

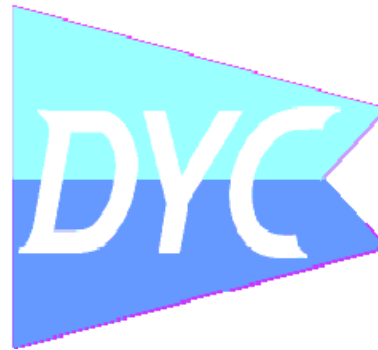
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From the Commodore:

The beatings will continue, until morale improves!!!

Just prior to the June DYC board meeting, NAVFAC NDW performed a safety evaluation of our facilities. I spent the morning walking around with the inspector taking into account the things that we have let slide over the past year. During the June governors meeting, the board executed a safety and maintenance walk-thru of the club facilities. Over the past month the Vice-Commodore and Dock Master have in most cases successfully taken care of many issues that were brought to my attention during the safety evaluation.

I am addressing this part of this message to existing and potential wet and dry slip members. DYC has specific guidelines with respect to berthing arrangements in the wet and dry slips. DYC has posted, on our web site, the requirements associated with lines and attachment of lines to the pier and to each vessel.

We currently have several vessels that are not in compliance with these requirements. The Dock Master has contacted several members directly about correcting these problems.

Unfortunately, some members have failed to abide by the requirements. If you have been contacted by the Dock Master about your vessel and any berthing issues, this message is meant to give you official notice that you have 14 days from the publication of this message to bring your vessel into compliance with the DYC requirements.

For those members that need help with berthing or line attachment please contact the Dock Master or me. We will be glad to assist.

It is the board's duty to maintain and operate the club under facility management requirements. The board has the duty to monitor and mediate issues. The board also reserves the right to enforce additional guidance and actions as necessary. It is not the board's responsibility to physically attend to vessels that are berthed at DYC.

For vessels that are not brought into compliance, as of the August board meeting, the owner should plan to attend the August board meeting to address the deficiencies and further board actions.

Many of you are wondering why I am taking time to send this to all the membership. I am pointing this out because the member's vessels that do not comply may be a hazard to your vessel. Lines that are too small can part and let an adrift vessel damage other vessels.

One of our members has felt the sting of having their boat damaged by the "SMALL" storms we experience here in Virginia and Maryland, on any given day. I have talked with that member about increasing the size and number of lines used to tie to the pilings and pier. The minor damage sustained in this "SMALL" storm will cost the member much more money than the \$50 to \$60 dollars that sufficient lines would have cost. The damage also means that the boat will have to be pulled and repaired, thus robbing the member of a large segment of the summer.

To amplify the above issues, I want to pass on this email that I received from BoatU.S. The preparations that need to be made for hurricanes can also help keep your boat safe in our "SMALL" storms. Reprinted with permission from Boat U.S.

NEWS From BoatU.S.
Boat Owners Association of The United States
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BoatU.S. News Room at <http://www.BoatUS.com/news/releases.asp>

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HURRICANE BERTHA OFFSHORE,
REMINDING BOATERS TO PREPARE FOR STORM SEASON

Four Tips from BoatU.S. to Prevent Hurricane Damage

HURRICANE ALLEY, VA, July 8, 2008 -- With the first storm of the year, Hurricane Bertha, lurking offshore, Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatU.S.), with 40 years of experience gained from post-storm recovery efforts and thousands of hurricane-related insurance claims files, has four tips that can help your boat make it through this storm season.

* Make your hurricane plan now, before hurricane warnings are posted. Year after year, some boaters are lulled into believing a storm won't come their way and fail to make a serious effort until a hurricane is forecast. However, by then there may be no one available to haul their boat ashore and stores may be sold out of basic hurricane supplies such as rope, anchors or fenders. Whether you are new to boating or been on the water for years, waiting until the last moment and making only a token effort is tempting fate. If you're likely to be away from your boat during hurricane season, make arrangements ahead of time for someone else to prepare your boat - many insurance policies provide coverage for professional evacuation to a hurricane hole or other storm preparation efforts.

