



## **Urbanna Harbour News Letter July 2009**

### **A word from the President of the Association**

The new board of the UHYC has taken on a number of significant issues. We feel it our primary mission to make our club a beneficial and pleasant part of each member's life. We are committed to getting the entire process as clean and straightforward as possible. Much work has already been done towards these ends.

The Financial Committee will get our financial affairs in order and will be responsible for the fiscal logistics of our day to day and capital expenditures.

Our Maintenance committee is in the process of completing many much needed improvements to protect our investment and make UHYC a safe and beautiful place to be.

Our New Docks Committee is confronting the major issue of dock replacement with your best interests in mind.

Our Social Committee is in the process of developing the soul of our association. His committee is planning the development of community and putting in place the things that will one day be the culture of UHYC.

The Covenants committee is making recommendations to the board and our membership to bring the bylaws and rules up to the level where they reflect the wishes of our membership.

Each member of the board has taken a number of slip owners as their constituents. This gets each owner a direct link to the board and allows your issues to be taken up by the board directly as they develop. If you don't know who represents you on the board, please contact Ms. Laughton, who can direct you to the proper representative.

We have regular meetings and teleconferences where issues that affect each of you are discussed. We invite you to get involved and to call in and listen to the conference calls. We invite you to come to the meetings and to comment in the public comment time allotted in each meeting. This is your association. We represent you.

Difficult issues have acted divisively on our community. We ask you who have given so much - those who feel disenfranchised - those who feel that their issues were not properly addressed and those who simply gave up on the dream of our little community to help us to put the pieces back together so that we may again meet on the docks of UHYC laughing with friends.

### **Social Club Committee headed up by Vice President Fred Eddowes**

The Social Committee is hard at work putting this year's premier event together in conjunction with the annual meeting. Look for flyers around the docks. We hope you will plan on being part of the fun at a special social event on July 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **Finance Committee headed up by Treasurer Hazel Laughton**

We have now brought handling the finances up to date with online banking and bill pay. This will make bookkeeping more efficient and timely. My committee has met and is dedicated to making the installation of the new docks, in whatever form is chosen, as trouble free as possible for all slip holders. The Annual Audit for 08/09 will be submitted to all in August. Over \$10,000 has been spent in the month of June in maintaining the docks.

### **Maintenance Committee headed up by Phil Mullins**

Goal of this committee is to upgrade the docks to a safe condition with "livable" plumbing and electrical service. The repairs to be made are based on the assumption these docks will be replaced within the next 12-24 months. During the months of May and June the following repairs were made:

- 1) All **finger piers** were inspected and repairs made to approx 50 piers (note 2 piers collapsed this spring with people falling into Urbanna Creek)
- 2) Four main dock pilings collapsed at the mud line and had to be replaced to prevent sagging of the dock. (We anticipate this to be an ongoing problem until the dock is replaced)
- 3) **Dock lights** and/or photo cells were replaced on 23 pedestals on north and south docks
- 4) 27 water faucets with serious leaks have been replaced, and 3 PVC identified leaks will also be repaired.
- 5) There are **electrical issues** for the slips on the south dock that should have 50 amp service. These problems are being investigated and after a cost estimate is received for fixing the problem, a decision will be made as to whether the cost is justified.
- 6) Problems related to keeping the **pool** at a specific level to prevent the new pump from burning up, and to keep the pool from overflowing are being addressed. There have also been many complaints this summer of unauthorized people using the pool. There are serious liability issues here and we are investigating a combination locked gate for the pool. Other issues related to the pool will be discussed at the annual meeting.
- 7) On Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup> we had **volunteer work day** to replace and secure dock boards (150 boards were replaced). Many people turned up and we were thrilled with the amount we achieved. Our thanks to all who devoted their Saturday to this worthwhile project.
- 8) Some time in July both decks of the **clubhouse** will be power washed and sealed.

### **New Dock Committee headed up by Ed Fisher**

Your dock replacement committee is working daily towards its goal to provide UHYC members with the best new docks possible at an affordable price. The committee members are Ed Fisher, David Laughton, Scott Cahill, Charlie Austin, Davis Wilson and Ed McChain.

We are starting with a clean sheet of paper with only one preconceived notion – that the members desire larger, longer finger piers. Beyond that, we are open to floating or fixed docks and any variation of both. We are working in the belief that our keys to success are knowledge and very good plans, specs and contract documents. This will provide us with the best docks at the best price because armed with this information we can get multiple, competitive bids on each item which we plan to bring to the membership for approval.

We have developed a critical path chart, planning the complete process. This chart sets dates that must be met at each point in the process. This is a working committee meeting weekly and being directed by the Chairman, who is also a working member. Early items on our schedule are confirming VMRC requirements, investigating alternative dock systems and interviewing marina owners for their experience with various dock systems. We have met with VMRC and find them very receptive to dock systems other than the floating docks already approved. So long as we stay essentially within the original footprint of the permit there should be little problem with modifications. We have already interviewed local marina owner/operators and found valuable information at each stop. We are expecting the entire process from last week until the prices are under contract to run 30 weeks with constant work by the committee. We invite constructive comments from the membership throughout the process. The best way to get comments to us is to email the Chairman at [ankeanded59@msn.com](mailto:ankeanded59@msn.com). You can meet with him or leave him a note at 508 Molly's Way directly across the street from the north bath house.

### **Rules and Regulations Headed up by Secretary :Ellen Woodruff**

Work is underway to revise some of the by-laws which have become outdated.

### **Rented Slips**

*If you currently rent your slip to a boat owner please send us contact details, there is often an urgent need to get in touch with boat owners. Names and addresses together with the number of the slip being rented should be sent to UHYC, P O Box 404, Urbanna, VA 23175.*