

Around the Point

Bowleys Point Yacht Club Newsletter

March 2011



Spring Boat Prep at Bowleys!

Spring is here, and that means prep and launch time! Schedule yard work well in advance and avoid the rush that comes with the first nice spring day. Boat preparation involves several areas of interest. They are:

- *Vessel Exterior
- *Hull Condition
- *Vessel Interior
- *Emergency Equipment
- *Electrical Systems
- *Engines and Outdrives
- *Boat Trailers
- *Galley
- *Head and Waste Treatment Systems
- *Water Systems
- *Sails and Rigging



Vessel Exterior - Scrub down your boat with a mild detergent. Use a detergent that causes minimal environmental impact. Remember that in some states, it's illegal to allow wash water back into the harbor without treatment. Apply a coat of wax to the boat. Clean and polish all metal fittings. Ensure cockpit drains and scuppers are clear. Check the operation of hatches and windows, clean and lubricate their hinges. Clean and check the condition of the canvas. (continue on Page 2)

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Social Events Calendar

ATLANTIC CITY BUS TRIP - SAT. 3/12*

OPENING WEEKEND JUNE 3RD - 5TH

BPYC CRAB FEAST SEPT. 17TH @ 4PM
IN THE CHANDLERY

CHANGE OF WATCH DINNER OCT. 8TH

**MORE INFO FOR EVENTS WILL BE
POSTED TO THE WEB PAGE SOON!!**

For more info on social events, contact Vice Commodore Al Saxon @
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Spring Boat Preparation Tips!

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Emergency Equipment - Spring is a good time to ensure your vessel's safety equipment is in good order and that you comply with regulatory requirements. Life jackets and floatation cushions left in boats during the winter can mildew, check the condition of this safety equipment. Check the expiration dates on your visual distress signals. Have your on-board fire extinguishers inspected. Many harbors have fire extinguisher maintenance contractors visit each spring, ask about their scheduled maintenance. Having a Vessel Safety Check performed by the Coast Guard Auxiliary is an excellent way to prepare for the upcoming season.

Electrical Systems - It is good idea to remove lead-acid storage batteries from boats in winter storage. Ensure the battery is charged, its case is clean, terminals are clean and cables connections are tight, and that battery cables are in good condition. Check the condition of the vessel bonding and electrical systems. Defects here can cause corrosion and electric shock drowning. Ensure your navigation lights are operational. Check the operation of on-board electronics like GPS chartplotters, VHF radios, radar, and their external antennas.

Inboard Engines - Many tasks required to prepare your engine for use are routine and can be accomplished by many boaters. Most marinas and boatyards can provide this required service. Arrange yard time well in advance to avoid disappointment during the inevitable spring rush. Change your engine oil and filters. Check the transmission fluid level. Replace the filter element in your water separating fuel filter and be sure to drain any water present in the settling bowl. Inspect flexible fuel lines for chaffing and wear. Most marine engines have zincs that are threaded into the engine block. Learn their locations and change them every spring. Check the tension of drive belts and consider proactively replacing them. Carry spares for the belts and filters used by your engine. Ensure the bilge blower functions correctly and check the condition of the flexible hoses attached to it. Check the raw water strainer on engines that are cooled in this manner. Failed exhaust manifold gaskets can cause unwanted flooding with some engines. Check the condition of the exhaust manifolds and its gaskets.

Galley - Fill propane tanks on vessels that use it for cooking or heating fuel. Remember fuel dealers will not fill tanks that are not equipped with an Overfill Prevention Device (OPD). There are still some of these tanks floating around out there. Check the operation of manual and electric gas valves. Inspect fuel supply lines for leaks and ensure that tank locker vents are clear. Propane is heavier than air and leaking propane can settle into the lower parts of your hull, creating an explosion hazard. Clean the stove and check the performance of the burners. Clean the refrigerator, then operate it on both shore and ships power.

Head - Fill the head with water and check for leaks. Check that the holding tank has been pumped out. Restock chemicals required for onboard treatment systems, holding tank deodorant and toilet paper that is compatible with marine heads. Exercise the Y-valve, ensuring its positions are clearly labeled and the handle is cleared in the proper position while in port.

Water System - Flush the fresh water system by turning on the water pump and draining the entire contents of the storage tank. Refill the tank with fresh water and run water through every hot and cold water faucet on the vessel. You want to flush out any traces of the non-toxic antifreeze you used to winterize the boat. Double check the deck filler caps for the water system to ensure they are in place and well sealed to keep out contaminants. Check the operation of the hot water heater on all sources of power.