* Speak to your marina staff about their hurricane plans. Boat U.S. has found that the best hurricane damage prevention requires a full partnership with your marina or boat club. If you have not already talked with your marina manager, do it today. Does your marina have a hurricane club? Learn the details now. There is nothing worse than seeing boats that weren't prepared break loose during a storm and damage others that were properly prepared. Ultimately, the success or failure of your own hurricane preparation efforts depend upon the steps taken by everyone in the marina working together.

* Review the free hurricane planning resources at <http://www.BoatUS.com/hurricanes> Take advantage of the BoatU.S. online hurricane preparation worksheet, guide, and other storm planning information - all free for the taking. When a storm approaches, the Web site's "spaghetti" models can help you track where a storm may come ashore.

* Tell your boat or yacht club about the best club hurricane planning guide ever, written by their peers at the Houston Yacht Club (HYC), available at <http://www.BoatUS.com/hurricanes> HYC has developed the most comprehensive boat and yacht club storm planning guide - developed from years of storm-hardened experience - and it's completely free to download and discuss at your club's membership meeting.

BoatU.S. - Boat Owners Association of The United States - is the nation's leading advocate for recreational boaters providing its 650,000 members with a wide array of consumer services including a group-rate marine insurance program that insures nearly a quarter million boats; the largest fleet of more than 500 towing assistance vessels; discounts on fuel, slips, and repairs at over 885 Cooperating Marinas; boat financing; and a subscription to BoatU.S. Magazine, the most widely read boating publication in the U.S. For membership information visit <http://www.BoatUS.com> or call 800-395-2628.

I want to end this message on a positive note.

I want to thank the many members that have already taken time to make the facilities safer.

DYC has benefited from the donation of two small craft.

1. A small 10' work boat and electric motor donated by Ron Flatley
2. A small 14' whaler type boat and 9.9hp motor donated by Dennis Hannick.

These boats will help make work around DYC much easier. Thanks to Ron and Dennis and their families for the donation.

The small metal and canvas pavilion has been blown over the sea wall at least twice this year. We are working with the Base to get permission to design and build a permanent pavilion using the pilings left over from the pier work last year. If all goes well we will be looking for volunteers to help out in the future.

Darrel, Commodore DYC

BOG MEETINGS:

Executive Summary:

The 2008 DYC BOG held its 6th monthly meeting on 8 July 2008.

The club currently has 170 members and current assets of \$29,809.84 as of 30 June 08. Social Sunsets get-togethers have been meeting at 7 PM on Friday's. Turnout has been nice. The FULL MOON CRUISE is scheduled for Friday, July 25. Cost: FREE. Leave Colonial Beach dock at 5 PM. August events include the after-race socials, Social Sunsets on Friday's and 1 race party/awards. The Racing Season is in full swing, with both the Monday and Thursday Series underway. The Spring Monday big boat series and the Spring Thursday Dinghy series were completed. The awards party to celebrate both Spring Series was held June 16. The next series will start soon. The Boating Safety Course was successfully held on 14 June. The DockMaster has been working to identify all correct slip holders and ensure that they are tied up IAW the DockMaster SOP. The part has been ordered to fix the Ice Machine and should be completed soon.

DYC BOG meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month @ 1700 at the DYC DockHouse. Meeting dates have been added to the DYC home page also. All members are invited to attend and participate. The next three DYC BOG Meetings are planned to be held on 12 August, 9 September, and 14 October. If you plan to attend, please check the website at <http://www.dahlgrenyachtclub.org/> or contact the BOG a few days ahead at BOG@DahlgrenYachtClub.org to confirm that there have been no changes to the schedule.

Social:



**Join family and friends for
the annual DYC Full Moon
Cruise (except it's a half moon this
year – heehee) Friday, July 25 – all
ages welcome!**

Leave the driving to the captain of THE BIG DIPPER charter boat and the cooking to CAPTAIN JOHN'S!!



