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# Worton Creek Windbag

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## MARINA HARDWARE STORE FALL HOURS

November: 8:00am - 4:30pm Mon-Fri  
10:00am - 4:00pm Sat & Sun  
(Closed for Thanksgiving Nov 23-26)

December: 8:00am - 4:30pm Mon-Fri  
(Closed weekends and Dec 23-Jan 1)

## WINTER LAYUP FORMS

Thanks to many of you for completing your winter lay up forms. Decommissionings and haul outs are in full swing and we anticipate a very full dry storage yard this winter. Be sure to note in writing on your form if you have any special instructions for the winterizing or yard crew. If you haven't provided us with your lay up form yet and plan to winter at Worton Creek please contact us as soon as possible so we can get you on the schedule.

## WINTERIZING MARINA FACILITIES

This year we will turn off the dock water in mid-November since an early hard freeze is forecast. The bathrooms behind the store and the handicapped head at the upper bath house will be winterized at about the same time. We will turn on the heat in the lower bathhouse until after Thanksgiving, when it will be winterized and closed. The upper bath house near the pool is open all winter. The electric remains on all winter.

The gift shop is now closed for the season, but the marina parts store remains open year round for sales of parts and supplies. We also keep our cold drinks, snacks and sandwiches stocked throughout the winter. Sales of beer, wine and liquor are suspended during the winter.

## KIDDE FIRE EXTINGUISHER RECALL

Nearly 38 million fire extinguishers manufactured by Kidde and sold between 1973 and 2017 are part of a nationwide recall because they may fail to operate. The affected models include plastic-handle fire extinguishers and plastic push-button fire extinguishers. To determine if you have one of the affected extinguishers and what to do about it visit their website: [www.kidde.com](http://www.kidde.com). A google search of "kidde recall" will also bring up a lot of information.

Please note that most boats use rechargeable extinguishers with metal handles that are not affected by the recall. When BFPE, the company that we use to service fire systems, replaces a 2-1/2 or 5 lb ABC extinguisher, they replace with Amerex brand units, not Kidde.

## FROM THE ENGINE ROOM

Hello from Worton Creek where our October weather was spectacular! Temperatures in the 70's, nice sunny days and not too much rain, weather that made working around the marina very pleasant. As I write this the days are now in the 50's and I think fall is upon us. It was great while it lasted!

Work in the boat yard continues at a fast pace. We're very busy on the various boat projects we're doing as well as getting boats ready to head south for the winter, getting boats winterized and stored, and getting the marina ready for winter.

Work on the Spencer is starting to accelerate. We have about 70% of the foam coring installed and have started fibreglassing the inner skin inside the boat. We are getting our ducks in a row to start the outer skin which will involve vacuum bagging the laminate since most of the outside skin work will involve overhead laminating. We've also started doing electrical

work in the boat as well as starting the cabinet work that needs to be done as a result of the partial submersion of the boat. It's exciting to be getting into the reassembly phase of the project.

We are so busy in the yard that I still don't get a lot of time to work on the Burger. I'm limited to mostly weekends. Despite this, I'm continuing to make progress and have decided to keep working in the engine room to get a few more things done. I'm going to replace all of the engine hoses and hydraulic lines as soon as we don't have to move the boat in and out of the travelift slip for winter haul outs. I'm also going to tackle (with a lot of help from Patrick) getting the boat's computer and NEMA 2000 system up and running. Initially this will give me engine instrumentation, day tank level and fuel flow readouts on the pilot house displays. In the future we will be adding a host of other items like forward and aft fuel tank levels, water tank level, grey and black water levels, generator operating information and much more. The difficult part is getting the computer programmed and talking to everything. Since this is all Greek to me it looks like Patrick is going to be busy.

On a personal note, Beth, John and the children will be here for about 10 days over Thanksgiving. Libby and I are really excited about them being here and having the whole family together. It will be a good time.

I think that's about it for this month. It's hard to believe that another boating season is almost gone. The good news is that in a few short months and some cold weather it will be time for the 2018 Boating Season!

Happy Boating!

John

## MAKE SURE YOU TIE YOUR BOAT UP PROPERLY!

As a reminder, when bringing your boat in for winter storage, be sure to tie the boat up for all wind and tide conditions. Your boat may be in the slip for a week or more prior to haul and we don't want your vessel to be damaged due to not being secured properly.

## WINTER STORAGE DO'S & DON'TS

As you put your boat away for the winter, there are a few very important things to keep in mind.

1. We can not allow the use of heaters on your boat unless you are onboard. This rule applies to both dry and wet stored boats. If we should find a heater onboard we will turn it off and contact the owner. **It is against Maryland law to operate an unattended heater onboard a boat during storage.**
2. Remove flammable items, such as charcoal, portable gas cans, rags, etc., from your lockers. We also recommend that you do not leave your outboard engine in your locker.
3. When covering your boat on the hill **DO NOT TIE YOUR COVER TO THE JACKSTANDS!!!** During high winds the cover can act as a sail and actually pull your boat over.
4. No sails can remain rigged on any dry storage sailboats. Stow them below, take them home or call us and we'll take care of them for you.
5. Be sure to remove personal items such as portable electronics, binoculars, etc. and lock up your boat.
6. Review your winterization bill carefully to ensure that all items have been taken care of. If you don't see a charge for a requested service please call us so we can check it out.
7. **Do Not top off your fuel!** Topping off on a cool fall day may result in fuel overflowing from your vent on a warm spring day, ruining your hull paint and causing a potential environmental cleanup.

### *Carriage House Canvas*

*As you put your boat away for the season, now is a great time to take a look at your canvas and identify any problems. Consider restitching worn seams, replacing sticky zippers and fixing tears over the winter. For more information call Diana LeClair at Carriage House Canvas at 410-348-5778*

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