Cruise Schedule for 2011

Inner Harbor East Marina

Arrive on Saturday May 7th. Depart May 8th. The phone number to make reservations is 410-625-1700. Speak to Bill or Millie.

www.innerharboreast.net

Mears Yacht Haven, Oxford

Arrive on Friday June 10th and Depart on Sunday June 12th. The phone number is 410-226-5450. Speak with Tom Gannon.

www.coastal-properties.com/mears

Herrington Harbour South

Arrive on Friday July 15th and Depart on Sunday July 17th. The phone number to make reservations is 410-741-5100 ext. 120.

www.herringtonharbour.com

Rock Hall Landing,

Arrive on Saturday Aug. 27th and Departing Sunday Aug. 28th. The phone number to make reservations is 410-639-2224. Speak with Mary.

www.rockhalllanding.com





The winter meeting was Great! - Thanks to our wonderful hosts, Al & Vicki

Spring Launch Reminders from the Marina

The office is currently taking work orders and invites you to call and discuss any work which you would like the Marina to perform. Please submit the enclosed work order via fax or you may submit electronically via the website.

The store will continue to carry everyday consumables. For non-stock items, we are able to order most any item with next day delivery. (48 hours notice would be appreciated) Please consider using us to order all your materials. I believe you will find our prices very competitive and you will have the convenience of delivery to the Marina. You will also be fiscally supporting the Marina which will help defray ever rising costs. **Call today and we'll be happy to supply price quotes.**

DO NOT put shrink-wrap in the dumpsters. As in years past, there will be a designated area behind the Chandlery for the recycling of shrink-wrap. Please assist us in recycling.

As a friendly reminder, please abide by the marina's environmental rules. The EPA requires the use of tarps or filter cloth for all sanding, scraping and painting of bottoms. The ground under and around your vessel should not be discolored by sanding or scraping particulate. Filter cloth, which is less expensive than a tarp, may be purchased in the office. Please ensure that you have submitted a CLEAN MARINA AGREE-

MENT to the office. If you have not submitted an agreement in the past, please do so now, either on the website or stop by the office.

The water will be turned on April 1st. Please do NOT use the sinks in the laundry or restrooms to clean up paint brushes or tools. Use the outside sink and faucets located by the shop. Pump-out will be turned-on April 15th.

When your boat is launched, the staff secures it in your slip according to the current weather conditions and tide. Upon notification of launch, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CHECKING YOUR BOAT AND ADJUSTING YOUR LINES.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR FLEET CAPTAIN:

All reservations should be made as soon as possible to insure your spot with the fleet. I'm asking for a deadline of March 31, 2011 for your reservations. Please let me know as soon as your reservations have been made. I will then be able to verify the counts and coordinate with the marinas for slip numbers. After March 31, I will need to cancel the unused slip reservations.

THANK YOU AND LOOK FORWARD TO A GREAT SEASON!!

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2011 Meeting Schedule

To be held in the Skippers Room of the White House:

- March 19th @ 12 pm, "Sock Burning" to follow
- April 16th @ 12 pm
- May 21st @ 12 pm
- June 17th @ 7:30 pm
- July 22nd @ 7:30 pm
- August - TBD
- September 17th @ 12 pm
- October 8th @ 12 pm
- November - NO MEETING
- December - NO MEETING

Dates & Times are subject to change,

Please check the web page for updates For more info on the meeting schedule, contact Commodore Charlie Wright @ redddog1@verizon.net



The "business" side of planning cruises, parties, dances and marina events!



The Kindest "Cut" of ALL From Chesapeake Bay Magazine—March

HERE'S A PROJECT THAT'S SURE TO PLEASE the thousands of boaters who regularly use the narrow passage between Pleasure Island and Millers Island Community to navigate between the Bay and the protected waters of Back Creek and Middle River behind Hart-Miller Island. That channel, known popularly as the Cut, has recently been dredged to eight feet MLW to a 100 foot width. Until now the channel has been dredged to six feet MLW every eight to ten years, but in between has been plagued by persistent shoaling. (We admit we're particularly enthusiastic about this project since we happened to run aground here last fall!)

A lot of that silt came from Pleasure Island runoff. This time, however, the project includes an effort to slow the island runoff and improve water quality in the area. Dredge from the Cut is being used to form a new shoreline along 2,200 feet on the south side of Pleasure Island. This new beach will then be stabilized with wetland vegetation. In addition, the shoreline will be protected by a series of segmented stone breakwaters.

The \$4.7 million project is being paid for by Maryland's Waterway Improvement Fund, the Maryland Port Administration and the Federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

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