The good news is - THE BOAT IS FULL for our trip to Cobb Island. For those coming along, a suggestion has been made that we dress in Hawaiian shirts or pirate attire. Let the other diners at Captain John's know we have arrived. Please be at the Big Dipper dock next to the Colonial Beach main pier by 5 PM on July 25! We cannot hold the boat for you after 5. I will be serving snacks and sodas, but small coolers of your favorite adult beverage are also allowed for the ride over and back. Questions- contact me - 775-3212 or reply to this email address. If you cannot make it, please let me know ASAP since I have people on a waiting list.

If you didn't make the space this year -- bring your boat and come join us! We should arrive at Captain John's about 5:30 or so and would love to see you.....wear your Hawaiian or pirate shirt and enjoy everyone's company.....contact me and I'll add you to our reservation.

Happy boating.....Ann

DOCKMASTER:

I've talked to several boaters who do not have a clear on the difference between an adverse weather "WATCH" and "WARNING."

There is a lot of information regarding weather watches, regarding land events, water events, wind, hurricanes, tornadoes, etc., etc., but below is a good concise explanation.

According to NOAA's National Weather Service:

WATCH [less severe]

A watch is used when the risk of a hazardous weather or hydrologic event has increased significantly, but its occurrence, location, and/or timing is still uncertain. It is intended to provide enough lead time so that those who need to set their plans in motion can do so.

WARNING [more severe]

A warning is issued when a hazardous weather or hydrologic event is occurring, is imminent, or has a very high probability of occurring. A warning is used for conditions posing a threat to life or property.

For additional information, see http://www.nws.noaa.gov/information_center.php
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Racing:

Race Governor Report July

The Spring Monday big boat series and the Spring Thursday Dinghy series were completed.

The awards party to celebrate both Spring Series was held June 16.

Spring series trophies were awarded to;

Monday Series

1 st Place Blue Heaven – Tom Owen	7 pts
2 nd Place Night Moose – Josh Colwell	9 pts
3 rd Place Papaya – Ben Kelsey	13 pts

Thursday Centerboard Series

Portsmouth Class

1 st Place Bruce Gosse Laser	7 pts
2 nd Place Rex Butler – Galilee	9 pts
3 rd Place Steve Spratt – Capri 14	13 pts

Thursday Laser One Design

1 st Place Bruce Gosse	7 pts
2 nd Place Lee Cochrane	10 pts
3 rd Place Tom Owen	15 pts

On behalf of all the skippers and crews I want to extend our appreciation to Ann Lusher, Social Governor, for her energetic efforts to assure that we all had a good time at the awards party. Her organization of the food and drink for post race events has made our post race get together and enjoyable as the on the water racing.

The Summer Solstice race was held on June 21. The course was from Dahlgren to a buoy off Colonial Beach. Post race event was at the Dockside restaurant in Colonial Beach.

Although started in decent winds, the wind dropped to near zero. The ever-changing winds and strong currents conspired against anyone vying for the lead position. At time it looked like any one of the participants would pull ahead and win the second running of this event. However, Yankee Dolphin skippered by Hartmut Huber, finally rounded the first and only mark and ran away with the race down river.

The wind finally filled and the other took off after him to make up for lost time.

Final Positions were

Yankee Dolphin – Hartmut Huber

Pegasus – Dave Kelsey

Shadowfax - Denis Bessette

Seaya – Clay Mills

Tech Note:

Engine Water Ingestion

To avoid possible water ingestion you may want to consider the following:

DO NOT turn off the ignition key when the engine is running above idle speed

DO NOT use the Lanyard stop switch to shut off the engine, except during an emergency

DO NOT come off Plane quickly. Give the engine a little boost as the boat comes off plane to keep the trailing wave from washing into the stern of the boat.

Do not Shift into reverse and shut off the engine

Water ingestion can occur if your boat is heavily loaded at the stern. Distribute the weight of gear and passengers forward and aft to maintain a level trim.

Engine water ingestion is not limited to these situations so if you think that there is a chance that you will suck up water give the engine a little boost of throttle.

[This happened to one of our members last weekend!](#)

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