



## **Urbanna Harbour News Letter**

### **SECOND QUARTER NEWSLETTER 2011**

#### **MEMORIAL DAY COOKOUT**

The Memorial Day cookout took place on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> May. We had a fair turnout and photographs will soon be on the website. Fred served hot dogs, coleslaw and beans. We had great weather, fairly cool, it was fun to see everyone relaxing again.

#### **URBANNA HARBOUR YACHT CLUB AND THE CLUB AT URBANNA HARBOUR**

are once again merged into one entity i.e., Urbanna Harbour Yacht Club. At our June board meeting discussions the board felt that there is not enough enthusiasm for an independent yacht club. The board agreed that membership of the American Yachting Association is a big plus and all slip holders will be offered membership cards on payment of a \$30 fee to cover the \$450 annual dues for this Association. Fred Eddowes our social chair will still be selling shirts, caps and burgees - the profits from which will go into our social fund.

It is been noted that events planned to coincide with major national holidays are difficult for some of us to attend, since family commitments occur at this time. Future events will be held near to national holidays rather than on them.

#### **UPGRADING OUR FACILITIES**

This has got off to a roaring start this year with new fire extinguishers, new carpet in the club house and new pump out station. Unfortunately we have recently found that most of the windows and the doors in the clubhouse are leaking, so Phil is investigating the best way to solve this problem which, as you know, can result in rot and more trouble than just windows.

We have also, as some of you are aware, experienced plumbing failures. We are working hard with our plumbing contractor to correct these problems.

## **THE POOL**

I think we all appreciate our nice little pool, and last year's upgrades have proved very successful. Unfortunately, this spring the cover to the pool was found to be damaged which caused more algae than usual, and a slightly longer and more difficult preparation time. Anyway, I guess maintenance will have to look at replacing the cover at the end of the season. Enjoy the pool, but please remove trash and lower the umbrellas when leaving at the end of the day. Don't forget glass receptacles are not permitted in this area.

## **BYLAWS AND RULES**

The Covenants Committee under the stewardship of Woody Davis is carrying on the good work started by Ellen Woodruff and her team. Soon all of us will receive for approval a draft of proposed updating of this rather complex document. One thing we plan on changing with everyone's blessing will be the terms of the directors and officers. We suggest having staggered terms and if membership agrees the current board has agreed to extend their terms as follows: Phil, David and Hazel until 2014 and Woody, Fred and Ed until 2013. We plan on bringing in 3 new board members next spring. When you receive your voting ballot on this proposal later this summer we will be asking for new board members. We hope 3 slip holders will find time to join us in keeping up the good work that the current board has done. It really does not take much effort now that the new docks are in place. Committees are working well and board meetings are held about 4 times a year. Please consider joining us.

## **BOARD MEETING**

Notes from our June meeting will soon be posted on the website.

## **JULY 4 FIREWORKS**

Unfortunately Middlesex County fireworks display has become a bit of a problem on UHYC docks. Last year we were inundated with people from the county bringing picnics and chairs to sit on our docks and watch the display from mainly the north docks - not only this but several people brought along fireworks. We cannot stress enough to everyone that fireworks are totally forbidden on the yachts and docks - they are a tremendous fire hazard. The construction of our new floating docks is such that if sparks get trapped between the docks and the floats it will be really difficult to

extinguish and all fireworks or pyrotechnics of any kind are forbidden. We would really appreciate any of our members pointing this out to anyone that they see this rule. We have spent collectively hundreds of thousands of dollars to have nice docks and it would be a tragedy to see them burned down by someone that has no right to even be on the docks.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL ON THE DOCKS  
HAPPY SAILING AND MOTORBOATING.