



Urbanna Harbour News Letter

THIRD QUARTER NEWSLETTER 2011

HURRICANE IRENE AND AN EARTHQUAKE

Well we survived both a hurricane and an earthquake this quarter! I know everyone was relieved that they were not tied up to the rickety old docks!!!! The water came well over all the fixed docks in the creek as winds soared to over 70 mph, but our wonderful new docks "rose" to the occasion. Vigilance by those people who were here during the storm prevented damage to several boats and we thank everyone who helped out.

THANKS ARE DUE!

First of all we want to thank Phil Mullins for the tremendous job he is doing in maintaining our facility. We think you will all agree that driving into the harbour we can all see the terrific improvements and how neat everywhere looks. Also Charlie Shifflett is doing a sterling job keeping the grass neatly mown and everything trim. We have installed some new signs here and there, some of which were required by law for the new pump out station.

Finally we want to thank David and Christy Cottrell for donating their tree service to lop off the lower branches of the trees in the entrance - they have done a tremendous job - thank you David and Christy for your generosity in getting this job done and your continued support of UHYC.

THE CLUB HOUSE

This winter we have to replace all the windows in the clubhouse, the old wooden windows are rotten and consequently we are in danger of seeing a lot more damage and expense in the future if the old windows are not replaced. We are already seeing damage to the actual building where water has got in and is causing rot. We will be meeting soon to get this job underway.

THE POOL

The pool will have a new cover this winter and this should save on the cost of opening up for the 2012 season.

BYLAWS AND RULES

Hopefully, the revised bylaws will soon be available for review and comment, there will be a link onto them on our website. We will need 51% approval to get these into law. Thanks to the Covenant Committee for their diligent work - we know you all appreciate how much volunteer time goes into keeping UHYC on track.

You will all have received a ballot for the inclusion in the bylaws of a change to the board structure. We thank you for your support on this.

PUMP OUT STATION

Yes the new pump out station has enjoyed its first year of operation and has been a successful and important addition to the docks - with its solar warning panel etc. We are pleased to report that we have received a check from the VA Department of Health for \$8359.20 this covers 75% of our costs for this new pump out station and the solar panel warning system. These funds have been put back into our capital working account.

BOARD MEETING

Notes from our September meeting have been posted on the website along with our Accountant's audit letter covering the period 2010/2011. Treasurer handled a great deal of money during the rebuilding of the docks and the audit letter confirms that funds were handled correctly.

NOTES FROM THE TREASURER

Our general working expenses for the last fiscal year (August 1 2010 through July 31 @2011) were \$55,104.83. Unfortunately \$25,000 of this is insurance! We have hunted everywhere with your input and help but have not been able to better our coverage costs. Fortunately general maintenance is now low - hooray. For your information during this same period lawn care cost us \$6,135 and bathroom cleaning costs us \$4,625 - both worth every penny spent. As you can see these 3 items alone account for a big part of our expenditures. Our dues for the budget period brought in \$51,600, so you can see that we spent a little over budget this year but we covered this with the dinghy rack fees and income from selling cleats and ladders from the old docks.

Our accountant has now done our taxes for the 2010/2011 period and we will be paying the IRS \$201 and VA \$40. If anyone wishes to view any of our account information just contact us. Treasurer is now using the new UHYC Dell Laptop computer which has made a vast improvement to keeping everything in order and ship shape.

CARING FOR EACH OTHER AND THE DOCKS

As you can see from the treasurer's report we all need to take special care of our wonderful facilities in an effort to minimize costs - let's not moan if the bathroom temperature is not quite to your liking! Take your trash to the dumpster - don't leave it lying around for someone else to pick up. Keep our new docks tidy - don't leave our carts lying around for someone else to put away! Tie your boat up properly so that it does not cause any damage. These are small things that make life so much more pleasant. The Board is working hard to make Urbanna Harbour a great place to visit and keep your boat and we hope you have had a wonderful season.

PERSONAL NOTES

Our prayers and good wishes go to Glen Mullins slip 109. Glen is having heart surgery October 3.

Every good wish to Hal Leinbach and daughter Anne - Slip 68 - following their move to Chambrel assisted living in Williamsburg.

All the best to Tom and Kathy Clarke - Slip 104 who have recently moved to live in Urbanna.

SLIPS FOR RENT

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