wake. Your wake travels great distances away from your boat and can have impacts on other boats, the shoreline and other people long after you have gone by. The USCG reports that an average of 193 persons dies and that an average of 211 boating accidents occurs each year as a direct result of someone's wake.

A few recommendations:

- Obey no wake zones – don't just slow down, reduce speed to the point where there is little or no wake from your boat. No wake zones are there to protect other boaters and shore side structures such as docks and marinas or in areas of traffic and congestion. Anyone who has been waked when sitting in a boat at a dock knows how bad a wake can be to a moored boat – a relatively small wake can create a bit of damage or cause injury because the occupants of the boat are not expecting to be waked.
- Don't speed in narrow channels or shallow water – your wakes are larger and will have serious impacts on shoreline erosion.
- Reduce speed when passing boats anchored or fishing. Your wake can cause serious damage or knock someone overboard. Any of us who has rafted up with other boats and been waked by some inconsiderate boater knows just how bad a wake can damage the boats tied together or injure persons on the boats or swimming around the boats. Especially be aware of kayakers and canoes and people in small boats – you can easily swamp or roll one of those small vessels over with your wake.
- On the Housatonic River there are several places where we always observe boaters ignoring no-wake zones or not slowing down in obvious situations where they should. The 1st is the fuel dock at Knapp's Landing in the vicinity of "R" 10 – this area is not posted but there is a fuel dock and dock for the restaurant and wakes are very dangerous to boats fueling and dock attendants. The second is the No Wake/Steerage Only zone near the breakwater at the entrance to the river. This is a narrow channel and maneuverability is restricted.
- Remember, the captain of the boat is responsible for any damage caused by the boat's wake. It doesn't matter if you are in a no-wake zone or in open water - your wake can fetch you a warning, a citation and fine, or even possibly a lawsuit if you cause damage, injury, or death.

We are all out there to have a good time and enjoy the water, big boats, small boats, everybody – so slow down, be careful, and have fun!

Cool Web Sites

Try logging on to www.mysound.uconn.edu. This is a cool website with Real-time weather, water quality and wave data from Long Island Sound. It has current weather readings and really great graphics of real time wave height and wind speed recorded at buoys stationed throughout Long Island Sound. Add it right to you i-pad! Way better data than the automated dude on the NOAA weather channel!

BOARD MEETINGS

ARE HELD IN THE MARINA CLUBHOUSE EACH MONTH



NEXT MEETING

August 14 at 7:00PM

NO JULY MEETING

Owners are encouraged to attend!

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"FACT: WHEN THE DRAFT OF YOUR VESSEL EXCEEDS THE DEPTH OF THE WATER, YOU ARE MOST ASSUREDLY... AGROUND!"



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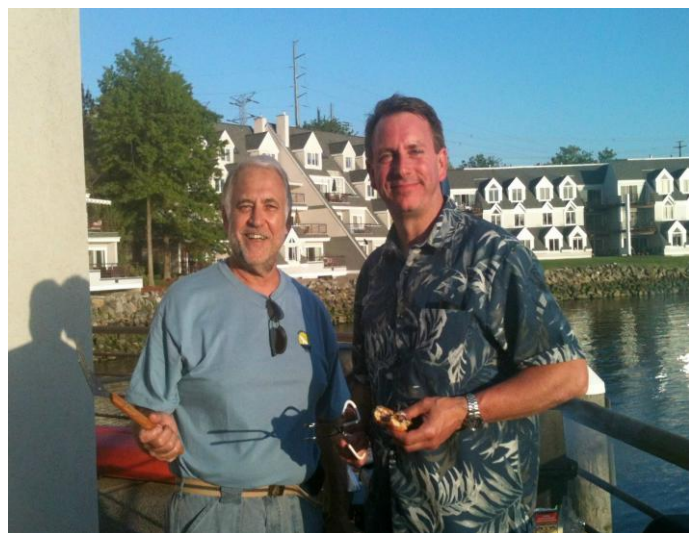
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Summer Time is Party Time!

With the start of the boating season, it's time to get together and party with our friends and fellow boaters. Several events have taken place to date, with our 1st Saturday night hamburger cookout on May 19 followed by our annual commissioning day party held on June 10. Over 90 people attended our annual commissioning day party which was hosted by Lasse's Restaurant in Milford – as usual the food was great and everyone had a wonderful time! For more events in the coming months, visit the event calendar on our web-site at www.caswellcovemarina.com.



Got Something To Sell?

Need to sell a boat, dinghy, outboard, or other marine gear? Place an ad on our web site in the **Boat Locker!** Our website gets an enormous amount of visitors from Caswell Cove members as well as from boaters from all over! All you have to do is send us an ad to manager@caswellcovemarina.com and we'll post the ad for you – it's that simple! Pictures are welcome.



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Event Calendar

- ✓ We will be having a pizza party Friday Evening, July 13 starting at 6:30 PM. Everyone is invited. Pizza is \$5.00 per person. We will order the pizzas starting at 6:30. Please bring side dishes, salads, chips and snacks, and desert. And of course BYOB!
- ✓ Our second hot dog and hamburger soiree will be held Friday evening, July 27 starting at 6:30 PM. The marina will be serving hot dogs and hamburgers. Everyone is invited. Please bring side dishes, salads, chips and snacks, and desert. And of course BYOB!

As always, please try to let us know at least a few days in advance if you plan on coming. It helps tremendously to our party planners to get a sense of how many people are coming. However, if you decide at the last minute that it sounds like fun – show up anyway, the more the merrier!

Want to help us plan a party in August or September???

We are looking for some volunteers to put together a party – perhaps a Mexican Fiesta or something with a Caribbean theme or some other theme of your choice. We are always looking for some fresh ideas and outside help to organize something fun.

If interested, please contact our marina manager and give us your ideas!

Club Burgees and T-Shirts Now Available

Burgees- remember to ask our marina manager for a new burgee when you bring your boat in for the season. Fly it proudly wherever you cruise this summer!

T-Shirts – we have cotton t-shirts available for sale in men's and women's styles and the Caswell Cove Logo on them. We have yellow, white and light blue for the ladies and grey, blue and white for the gents. T-shirts are \$10.00 ea.

We are also going to be taking orders for sweatshirts, golf-shirts, jackets, etc, all with the Caswell Cove logo. See us and we'll add you to our order!



Boat Owners Participate in USCG Vessel Safety Checks

The USCG Auxiliary performed free vessel safety inspections for about 10 members on Saturday, June 10. The event was scheduled by board member Tony Faresich and was both educational and entertaining for all those who participated. Those who participated all received a courtesy USCG sticker for their windshield noting that their vessel is in compliance with all USCG safety regulations. Kudos to all who participated and whose vessels are in safe operating condition! We urge all our members to make sure their boats are in good operating condition and are equipped with all the proper safety gear. You, your family, and your guests all rely on you to make sure your vessel is safe to operate at all times! You are unsure about safe boating practices, required safety gear or the USCG Regulations affecting the operation of your vessel, visit their website at www.cgaux.org.

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