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NEWS AND EVENTS FROM CASWELL COVE MARINA.

A Great Boating Season Comes to a Close

It was a long, hot, dry summer – just perfect for us boaters! The marina was busy almost every day with boats coming and going, it looked like everyone had a great season! It is sad to see it all come to an end.

With the season coming to a close on October 31, a few reminders:

We ask that everyone start vacating their slips as close to 10/31 as possible so we can work on preparing the marina for the winter months. We will be turning off the water to the docks and shutting down the pump-out immediately after 10/31 and will be shutting down the clubhouse shortly thereafter.

We will be working on the set-up of our bubbler system and need to get the boats out of the way as soon as possible so the bubbler hoses don't get ripped up by boat propellers.

Please remember to:

- ✓ Remove all personal belongings, hoses, power cords, fenders, lines, etc from the docks (anything left here gets thrown out!)
- ✓ If you are returning next year, you may leave your dock box, but please make sure it is bolted down (it gets very windy down here!)
- ✓ Remove your dinghy or jet skis
- ✓ Jet ski racks can stay, as long as you are coming back next year

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION FOR NEXT YEAR!!!!

If you plan on returning next year, please let us know. We will be starting to make formal slip reservations in January but if you know you are coming back, the sooner we know the better. If you want the same location as you were this year, or are buying a bigger boat and need to move to a bigger slip, it is important you let us know as soon as you can!

We look forward to seeing you all again next summer. Don't forget our de-commissioning party on Saturday October 20! Let's hope this winter is quiet and warm like last winter, and hopefully – very, very short!

Thank you!

In-Water Winter Boat Storage

For those few brave souls that plan on wintering over with us in the water, please let us know immediately. We are going to be setting up a list of boats to be shrink-wrapped and if you want to be included, please let us know. We will be scheduling this for the 1st week in November.

If you are going to contract your own shrinkwrap, also please let us know – we will need to know who will be doing it and when so we can schedule the use of the work float. Also, **IMPORTANT** - we need certificates of insurance for any individuals performing shrinkwrap at the marina. The policies must include liability and worker's comp coverage. **No one can perform shrinkwrapping at our facility without the proper insurance coverage in place. This is important to protect people's boats and the marina property.**

BOARD MEETINGS

ARE HELD IN THE MARINA CLUBHOUSE EACH MONTH



NEXT MEETING

October 9 at 7:00PM

Owners are encouraged to attend!

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In-Water Wintering 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 and properly winterized. 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 many 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 or worse – you could sink!
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 1st one in the water!

For those of you wishing to stay in the water –we need to know right away so we can go over winter storage rules and rates and to provide assistance to anyone who might want it!



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Event Calendar

OKTOBERFEST!!!!

Our de-commissioning party will be held this year on Saturday, October 20, starting at 6:00 PM with appetizers and cocktails and a catered dinner starting at 7:00 PM. The event will be catered and all members are invited.

This year's theme will be Ocktoberfest – lots of sauerkraut, sausages, spaetzle, and of course BEER (byob of course)

Should be a ton of fun and we hope you can all join us. We will be sending out notices in the coming week.

Did you know.....

- A one inch thick coat of ice on a boat can add 5 lbs of weight per square foot. On an average 30 foot boat that would equal 1,500 lbs. That much weight could cause a boat to roll over!
- Outriggers stored at a 45 degree angle are prone to bending in ice storms. Outriggers should be removed or stored vertically when possible or laid down and properly supported along their entire length.
- M.O.B. Facts
 - * 82% were on boats less than 22 feet in length
 - * 85% of the fatalities were men
 - * 41% of the MOB deaths were while fishing
 - * Alcohol played a part in 27% of the deaths during the day and 50% of the deaths at night

TRUE STORY??? A man in Minnesota was planning to spend the weekend hunting. As he headed out the door with his buddies, his wife asked when he was going to winterize his boat. The man said to her "Honey, I think of it as our boat, why don't you do it?" So the wife obligingly drove down to the boat, poured kerosene in the bilge and tossed in a match!

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!



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.

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@caswellcovemaarina.com for more information.

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.