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Hurricane Season In Full Swing

Last year at this time we had just experienced Hurricane Irene. Although the event was pretty benign here at Caswell Cove, we felt it prudent to advise all our members to be prepared to make arrangements to have your boat hauled or properly secured in the event we get hit by another hurricane. As this article is written, Tropical Storm Isaac has formed in the Atlantic and was impacting the Caribbean Islands. It is anticipated to become a hurricane and impact Florida in time for the Republican Convention. One meteorologist noted that the current path and formation of Isaac was eerily similar to Irene!

For the most part, it is typically safest to have your boat hauled ashore in the event of a hurricane. Leaving a boat in the water is an option, but is a greater risk than having the boat safely secured on land. If you don't have the resources and equipment to supplement your bilge pumps or if your boat is a poor design or in so-so condition, you'd be best to haul it, especially small open boats – these will sink because the bilge pumps will never keep up with the intense rain. In any event, all boat owners should have a plan as to what course they will take and make sure your boat yard (in case you plan to haul) is advised that plan to haul. Don't wait until something happens before you plan or you could be caught with your knickers down!

Hurricane planning should include; where the boat will be stored (on-shore vs in the water), a plan for securing the boat, making sure batteries and bilge pumps work (just as important on-land as many boats "sink" on land due to non-operational bilge pumps – don't forget the boat will be uncovered and exposed to the elements), a plan for removing your canvas and biminis and where to store them, a plan to remove all valuables and personal items from the boat, back up pumps, etc.

Don't forget that if you plan leave your boat in the water, you must notify us ahead of time so we can prepare. Not all boats will be permitted to stay in the water. The marina will evaluate your boat and if we feel it is a high risk we will ask that you remove it from the marina during the storm. We will not risk unnecessary sinkings or risk other vessels if your boat is not suitable to be left in the water during a hurricane. Also be advised that in all likelihood, the marina would lose power, possibly for days, meaning no power to your boat and lots of dead batteries, so empty and turn off refrigerators and other systems.

Hopefully we will have a beautiful Fall boating season free of serious storms so we can keep boating right up to the end of the season!

New Captains at Caswell Cove!

We have 3 new licensed USCG captains joining the ranks of the licensed captains here at Caswell Cove. They are Capt. Dave Brickley, Capt. Dave Crowle, and Capt. Paul Viscount – congratulations on your diligence and hard work! They join our other USCG captains here at the Cove including (that we know of) Capt. Dave Gilmore, Capt. Peter Pappas, and Capt. Dave Phillips. Obviously that's a lot of Capt. Daves!

We urge every boater to continue their boating education and gain experience. There are lots of good classes in boat handling, navigation, electronics, boating safety, etc. You don't need to be a captain but gaining knowledge is good for any boater and is a fun winter project.

BOARD MEETINGS

ARE HELD IN THE MARINA CLUBHOUSE EACH MONTH



NEXT MEETING

September 11 at 7:00PM
Owners are encouraged to attend!

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BOAT SHOW SEASON BEGINS

For a lot of us the Fall is an exciting time with all the great boat shows to go to! These can be a great deal of fun. There are lots of great boats to look at and dream about and usually lots of booths with great boat products and other fun stuff.

A favorite of this writer's is the Newport International Boat Show. Newport is a really fun town and there is a lot to do in addition to the boat show. There are great shops and restaurants, the mansion tours, and a lot of other fun stuff. It is only a 2 hour ride and can be done easily in a day. I suggest spending the weekend, but make hotel reservations now, the place will be hopping!

Another great show is the Annapolis show for the hard core enthusiasts who don't mind the travel. Annapolis is another great town to visit at any time and the show is usually great!

And of course, don't forget our very own Norwalk Boat Show. This is usually a great show and is one of the Northeast's biggest!

Newport International Boat Show (RI)

09/13/12 - 09/16/12
Newport Yachting Center
Newport, Rhode Island

United States Annapolis Powerboat Show

10/11/12 - 10/14/12
City Dock and Harbor
Annapolis, Maryland

Norwalk International In-Water Boat Show

09/20/12 - 09/23/12
Norwalk Cove Marina
Norwalk, Connecticut

United States Annapolis Sailboat Show

10/04/12 - 10/08/12
Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium
Annapolis, Maryland

Trawler Fest Baltimore, MD

09/27/12 - 09/30/12
Hyatt Regency on the Inner Harbor
& BMC HarborView Marina
Baltimore, Maryland

Atlantic City In-Water Powerboat Show

09/06/12 - 09/09/12
Frank S. Farley State Marina
Atlantic City, New Jersey

In case you want to go to other boat shows, such as the Ft. Lauderdale Boat Show or Miami Boat show or for the truly adventurous and rich the Monaco Yacht Show in Monaco (lots of yachts) visit www.marinesource.com for locations, dates and times!

Marina Board Volunteers Wanted

The marina fiscal year ends September 30 and it is that time of the year for our annual elections and budget ratification. We have 2 positions on the Board this year whose term expires at the end of the year. We are looking for any interested volunteers who might like to serve on the Executive Board and assist in the governing of our Association. It is an interesting job to participate on the Marina Board and does not require a whole lot of work, primarily attending monthly Board meetings and reviewing data and submittals by our Marina Manager and assisting in decision making and allocating expenditures and future planning. Interested individuals (M/F) must be a slip owner. Contact manager@caswellcovemarina.com for more information.

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

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

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.

We are looking to plan a general party (Friday night or Saturday night) as well as our annual end-of-season de-commissioning day party for late October. The de-commissioning day party is usually catered.

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

Boat Slips For Sale

We have several 30' boat slips for sale as well as one 50' slip for sale. For more information, please go to our website www.caswellcovemarina.com and look in our **Boat Locker** for more information. You may also contact our marina manager at manager@caswellcovemarina.com for more information.

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 Repairs and Vendors

We ask all of our members to please remember that anytime you have an outside vendor, mechanic, detailer, etc. work on your boat, you are required to make sure the vendor is insured and provide us with a copy of his insurance certificate. The vendor must have liability insurance as well as worker's compensation insurance. A copy of the insurance certificate must be provided to the marina manager before the work starts. You should always make sure your vendors are adequately insured. If they are not insured and get hurt or damage yours or someone else's boat, you would be liable for all the costs for any damages or injuries. Failure to provide adequate insurance coverage can also place the Marina at risk financially in the event of a lawsuit. Therefore this issue is taken seriously as it can have serious consequences for the marina and its owners.

Also, working on your boat under water (cleaning, changing zincs, props, etc) is not permitted without a waiver from the marina Board of Directors. There is a serious chance for injury or death due to electrocution, getting pinned between docks and boats, getting hit by a boat, drowning, etc. We don't want anyone doing this type of work unless they are trained and licensed to do so.

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