
Worton Creek Windbag

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HARBOR HOUSE SCHEDULE & ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY

The restaurant will be open on their regular schedule through the weekend of Oct 18-21. The restaurant will reopen for their annual Halloween Party Bash for one night only on Saturday, Oct. 27. Live music by Bucket of Hot and a costume party with prizes are the featured attractions to finish off the season. This is always a super fun time so be sure to mark your calendar now!

Dan and Michelle- thank you for a fantastic season and we'll see you when you reopen in the spring!

MARINA GIFT SHOP UPDATE

The final day for the gift shop this year is Sunday, October 28. Our fantastic BOGO Sale will continue until then. With every full price gift purchase you can select a second item of lesser value for **free**. We still have a good selection of gifts for your holiday shopping list. When it's over, it's over, so don't miss out!

Our **10% off wine and beer sale** will continue through October 31 (the final day for liquor sales this year).

2018 IBEX SHOW

Patrick Callahan, John LeClair and John Patnovic attended the International Boatbuilders Exposition (IBEX) in Tampa during September. IBEX is a trade only show for boat builders and major refitters. John Patnovic was a presenter for one of the seminars at this year's expo. In addition to gathering vendor information about new products and techniques our crew attended a number of technical training seminars in a variety of fields. IBEX also provides a great opportunity to network with experts and industry professionals from around the country.

MARINA STORE HOURS

October & November

8:00am – 4:30pm Mon – Thurs

8:00am – 5:00pm Fri - Sun

Beginning Saturday, Oct 20:

8:00am – 4:30pm Mon – Fri

9:00am – 4:00pm Sat & Sun

CLOSED November 22-25

FROM THE ENGINE ROOM

Hello from Worton Creek where September weather stayed in "summer" mode and fall was nowhere to be found. It was a lot wetter month than usual with hot, muggy days. Fall weather is just around the corner and I suspect that pretty soon I will be wishing for the summer days of September.

We had another busy month around here and I got nothing more done on the Burger. Its right where it was when I wrote last month's Windbag. I need to come up with a new plan to get the boat finished. I think the plan will be to "disappear" one day a week and work with no interruptions allowed.

Work in the boat yard is continuing at a very fast pace. We are getting three boats ready to head to Florida for the winter, still dealing with a high rate of maintenance and repair issues on various boats, and working on the Spencer and other long term projects.

As I write this I have just returned from IBEX, (the International Boatbuilders Exposition) in Tampa, Florida. IBEX is a trade show for boatbuilders and just about anyone who makes something for building a boat is there. Times are good in the boating industry and the show was a lot bigger than during the recession. I was asked to do

a seminar at the show on our Spencer project and spent quite a lot of time working with JoAnn on a PowerPoint presentation. The seminar was well received and covered all aspects of the project to-date. If any of our readers are interested in seeing the presentation please let JoAnn know and we can set a date to have it.

Speaking of the Spencer, we are closing in on wrapping the project up. We still have a lot to do but the end is in sight. We are almost finished with fairing, (smoothing out), the bottom and it will be ready for paint in about two weeks. Electrical work is progressing nicely and we will start powering-up the boat pretty soon. Work on the interior is also moving along and in another few weeks we should be able to start final installation of cabin doors, drawers, flooring and vinyl wall and overhead panels. We have also started installation of the chilled water air conditioning system. I still hope to run the boat late this month or early November.

On a personal note I am happy to report that the family is doing well. Congratulations to Amy who just ran her first half marathon! I guess now she will shoot for a full marathon. Libby and I are proud of her effort and dedication to this achievement. The grandchildren are all doing well in school, kindergarten and preschool. Hopefully they will follow in their grandmother's, (Libby), footsteps with regard to school and not their grandfather's, (me). When Libby and I graduated from college she graduated with high honors. I graduated with hind honors.

I think that's about it for this month. Fall boating is a lot of fun and Libby and I hope to see you out on the water.

Happy Boating!

John

Food Bank Donations

When you clean out your boat for the season please donate unopened, unexpired nonperishable food to the collection box in the marina store. All donations will be taken to the Community Food Bank in Chestertown.

WINTER LAY-UP FORMS

If you are going to winter store with us please complete the Winter Lay-Up Order included in your envelope. When filling out the form be very careful to specify which systems you would like for us to winterize and which you will take care of yourself. ***We must have a signed winterization form prior to winterizing or hauling your boat. This applies even if you are doing all your own winterization work.*** Winterization work and haul outs will be scheduled as instructed by you.

Winter lay-Up Order forms are available on our website (wortoncreek.com) or call the office and we will get one to you. If you have any questions please call Tom Warner.

Important Winter Prep Notes

****Don't fill your fuel tank up to the very top.** Topping off on a cool fall day will likely result in overflow from the tank vent on a warm spring day. This will almost certainly damage your hull paint and you may also be responsible for a costly cleanup!

For the safety of your boat and the boats around you, **no sails are allowed to remain rigged during dry storage.** Please remove your sails or call us and we will do it for you.

As a reminder, we are a Maryland Clean Marina. When you prepare your boat for the winter you will likely need to dispose of some hazardous materials such as old fuel, filters and used oil. Please check with the office to ensure that you are putting your nastys in the appropriate location!

For our Winter Only Customers: Please be sure to **schedule your arrival date at least one week in advance!** Thank You!

End of Season Money Saving Tip

Pull up to the fuel dock for your end of season pump out and final fuel fill, rather than requesting this service on your layup form. If we do this task on your work order we must include the labor charge for two men to bring your boat over to the fuel dock and fill up your boat, all billed at yard labor rates. When pulling up please call or hail the office first. Now that our doors are shut we may not see you coming!

Happy October Birthday to WCM employees Dave Geng, Lee Jester and Cody Sadler!