



URBANNA HARBOUR QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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Club News - Fred Eddowes

The Club Committee is working on a 2009 Season Closer and a 2010 activities calendar. Club burgees may be ordered from Fred Eddowes at smsvds@cox.net until an order form is set up on our website. Burgees are \$20.00, a portion of which goes to the Club Activity Fund. We will also have samples of Club Polo shirts available shortly with an order form posted on the website. While the prices will be very attractive and more than competitive with other sources, these shirts will add funds to the Activity Fund.

The Club Committee is an "everybody's-in" kind of thing and one sure way for you to get in is to suggest the kinds of things you would like to see happen at or around our club. We do mean everybody and we do mean anything. For instance thanks to our leader Scott Cahill there is a Bocce Game available and we are looking at Horse Shoe pits as well. Send your ideas to me or to our Commodores Dan and Tammy Matsey. For instance - would you like a Pump Out demonstration and training session? Now that we have a pump-out that's working let's keep it working by using it correctly. Another idea - would you like CPR / First Aid Training either formally with Red Cross certificate or less formally where just the essentials are reviewed and demonstrated but no certificate? We look forward to receiving your comments and suggestions.

Maintenance Committee - Phil Mullins

The pool will be closed for the season weekending 3rd October. We have received 3 estimates to replace the front section of fencing with the same style fencing but 6 ft high fencing and with a keyed lockable gate. The estimates are from \$1300 to \$2100. We have chosen to go with a local contractor who gave the \$1300 quote. We anticipate this will be done in October. The pool liner is again stretched following the latest heavy rain. An "overflow drain" will be installed next spring and the lines restretched.

Piling Replacement - Several dock pilings have been replaced in September at a cost of \$3,500. Our plan is still to only replace pilings as necessary.

Pump-out Station is up and working - it is absolutely against the law for any discharge to be put into the creeks or rivers, we expect our slipholders and renters to abide by this law.

Handicap parking sign is now in place at the North dock and one will soon be in place at the South Dock law.

NO PARKING PAMPHLETS HAVE BEEN PRINTED AND GIVEN TO ED FISHER WHO WILL POLICE THE NORTH DOCK AND HAND THESE OUT FOLLOWING SEVERAL COMPLAINTS.

Pond Drain -The area around the pond drain has been cleared and steel stakes will be appropriately positioned around the opening to prevent this drain from being clogged in the future...This simple, but very good suggestion, came from David Laughton, and should easily resolve this problem...To those that do not know, hay bales were placed in the pond this spring to prevent algae growth, these clogged the drain recently and we almost had water flowing over the damn.

Phragmites growth - Clyde Roper will be researching options for getting rid of these plants which are a non-native species and environmentally creating a huge problem on the bay

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NOTE : Fresh water to the docks will be shut off after the Oyster Festival.

New Dock Committee Report - Ed Fisher

Your Committee is ahead of the project's planned schedule in several respects. So far we have completed the following tasks with the able help of all committee members, especially David Laughton who filled in as Chairman in my absence:

**We visited many marinas and interviewed the owner/operators. This was quite enlightening, and we always found information beyond what we expected.

**Will be taking bids on both floating and fixed docks.

**Will prepare the engineering, plans, specifications and contract documents in house. This decision was made because floating dock design is basically done by floating dock manufacturers - fixed dock design can be accomplished as outlined below.

**We interviewed four prospective contractors who will quote for fixed docks and also the installation and pilings for the floating docks when the final contract drawings and documents are ready.

We have developed the fixed pier designs and specifications, starting with the expert advice of committee member Davis Wilson who has been in the marine construction business for many years. We then took Davis' work to the four prospective bidders for their comments. We incorporated the best features of all to be our final plan and specifications. All prospective bidders and committee members agreed to this procedure.

The following decisions have been made:

**To investigate the use of steel pilings to anchor the floating piers and possibly the ends of the finger piers.

**The floating dock footprint will be essentially the same as the design developed by the previous UHYC committee except the north and south docks will not be connected and all your slips will be the same size as is existing insofar as is possible.

**The layout of the fixed dock proposal will result in all slips being the same size as existing as closely as possible. Some changes to the existing footprint will be required to get a VMRC permit. There will be an alternate bid per each set of slips using a common finger pier so that by mutual agreement the owners of each set will have the option to purchase an enhanced finger pier provided he does so prior to construction and pays in advance for the enhanced finger pier.

We are currently working on final plans, specifications and bid documents so bids can be taken as soon as other necessary issues are resolved.

**Your Committee continues to welcome UHYC Member comments and assistance aimed at the successful completion of the project. Generally the committee meets each Saturday at the Club House at 8A. Members may discuss the project or confirm a meeting time by phoning my cell at any time - 804-370-4066.

Treasurer's Report - Hazel Laughton

Everything is running smoothly and tax returns for the 08/09 year are completed. We hope to have audits posted on the website sometime this year. I do need to point out that over 25% of our budget this year has been spent on maintenance which is way more than we budgeted for in this area; hopefully this situation will be remedied when new docks are installed. We will soon be working on the budget for the upcoming year. I have visited EVB with a member of my committee to start discussions on financing for each slipholder for the purchase of our new docks. Oyster Festival parking passes will be mailed out week commencing October 5.

Website - I am working with a webmaster on our website making sure it is kept up to date giving you the information you need. Let me have your suggestions as to how this website can better serve you.

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