
Worton Creek Windbag

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HARBOR HOUSE RESTAURANT UPDATE

Dan and Michele Lebling continue to do a fantastic job at the restaurant. Happy Hour starts at 4 pm on Thursday and Friday. The restaurant opens at noon on Saturday and Sunday and as always there is live entertainment on Friday and Saturday evenings. Stop in to enjoy great food, live music and a fun time!

Maryland DNR Vessel Inspections

Maryland Department of Natural Resources Police were very active over the Memorial Day Weekend stopping pleasure craft and checking for required safety equipment and documentation, including proper display of vessel numbers, current decals and the required registration cards. This is a great time to check and make sure your vessel meets all the requirements. Please note that vessels documented with the US Coast Guard must display current Maryland documented use decals. Also, all vessel operators born on or after July 1, 1972 must be in possession of a certificate of boating safety education.

Required vessel safety equipment varies by the length of your vessel. We have included the USCG Minimum Equipment Requirements for Recreational Vessels in your envelope. A comprehensive pamphlet containing the Maryland rules for vessels can be found by doing an internet search for "Maryland DNR Boating Safety" and selecting the State Requirements for Recreational Vessels option.

Vessel Safety Checks

Courtesy Coast Guard Vessel Inspection day is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 23. These inspections are offered free of charge by members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Please call the marina office for details and to sign up for an inspection of your vessel. We will send out an email blast to confirm the date.

***Save the Day!* 21st Annual Worton Creek Marina Customer Appreciation Pig Roast and Picnic Saturday, August 4**

*Meet your fellow slipholders, enjoy great food,
always a good time!
We supply barbeque, hamburgers, hot dogs, corn,
sodas and beer and request that you bring a side
dish or dessert.
Watch for details in next month's Windbag.*

FROM THE ENGINE ROOM

Hello from Worton Creek where our May weather was nice but came with periods of intense rain. One of the storms rained so hard it washed a lot of mud into the pool. This was about two weeks before Memorial Day and it took until the Friday of Memorial Day weekend to get it clear again and ready for swimmers; what a mess! When we tried to vacuum the mud out through the filter I would push the vacuum about 12 feet and the filter would clog up requiring a backwash. At that rate it was going to take about two months to get it clean so we finally hooked up our gasoline powered trash pump to the vacuum and got the mud out in about two days. Of course I didn't think about this method until I was desperate and into the last week before Memorial Day. This will definitely be the last pool I ever own!

Work continued at a frantic pace in May with boat launches, commissionings, project completions, marina make ready, etc. etc. Spring is an especially

challenging time around here and May was no exception. Although we've hit a few bumps in the road we are still keeping our heads above water and as always appreciate your patience and help in keeping everything moving forward.

I actually got a little more done on the Burger this month. I'm still working at the back of the salon and have fabricated most of the column pieces, started varnishing some of these pieces, and got the wiring done. I'm almost ready to install the second curved piece/valance that goes up over the salon doors. Once this piece is up I can do some final fit-up of the columns. I should be able to get a lot of this area assembled in June (fingers crossed).

Work on the Spencer continues. In May we got the shafts and struts installed and aligned both engines. We are making good progress on the wiring and the main electric panel is almost finished. We will get the hardtop reinstalled in June as well as finishing the fibreglassing on the bottom. We will also start reassembling the interior in earnest once we get the hardtop and console wiring rerun and out of the salon.

On a personal note Beth, John and family (Ellie, Lauren and Andrew) will be visiting in late July and be with us for three weeks. Libby and I are excited to have them here for that long and are really happy to be able to have the entire family together.

I think that's about it for now. Our boating season is off and running and we have most of it ahead of us!

Happy Boating!

John

Worton Point Yacht Club July Activities

July 4th Picnic **Saturday, July 7**

RSVP to Bob Clarke bob.clarke@LPL.com

Long Cruise **July 14 - July 28**

See detailed Cruise schedule posted at the marina

Contact Norm Rogers nordol@comcast.net or Joy

Read saramarie@kennett.net for more information

Marina Summer Hours

Gift Shop and Parts Store

8:00am – 4:30pm

Mon-Thu

8:00am – 5:00pm

Fri, Sat & Sun

INTRODUCING THE 2017 DOCKHANDS

This summer we will have two dockhands to assist you on the fuel dock and around the marina. They are eager to serve you in any way they can. Please remember that they will be happy to assist you not only at the fuel dock but also at your slip. Hail us at the marina store on Channel 16 if you need assistance. And remember - tips are not expected, but they are greatly appreciated for good service!

Nathan Williams is returning for his second season. Nathan has just completed his freshman year at Kent County High School. Nathan is an outstanding and friendly dockhand and is also very helpful in the marina store. Joining us new this year is **Tanner Reed**. Like Nathan, Tanner resides in close by in Chesapeake Landing. He has just completed eight grade at Kent County Middle School and will be entering the high school in the fall. Tanner know his way around boats and promises to be a valuable member of our team.

Congratulations to former dockhand **Cody Sadler**. Cody has just graduated from Kent County High School and we are excited that he has joined the Worton Creek Marina team full time.

Please join us in welcoming our summer staff!

Important Reminder: Contractor Insurance Requirements

If you hire a contractor to work on your boat at the marina you are responsible for ensuring that your contractor provides us with proof of liability insurance and workers compensation insurance prior to beginning any work. Also, the contractor must sign in at the office while on our property. Please call Libby if you have any questions and thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Congratulations to WCM employees on their June service anniversaries: Glendi Hernandez, 3 yrs and Kevin Frey, 1 yr